

# Summer Village of West Cove

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## May 2019 Newsletter

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### **Greetings from Mayor & Council**

#### **Municipal Government:**

Municipalities are required under the Municipal Government Act to provide certain services and to conduct their affairs under specific guidelines. With recent revisions to this Act, all municipalities are now required to undertake some new initiatives. These include the following:

- ✓ Intermunicipal Development Plan: to ensure that orderly development within an individual municipality proceeds with consideration of its municipal neighbors;
- ✓ Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework: to ensure neighboring municipalities collaborate on essential services;
- ✓ Municipal Development Plan: to provide a plan for orderly development throughout the municipality;
- ✓ Code of Conduct for Council: to ensure the ground rules for Council members are clear and concise;
- ✓ Public Participation Policy: to outline the requirements and objectives for obtaining input to Council's decisions;
- ✓ Risk analysis with Municipal Indicators: a structured assessment of potential risk concerning the viability of a municipality.
- ✓ Regional Partnership for Emergency Disaster Management to share resources' in time of disaster;

There is a mandated completion date for these requirements, and over the next year, administration staff will be working with Council members to prepare the related documents.

**Emergency Management Plan:** The final draft of the Summer Villages Emergency Management Plan has just been completed and is now adopted by the 11 municipalities within Lac Ste Anne County. This plan provides a plan for all stakeholders, including municipalities and residents, to take action to help protect the Summer Villages in times of Disaster. Your council wholly supports this plan and will be participating fully in the achievement of its objectives. More details on this project will be coming later this summer.

**Onoway Medical Center:** The Onoway Medical Center is operating in Onoway on a daily basis (including Saturday mornings). Doctors are available for your needs and there is a lab and pharmacy in town to accommodate your requirements. The Clinic is operated by a Board of Directors including the County of Lac Ste Anne, Town of Onoway and the Summer Villages of Silver Sands, Val Quentin, Ross Haven and West Cove. Please check out the clinic for your Medical needs.

**July 1st Celebration:** We will, again, be having a Canada Day celebration with Cake for everyone. Please come out and visit with neighbours and meet new friends.

#### **West Cove Days in July: Save The date! Saturday, July 27, 2019**

We will be firing up the BBQ for our famous burgers. There will be games for the children. Our evening dance is a good time for everyone in the family. Watch for further notices, and please consider volunteering for helping with the games and cooking – more volunteers are needed this year!

**Water Quality:** Many initiatives are currently underway to attempt to solve a problem that may not have a solution: The Summer Villages of Silver Sands, South View, West Cove, the Alexis Nakota Sioux First Nations and the County of Lac Ste. Anne are part of a multi-partner grant for Eradicating Flowering Rush on Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne this summer. The Summer Village of Silver Sands is the Managing Partner for this Grant.

**LILSA Association:** LILSA performs a very important function in advocating for the protection of our lake and watershed. Each year, this group provides educational programs to encourage sustainable enjoyment of our lake. All Summer Village residents are encouraged to become members of the Association and to seriously consider making donation to support its important work. Membership is available for \$20.00. LILSA has volunteered to participate in a shoreline flowering rush survey to be conducted. This will be a boat-based survey by qualified experts. Further information will be forthcoming after the program is finalized.

**Summer Village Website:** Please visit our website to get the latest news about events and initiatives in our Summer Village. You will also find much other useful information such as the garbage collection schedule, development permit requirements, boat storage regulations, fire ban status, upcoming Council meetings, council minutes, and Summer Village bylaws.

**Village Drainage Project:** The drainage project will resume this spring, please be patient with construction efforts in your area.

**Thanks to our Volunteers:** Your Council wishes to send a special thanks to the many volunteers who help make our Summer Village such a great place. Everyone can contribute by simple tasks such as helping with the spring cleanup around their lot or even welcoming the new residents.

*Have a great summer! We look forward to seeing everyone over coming months ~ Larry, Ren and Dave.*

## **Compost Site**

The Compost Site is open daily. Please ensure that ONLY BRANCHES, LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS & WEEDS are placed in the pit. Please pile them in the centre as much as possible. No logs, tree stumps, chipped/mulched branches, construction material or waste is permitted. Please take those materials to the Highway 43 East Waste Commission main landfill site (780-967-3466, 0.4 km south of Highway 43 on Rge. Rd. 35). All inappropriate material will need to be removed and taken to the landfill at a significant expense to the residents, therefore, your cooperation is appreciated. If this is abused, a return to restricted hours may be required.

