

Resort Village of Wakaw Lake Spring/Summer Newsletter – 2015

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Dear Fellow Lakers

Council hopes the winter season was a great one for you.

Council

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

Council is making plans to get a larger water tank in place to handle our busier weekends at the beach bathroom.

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.

Roads

Provincial Disaster has approved some work on Irene Lane and repairs to the secondary road in Sandy Point. Council is collecting estimates from contractors at this time.

Boat launch area:

There have been some suggestions for improvements at the boat launch. These include a second dock and/or widening the current cement pad. Council is considering these suggestions.

Possible Threat

In October, some members of your Council attended a PARCS convention. They listened to a presentation from a representative from the Ministry of Environment who described the danger to Saskatchewan lakes posed by a threat of infestations of **zebra and quagga mussels** from the east.

These non-native mussels were introduced into North America in **1986** via cargo ships into Canada’s eastern waterways. These mussels are dangerous because they have **no natural predators**. Nor have any effective treatments been found. They pose significant risks to the economy, environment and health of people using the water. They foul the lake bottom, contaminate drinking water systems, affect power generation, attach themselves to intake structures and lakefront property. They attach themselves to most hard surfaces. These mussels also cause a significant decrease in the number of fish that feed on deep water organisms.

Council is asking that if you have friends or family who wish to use their water craft in our lake, ask that they properly clean their vessels prior to putting them in our lake. This is the only means of control from this predator at this time.

Boat Parking:

The Resort Village has set aside an area for rate payers to park their boat trailers (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 and payment for the fire service provided.

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 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.

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.

Invoice payments

I receive a number of calls requesting card payments over the phone. Due to high costs of such a system this is not an option. Over the past few years I have been handling payments via internet transfer. It is secure and fast. I am also working on getting set up as an online banking payment. The standby options of cheque and cash are also acceptable.

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.