



Summer Village of Island Lake **NEWSLETTER**

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Letter from the Mayor – Spring 2013 is upon us and we are eager and excited to enjoy another season at the lake. Council is working to complete the various projects we began last year and we've added a few new ones for 2013. Our goals are to continue to improve the village and provide more venues for family fun and recreation. Here's what's new this year:

- Complete the upgrade to Moose and Lakeshore Drive North.
- Additional dock length to the Lake Access points
- A New Playground for Lakeshore Drive South
- Picnic Tables for the ball-diamond playground and the new playground

I have enjoyed working and getting to know many of you over my term on council. We all have one thing in common- we love our Lake. Let's enjoy the summer and continue improving our wonderful Village of Island Lake.

Sincerely,
Bob Yontz, Mayor

Annual Meeting & Nomination Day

July 13, 2013 at 10:00 am at the hall at the Athabasca Multiplex. As this is an election year, nominations will be accepted between 10:00 am and noon at the annual meeting. Please note that there have been changes to the Local Authorities Election Act. In order to vote, you must be a property owner (or spouse) in the summer village, over 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen and have resided in Alberta for one year. If a corporation or company owns the property, the officers of that entity are not permitted to vote. Please contact the office if you would like a nomination form. Please read the enclosed information sheet (colored) for more **VERY** important details on voting and the term of office.

Grants

The summer village has utilized the following grants for the paving project: 4 years allocation of Federal Gas Tax Funds for a total of \$98,000, 2 years of Municipal Sustainability Capital grants for a total of \$242,000, and five years allocation of Basic Municipal Transportation grant for a total of \$120,499, for a grand total of \$460,499. This year we hope to receive an additional \$16,000 Basic Municipal Transportation grant and 113,831 Municipal Sustainability Capital grant. The Federal Gas Tax Fund grant program has ended. The Basic Municipal Transportation grant and the Municipal Sustainability Capital grant allocations have been reduced in the province's 2013 budget.

Tax Notices

Tax notices will be going out at the end of May. Please ensure you keep the office notified of any change in mailing address.



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Lake Access

Last year council cleaned-up and improved two access points in the village and installed a floating dock at these locations. The users of these docks are responsible to help with the installation in the spring and removal in the fall. Your cooperation is appreciated in re-installing the docks this spring. Please contact Bob Yontz (bobyontz@shaw.ca) * (780) 914-0596 to volunteer a couple of hours to the cause.

Road Upgrades

Lakeshore Drive North will be getting a major upgrade this year including widening and raising the road, proper ditching and new culverts to improve drainage. We will be doing some tree and brush removal (within the road allowance) when it dries up in the spring to accommodate the road rebuild in late spring or early summer.

Ditch Project- At present there is no ditch on Beaver Avenue, west of the boat launch. Several residents have reported that the water runs through their yards. We will be remedying this in spring or early summer.

Council will be looking at additional road improvements for 2014 with grant funding as it becomes available.

Island Lake Days

The 25th Annual Island Lake days will be the weekend of July 5th-7th. We had a great celebration last year with Golf, Baseball, Fishing, Canoe Races, Parade, Kids Games, Ice cream and a BBQ to name a few. We hope to continue all of that and more! Please check the website (www.islandlake.ca) and Facebook Page for details as they become available. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Chad Newton at chad.newton@telus.net or 780-909-2423

Landscaping & Beautification Projects

The Summer Village continues to believe trees have a real environmental function that is important. It is our continuing goal to replace and add trees to increase the enjoyment of the lake for all residents. We will continue this year to add additional trees around the lake to provide noise reduction and shelter belt installation. As part of our long term planning we hope to continue this environmental plan and process throughout the village and welcome any ideas or suggestions.

