



# Newsletter

## Summer 2022

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### **Council's Message**

It has been one year since you elected the three of us to the Summer Village of Ross Haven Council. Working together, we are doing our best to represent and serve the village and its residents.

In our first year, in addition to overseeing the operational and administrative requirements of the village, we were able to complete the following: complete required training, incorporate open floor discussions in our monthly council meetings, facilitate two council open houses per year (we have had two already), update and replace the Boat Lift Storage Policy with the Parkway Storage Policy, began cleanup of old and outdated bylaws, bid and removed over 140 trees in the village, participated in the Lac Ste Anne Summer Villages Regionalization Study, actively participated in various other committees, completed the three year operating budget, and identified potential capital projects for the next several years. Items that your council continues to work on include the force main sewer project, review of the Animal Control Bylaw, onboarding of a grant officer, construction of a visitor parking lot, and improvements to RR34.

We appreciate that everyone will not agree with all of our decisions. However, council believes that each of our decisions have been made in an open, transparent, and thoughtful manner, and were in the best interests of the village.

Thank you. Have a great summer!

### **Public Works Staff**

Please join us in welcoming our new Public Works Staff to the village.

**Noel Tomm** joined us on June 2 as our new Public Works Coordinator. Noel is quickly learning the role, and continues to learn each week! Noel will also be serving as our Director of Emergency Management, working with council and the other villages for emergency preparedness. Noel is excited to be part of our team, and is eager to keep the village looking great! Noel can be reached during business hours if there are any issues pertaining to garbage pickup, lawn services, or general upkeep and maintenance in the village.

**Josh Konanz** joined us on June 22 as a Public Works Summer Student. He will be assisting Noel with the summer demands of Public Works in the village.

Remember that there are events, such as rain, emergencies, or increased workload that may delay some items getting done. The Public Works team is doing their best to keep the village serviced and looking great.

### **Thank you to RHCL and Volunteers!**

Council would like to thank the Ross Haven Community League and its volunteers for all the work that they contribute to the village. Bringing us together for these events is what community really is. The Canada Celebration was amazing. Thank you for the behind the scenes volunteers that made it happen, to John H for being available all day on the microphone, and to Greg K and his crew for the unbelievable fireworks show.

***Thank you!!***

## **2022 Lac. Ste. Anne Pilgrimage**

This event will take place from July 26-29, at the Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage site (please refer to [www.lacsteannepilgrimage.ca](http://www.lacsteannepilgrimage.ca) for the latest info).

Pope Francis will be attending the Pilgrimage on the evening of Tuesday, July 26. Given this, and the fact that this event has not been held the past two years, a much larger attendance is expected.

To facilitate, the RCMP and County will be:

- 1) **Placing signage** on Highway 43 directing Pilgrimage traffic.
- 2) **Closing roads** as required. It is not expected that RR34 will be impacted. The highways from Edmonton to the Site will be closed to all traffic while the Pope is in transit. There is a map showing road closures on the link below.
- 3) **Closing all county operated boat launches** on July 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be no access for boats to launch or be retrieved from the lake on that day.
- 4) **Securing an area on Lac Ste. Anne** around the Pilgrimage site. For residents with boats already on private boat lifts, the lake will be open except for a secured area around the Pilgrimage site. This area will be patrolled by the RCMP and closed off to all boating traffic.
- 5) **Monitoring and policing the land, sea, and air** with a large contingent of staff.

The above information may change as we get closer to the event. Please refer to the link in the next paragraph for updates and information.

[www.lacsteannepilgrimage.ca/index.php/news/83-public-works-news/838-increase-in-attendance-expected-for-the-july-pilgrimage-event](http://www.lacsteannepilgrimage.ca/index.php/news/83-public-works-news/838-increase-in-attendance-expected-for-the-july-pilgrimage-event)

On July 26, it might be wise to carry some sort of identification with you that shows you are a property owner at the Summer Village of Ross Haven. Suggest you should carry either your ID with your Ross Haven address on it, OR a Ross Haven utility bill with your corresponding driver's licence.

## **Force Main Project (Sewer Line) Update:**

The Summer Village of Ross Haven, as a member of the North 43 Lagoon Commission, is in the process of exploring a connection to the existing North 43 Wastewater Collection and Transmission System. Three items must be in place before we proceed: an acceptable project tender, a significant grant from the Provincial Government, and, a reasonable interest rate for the amounts the Village will need to borrow. To date, the Lagoon Commission has received an acceptable tender. We are now waiting for the Provincial Government to approve a grant for a significant portion of the costs that are associated. There have been some delays in getting this approval but we have been assured that an answer will come by mid July. Finally, we will need to wait and see what kind of an interest rate we can get for any borrowing we may have to do. If the Provincial Government does not approve the grant funds, then the Project will not proceed.

