



Summer Village of *Silver Beach*

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
-AND-
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

A Special Meeting of Council will be held on Saturday, July 28th commencing at 10:00 a.m. to hold a Public Hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the Land-Use Bylaw. The Annual General Meeting will be held immediately following the Special Meeting of Council. The meetings will be held at the Saint James United Church (basement) in Mulhurst Bay across from the Community Hall (50th Avenue and 39th Street). We hope to see you there!

REMINDER

A REMINDER TO RATEPAYERS THAT PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON JULY 9TH. YOUR PAYMENT MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JULY 9TH TO AVOID A LATE PAYMENT PENALTY. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING TAX NOTICES, PLEASE CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATOR AT 780-454-4775.

THANK YOU.

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In order to qualify for nomination as a councillor, a person is not required to be a resident of the summer village but must be entitled to vote in the election and have been a resident of Alberta for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding election day.

Voter Eligibility

(Excerpted from the **Local Authorities Election Act**)

47 (1) A person is eligible to vote in an election pursuant to this Act if the person

- (a)** is at least 18 years old,
- (b)** is a Canadian citizen, and
- (c)** has resided in Alberta for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding election day and the person's place of residence is located in the area on election day

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- (b)** a person is entitled to vote in an election if
 - (i)** the person is eligible to vote under section 47,
 - (ii)** the person is 18, a Canadian citizen and is named on a certificate of title as the person who owns the property within the summer village, or
 - (iii)** the person is 18, a Canadian citizen and is the spouse or adult interdependent partner of a person referred to in clause (ii)

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

Welcome to our newest member of the Pigeon Lake Protective Services. Peace Officer Jason Fisher commenced employ with the Summer Village of Silver Beach in April, 2007. Welcome aboard, Jason!



Garbage Tote Cart Placement

MCL has provided a **one time only "clean sweep."** The driver for the "clean sweep" collected both the contents of the tote AND any waste left beside the cart. This was a one time service provided during the transition period from bi-weekly collection to weekly collection and from hand collection to the use of automated carts. For future pick-ups, only garbage enclosed in the tote carts will be collected. Loose garbage will be left at curb-side. Drivers have also reported that carts are not being placed correctly. Please ensure that your tote cart is placed according to the instructions provided. The driver will be unable to empty carts that are not placed correctly for automated pick-up. Thank you for your cooperation. A garbage pick-up schedule for the remainder of the year is included with this newsletter and can also be accessed at the Village's website at www.sbalberta.ca.

Silver Beach Road

The most recent winter left our road in poor shape and efforts to repair the road have been hampered by the extraordinary increase in construction cost in the current economy, and the unavailability of contractors to do the work. The preference of the Village has been to do a road rebuild in a similar manner to what has been done in the past, but such major work may have to be deferred. The Village will be doing some patching work this season and will continue to budget and plan for larger-scale work.



Natural Gas Line Replacement

ATCO Gas is planning to install a new gas line this summer. This is something that the Village has been pushing for for many years, and we need to get it done before road patching and repair is done. The gas line work is scheduled to begin in June and will take about six weeks to complete. The work will be done using boring equipment to minimize road surface damage. There may be some inconvenience to residents including brief gas service interruptions.

In Memory

Ken Webb, a long time cottager at our Summer Village passed away on April 14, 2007. Our community sends it condolences to the Webb family.

Notice - Contractor Wanted

The Girl Guides are seeking an interested party to undertake several maintenance projects at the Tangle Trees Camp at Silver Beach. This work would include projects such as tree removal, dock repair, bunk installation, painting, installation of shower stalls, etc. Compensation is paid by hourly rate. Interested parties should contact Tiger Rousseau at goldentiger@shaw.ca or by calling 780-405-6922.



Seniors' Education Tax Rebate

Alberta Seniors and Community Support is continuing to provide an annual rebate to assist senior homeowners with increases in the education portion of their property taxes. Seniors remain responsible for paying their education property taxes in full by the due date indicated on the municipality's tax notice.

Questions about the education property tax rebate for seniors, including eligibility and how to apply, should be directed to the Alberta Seniors Information Line at 1-800-642-3853 (Edmonton 427-7876).

Pigeon Lake Water Quality

Lake water quality is a matter of concern to all residents, particularly in light of the algae bloom we suffered last summer. The Village has been in touch with Alberta Environment, and they will be continuing their program of regular monitoring of the water quality. They do this on a frequent basis, including in the winter time. Their monitoring program, of course, does nothing to improve water quality. We on the north side of the lake are fortunate to have a sewer system to minimize the escape of effluent into the lake, and we all hope a similar system will be constructed throughout the rest of the lake, however nothing is likely to happen in the short term. Individual residents on Silver Beach can assist in lake water quality by avoiding the use of phosphorous-containing fertilizers. (Look for a fertilizer with a "0" in the second place of the contents description -00-yy.) Phosphorous is a potent fertilizer for

algae, which tends to persist in the lake, recycling itself and increasing the severity of the blooms.

For information on lake quality at Pigeon Lake, please contact Alberta Environment at 403-341-8613.

Water Well Testing

Residents who wish to test their well water should contact the David Thompson Health Region office at:

Wetaskiwin Community Health Centre
5610 - 40 Avenue
Wetaskiwin, Alberta
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