

# Resort Village of Wakaw Lake

## Fall/Winter Newsletter – 2014

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### **Dear Fellow Lakers**

Another summer has come and gone. Council hopes your summer was a great one and would like to welcome all the newcomers to our community.

### **Council**

This summer we held a by-election as a result of the resignation of Councilor John McAuliffe. We wish to say farewell to John and welcome to Brad Gulka. Our Council now consists of Mayor – Maurice Rivard, Deputy Mayor – Linton Davenport, Councilors – Trent Knoblauch, Lorne Thomson and Brad Gulka.

Council wishes to remind everyone that there is a delegation policy in place whereby Council requires a 24 hour notice of intention to make a presentation at our meetings. You can find more information under 'Resources – other' on the website.

### **Beach**

Due to damage to the septic tank at the beach bathroom last summer, Council has replaced it with an above ground tank and fence. They are still working on getting a larger water tank in place to handle our busier weekends.

### **Fireworks**

It has come to Council's attention that there have been fireworks set off at the beach numerous times over the summer. There is a bylaw in place whereby a permit is required plus \$3,000,000.00 insurance prior to taking such action. Please be aware that even if you have sufficient insurance in place but no permit and a liability issue occurs, your insurance will be void. A copy of the bylaw is also included with this newsletter.

### **Roads**

Council ran into issues trying to get the road work done on Irene Lane. We are now waiting to get word on our claim from the Provincial Disaster Program regarding any repairs.

### **Boat launch area:**

There have been some suggestions toward improvements at the boat launch. These include a second dock and/or widening the current cement pad.

### **Boat Parking:**

The Resort Village has set aside an area for rate payers to park their boats (no camper trailers permitted) on village property behind Block 6 with access from Haig Street. Also a note to those who park their boat trailers, please use common sense and park so that others can use the space as well.

There still seems to be a demand for more space. Council will be investigating options to meet the demands. One option requires boat trailers to have a current sticker applied. It has also been suggested that trailers that have not been moved in six months to be towed at owner's expense. The boat parking area is meant for seasonal storage only. It is also suggested that those with large lots to please park their boats and trailers on their lots.

### **Permits:**

There are changes coming with permit applications and timelines for approval. We are in the process of confirming what is required from the building inspector. The timeline for approvals will take longer to meet requirements. Therefore if you are planning for any type of construction contact the office sooner than later or your plans may not happen when you wish to do them.

### **Garbage Bins**

There have been a number of concerns expressed regarding what is acceptable to put in the REACT bins provided over the summer. The garbage bins are meant for regular household garbage. The letter from REACT is posted on the website under resources. The items not permitted in the bins are to be taken to the Hoodoo landfill which is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Any recycle items can be taken to Wakaw where the bins are located by the Recreation Center.

### **Fire Protection:**

The resort village contracts its Fire Protection with the R.M. of Hoodoo. They will respond to calls calling 911.

Each owner is responsible for their own fire insurance.

### **KEEP ALL LANES AND ROADS OPEN FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

### **Address changes and emails**

There continue to be some situations where address changes are not getting to the office. Remember that if you do not pay outstanding bills due to this over-site, penalties are applied and expected to be paid. This also will leave you missing important updates, etc. Many of you have submitted your email address to the office but there may be others, especially the new people that have not yet done so. Please send to the above email address so you can be added to our list.

### **Council Actions on bylaws**

Many of you may not be aware that Council can remove items from village property at the owner's expense. There is a process involved but once steps are started and if the rate payer chooses to ignore any warnings, it could cost you, the rate payer. Council has discussed enforcing Bylaw 1-2011 which requires vehicles to be licensed and road worthy. (included with this newsletter).

### **Village Property**

There are parcels of land throughout the resort that belong to the Resort Village. Council has designated some of these to allow for boat trailer parking as indicated earlier in this newsletter. Others are kept as natural environment areas for future use or just to enjoy as parts of nature. Rate payers are not permitted to store personal property on the non-designated property. If you receive a warning to remove your property, please comply or it could cost you in removal fees.

### **Water Diversion**

This past summer there were a couple issues whereby water diversion troubles came to Council's attention. These were resolved through mediation from some Council members. Council wishes to remind all that any water diversion that causes property damage to

others could leave you liable. There are some places where Council is trying to get contractors in place to safely divert water to prevent damage to personal property.

**Sandy Point**

The system has now been in operation since the late 1980s and has served us very well and judging from the lack of complaints. With the influx of new residents, we feel it is time for an update. The system operates from May long weekend to Oct. long weekend. Shortly after the Oct. long weekend Donald Prefontaine, Laurent Bussiere and Maurice Rivard will work with the sewage hauler to vacuum the lines. If the lines are empty over the winter, the system is ready to go by May long. If water or sewage is allowed in the lines after Oct. long, there is a good chance the lines will be frozen for May long and possibly remain frozen well into June. Therefore do not use this system after it has been winterized. We will also be replacing the valves beside the tanks. Those expenses will be shared by everyone. Also for the benefit of each one of us, and for our combined benefit, when we replace our toilets and showerheads, they should be as low water usage as possible. Since the people named above, who have been taking responsibility for the system, are not old but getting there we are looking for new younger guys to take over. Anyone wanting info on the workings or makeup of the system, ie: line location, see above persons. We have spoken with a local plumber, Brent Beaudoin, he is willing to learn about the system and to repair it. His phone no. is 306-233-5588 cell no. 306-715-2747. We will be vacuuming the lines on Oct.15 at 10:00AM. You can also contact Maurice Rivard at 306-222-5753.

**HAVE A GREAT WINTER  
FROM YOUR COUNCIL AND STAFF**