



2024 Newsletter



Developments Not Requiring a Permit

- Any storage building that is less than 9 sq.m. in size and less than 3m in height, on the part of the property facing the road, or on skids
- Any children's play structures
- Landscaping if the changes to your landscaping does not change the drainage patterns of your property or create less than 400 sq. ft. of hard-surfaced area on your property.
- Day-to-day maintenance or repairs to a building or structure that does not involve structural changes or changes to your exterior materials. (Example: Repairs to floorboards on a deck do not require a Development Permit but Changing your siding from wood to vinyl will require a Development Permit).
- Fences/gates/walls that are less than 1m (~3 ft.) at the part of your property fronting the lake, and 2m (~6 ft.) anywhere else on your property.

Any other work on your site will likely require a Development Permit from the Summer Village! This includes work like decks, patios, pergolas, storage sheds, retaining walls, and paving on driveways. You will also need a Development Permit for RV storage if it's for more than 60 days in a year.

Also, if the work goes below the Top-of-Bank into the lakeshore, then you will also need permission from Alberta Environment and Parks.

For information on what you need to apply for a Development Permit, please visit the Summer Village's website, or contact the Development Officer, Imai Thomas Welch, at development@silverbeach.ca.

Annual Information Meeting

This year's AIM will be on Saturday, July 13th at 10:00 am at the Tangletrees Girls Guides Lodge in the Summer Village of Silver Beach. There will be lunch after the meeting.

Alberta Day at Ouimette Park

End the summer with a celebration! Gather with your neighbours for fun, games and a barbeque on September 1st in the park.



Children at Play Signage

If you have one of these signs, be sure to keep the figure on your own property at the end of the driveway. Do not place it on the municipal roadway as it may interfere with traffic.

Thank you for Driving Safely

Council reviewed the data from the speed radar signs. While the signs visually let you know your speed and help to encourage all drivers to stay within the speed limit, they also collect data. We share the data with the RCMP, so they will know where and when the public is most likely to speed. We were pleased to see that 73% of drivers were within the speed limit, and an additional 22% were less than 10 km over.

Silver Beach Road

There has been a change to the name of the main road through the Summer Village. Currently the north half of the road is officially named Silver Beach Road, and the south half is Silver Bay Road. Now the entire length of the road will be officially Silver Beach Road. The reason for updating the official name is to ensure emergency responders are routed properly. And to improve public navigation. (for example, car navigation systems)

Recycling

We have registered for the Extended Producer Responsibility program, which may offer free recycling services starting October 2026.

Current Recycling options available for residents:

- Residents can take their recyclables to their homes outside of the Summer Village where recycling is available.
- Recycle at the Mulhurst Transfer Station \$30 for each trip, covered by the Summer Village
- Place refundable bottles in the bin at Ouimette Park

Caught in the Act

Children caught in the act of good deeds may receive an ice cream cone this summer. Good deeds can be wearing helmets while cycling, picking up garbage, kindness, respect for others, or many other good deeds. Look out for you never know who may be handing out ice cream "tickets".

Summer Road Work

We have some road work repairs scheduled for this year, fully covered through grant funding:

Road repairs:

Main road for Silver Beach requires renovations including mill & overlay work.

Project Area: Silver Beach Road across from approximately lots #55, 59, 81, 91-92 was originally planned. We have reviewed the road, and have added a couple more locations, and noted the extension of some of the failures over the winter – it will be a combination of surface repairs, some mill and overlay and a couple of areas of just overlay to not only repair but re-establish the crown of the road for better drainage as well.

Timeline: Starting May 21, 2024

Micro-pave the roadway:

Project Area: The entire width of the roadway starting at the south end of the Silver Beach Road (the municipal boundary) and go north roughly 1km where the worst of the current segregation ends.

What would be the outcome of the micro-paving project once completed?

The current roadway is well worn and rough with most of the smaller aggregate being worn away. The micro-paving would re-surface the existing roadway, filling the gaps left by the smaller aggregate, re-sealing, and will extend the remaining life of the roadway before further deterioration.

Timeline: Later this summer once the road repairs completed and costing is confirmed.

Hazardous Tree Assessment

To reduce the likelihood that trees in the public land pose a risk, an assessment was completed regarding the status of trees that are identified as hazardous and require removal and pruning within the Summer Village land, including parks, trails and utility lots.

This assessment will help prioritize trees for removal within the budget allocated for the year.



Boating Safety Tips

1. **Wear a life jacket!**
According to the Canadian Red Cross, wearing a life jacket could prevent up to 90% of boating-related drownings.
2. **Don't boat while impaired!**
This is the law. Just like driving a vehicle, being impaired by alcohol and/or drugs can severely impact your ability to stay alert, react, and your motor coordination. In fact – passengers on a boat may only legally consume alcohol if the boat has permanent cooking facilities, permanent sleeping facilities, and a permanent toilet and if that boat is docked or anchored.
3. **Get your boating license.**
This is required!
4. **Keep flares on board in case you get stranded.**
Similarly, keep paddles on board as well.
5. **Brush up on the nautical rules of the 'road.'**
Learn how to avoid a potential collision.
6. **Try not to boat after dark.**
If you do choose to boat at night, make sure you have navigation lighting and visibility lighting on the boat.
7. **Don't tow a water skier or tuber after dark.**
This is against the law.
8. **If you are towing a water skier or tuber during daytime:**
Ensure that there are no boaters in the immediate area and that the tow rope is clear from the propeller. By law, a boat that is towing a water skier or tube must have a designated passenger to watch the individual(s) being towed. This cannot be the driver.
9. **Follow posted speed limits.**
10. **Keep an eye on the weather.**
It can be unsafe to boat during a storm.