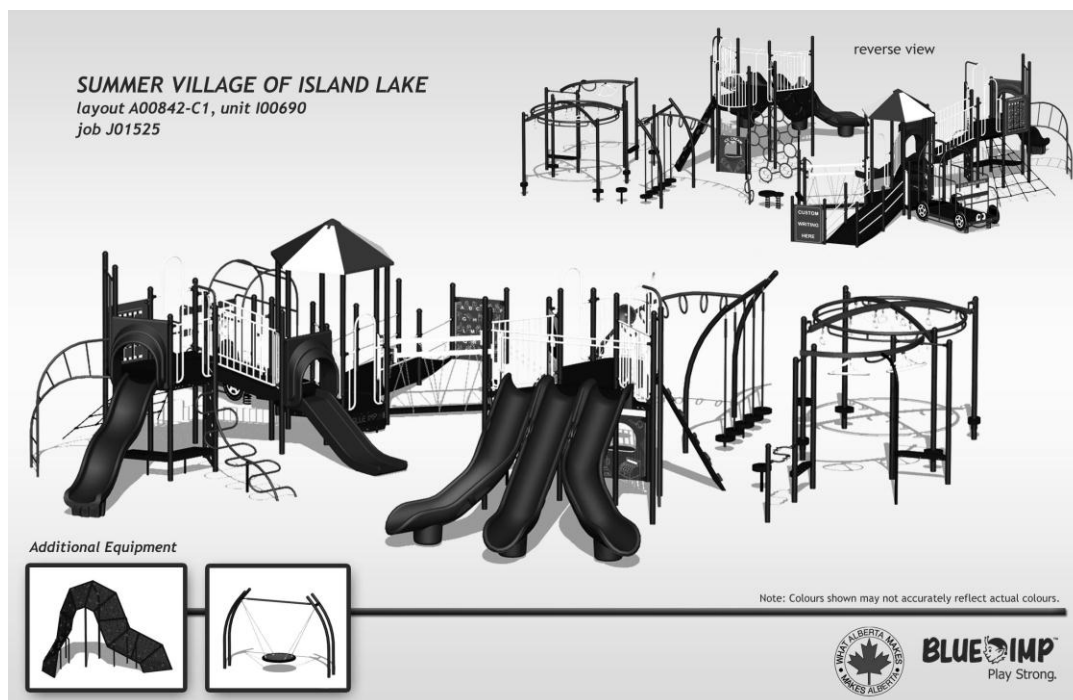
Playground and Park

The Summer Village of Island Lake in partnership with the newly formed Island Lake Community and Recreational Society are planning to build a new playground. The society has applied for a Community and Facility Improvement Program (CFEP) program grant to build a new park on Lakeshore Drive South. The Island Lake Community and Recreation Society hopes to be awarded the grant in June of this year to start and complete the project for summer 2013. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Chad Newton at chad.newton@telus.net or 780-909-2423



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Conceptual Drawing:



Wastewater/Sewer Inspections

The summer Village of Island Lake will continue to ensure compliance with the existing Sewage bylaw 08-2012. We have had great success in bringing systems up to compliance and decommissioning of unused systems. If you have any questions please visit the website or for technical questions review the Alberta Private Sewage Systems 2009 Standard of Practice also available on the website. If you have further questions contact our bylaw officer Vicki Stafford at 780-689-0245.

Emergency Response, Preparedness & Evacuation

There have been questions raised in our community regarding building of a connector road between Lakeshore Drive South and Lakeshore Drive North. Council floated the idea at our 2012 General Information Meeting and we have heard back from many of you, both for and against the proposal.

Our biggest concerns are twofold; Emergency Evacuation and Emergency Vehicle Access. If there is a fire at the north end of Lakeshore Drive South, there is no escape route. Additionally, in the past 2 years there have been several instances where the ambulance went down the wrong road and precious time was lost driving all the way around because the road doesn't go through.



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It is a divisive issue and we have proceeded with caution to ensure the right decision is made. We have consulted with Fire Protective Services and Sustainable Resource Development and they agree that the road should be put through for the reasons stated in the attached **Letter of Support** from **Alberta Sustainable Resource Development and Athabasca County**.

There are various options which are being considered including, but not limited to:

- An Emergency Vehicle Access Road with knock down barriers to prevent through traffic.
- A full continuation of Lakeshore Drive with full access for vehicles including school bus and snow plowing vehicles.

We will be providing an engineering artist rendition of the various options and requesting public input before making a final decision. We look forward to hearing from you.

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! Firesmart free yard debris disposal: fees for disposing of yard debris including wood, grass, leaves, branches and light brush will be waived at all waste disposal sites in Athabasca County from May 17th to 27th.

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, Gull Lake 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.

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.



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Fireworks Bylaw

Council passed a fireworks bylaw in alignment with Athabasca County's fire bylaw (for ease of enforcement). A copy of the bylaw is available on the website.

