



SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHISPERING HILLS

October 2019

Change In Mayor

This year we have had a change in leadership on council. Curtis Schoepp is now the Mayor for the summer village, Ed Scantland is now the Deputy Mayor and Dennis Irving will remain a councilor.

Cannabis - Be A Good Neighbor

Now that cannabis is legal in Canada, let's all keep in mind that being a good neighbor is important. While you may enjoy smoking cannabis on your property, please be aware that any neighbors outside may not enjoy it.

Property Tax Penalties

We have increased the penalty on late property tax payments from 15% to 18% to be in line with other municipalities. This is due to a large number of property taxes that are not paid on time. This is a reminder to all residents that it is important that property taxes are paid by the deadline. The summer village relies on these payments each year.

Library

For your summer enjoyment there is a free library located at 10 Ella Mae Cr.. Take a book and leave a book, or just take a book!!

Landfill and Transfer Site — Winter Hours

The site in Whispering Hills is open Sundays from 10am to 5pm.

Tents, Tables and Chairs

We loaned out our tents 3 times this summer. Just a reminder that the village has 2 party tents, 8 tables and 70 chairs available for residents to borrow for any special outdoor event. Please contact Dennis (780-689-9366) for more information or to reserve for your event.

FireSmart Property Inspections

FireSmart property inspections are available from the Athabasca County Fire Department through grant funding with the province. Anyone interested in receiving one of these inspections should email their name, lake address, phone number and email address to bancroftkim@hotmail.com. You will then be contacted by the inspectors directly to set something up.

Bears

Bears were an issue this summer throughout Northern Alberta. Please make sure our community is not 'Bear Friendly'. Put away all garbage and bird and other animal feeders when bears are in the area. Bears will move on if they do not find a food source. Take precautions if you see a bear and DO NOT approach the bear.

In an effort to go paperless, future newsletters will be digital only and available on the website.

If you would like to receive an email copy, please make sure that we have your updated contact information on file. Newsletters will be done in Spring and Fall each year.

Annual Picnic

This years annual Whispering Hills picnic was another great success! Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the day!! Special thanks to everyone who helped with the set up, activities and clean up. If anyone has pictures from the event and would like them posted on the website, please email them to bancroftkim@hotmail.com. We are already looking forward to next years picnic!



Parks and Recreation

First off we would like to thank all the amazing Volunteers that came out to help build our great looking fence around the park. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to get out and have a look at the park and good looking grass.

Our picnic tables have arrived and assembly will start in the upcoming weeks. The concrete pad construction will most likely hold off until the Spring pending weather and volunteer availability.

A big thank you to all the Donors that put money towards each. Table Placards will be purchased and installed on each table.

Our Parks group has applied for a grant and hope to hear back from them soon.

Any questions or concerns regarding the Parks and Rec group please don't hesitate to email us at s.vwhisperinghillsparksrec@gmail.com

Thanks Andrew Stepanuk

Municipal Plans

There are a number of plans that we are currently working on that have been required by the Provincial Government. These include

- Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP). This is an agreement between the County of Athabasca, the Summer Villages of Whispering Hills, Sunset Beach, South Baptiste and West Baptiste. This plan addresses plans for the areas important to all concerned parties.
- Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF). This is an agreement between the County of Athabasca and the Summer Village of Whispering Hills. It will address any formal agreements for service between the two municipalities.
- Municipal Development Plan (MDP). This is a plan for the future development of the Summer Village of Whispering Hills, roughly estimated over the next 10 years.
- Land Use Bylaw (LUB). We will be updating our LUB to coordinate with the plans mentioned above.

At some point, likely this fall, you will be sent a questionnaire regarding some items that will be in these reports. Once we have received the questionnaires back, draft forms of the above mentioned reports will be posted on the website for review. Please fill out the questionnaires. The more input we receive, the better. The work being done on these plans is entirely paid for by grant funding.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE CLOSSES FROM THE END OF DECEMBER UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF MARCH. DURING THIS TIME YOU CAN STILL CONTACT KIM AT 780-239-7323 IF YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE.

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION WISH YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND ARE ALREADY
LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2020 LAKE SEASON!!**