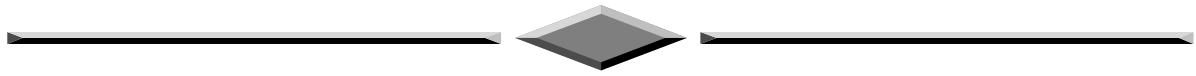




SUMMER VILLAGE OF NORRIS BEACH 2021 SPRING NEWSLETTER



NORRIS BEACH ROADS – 2021 PROJECTS

The Summer Village of Norris Beach Council approved a capital road project in the 2021 Budget that was approved on March 25, 2021. This road project will include minor repairs and a full hot mix overlay on all current asphalt surface as well as re-paving of the currently paved trails. Tender documents were issued in April 2021 and will close in mid-May 2021. This road work will take place in June 2021.

All Norris Beach residents are asked to ensure all vehicles and trailers are off the road surfaces to ensure the construction crews can perform this road work update as efficiently as possible. Watch for signs at the Norris Beach entrance for updates as well as the Norris Beach website “norrisbeach.ca”.

RANGE ROAD 11

The paving of Range Road 11 is scheduled to begin in July 2021. Norris Beach residents will access RR11 south when work is being done north of the entrance and when the project moves to the south side of the entrance you will have to access RR12 through Crystal Springs. Let’s hope the weather holds and the work can be completed as quickly as possible.

WASTEWATER UPDATE

The Wastewater System continues to operate well.

Our system operator THS Septic and Civil Solutions is ready to answer any questions or respond to any concerns you may have. Please contact them as follows:

During Business hours 403-844-2559
After Hours Emergency 403-844-9233
E-mail thskayela@gmail.com

An emergency is a spill or release of wastewater outside the system and must be reported immediately. Other concerns such as high-level alarms can be reported to THS at any time.

Please remember your grinder pump will provide years of service if you follow some simple rules. The only materials permitted to be discharged into the wastewater system are: human waste and toilet paper; greywater from showers, sinks, tubs and dishwashers; conventional food wastes as processed through an in-sink garbage disposal unit and laundry machine washing discharge.

Many items are not allowed to enter toilets or drains. Prohibited items include:

“flushable” baby wipes	dental floss	gravel	socks, rags or cloth
feminine products	pantyhose	bones	paint or paint thinner
diapers	plastics / latex	glass	metal
condoms	grease or cooking oil	sand	cat litter
egg shells	seafood shells	grout	cleaning wipes

Sump pump discharge, rainwater and other surface water are not permitted to enter the wastewater system. In addition, Schedule D-1 and D-2 in the Municipal Wastewater Utility Bylaw #253 set out chemical, oil, flammable materials and other restrictions.

NOTE: The cost of repair to the grinder pump caused by prohibited materials in the tank will be the responsibility of the property owner.

2021 NORRIS BEACH MUNICIPAL ELECTION

2021 is an election year for Alberta municipalities. Norris Beach Nomination Day will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Summer Villages Office at 605-2nd Avenue, Ma-Me-O Beach, AB.

All three of your current council members have announced their intentions to seek another term on council and will put their names forward on nomination day. We do encourage anyone who is interested in running for council to put their nomination papers in and join in helping to ensure the sustainability of our Summer Village. Election Day, if required, will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2021.

SUMMER VILLAGE OPERATIONS

The 2021 operating budget was approved by Council on March 25, 2021. This budget included a 0 % Municipal Property Tax increase, which is the third year of 0 % increases. The 2021 Property Assessment saw a slight increase of 1.3% over the 2020 assessment. As you are aware, your annual property tax notice also includes provincial educational requisitions which are a mandatory school tax by the Government of Alberta. The Municipality must tax and collect these requisition amounts and remit quarterly to the Provincial Government. In summary, you may see a minimal property tax increase compared to last year, depending on your property assessment value.

BOAT MOORING (DISTURBANCE STANDARDS)

Alberta Environment and Parks created a new Mooring Disturbance Standard for temporary seasonal docks and other mooring structures. The engagement has now completed, and a new disturbance standard will come into effect on April 19, 2021. You can learn more by visiting <https://www.alberta.ca/mooring-standards-engagement.aspx>

Please remember this is an Alberta Government standard and not a Summer Village municipal standard, our municipal responsibility in this is to work with residents to help ensure compliance. The Summer Village will not be “policing” or auditing compliance to standard at this time; that will be a Provincial responsibility.

