

# Summer Village of West Cove

Spring 2016 Newsletter

Web Site: [www.westcove.ca](http://www.westcove.ca)



## **Greetings from Council!**

Council has been busy working for you this past year. We have been meeting with other Summer Villages for Emergency Management Planning, Provincial Fire Services Accreditation, Family and Community Support Services, Lake Water Quality and Invasive Species to name a few. With the completion of the Municipal Affairs investigation we have also been working closely with Administration on implementing the inspection report recommendations and the directives from the Minister of Municipal Affairs. A copy of this report is available on the Summer Village's website – [westcove.ca](http://westcove.ca).

This year Council has a standing invitation to all residents to have "Coffee with Council" 30 minutes prior to every regular Council meeting. As well, residents have donated bookshelves and books to initiate a free book exchange at the Community hall at the same time. Please drop in and visit! If you would like to address Council during a meeting on any matter, please contact Summer Village Administration at [svwestcove@outlook.com](mailto:svwestcove@outlook.com) or phone 587-873-5765 to be put on the agenda.

## **Annual Information Meeting**

This year the annual information meeting is planned for Saturday, June 11th at 11:00 a.m. at the West Cove Community Hall. Council will be giving an update on activities this past year and want to listen to your comments on how we can improve our community.

## **Land Use Bylaw Review**

The Summer Village is under taking a review of our Land Use Bylaw during the summer of 2016. There is an initial open house scheduled for Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Development Officer Blaine Alexander will then be compiling the feedback from this open house, and that along with his own comments and recommended changes for consideration, will be brought to Council at the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting. If Council gives first reading to these proposed changes, then a Public Hearing will be set where the public will again have the opportunity for input, and then further readings to the bylaw changes will be considered. We encourage the residents of West Cove to engage in this discussion and Land Use Bylaw review. Please check the website for more information or call Blaine Alexander to discuss it.

## **West Cove Days**

A group of community volunteers have met and are in the process of planning West Cove Days 2016 which is scheduled for the weekend of July 23. We look forward to seeing your creative floats as they parade down Valking Road. Please note there will be limited vehicle access from 3<sup>rd</sup> street to the community hall during the parade. Once the parade is complete there will be fun and games at Park 1 along with a delicious BBQ and to wrap up the day there is a plan for a family street dance at the West Cove Community Hall. All of this cannot happen without great volunteer support. To volunteer some time during the events, please contact Joanne at 780-668-6501.

## **West Cove Community League**

Thank-you to all the past Community League members and volunteers. The West Cove Community League is just kicking off this year with an initial organizational meeting on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and keep West Cove great!.

## **Burn Pit**

The burn pit is open now until late fall. 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 stumps, large logs, wood chips, construction debris 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. 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 Invasive Species link at [www.albertaparks.ca](http://www.albertaparks.ca).

### **Development Permits**

For all development questions, Development Permits, and Compliance Certificates please contact Blaine Alexander at 780-467-5462 or email at [blaine.alexander@shaw.ca](mailto:blaine.alexander@shaw.ca).

### **Safety Codes Permits**

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

Superior Safety Codes Inc.	Phone: (780) 489-4777
14613 - 134 Avenue Edmonton, AB T5L 4S9	Fax: (780) 489-4711 Toll Free Phone: 1-866-999-4777
(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. Please contact the Summer Village office for further information.

### **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 should be worn. Please respect your neighbours so we all can enjoy West Cove!

### **Summer Grass Crew**

The Summer Village would like to introduce and welcome Bugs Lawn Care to our community as our summer maintenance crew. Chris, Robin, Pam and their crew will be coming in and completing our grass cutting, trimming and other duties on a weekly basis. Please be patient for the first few weeks as the Bugs Lawn crew familiarize themselves with our Summer Village. If you have anything unique with respect to the grass cutting around your property, please let the office know.

### **Council Members:**

Mayor Ren Giesbrecht: [renjgiesbrecht@gmail.com](mailto:renjgiesbrecht@gmail.com) 780-910-3157

Deputy Mayor Dave Breton: [dave@centraltractor.ca](mailto:dave@centraltractor.ca) 780-289-5270

Councillor Larry St. Amand: [lwstamand@gmail.com](mailto:lwstamand@gmail.com) 780-919-4382

Council has initiated a meet and greet, coffee and book exchange starting at 6:30 p.m., prior to each Council meeting.

### **Important Contact Information:**

Fire Emergency	911	
Ambulance Emergency	911	
RCMP Emergency	911	
RCMP Stony Plain Detachment Emergency		780- 963-2217
RCMP Stony Plain Detachment Non-Emergency		780-968-7200
Bylaw Enforcement/Complaint Line		1-844-786-4650 or 1-780-786-4650

**Property Title Information:** please ensure the information on your property land title registered with Alberta Land Titles is correct. If not, please have it amended through the land titles office.

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