

## SUMMER VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE

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### **APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER**

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**Letter from the Mayor** – Spring 2011 is upon us and we are eager and excited to enjoy another season at the lake. Council is embarking on some ambitious projects to improve the village. After getting several competing quotes, we have contracted David Gray to do some major road improvements. We will do our best to minimize any temporary inconvenience to your property access. **The good news is – we will be paying for this with infrastructure grants, not with your property taxes.** Check the website for updates.

In order to increase resident's feedback and involvement, we have organized a meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the South Island Lake hall to form a citizen's committee. This committee will make suggestions on ways we can improve the village and provide feedback to council on our new land use bylaw. Everyone is welcome.

I have enjoyed hearing from many of you over the last six months and hope to meet you in person soon. Let's enjoy the summer and continue improving our wonderful lake.

Sincerely,  
Bob Yontz, Mayor

**Annual General Meeting** - The Summer Village will be having its public open house on July 17, 2011 at the Athabasca Multiplex at 10:00 a.m. All residents are encouraged to attend.

**Dogs** – Just a reminder that there are not to be any dogs running at large within the summer village. They are to either be confined or on a leash.

**Fire Fighting Aircraft** – Please pay attention to any firefighting planes landing on your lake and give them all the freedom they need to fight fires. When a lake is being used by aircraft carrying on fire bombing operations, no person is to venture onto the water beyond 30 meters from the nearest water's edge. Regulations provide for a maximum fine of \$1,000.

**Sewage** – The summer village properties have now been inspected for sewage violations and those who are not up to code have been notified. For those of you that have contacted administration about these issues, we thank you. For those who have not, we assume that

you are taking care of any necessary issues. Properties will be re-inspected in the spring of 2012 and fines could be issued at that time for non-conforming properties

**Development Permits** – The Summer Village requires development permits for construction projects. The province of Alberta requires that any construction be completed in accordance with the Safety Codes Act.

You must have permits for all gas, plumbing, heating, electrical and building construction. You also need a permit for any demolition project or any clearing that may affect the contour of the land. No safety codes officer will give you a permit unless they have permission from the municipality.

**Web Site** – [islandlake.ca](http://islandlake.ca)

**Firesmart** – In co-operation with Firesmart, we have arranged to pay a landfill fee so that the residents can dispose of their debris at the landfill on Saturday and Sunday of the long weekend in May free of charge.

**Road Upgrades** – Council is planning to begin work on road rehabilitation within the summer village this spring and summer. This may cause some minor inconveniences for some residents but please be patient and hopefully the end results will be well worth the inconvenience.

**Island Lake Bay Days** – This year Bay Days is on July 8 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would like to volunteer to plan events or help with kids games, the barbeque, golf tournament or parade, please contact Deputy Mayor Chad Newton.

**Fires** – We urge everyone to keep a close eye on any campfires over the summer, especially if we have a dry year. Please watch for signs about fire bans being in place. Also, please be very careful of sparks from your ATVs. This seems to be a major cause of fires of late. Also, it is a good idea to **check your insurance policy to make sure you are covered for any damage caused by your camp fires.**

**Policing** – In co-operation with other summer villages in the area, on the long weekends you can expect to see some police cruisers in our summer village looking for anyone breaking the laws.

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