



## *Summer Village of Island Lake* **NEWSLETTER**

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### Message from Council

We are all looking forward to the 2012 Summer Season at the lake! Let us all remember to stay safe and respect our neighbors and the environment!

### Island Lake Days

Our annual celebration of life at the lake will be the weekend of July 7-8. Please check the website for details to follow! ([www.islandlake.ca](http://www.islandlake.ca))

Survey (see enclosed) please fill out the enclosed survey and return it by April 16, 2012.

Our capital focus in 2012 will be to complete the road upgrades begun last year. Going forward- We are asking for your input on strategic planning for the future. Please fill out the survey form- we value your ideas and opinions.

### Phone listing

All those interested in a phone listing of residents at Island Lake, please fill out the enclosed form and send it back with your survey by April 16, 2012.

***Please ensure you notify the village office when your permanent address changes. Please include your telephone number and email address as well.***

### Land Use Bylaw

There will be a public hearing on the proposed new land use bylaw on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 11:00 AM at the hall at Island Lake South.

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Information Meeting will be Sunday, July 22, 2012 at 11:00 AM at the hall at the Athabasca Multiplex.

### Fortis Brushing

Fortis will be doing some work around the power lines this summer including brushing and clearing of dangerous trees. Please take extra caution around their work areas and equipment.



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### Development Permits

The Summer Village requires development permits for **all** construction projects. Development permits **must** be posted on the property and be visible from the road. The province of Alberta requires that any construction be completed in accordance with the Safety Codes Act. Any damage to the roads caused by construction will be billed to the developer.

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. A safety codes officer will **NOT** give you a permit unless they have permission from the municipality. Please contact the village office for a development permit application.

### Shoreline Work

All shoreline development work must meet local, provincial and federal guidelines. The federal department of Fisheries is located in Edmonton. They have levied heavy fines and required remedial work at Lake Isle and Pigeon Lake for shoreline work that was completed without permits. All shoreline work requires a permit from Alberta Environment. Please contact the village office for further information.

### Wastewater/Sewer Inspections

The deadline for having a pump out wastewater/sewer tank was December 31, 2011. We will be re-inspecting this summer to ensure compliance. If you need an extension, you may apply at the Village Office on condition that you can provide a development permit and a work agreement with a contractor for installation before July 30<sup>th</sup>. It is not our objective to collect fines but rather for everyone to have a good wastewater system in place to keep our lake clean.

### Bylaw Enforcement

FYI- We have been looking for an affordable model for bylaw enforcement in the Summer Village of Island Lake. The RCMP provides us with great support for the major enforcement. We are looking for someone who can handle the lesser issues such as noise infractions ect; on a part time basis. This could be provided by a shared service with the County of Athabasca and/or other Summer Villages in the area. We will keep you posted.

### Firesmart

The Summer Village of Island Lake was successful in obtaining the Firesmart Grant to assist us in lowering the fire danger by clearing brush and deadfall in the Community Reserves. There will be firewood available at various locations. Please help yourself!



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### State of the Island Lake Watershed

The study of Island Lake watershed study- initiated by BISL (Baptiste, Island, & Skelton Lake Watershed Management & Lake Stewardship Council) was completed in 2011 and the final report is now available on our website. Copies can be ordered from the Village Office (svoffice@telusplanet.net). Cost is \$10.00 each.

### Alberta Summer Villages Association ([www.albertasummervillages.org](http://www.albertasummervillages.org))

For information on issues commonly encountered at Alberta lakes, requirements of legislation along with the jurisdictional authority of other levels of government, and potential resolution of the issues, please see the Lake Stewardship Reference Guide (pdf. documents on this website). The Guide is an on-going joint project between the Province of Alberta and Alberta Summer Villages Association (ASVA).