

Resort Village of Wakaw Lake Fall/Winter Newsletter – 2013

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Dear Fellow Lakers

Welcome to the new cottage and campground people. This newsletter is meant as a means to keep everyone updated on the changes and plans happening in the Resort Village.

Council

Our Council consists of Mayor – Maurice Rivard, Deputy Mayor – Linton Davenport, Councilors – Trent Knoblauch, Lorne Thomson and John McAuliffe. 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.

Council Initiatives

This summer has proved to be a challenging one regarding maintenance throughout the resort. Council is compiling a list of duties and looking at options to get them done.

Beach

Thanks to Barb and Mervin who kept the beach so neat. The bathroom was finally finished not without some issues that will have to be dealt with this winter.

New Official Community Plan/Zoning Bylaw

The draft forms of the new Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw will be sent for government approval this fall. Thanks to all for their input on these important documents. A big thank you to Councilor McAuliffe for his many hours spent compiling the information to completion of this project.



Trees

Council is asking that you respect the new trees. This means no ATV's or snowmobiles in or near them.

Roads

We finally completed the 2011 road repair work. Now we are working on options to bring Irene Lane into better condition.

Snow dump area

Council is looking for a snow dump area in case we get excess snow on lots again this winter. Please call the office for more information.

Street Lights

Yes we did have a large number of lights out. There were a number of calls and online reports made at Sask Power. We appreciate your help and patience in this matter. Most of the lights have been repaired by mid October.

Boat launch area:

Bylaw 6-2012 indicates that there will be no private docks or boat lifts permitted near the swim area.

Other public access roads:

There are a couple authorizations on boat docks at other points of public access to the lake within the village. It is unknown if either party actually acted on the permit. A new permit is required for next summer.

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:

Keep in mind you do require a permit to build, move or demolish a structure. A 'live tree' removal permit is required before clearing trees on your property. All permits are available on our website. I wish to thank those who have been compliant in getting these forms completed and into the office.

Shoreline Information

The information regarding any shoreline work has been added to 'Other' under the 'Resources' tab on our website.

Council is asking that lakefront property owners work towards cleaning up their lake front area. The Nuisance Abatement Bylaw gives Council the authority to clean any unsightly property at the owner's expense. There are a couple sites on the radar of our Bylaw enforcement officer for next summer. It is strongly suggested action take place over the winter to rectify the issues.

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.

Over flowing bins – over the summer the bins were relocated to a more discrete place. For the winter they will be placed near the 'store'. Council will review where to locate next summer.

Dog Problems:

Just a reminder, that all dogs in the Resort village are required to have a dog tag. Those registered outside the municipality are accepted.

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

Site Identification:

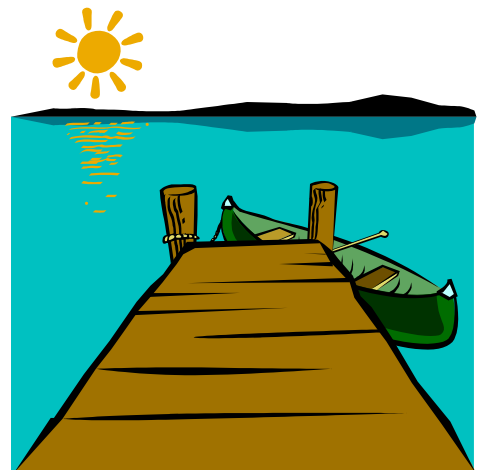
There are several reasons to have your lot/site marked clearly. Emergency calls will be more expedient. There is a new bylaw in place to address this issue. It is on the website under Resources – other. All sites were to be marked accordingly by June 30, 2013. Council has the option to put up the signage at the owner's expense if they are non-compliant. The expense can be added to the taxes as an arrear if unpaid in the year of the expense.

Address changes and emails

There continue be some situations where address changes are not getting to the office. Remember that if you do not pay outstanding bills due to this oversight, 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.

Other Issues

Council will be considering some bylaws again over the winter months. Some of those for consideration will be a weight restriction in the spring, fee in lieu of taxes, and permit fee to mention a few.



**From your Council and
staff.**