**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.

## **Council Open House**

Please feel free to join us on Saturday, August 28, between 10:00am and 11:30am, at the Village Shop, for our second Council Open House of 2022. We appreciate and enjoy getting your feedback!

## **Recycling**

The Landfill takes electronics, tin cans, glass, paper, cardboard, tires, and some plastics for free! To take advantage of this, proceed to the scale house, advise that you have recycling, and they will direct you. If you have a recycling load with garbage, they will provide appropriate directions.

## **Garbage Collection**

Garbage collection occurs on Mondays, or the following Tuesday if the Monday is a holiday. All garbage should be bagged and placed in an animal proof container. Your garbage container should be neatly placed along the road by your property. Please ensure small animal waste bags are placed in the larger bags. Bags should not exceed 40 pounds each. Leaves or grass clippings **are NOT picked up** at your property and should be taken to the compost shed.

## **Compost**

Leaves, weeds, and grass should be taken to the compost shed behind the village shop. To ensure that our compost ends up in the right area within the landfill, without any additional charges to the village, do NOT place any bags (plastic or paper), animal carcasses, or other garbage in the compost shed.

## **Tree Branches and Roots**

*You* are responsible to take any tree branches or roots directly to the landfill.

## **Mulch Available by the Shop**

All the mulch that was created by the tree cutting that was undertaken this spring is located by the shop. Residents are encouraged to take what they need for personal use at their cabins. The pile is quite large and needs to be used.

## **Drainage Project**

Our Drainage Project engineer, Mr. Trent Thompson of Bolson Engineering, will be completing a final site walkthrough of all areas impacted by the drainage project with Noel Tomm. If there are any concerns with the work done, please send those items, by email, to [cao@rosshaven.ca](mailto:cao@rosshaven.ca) prior to July 18, 2022. Concerns will be collected, organized, and given to Trent for his review. We will follow up with all of the concerns provided. For those that have already expressed concerns to council or our CAO, those items are logged and will be reviewed.

## **Fire Works / Noise / Speeding Concerns**

We appreciate that it is fun to be within the Summer Village on weekends. However, please be respectful of the noise you produce, the time, and its impact on others. Noise from parties should be reduced by about midnight. Setting off fireworks without a permit is not allowed, dangerous, and disruptive to people in the village. Further, dogs, lambs, horses, cows and cats (all either in the village or in close proximity) are terrorized by fireworks. Loud vehicles, motorbikes, and ATV's should not be "opened up" in the village. Finally, we have lots of people that walk in the village. Please adhere to the posted speed limits, or travel below those speeds. We are all one community, lets show compassion to our neighbours. Your council will be reviewing and passing modified bylaws for fireworks and noise in the coming months. There will also be an enforcement mechanism that goes along with this.

## **Monthly Council Meetings**

The Regular Meeting of the Council for the Summer Village of Ross Haven occurs during the evening of the second Thursday of each month. People can attend either in person at the Onoway Civic Center (attached to their Fire Hall) or by ZOOM. Meeting commences at 7:00pm. Agenda, address, and ZOOM connection details available on our website. [www.rosshaven.ca](http://www.rosshaven.ca)

Everyone is welcome, please feel free to join. We appreciate everyone's input, concerns, and feedback as we serve the village.

## **Dogs at Large and Dog Feces**

Council requests your cooperation in ensuring dogs are kept on-leash. Dogs running loose in the village may pose a threat to other animals and children.

Further, we have received complaints about dog owners not cleaning up after their pets. Please be a responsible pet owner.

Our new Animal Control bylaw is expected to have its final reading this upcoming council meeting. The first reading was during May's council reading.

## **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.

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### **Safety Code Permits**

Superior Safety Codes Inc  
Phone: 780.489.4777

### **Onoway Regional Medical Clinic**

Phone: 780-967-6477  
Open late on Wednesdays for appointments

### **RCMP (Stony Plain Detachment)**

Emergency 911  
Non-emergency 780 968-7200

### **Fire/Ambulance 911**

### **Non-Emergency Fire**

Onoway Regional Fire Services  
24-hour dispatch 1-855-710-FIRE  
Operation Centre 780-777-4688