

Summer Village of Ross Haven Newsletter WINTER 2020

Mayor's Message

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year 2021 to all. I encourage you all to stay COVID-19 safe and to follow Provincial guidelines. Thank you for your patience with the construction works undertaken during this past wet Spring.

We are working towards a sustainability plan for the community so that Ross Haven will be able to remain a vibrant community for many more years.

Don't forget to get out and enjoy the walking path on the ice that many volunteers continue to plow and maintain.

Force Main Project (Sewer Line) Update:

The Summer Village of Ross Haven, as a member of the North 43 Lagoon Commission, is reviewing the concept of connecting to the existing North 43 Wastewater Collection and Transmission System. This project would entail the construction of a wastewater collection and transmission system throughout the Summer Village of Ross Haven. This Project, to service Ross Haven, is estimated to cost some \$2.9 million and will only proceed if significant grant dollars are received from the Provincial Government. In order to obtain a firm dollar value of the Project, and the amount of grant funds required from the Provincial Government,

the Summer Village Council has requested the North 43 Lagoon Commission to proceed with tendering of

the Project. Even with the closing of tenders, the Summer Village of Ross Haven needs to have a commitment from the Provincial Government on the availability of grant funds before approval will be given for actual construction of the Project. If the Provincial Government does not approve the grant funds, then the Project will not proceed. The timing of the decision by the Provincial Government may be up to 2 or 3 months. **It would be premature for any resident of the Summer Village of Ross Haven to pre-order, pre-build, or build anything on the assumption that the Project will proceed.**

The Summer Village Council will continue to keep you informed on the status of this Project

North 43 Lagoon Commission – Tipage Fee Increases:

Due to the fact that surrounding lagoons have increased their tipage fees, the North 43 Lagoon Commission and Lac Ste. Anne County have needed to increase the tipage fee at their lagoon.

Previous Rates:

Prior to July 2020 - \$27.50 per legal load

July 2020 - increase - \$45.00 per legal load

Effective January 1, 2021 - \$50.00 per legal load

Taxation

In 2020 we had a zero increase in the mil rate. This coming budget for 2021 will be a challenge



with higher external costs and no Provincial funding.

Drainage Project (Ditches and Culverts) Update:

The project is still on schedule to be finished in 2021. If the force main project proceeds, some of the project funds will be used to assist in the final clean up, installation of rip rap, and application of needed gravel to existing culverts.

ACP Grant Application:

The objective of the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) is to improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities. Key program outcomes include:

- new or enhanced regional municipal services;
- improved municipal capacity to respond to municipal and regional priorities;
- effective intermunicipal relations through joint and collaborative activities.

Background: With the increase in Provincial downloading of costs of services such as policing and a lack of MSI funding the summer villages are looking at ways to stay viable. Our current format will not maintain sustainability.

During a recent joint meeting of several regional municipalities, including the Summer Villages of Ross Haven, Sunset Point, Val Quentin, West Cove and Yellowstone, the topic of regionalization was debated. This discussion built on a preliminary debate of the same topic during the October 2020 SVLSACE meeting. It was generally agreed that a set of two supporting Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) applications should be submitted – one to investigate opportunities to regionalize shared or common services, and the other to establish a

process to facilitate the prospective amalgamation of summer villages in the region. It was further decided that the Summer Village of Val Quentin would act as Managing Partner for the Regionalization of Shared/Common Services ACP Application and the Summer Village of Sunset Point would act as Managing Partner for the Amalgamation Study ACP Application.

Dock Permits

Please be reminded that there are new Provincial requirements for installing piers and docks. Information on the website under "Docks".

Dogs at Large and Dog Feces

Council requests your cooperation in ensuring dogs are kept on-leash as per our Bylaws. Over the summer, some residents have contacted the Village with concerns about large dogs running loose in the Village, posing a threat to small dogs and kids.

Further, Administration has received numerous complaints about dog owners not cleaning up after their pets. Please be a responsible dog owner.

Emergency Contact Information

In the past number of Newsletters, we have asked residents to provide emergency contact information. Our emergency contact list is growing, but we still do not have the contact information for all properties in the Village. If you wish to provide an emergency contact number/email the CAO at cao@rosshaven.ca

Note: The Contact information in the land files / on Land Titles for numerous properties are still of the following variety:

9XX – 9 Street, Ross Haven, AB T0E 1A0.

Mail cannot be delivered to such addresses.

Please update your current mailing address with the Alberta Land Titles Office.

Requirement for Development Permit

Development, and Safety Codes, permits are required for most types of development a landowner would wish to undertake upon their Lands. Copies of the Land Use Bylaw and the Development Permit Application form are on the Municipal website. Please contact the Development Officer at (780) 718-5479 with concerns or questions. Our Safety Codes Agency is Superior Safety Codes Inc. (780) 489-4777; where building, plumbing, gas, electrical, private sewage system, etc. permits may be garnered. Our contact person is Celine Dressler.

Contacts

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Onoway Regional Medical Clinic
780-967-6477
Open late on Wednesdays for appointments

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

Ross Haven Community League

Winter 2020/2021



Welcome

This year has been a trying one for everyone and your community league has not been excluded. Many of our plans have been altered or canceled. Unfortunately New Years Eve Fireworks have been cancelled. We are always working on new ideas. I do want to toot our own horn. We have done some great stuff considering the circumstances. Our casino fundraiser happened, a family day celebration happened, both parks got a facelift, a version of Canada Day happened, pilates in the park happened, community gardens happened and wood pellet BBQ raffle happened.

Winter fun ideas

We would like you to think of the things you **CAN** do in our winter wonderland we call Ross Haven. We do have a large wonderful lake to spread out and remain socially distant

1. Ice fishing
2. 2 residents have made ice rinks that they have opened up to the public. Between 9/10th street and 5th street.
3. Another resident has cleared a promenade on the shore line.
4. Both parks are open
5. Make a curling sheet and use ice cream buckets for rocks
6. Cross country ski
7. Sledding
8. Tobogganing on the hill at the 5th street park.
9. Build a snowman
10. Have a bonfire. (put a pan of coals under your seat to stay warm)
11. Snow shoeing

Tips

- Christmas lights are always cheery
- Keep informed of new Covid restrictions and follow them. Play safe and stay well.

On behalf of your RHCL committee, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Follow us on [facebook](#) and post your ideas and pictures on how you are enjoying our winter wonderland

Contact us at welcome2rhcl@gmail.com