



# SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHISPERING HILLS

June 2020

## Mayor's Message

Greetings Everyone!

After serving on council for 24 years, and 22 of those years as Mayor, Dennis has stepped down and is handing the reigns to me. He will remain on council until next summer creating a smooth transfer of knowledge, for which I am grateful. I will be shadowing him as he passes the obligations over one at a time.

Leane & I are retired and living out here full time now. I will be able to put my best foot forward as I try to fill Dennis' shoes, that is a big pair! He does a lot behind that scenes that we are not aware of.

Some of you may have noticed that taxes were a bit lower this year. That is because last year we had to guess on the school tax and luckily we guessed on the high side so that credit was applied to this years taxes. We try to keep taxes as low as possible while maintaining our village and keeping it as one of the most beautiful summer villages in the province!

Andrew Stepanuk is moving forward with the playground and will be completing things as money comes in. He will let us know when work days are set up. Don't be afraid to call and offer him your help at 780-714-0479 or [Andrew.stepanuk@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.stepanuk@gmail.com).

I also want to mention that Garth and Marion Bancroft, who have been our administrators, are retiring at the end of this month and we wish them well. Kim Bancroft will be taking over as administrator and her contact information is on the website.

Definitely get in touch with one of us, Dennis, Ed or myself for any concerns that you may have. Remember to tolerate the occasional party, after all we do live in a summer village.

Respect one another and be kind!

Curtis Schoepp

Mayor 2020

## Annual General Meeting / Annual Picnic / Fireworks

This year the summer village will not be hosting an AGM or holding its annual picnic. Due to current social distance guidelines it would be too difficult to ensure everyone's safety. Instead, please send in your questions and concerns to [bancroftkim@hotmail.com](mailto:bancroftkim@hotmail.com). We will prepare an annual report instead and get it out to all residents. We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and hope to see you at the picnic next year.

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*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.*

## **Landfill and Transfer Site—Summer Hours**

Please visit the landfill website or give them a call for hours of operation. Covid-19 has affected opening hours for many businesses including the landfill.

## **New Development**

Most of you have probably noticed some work being done in the undeveloped portion of our village. As past deals with developers have been unsuccessful, the summer village had decided to complete the roadways, gas and power using capital grant money and sell the lots ourselves. This will get additional tax money coming in. Currently we will be offering 14 lots for lot hold only. We will not be signing contracts for the sale of the lots until we have final subdivision approval. This may take several months. Soon there will be a tab on the website marked 'SALES' that will provide the relevant information. If you know of someone who is interested in a lot, please contact one of us to have them fill out an agreement and place a hold on this lot. Lots will be \$60,000. A \$2,000 referral fee will be payable to anyone bringing in a sale once the sale is finalized and title has been transferred.

## **Monthly Property Tax Payments**

We have had several inquiries about whether or not you can pay your property taxes monthly. You can pay property taxes monthly, but only if you are pre-paying for next year. Current amounts due are still payable by July 31 and anything owing as of that date is subject to interest. Once you have cleared off the current taxes you can make pre-payments on next years taxes in whatever amounts you would like.

## **Public Pier**

Water levels are extremely high this year. The pier will not be put in until these levels have gone down.

## **Bears**

Bears are an issue most years in the summer village. Fish and Wildlife officers are recommending that we stop feeding the birds and to make sure our garbage is stored securely. Please do not approach bears!

## **ATV Drivers**

We ask that all ATV drivers respect the speed limits in the summer village. Also, please keep the noise to a minimum. Be a good neighbor!

## **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!!

## Parks and Recreation

First off we would like to thank all of our Amazing Volunteers for the dedication and support throughout our build process. On May 15th we had a great turn out with many new faces that assisted in building our form work for our concrete pads for the Picnic Tables. Our Picnic tables have arrived and look amazing,

Next step for us is to actually pour the Concrete Pads and install the Tables. If you haven't been out to the lake this year you will see we have received a massive amount of rain and we ask at this time you stay off the grass area until it dries up.

We have applied for several grants this spring for Playground equipment and hope to hear back in the coming Months. We continue to receive excellent participation in our Recycling program, we just ask that bottles and cans are deposited in tied garbage bags with No Garbage.

If anyone is interested in helping out please reach out to us at [s.vwhisperinghillsparksrec@gmail.com](mailto:s.vwhisperinghillsparksrec@gmail.com)



### Tables and Chairs

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 Curtis (780-220-4897) for more information or to reserve for your event.

## Council Members

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**ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL WISH YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER !!**