

Summer Village of Ross Haven Newsletter January 2017

Councils Message

Council would like to thank Dennis Evans for 23 years of service to the Summer Village of Ross Haven and wish him well in his future endeavours. Council is pleased to welcome Larry Horncastle of Keystone Strategies Inc. as the new CAO. Principles with Keystone Strategies bring more than thirty years of experience working with municipalities in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Their inclusive and consultative service delivery aligns with our Council's team approach to Village operations. Keystone Strategies experience and expertise in civic affairs, strategic planning and public consultation fits well with the direction Council wishes to take. Larry Horncastle is a full-time resident of Ross Haven and is available to work with all residents.

Council would like to acknowledge the work undertaken by the Ross Haven Community League over the past year. From installation of the new Information/Bulletin Board by the Maintenance Shop, to the playground equipment and Little Free Libraries, to the Family Day, Canada Day and New Years Eve events, the Community League has made a wonderful contribution to be enjoyed by all residents of the community. Many volunteers have worked tirelessly to host these events, and their dedication is appreciated.

New Fees and Charges Bylaw

Due to rising costs, the SV of Ross Haven has revised Schedule A to Bylaw #154 Fees and Charges and increased fees for services provided through our Maintenance operations. Although we try to keep our costs to a minimum, the fees that were being charged have not increased since 2008-2009. The new hourly fees are

available on the Village website under Municipal Information under the Bylaws sub heading.

We would also remind residents that the compost yard is for the drop-off of normal grass clippings and small branches. If you have lake vegetation or branches from major tree trimming, these need to be taken directly to the landfill, or arrange with the Village to have them transported on your behalf at the Fees and Charges rates posted.



New Address

The Summer Village of Ross Haven now has a new address. Please take note of this change when corresponding with the Village

SUMMER VILLAGE OF ROSS HAVEN
BOX 70, SITE 19, RR1
GUNN, AB T0E 1A0
PHONE 780 217-5995

Email cao@rosshaven.ca or
larry@keystonestrategies.ca

2017 Municipal Elections

2017 is an election year for municipalities in Alberta. Summer Villages may set their own election dates, and your Council is working out the procedures for the Council elections this summer. Many changes have been made to the Local Authorities Election Act in recent years. If you are thinking of running for council in the upcoming election, be reminded of the requirement for registration of candidates as outlined in section 147.21 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, which came into force on January 1, 2014. As candidates may begin campaign activities for their election and potentially receive campaign contributions or contribute money from their own personal funds for the purpose of the election campaign, the **Application for Registration of Notice of Intent to Become a Candidate for Municipal Office** (Form 3A) is available on the Municipal Affairs website - www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/am_laea_election_forms Section 147.21(2) requires municipalities to maintain a register of candidates in relation to the election.

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Council Meetings

Council is interested in hearing from our residents. If you have any suggestions or matters you would like addressed by Council, please contact the Administrator **10 days** before the regular scheduled meeting to be placed on the Agenda. Council meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 9 AM in the Maintenance Shop. Residents are encouraged to attend the Council meetings to learn more about what Council is doing to support this wonderful community.

Contacts

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780-489-4777

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Stony Plain Detachment

Fire/Ambulance 911

Watch for Further Changes

Council is eager to communicate with residents. Over the next few months, Council will improve its communications by utilizing the web site and using social media channels to keep residents informed. Council agendas, minutes and announcements will be posted on the web site on a regular

basis so that all residents may access this information and become informed of Council decisions.

Onoway Regional Medical Clinic

The Summer Village of Ross Haven has entered into an agreement with Lac Ste Anne County and other surrounding towns and villages to operate the Onoway Regional Clinic. This new clinic will ensure our resident will have access to local medical professionals. The new clinic opened in Onoway on Jan 3, 2017 with 2 fulltime equivalent doctors on staff.

Ross Haven Community League

The Ross Haven Community League has a history of hosting events in the Village, whether it be Canada Day Celebrations, or the New Years Eve party on the lake. The Ross Haven Community League has also worked to bring exercise equipment to the park and installed two Little Free Libraries in the park where you can take-a book, leave-a book. We thank the Summer Village for providing funding support for many of these projects through FCSS grants now administered by the Village. In 2016, the Community League accessed approximately \$6,800 from these provincial funds that are now made available to the Community League, through the oversight of the Village Council.

Planning is underway for another celebration for Family Day, to be held February 19, 2017. Enjoy horse drawn Hay Ride, Beef on a Bun, and Hot Chocolate! Events will start at 1 PM in front of the Village Maintenance Shop

As with any activity, funding is required to make things happen. Memberships are now on sale for the 2017 year. Please support the Ross Haven Community League through your membership and volunteer efforts

Contact:

rosshavencommunityleague.webs.com

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or any member of the Executive Committee listed on the Community League web site .

The Ross Haven Council wants to hear from you. You are encouraged to attend the regular council meetings held the second Saturday of each month at 9 AM in the Maintenance Shop.

Or contact us with your comments and suggestions. Your input is important to us

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