

# SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHISPERING HILLS

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## October 2015 Newsletter

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### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held regularly and if you would like to attend or have an issue discussed, please contact the administration or one of your council member. This was an election year but all three of the former council members were elected by acclamation, so no election was necessary.

### ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Once again our family picnic was a success and I think a good time was had by all. If anyone has never attended, try to make it a priority next year.

### ROADS

We did some more patching on Whispering Hills Road and then applied a seal coat in hopes that our pavement will last longer. There was also work done on the beaches and trails in the summer village over the summer.

### WHISPERING HILLS RECYCLE AND TRANSFER SITE (HOURS OF OPERATION)

**Open : Summer March 1 – October 30**

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Thursday 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Winter November 1 – April 30**

Saturday Closed

Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.

Directions: From intersection of TWP RD 670 and Hwy 2 go 1 km South and 1 km west

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE – on behalf of council

### NEW SUBDIVISION

Once again there is nothing to report on the new subdivision. With the slight downturn in the economy we won't likely see any progress in the near future but we are keeping the pressure on.

### SOLAR BEE

The solar bee performed well again this year and will be installed in the same place next year. For more information on the Solar Bee go to: [www.h2ologics.com](http://www.h2ologics.com).

### FIRESMART

We have applied once again for some government funding to fire smart our village. We hope to get more of our reserves cleaned up to reduce our fire hazard. We should know in January if we were successful in our application.

### MINIMUM TAX

There was some concern raised at the annual meeting about the new minimum tax applied this year. After doing more research we realize that many summer villages use this method and, in fact, our rate is much lower than most. If you own a bare lot, your taxes are very low and yet many of you are at the lake as much as someone that has a cabin. Therefore you are using the facilities such as the trail, roads, beaches and boat launches. These things all cost money to keep maintained and we feel this is a fair way to distribute the cost. Previously those with a bare lot could park an RV on it and pay very little taxes.

### ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

The office will be closed from the end of December until the Middle of March. If you require any permits during this time, please make sure that you have them before that date. If you have an emergency during this time, please contact one of your council members. Also, we will be checking our email during this time. Thank you.

### SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

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*Have a great holiday season and enjoy  
some safe winter fun at the lake.*

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