<u>Summer Village of</u> <u>Ross Haven</u> <u>Newsletter May 2018</u>

Council Message

Assessment and Property Tax Notices for 2018 were mailed on the first of May. Taxes are due by June 30, 2018 payable by cheque or electronic transfer. If you did not receive your notice in the mail, please contact the Administrator at: <u>cao@rosshaven.ca</u>

Council is pleased that they were able to hold the line on tax increases in 2018. Some property owners my have noticed a slight increase in taxes, which was due to either an increase in assessed value on your property, and/or increase in the school taxes that the Village must collect on behalf of provincial schools. The Mill Rate for the school taxation is set by the Province of Alberta.

Council has recently accepted the tender for drainage work to be undertaken on 8 Street in 2018. The contractor has indicated they intend to begin construction by mid-June and anticipate completion prior to July 1 to ensure minimal disruption to property owners over the summer months. We ask that you take caution around the construction site and obey the signs and warnings so that the contractor can complete their work safely and in a timely manner.

As part of the changes to the Municipal Government Act, all municipalities must adopt a Code of Conduct. The Summer Village of Ross Haven Council adopted a Code of Conduct (Bylaw 272-18) on May 12, 2018. A copy of the Bylaw has been posted on the Ross Haven web site (www.rosshaven.ca)

Ross Haven is a special place, and Council is eager to keep it that way. Residents are being encouraged to keep their yards clean and trimmed and their property in good repair. Please respect your neighbours and keep your property looking good at all times.



Council would also request your

cooperation in ensuring we keep our roadways safe. We have noted a number of instances where trailers, construction equipment and storage units have been left parked on the Village Streets. These parked vehicles can cause a safety hazard if parked on streets for an extended time. Bylaw 217-07, the Summer Village of Ross Haven bylaw regulating the parking of vehicles within the Summer Village does restrict the parking of commercial vehicles and recreation vehicles on the roadways within the Village

Council reminds everyone that, if you are building or renovating, you may require a Development Permit and a Building Permit. Before starting your construction or renovation, please contact our Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner to determine what permits you may require. Tony Sonnleitner 780 718-5479 pcm1@telusplanet.net

Council has noted the issues with flooding and roadways in the spring of 2018 and appreciate the patience of residents that have been affected by the spring thaw. It is our hope to be able to undertake additional work on roadways and culverts in 2019. In the meantime, Council has invested in the purchase of a high- pressure steamer unit to assist in thawing frozen culverts to facilitate drainage.

Council is endeavouring to being open and accountable to the residents. Council meetings are held the second Saturday of each month in the Maintenance Building commencing at 9 AM. Residents are welcome to attend the Council meetings and learn more about what Council is doing to better the community.

Council is also encouraging residents to visit the Ross Haven web site, where important information, public notices, Council minutes and agendas and Bylaws are all posted for your information.. If you have questions or

Box 70, Site 19, RR 1, Gunn, Alberta T0E 1A0 Phone : 780-217-5995 email : cao@rosshaven.ca www.rosshaven.ca comments for Council, you can contact the Administrator at cao@rosshaven.ca

Emergency Contact Information

In the past couple of Newsletters, we have asked residents to provide emergency contact information. To date, we have collected information from just over 50 properties in the Village. If you wish to provide an emergency contact number/email, or if you prefer to receive your Ross Haven Newsletter by email, please notify cao@rosshaven.ca

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

Ross Haven Community League

Planning is underway for the July 1 celebrations being hosted by the Ross Haven Community League. This year, activities will include a

- BBQ in the main park from 11 AM to 2 PM (or until • the food runs out),
- a Bike parade and face painting for kids ٠
- bouncy house •
- fund raising dunk tank
- fireworks after dark •

The Community League undertakes many worthwhile projects for residents in the Village each year. It takes a lot of commitment and dedicated volunteers to host these events. The Community League will be hosting their Annual General Meeting on June 17, 2018 at 10 AM at the gazebo in the main park and invite everyone to come out and get involved. Positions are available on the Ross Haven Community League Executive Committee. Please come out and support your Community League

Memberships will be available for purchase at the AGM and the July 1 celebrations. Memberships are only \$20.00 and go a long way in supporting all the free events that the Ross Haven Community league hosts annually.

The Community League will again be hosting the community wide garage sale on the weekend of July 20, 2018. This is an excellent opportunity to pass on your treasures to others. This is also a great event to get out and get to know your neighbours throughout Ross Haven

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Development Permits

Tony Sonnleitner 780 718-5479

Safety Code Permits

Superior Safety Codes Inc 780-489-4777

RCMP

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

Fire/Ambulance 911 **Non-Emergency Fire Onoway Regional Fire Services** 24 hour dispatch 1-855-710-FIRE **Operation Centre 780-777-4688**

Permits are required for all Fire Works that will be set off in the Summer Village of Ross Haven. **Contact the Village Office for the application forms**

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