

# MEWATHA BEACH

September 2024

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer at the lake.

## Projects

- We have changed summer maintenance providers with a lot of positive feedback on the grass and the beach area. Please reach out to administration with any concerns.
- Bylaw Officers with Athabasca County have signed their oaths as of September 5, 2024. The process hasn't changed in regards to making a complaint on Bylaws just enforcement has. In the event that you have a Bylaw complaint please contact administration. Athabasca County will not respond without the instruction of administration.
- Trail work is an ongoing process as we are developing a trail policy.
- Trees affected by calcium will be evaluated in the Spring. If there are any trees that might be dangerous please report them to Tina at [svmewatha@outlook.com](mailto:svmewatha@outlook.com)

## Fall Projects

- Fortis tree trimming has no scheduled date but I have received confirmation that crews should be in the area before November.
- Culvert work has no firm scheduled date but will be doing some maintenance work on Mewatha Drive and other areas.
- Boat Launch repairs were delayed. I have applied for an extension but if it is not granted the repairs will be completed from July 1 — September 15, 2025. Notification will be posted prior to work commencing at the boat launch and our website.
- The East Entrance Sign will be removed for repainting and maintenance during the winter.
- "No ATV" signage will be going up on the trail from park to shady.

## Storing on Reserves Policy #03-2021

- Reserve land may be used for parking of docks & lifts, only if they have a summer village tag on them and only for the winter months between mid September and mid May.
- Tags are required and can be obtained from administration.
- Please request a tag by November 30, 2024.
- Anything stored on reserve land past that date, with no tag, will be in danger of being removed.

## Property Taxes

- Council will be implementing a property tax installment plan. This will start January 1st of 2025. This divides your annual taxes into a monthly payment so you don't have to worry about a big payment in the middle of trying to enjoy the summer. If you are interested in this please contact administration.
- Taxes are due July 31st of every year. If your address changes or if you haven't received your notice by the beginning of June please contact administration.
- Penalties are August 1st and January 1st of the next year, each at 15%.

## Logo

- I have received one submission for a new logo. If you would like to provide any input on a new logo please contact administration.

### **Littering**

During the summer months there has been some reports from the contractor that full dog waste bags were littered in various areas of the Summer Village. We appreciate you picking up after your dog but please do not leave that for someone else to pick up.

### **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](http://www.mymewathabeach.com) and review the land use bylaw. Please contact administration with any questions.

### **Dogs**

Dogs are to be leashed at all times when they are not on your private property. 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 780-675-2419 or 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. Our last in person meeting is October 5, 2024 at the Boyle Seniors Centre at 10:30 a.m.

### **Administration Office**

Please note that the administration office will have closures October 8th & 20th as I will be flying those two days. I will be out of province during that period but will still be responding to concerns or issues. I will have a local individual able to deal with emergent issues during that time period.

*Please be respectful of your neighbors and obey the rules of the summer village. Remember that this is your summer village and you want it to be there for your future generations.*

## **Council Members**

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