

MEWATHA BEACH

September 2022

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer at the lake.

News

The Summer Village was awarded a \$200,000 ACP Grant in partnership with Athabasca County to develop a Storm Water Drainage Plan for the entire summer village. This will be a multi-year project but will produce a plan that will help us going forward.

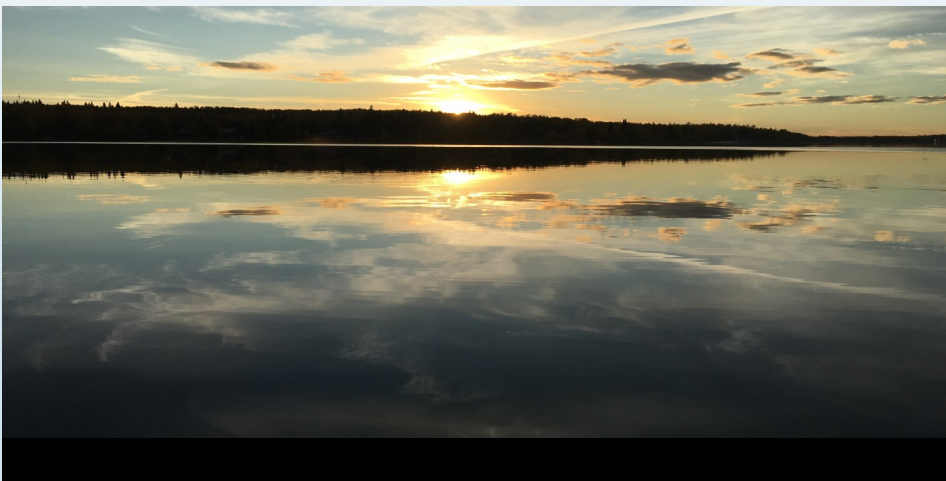
Projects

We had a few projects in the works over the summer;

- The Boat Launch has had a temporary fix to the boards that were sticking up. We will be looking at a more permanent repair once our Environmental Applications are approved. (Grant Funding)
- Drainage on Starling has received a temporary fix. A more permanent solution will be looked at once we get feedback from the Engineers doing the drainage study. (Grant Funding)
- Our contractor has trimmed back the trees that have grown around the stop signs at the end of the lanes to make them more visible.
- Road repairs to Mewatha Drive at the North West end (Grant Funding) have now been completed.
- Calcium dust control was applied to the portion of RR190 that the County does not do. (Grant Funding)
- 'No Dumping' signs are being installed in the open path to the east of the beach parking area. Residents dumping debris here has been an issue.
- Pathway on Evergreen has now been rebuilt with gravel. The original plan to do a type of concrete changed when the supplier was not able to complete smaller jobs (Grant Funding). We will monitor this path and determine if additional work is required.
- The flag pole by the boat launch has been repaired instead of replaced.
- 2 "No Dogs On Beach" signs have been added to the beach area. Please keep your pets away from the beach.
- We have also removed some dangerous trees, and more will be removed in the fall. If you notice any dangerous trees on summer village property, please report them to Kim at bancroftkim@hotmail.com.

Land Use Bylaw

The draft Land Use Bylaw is available on the website on the Public Participation page. If you have any comments or suggestions please have them in to Kim prior to September 30, 2022 at bancroftkim@hotmail.com. This is the same draft that was sent out a couple of years ago. No changes have been made. A public hearing will be held soon after.



Fire Bans

Just a reminder to check the fire sign at each entrance to the village to see if there are any fire restrictions. Please remember that fireworks are strictly forbidden during a fire ban. For more information please visit www.albertafirebans.ca

Littering

In past years, littering at the top of the beach parking lot has been an issue. We have added an additional bear proof garbage bin at the top of the parking lot.

Reserve Land

Just a reminder to all residents that you are not permitted to do any work on reserve land. This includes tree removal, storing items, grass cutting, etc.

Dumping

Dumping is not permitted in an public lands, including around the train tracks. If you remove waste from your property, including yard debris, you are responsible for hauling it to the dump.

Development

Just a reminder that development on your property requires permits just as in a town or city. For more information about the regulations for building please visit the development page of the website www.mymewathabeach.com and review the land use bylaw.

Dogs

Dogs are to be leashed at all times when they are not on your private property. Residents have complained about dogs running loose and scaring them. Your dogs must be under your control at all times.

Bears

Bears are always an issue in the summer village. Please take proper precautions to prevent this. Ensure that all garbage is secured tightly and that all animal feed is locked away in buildings or in bear proof containers. This includes any bird feeders. Report aggressive bear behavior to 1-800-642-3800.

Council Meetings

All council meetings are public. If you have an item you would like discussed at a council meeting, please contact administration or one of your council members. We would be happy to add you to the agenda. A meeting schedule can be found on the summer village website homepage.

Storing on Reserves

Items allowed to be stored on the reserves over the winter season should be removed from May to September so all residents can enjoy the reserves.

Administration Office

Please note that the administration office has recently moved. New mailing information can be found below. Email, phone and fax remain the same. If you have an emergency (including dog related emergencies) you may contact the local RCMP at 911 or 780-689-3622. If the emergency is fire related please contact the Boyle fire department at 911 or 780-689-3611.

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COUNCIL WISHES RESIDENTS A WONDERFUL FALL AND LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE BACK AT THE LAKE NEXT SUMMER