## **Lake Water Quality**

Please help protect our lake! Washing dirty ATV's at the boat launch or taking them into the water is **illegal**. [Help prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species](#). The movement of watercraft into Alberta is the highest risk of infecting our waters. Of particular concern are Quagga Mussel and Zebra Mussel, and Eurasian Water milfoil and Flowering Rush (already in Lake Isle). If your watercraft has been in another lake, please ensure it is cleaned, dried and inspected for these species. For more information see the Invasive Species link at [www.albertaparks.ca](http://www.albertaparks.ca).

## **Development Permits**

For all development questions, Development Permits and Compliance Certificates, please contact the Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner, at 780-718-5479 or email at [pcm1@telusplanet.net](mailto:pcm1@telusplanet.net).

## **Safety Codes Permits**

A reminder that development or construction within the Summer Village requires Safety Codes Permits as well. Please contact:

The Inspections Group Inc.	Phone: 780-732-4645 (Tarla Degroot – West Cove contact)
12010-111 Avenue	Fax: 780-454-5222
Edmonton, AB T5G 0E6	Toll Free Phone: 1-866-554-5048
(Includes Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Sewage and Gas Permits)	

## **Shoreline Work**

All shoreline development work must meet local, provincial and federal guidelines. All shoreline work requires a permit from Alberta Environment & Parks. Please contact the Local Environment & Water Office at 780-960-8600. For environmental emergencies, please call the Environmental Hotline 1-800-222-6514.

## **Public Parks and Shoreline Areas**

As we approach the Summer boating season, a number of issues have been brought up with regards to piers and lifts placed in the public park shorelines. In the past, all the Summer Villages (Alberta Summer Village Association) have asked for a formal policy from the Federal and Provincial Agencies that are responsible for Lake Shores and Beds. This has not happened to date and as such, the Summer Village has no jurisdiction over these shore lines. We ask, however, that those who use these shores to place their water equipment in the lake, to be considerate to the others who use the park as access to the lake for recreational purposes.

## **ATVs and Motor Bikes**

Riders, please drive slowly in the Summer Village and keep noise levels and speed to a minimum (including the gravel road to the lagoon field). All vehicles must be licensed and insured. Drivers must be at least 14 years old and helmets are to be worn. Please respect your neighbours so we all can enjoy West Cove!

## **Fires Can Happen – Are You Covered?**

**Did you know** that the cost of fire suppression by the fire department is payable by the **property owner**? In our area we have seen the cost of fire suppression for a structure fire as high as \$28,000 and for a wildland (grass fire) as high as \$12,000 from various fire service providers. Be sure to check your home insurance policy or talk to your insurance agent about what exactly your policy covers and how much it covers. Besides inquiring about your home structure fire insurance, we encourage you to inquire about wildland insurance (for a grass fire that happens but never reaches a structure). ALSO, please be advised that should the fire department be dispatched by 9-1-1 to your residence for any reason (house alarms including false alarms, campfire, downed utility line, etc) you, as the property owner, will receive an invoice.

## **Summer Grass Crew & Grass Trimming**

Bugs Lawn Care will be back in our community as our summer maintenance crew and will be coming in and completing our grass cutting, trimming and other duties on a weekly basis. If you have any concerns, please contact the Administration Office directly (please refrain from directing inquiries to the grass cutting crew – your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated).

## **Speed Limits in the Summer Village**

Adherence to the Summer Village speed limits are imperative for the safety of everyone. Speeding along Walking Road is especially a concern. The speed limit throughout the Summer Village is 30km/hour.

## **Flowering Rush**

Flowering Rush is a prohibited, noxious weed that has been introduced into several Alberta water bodies. It is an aquatic plant that grows as an emergent plant along shorelines of both lakes and rivers. Flowering Rush was brought to North America from Europe as a garden plant. This variety will form dense stands which will interfere with recreational lake use. Flowering Rush crowds out our native plants and has the potential to fill in an entire lake if left uncontrolled.



The invasive species known as Flowering Rush continues to threaten Lake Isle and surrounding watersheds. With the support of many other regional partners, the Summer Village of Silver Sands submitted an application under the Alberta Community Partnership - Collaborative Grant Program to help stakeholders build an effective Flowering Rush abatement strategy to address the issue. This application requested \$198,500 in funding to help with research, mapping, method testing and finalizing an implementation strategy.

We are excited to report that the application was approved. Together with our regional stakeholders, including Lac Ste. Anne County, Alexis First Nation, the Summer Villages of South View and West Cove and the Lac Isle Lac Ste. Anne Watershed Quality Management Society (LILSA), we have assembled a sub-committee and are preparing for some busy months, and years, ahead as we work to understand and address the Flowering Rush issue in Lake Isle. If you are interested in helping out, LILSA will be coordinating volunteers to support the field activities of the project and we encourage you to be in contact with them.