Animal Control & Bylaw Officer- by Vicki Stafford

Hello Residents of Island Lake and welcome back to all the snow birds! It seems that Mother Nature has not been kind to us this year but I think we are all up for the challenge of wading through mud and snow until the real Spring gets here. Speaking of challenges it's been almost a year since my appointment and I have really enjoyed getting to know the residents. I appreciate you welcoming me to the community. There have been a lot of changes lately with more to come. We have hit a few speed bumps along the way but I'm sure as we continue to work towards the greater cause and get a few procedural things out of the way it will be smoother sailing. Very few people like change but please remember it is only going to make the Village safer, healthier, and more enjoyable for everyone.

To recap this past year, I visited every property in the village to ensure compliancy of the sewer bylaw. Many of you received letters and I thank those of you who took the time to respond. I will continue to follow up and work on ensuring that everyone in the village is in compliance with the sewer bylaw. For those of you who have not responded or need to complete the work...Hurry! The deadline is coming fast.

There were a few animal control issues to tend to. Our dog bylaw states you have to keep pooch on a leash while you are off the property. When you're out walking don't forget to pick up after your dog.

Noise issues were minimal with the usual concerns of too much noise after hours. There are some residents who live at the lake year round that do have to get up in the mornings for work so you don't get a visit from me on your doorstep, use your whisper voices from 10 PM to 9 AM the next day.

And lastly, now that the weather is warmer it's time to get out there and do some yard clean up. There are provisions in the Land Use Bylaw to ensure that properties are being maintained to ensure the health and safety of the Village. We all want the Village to look fantastic so once the snow clears and I promise it will at some point, please take some time to look around your yards and pick up unwanted items, garbage, or any brush piles and dispose of them accordingly.

Regional Waste Disposal and Services

Spring Round-up April 26th to May 6th. Bring your old appliances, household furnaces and hot water tanks to any site during normal operational hours with the County of Athabasca. No fees will be charged except for appliances with Freon. Fall round-up September 1st to 10th.

Household Hazardous Waste Round-up

When: all year round – during normal hours of site operations

Where: the Boyle site or the Athabasca site.



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Materials commonly brought to a Household Hazardous Waste Round-up or a Permanent Household Waste Collection Site:

All purpose cleaners	Acetone	Aersol Air Fresheners
Antifreeze / Glycol	Ammonia	Insect Spray
BBQ Starters	Bleach	Brake Fluid
Butane Refills	Car Batteries	Carbon Tetrachloride
Car Wax & Polish	Contact Cement	Degreasers
Disinfectants	Drain Cleaners	Floor Wax Strippers
Fungicides	Furniture Polishes	Gasoline
Glues	Hair Perms & Sprays	Insecticides
Kerosene	Laundry Starch	Liquid Cleansers
Lye	Mildew Removers	Muriatic Acid
Nail Polish Remover	Oven Cleaners	Paint Thinners & Strippers
Paints	Propane Tanks	Rubbing Alcohols
Rug Cleaners	Rust Removers	Septic Tank Degreaser
Shoe Polish	Metal Polish	Turpentine, Varnish and Lacquers
Pool Chemicals	Toilet Cleaners	Tub & Tile Cleaners
Weed Killers	Windshield Washer	Wood Preservatives

Precautions: Keep hazardous waste materials in their original containers; if cracked or broken, place in a leak-proof package and label it. Any container printed with product warning symbols or precautions about the use of the product on disposal of the container should be included.

If in doubt, please call ahead to confirm your waste disposal options 780-675-1117 or email at arwmcs@mcsnet.ca

Landfill and Transfer Site – Hours of Operations

Site	Location	Days Open	Mar 2 to Oct 31	Nov 1 to Mar 1
			Summer Hours	Winter Hours
Boyle	3km east on Hwy 633 from Boyle	Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon	10 am to 6 pm	10 am to 5 pm
Athabasca	1 km north on Hwy 813 from Athabasca	Tues to Sat	9 am to 5 pm	9 am to 5 pm

Site	Location	Days Open	April 1 to Sept 30	Oct 1 to Mar 31
			Summer Hours	Winter Hours
Whisper Hills	NW 35-66-24 W4 From intersection of TWP RD 670 and Hwy 2 go 1 km South and 1 km west	Thurs, Sat, Sun	Sat & Sun 10am -6pm Thurs 12pm – 6pm	Sun 10am – 4pm Thurs 12pm 4pm