

Summer Village of Silver Beach 2020 Newsletter



Annual Information Meeting Cancelled

If you have questions that you would like addressed, please submit them to info@silverbeach.ca. We will answer all questions and post answers on our website www.silverbeach.ca. Be assured, no personal information will be posted.

Spring Clean-up Change

This year the Summer Village of Silver Beach will not be providing a large dumpster for disposal of large items on Victoria Day (May Long Weekend).

Instead, a special large item garbage pick-up will be available on Saturday July 18th. If you have any larger items for disposal, place them at your curbside in front of your residence on July 18th.

Council Meetings

Summer Village Council meetings are being conducted virtually on the Zoom platform. The public is welcome to attend on-line. The full agenda for council meetings, and instructions for joining the meeting from home are available on the website: www.silverbeach.ca/Council.

Changes and Response to COVID-19

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Summer Village has made several changes to help protect health and safety in our community. The office is closed to the public. If you need to reach the office, just phone, email or send us a letter. Please follow social distancing practices and restrictions on group gatherings. For more information visit:

www.alberta.ca/restrictions-on-gatherings.aspx.

Ouimette Park

A flagpole is being installed in the park this summer to fly both the Canada flag and the Alberta Flag.

Ouimette Park is a day use area. It is open from 8 am to 10 pm daily. Parking is available only in the designated area in front of the park. Dogs, overnight camping, open fires and liquor are **not permitted** in the park

Friendly Reminders

The posted speed limit is 30 km per hour, lets stick to it! Music can be heard by everyone. Please respect your neighbours and keep it down.

Off-Highway Vehicle Use is prohibited from April 1 - October 31 in our parks and green spaces. Please help to protect these areas.

Encroachments are not allowed onto Summer Village Parcels, except if you have entered into an encroachment agreement. The following are examples of what is NOT permitted without an agreement: storage of any woodpiles, equipment or debris. No permanent buildings or structures, no fire pits. Do not landscape nor mow the lawn area - it is meant to go into a natural state.



Pigeon Lake Photo

Contest

Enter your photos of Pigeon Lake landscapes and wildlife. Winners will receive a canvas mount of their entry, and their photos will be displayed at the John Turgeon Community Centre in the Summer Village of Sundance Beach. Find the entry forms and more details at www.sundancebeach.ca

Deadline for Entries: August 15, 2020

Emergency Services Fees

Be aware of the costs of fire emergency services. While the Summer Village has contracted for the service to be available to your residence, it does not cover the call out fees. Contact your insurance broker to determine if call out fees are covered in your policy. Note that there are fees for **any** call out. Examples include: False alarms, fires, and medical first aid

Fortis Vegetation Control

Fortis contractors will be clearing trees from right of ways in the area. This project will take about 18 months to complete. Representatives will be in contact with you if it affects your property. If you have any questions or concerns please call 310-WIRE

Development Planning

Work on the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) & the Inter-collaboration Framework (ICF) continues. Please check the website for information, draft plans, and public input opportunities.

<https://www.silverbeach.ca/Development>

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Financial Report:

2019 Audited Financial Statement:

MNP LLP completed the Summer Village's audit. In their opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Summer Village of Silver Beach as at December 31, 2019, the results of its operations, change in net financial assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

The auditor's expressed their appreciation for the cooperation received from management. The Summer Village continues to have no debt.

The full financial statements are available on the website:

<https://www.silverbeach.ca/Finance>

2020 Budget:

There was a zero percent increase in the overall taxes from last year. The major capital projects have all been funded through Provincial grant funding, including the road work, radar speed signs, and flagpole.

Bylaw and Policy Review :

A review of the bylaws and policies for both the Summer Villages of Sundance Beach and Silver Beach is complete. This was to help ensure that the policies and bylaws all align with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act and any recent amendments. There are now a number of draft bylaws and policies that will be brought forward for Council consideration.

Road Work

Two new speed signs will be ordered and installed once they arrive.

The final sections of road paving from #70 – 139 were completed last year. We will now move into maintenance of the road which includes hot rubber crack sealing annually or as required.

Brush clearing by the green guard rail has been completed and will now offer better line of sight for vehicles, be easier to maintain, and help keep the ditch area open. Work will continue along the area bordering the Girl Guides camp this year.

Front Entrance Sign & Community Bulletin Board

The front entrance sign and community bulletin board have been installed - bringing a beautiful look to the entranceway. Please check the community bulletin board for important notices such as fire bans, and feel free to use the main portion for your own notices. The plants installed on the front entrance sign are low maintenance.