# <u>Summer Village of</u> <u>Ross Haven</u>

## Newsletter May 2017

#### Council Message

Assessment and Tax Notices for 2017 were mailed on the first of May. Taxes are due by June 30, 2017, and may be paid by cheque or electronic transfer (See details on the reverse of the tax notice). If you did not receive your notice in the mail, please contact the Administrator at: cao@rosshaven.ca

The provincial government has introduced a new law whereby helmets will be mandatory on all off-highway vehicles effective May 15, 2017. For more details check the Ross Haven web site. (www.rosshaven.ca)

We are noticing several trees and shrubs being infected with various diseases. Please check your trees and remedy any diseased branches before they spread to the neighbouring trees. May Day Trees are especially vulnerable right now, with many showing signs of Black Knot Disease. For further information check www1.agric.gov.ab.ca

We have a new website that has more information on what is happening in the Village, and it is continually updated.

If you have concerns or areas requiring attention, please email the Administrator at <u>cao@rosshaven.ca</u> 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. **Emergency Contact Information** 

Under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIP) The Summer Village of Ross Haven is restricted in the types of information that it can garner from the official tax roll. Although we fully understand the need for protection of personal information, it is also important that the Village can contact the property owners in case of an



emergency. The Summer Village of Ross Haven is asking if you would volunteer your contact information (emergency contact phone number and email) This information would be stored in your file for emergency use only. Examples of where we might use this information include the finding of a broken window, reporting a gas leak, or someone noting a furnace not operating properly, where a posted letter may not be effective. With your permission, we would also like to get your approval to use email for distribution of the newsletter. By using email, we would be able to communicate with our residents more frequently, at a lower cost and not be restricted to a two page print out. If you are willing to provide emergency contact information, please email cao@rosshaven.ca If you would like to receive your Ross Haven Newsletter by email, also please advise cao@rosshaven.ca

We will ensure that your personal information is not shared, and only used for the purposes that you have authorized.

#### **Boat Lifts for sale**

The Summer Village has two Shore Master Sea Doo lifts for sale. These will be sold to the highest bidders, through sealed bids addressed to the <u>cao@rosshaven.ca</u> or mailed to the Village Office. Check the <u>www.rosshaven.ca</u> web site for full details

#### Maintain our Village

It looks like summer may finally be here. We are very proud of our Village and are asking your help in keeping it look attractive at all times. Please ensure your yards are neat and tidy, nobody wants to live next door to an unsightly property. A reminder that boat lifts are to be removed from the walkways by May 31. This spring, the Village responded to address several areas where drainage was a problem. You can assist the Village by ensuring your culverts are free from obstructions, and that water can flow freely through the ditch in your area.

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### www.rosshaven.ca

#### **2017 Municipal Elections**

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 please check the Alberta Municipal Affairs web site

#### www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/am laea election forms

The Council has set Saturday, August 5 as election day in the Summer Village of Ross Haven. Nomination papers must be submitted on Saturday July 8 between the hours of 10 AM and noon. To be eligible to vote in the 2017 election, you must be at least 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen and be named on the Certificate of Title as the person who owns property within the Summer Village of Ross Haven, or the spouse or adult interdependent partner of the person named on the title, or you must be a resident of the Summer Village and have lived in Alberta for at least 6 months prior to the election.

For more information on the 2017 Municipal election,

please check www.rosshaven.ca web site

#### **Construction Work in the Summer Village**

Major construction work will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets this summer to address significant drainage issues. Please use caution around the construction sites. As well, the Village will be undertaking some crack sealing along Parkins Avenue in May, weather permitting. Again, we urge you to use caution when crews are working in the Village.

#### Onoway Regional Medical Clinic 780 967-6477

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 Medical Clinic. This new clinic will ensure our residents will have access to local medical professionals. The new clinic opened in Onoway on Jan 3, 2017 with 2 fulltime equivalent doctors on staff. Dr Salami has recently joined the clinic, adding additional access to medical care.

#### **Ross Haven Community League**

The Ross haven Community League is so grateful for the participation in last year's events and projects, and would like to thank the most important volunteers that committed to make it all happen. This year started out with the New Year's Gala on the lake, with around 300 participants enjoying the skating, the snow, the Beef on-a Bun and the fireworks. As well, our Annual Family Day Hay Ride got around 100 people out of the house to again enjoy some popcorn, enjoy a hay ride, and have a Beef on a Bun and register for their annual Community League

membership. Thanks again to everyone for helping make these events successful.

Our annual membership is still only \$20.00.

This year will again be eventful, with all of our annual events still in the works. Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for June. Your participation in the election of officers and volunteering for committees is our most important event, and we look forward to seeing you all there. Please check our webpage, and Facebook pages for current information and news bulletins

http://rosshavencommunityleague.webs.com

Facebook: Ross Haven Community League Members Compost Yard

Just a reminder that the compost yard was set up to accommodate grass clippings and small branches from your yard. The materials are hauled to the landfill and the Village is charged by the weight of each load. The Village will not accept lake vegetation, large volumes of branches, etc. These large loads can be hauled directly to the landfill, or contracted through the Village for removal at a fee for service

#### <u>Contacts</u>

Municipal Administrator Larry Horncastle Email cao@rosshaven.ca

#### Mayor Louis Belland

email <u>louis.belland@yahoo.com</u> Deputy-Mayor Jack Ruiter Councillor Noel Tetzlaff

#### **Development Permits**

Tony Sonnleitner 780 718-5479 Pcm1@telusplanet.net

#### **Safety Code Permits**

Superior Safety Codes Inc 780-489-4777

#### RCMP

Emergency 911 Non-emergency 780 968-7200 Stony Plain Detachment

Fire/Ambulance 911

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