## **Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society**

[www.LILSA.ca](http://www.LILSA.ca)

### **Did you know that LILSA:**

- ✓ Advocates for the health of our lakes;
- ✓ Is working hard to slow and prevent the spread of **FLOWERING RUSH**, an invasive species that is taking over Lake Isle and making its way to Lac Ste Anne;
- ✓ Completed a State of the Watershed Report and is working with other organizations to develop a Watershed Management plan;
- ✓ Partners with municipal and provincial governments to apply for grants and improve the quality of our lakes;
- ✓ Is working on short and long-term solutions to improve our lakes and keep them healthy and useable for generations to come;
- ✓ Needs more members to keep doing their important work!

### **Become a LILSA Member today!**

There is no time commitment required. You can do as little or as much as you choose.

### **By becoming a member you will:**

- ✓ Help support the health of our lakes;
- ✓ Be able to vote at our AGM;
- ✓ Be eligible to run for the board;
- ✓ Be a part of the solution!

Annual Memberships are \$20 (individual or family) & can be purchased at:  
Alberta Beach Village Office (4935-50Ave)  
Lac Ste Anne County Building (56521 Rge Rd 65)  
Onoway Town Office (4812-51St)



Join us at our AGM  
Aug 10, 2019 at 9:30am  
Alberta Beach Agliplex  
4811-47Ave Alberta Beach

### ***Public Notification and Important Information***

*The Summer Village would like to get information out to our citizens quickly and efficiently in case of emergency, road closure, garbage pickup disruption, snow removal, tax payment deadlines, election dates, information meetings etc. We are proposing to set up an email notification process. If you are interested in being included in this email notification, please email the Summer Village office at [svwestcove@outlook.com](mailto:svwestcove@outlook.com).*

## General Contact Information

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## Administration

**Office:** Wendy Wildman/Heather Luhtala 587-873-5765  
**Assessment:** Dan Kanuka 780-939-3310  
**Development Officer/Development Permits:** Tony Sonnleitner 780-718-5479

## Council Members:

**Mayor Larry St. Amand:** [lwstamand@gmail.com](mailto:lwstamand@gmail.com) 780-919-4382  
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**Councillor Dave Breton:** [dave@centraltractor.ca](mailto:dave@centraltractor.ca) 780-289-5270

## Important Contact Information:

**Bylaw Enforcement/Animal Control/Peace Officer** 1-844-786-4650 or 1-780-786-4650  
**Environmental Hotline** 1-800-222-6514  
**RCMP Drug Tip Line** 780-968-7212  
**RCMP Stony Plain Detachment Non-Emergency** 780-968-7200 (admin) / 780-968-7267 (24-hour line)  
**Fire Emergency** 911  
**Ambulance Emergency** 911  
**RCMP Emergency** 911

## West Cove Community League & West Cove Days!

The Community League has been busy planning events for 2019 and wishes to thank all those who volunteered their time for all of last year's events! The community events that took place in 2018 were once again a great success. The turnout for Canada Day, West Cove Days 'Wonderful World of Disney', and the X-mas party had huge turnouts. Be sure to check the Bulletin Board or our Facebook Page for more details and pictures of previous events.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered to make these events a success! With that being said, this year, we will be requiring volunteers to oversee the many things required to put on West Cove Days. There are many hours spent planning and preparing for this wonderful day that those attending do not see. There are 3 exceptional volunteers I need to mention: Rhonda Altmiks, Cheryl Davidson and Beatrice Leveugle. Sadly, Rhonda and Cheryl have other commitments this year and will not be able to attend the event. As well, I will be having major surgery very soon and will be out of commission for at least 4 months. So, in order to have this event we **need the following volunteer positions** to be filled by the end of May:

- Parade Coordinator
- Concession coordinator
- 12 volunteers to do 2-hour shifts for burgers, buns etc.
- 5 volunteers to do decorating and game set up the morning of the event
- Approximately 12-14 volunteers to run games and crafts from 1-4
- Minimum of 4 volunteers to do clean up after games to prepare for the dance
- As well, any of you who are a little crafty and would be able to help make games and decorations prior to the date will be a huge benefit.



As you can see there are many jobs that need to be done. Volunteers must be confirmed by the end of May or the event will need to be cancelled. So please be sure to donate some time and ask your friends and neighbours to do the same so that we can once again have a successful West Cove days!

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be celebrating Canada Day with Cake and drinks down at the community hall.

Messages can be left on our Facebook page, West Cove Community League; by Emailing [westcovecommunityleague@hotmail.com](mailto:westcovecommunityleague@hotmail.com) or by calling 780-668-6501.

*Joanne Breton on behalf of West Cove Community League Executive*