Council encourages all residents who have a dock, lift or platform in the lake to go online and ensure to familiarize themselves with the new standards, as it is up to each resident to comply with the standard as it applies to their situation.

For residents whose property does not border the lake (backlot owners), who have typically placed docks off municipal reserves, approval and a permit from AEP will still be required. This permit (TFA) can be received by applying to AEP, part of the requirement is that the applicant must have the written consent of the frontage landowner (Summer Village). Council has decided that the Summer Village will grant this consent and will provide written notice on request of residents. If there is a situation where numerous applicants request consent for the same access, preference will be given to historic user of access, however it is hoped neighbors can find a way to share access and meet the standard as laid out in the standard.

Shoreline Ice Damage and Restoration

The past winter was one that can be characterized as having lower than normal snow cover in conjunction with larger than normal temperature fluctuations and high-water levels at freeze up (2020 water level was approx. 8” higher than average since 1955 and 17” higher than 2019 levels). As a result of these conditions ice ridges had a significant impact on much of the shoreline around the entire lake.

Residents who have experienced shoreline damage as a result of the ice heaves are advised to be cautious about restorations plans. Most work done on shoreline, including restoration work requires approval from Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) as well as a development permit from the Summer Village.

AEP has provided guidance documents for obtaining necessary permits etc. on their website.

The follow steps are recommended:

1. Assess: it is important to assess the situation and determine what restoration is required, wait till all ice has melted and pushed up soil has settled as ice melt may create unsafe voids in soil.
2. Evaluate options for restoration recontouring with existing materials “soft landscaping” is the preferred option which may include vegetation like willows and natural scrubs. Generally, repairs that can be done “by hand”, minor recontouring and planting of vegetation will not require AEP approval, but it is a good idea to contact AEP field rep to confirm.
3. If your restoration plans are a bit more extensive but are still deemed as recontouring and minor. A Temporary Field Authorization (TFA) from AEP may be required as determined by AEP field officer. A TFA can be processed quite quickly and the field officer can help guide you through it.
If work is more extensive or significant and deemed major by the Field Officer an AEP License of Occupation (DLO) maybe required, the process to obtain a DLO is quite extensive and requires a much longer process.

For more information and advice regarding your restoration plans and AEP permit requirements,

Contact cody.nahirniak@gov.ab.ca

TFA application form:

<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-environment-and-parks-land-forms.aspx>

Summer Village Development Permit:

Judy.mccardia@svofficepl.com

ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETING

The 2021 Annual Information meeting is canceled due to Covid. Residents will be mailed the financial summaries and other information that would have been available at the meeting. Should residents have any questions after you receive the material, you can email them to information@svofficepl.com.

ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW #169

Norris Beach has a new animal control bylaw. The bylaw is posted on the website and we encourage anyone with animals to review the bylaw to understand their responsibilities as animal owners.

Please pick up after your pets AND please ensure your pets are on a leash when off of your property.

PIGEON LAKE WATER MONITORING BUOY

A new Monitoring Buoy will be placed in the lake to monitor key factors such as weather, water temperature, oxygen levels and algae blooms. Please check out the news release and FAQ sheet on the Norris Beach website, <https://norrisbeach.ca/>

911 CALLS/ CHECK HOMEOWNER INSURANCE POLICY FOR FIRE COVERAGE

Residents are reminded that the annual fee the Village pays for fire protection only supports the maintenance of the fire department. If the volunteer fire department is called out to fight your fire or respond to an emergency / 911 call / false alarm, you will be billed for their services.

Also, if there is a delay of 15 minutes or more for an ambulance, the fire department is automatically dispatched. Calls such as stroked or cardiac arrest also initiate a fire department response.

DORIS McALLISTER – BYLAW OFFICER

Doris McAllister is on board to assist Norris Beach residents with bylaw questions and concerns, including parking, noise, animal control, etc. Doris can be reached at 1-780-719-6447.

Wishing you the best of the summer season. Stay safe!

Brian, Charlie, and Frank