

FROM: SUMMER VILLAGE OF JARVIS BAY COUNCIL

DATE: JANUARY 2023

Happy New Year from the Municipal Council and Administration in the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay! This newsletter will serve as an update on important matters affecting our community.

- **Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan (SLIDP)** – In October of 2022 the Alberta Professional Planners Institute (APPI) awarded the SLIDP with the 2022 Award of Merit for a Comprehensive Policy Plan. This award recognizes collaborative efforts put forth by the eight partner municipalities: Lacombe County, Red Deer County, Town of Sylvan Lake, Summer Villages of Birchcliff, Jarvis Bay, Half Moon Bay, Norglenwold and Sunbreaker Cove as well as partner firm McElhanney. The completed IDP is a first for the unique area around Sylvan Lake. You can read more about the award here: <https://rdnewsnow.com/2022/11/03/sylvan-lake-intermunicipal-development-plan-wins-appi-award/>
- **Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal** – The QEII Platinum Jubilee Medal was created to mark the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty’s accession to the throne as Queen of Canada. To celebrate this historic event, the Medal recognizes outstanding service from Albertans who have dedicated themselves to family, community, and country. Alberta Municipalities was allocated medals for which the member municipalities were able to nominate recipients. In addition, medals were awarded to all sitting mayors of the member municipalities. Congratulations to medal recipients Annabelle Wiseman and Julie Maplethorpe.
- **2023 Municipal Budget Approved** – Council approved a 2023 Municipal Budget that shows a small increase of 1.78% over 2022. This increase will help to offset the substantial decrease in Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding from the province and items currently being subsidized year over year.

As noted in last year’s newsletter the ongoing commitment to the wastewater utility cost subsidy remains important to Council. Annual wastewater utility charges will remain frozen at \$400 per dwelling in 2023. The annual charges from the Commission are running higher at about \$650 per dwelling; the difference of approximately \$250 per dwelling will be subsidized from our Wastewater Reserves. For the 5-year period from 2018 to 2023 the Sylvan Lake Regional Water and Wastewater Commission agreed to a two-tiered rate structure. This rate structure sheltered the Town of Sylvan Lake from the costs incurred around the lake but outside the Town’s boundaries. During this period the Town of Sylvan Lake will incur the costs to decommission the old wastewater treatment facility in the town.

The Summer Village of Jarvis Bay offers many payment options for residents:

- Enroll in the Tax Installment Plan (TIP)
- In person via exact cash / debit / cheque/ money order
- Mail a cheque or deposit in the drop box on the exterior of the administration building
- E-transfer or pay online: <http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/finance-and-taxation3.html>

- **Bylaw Enforcement Officer Hired** – The Joint Services Committee (comprised of one Councillor from each Summer Village) passed an Operating Budget in the fall of 2022 to include a new position for a Bylaw Enforcement Officer. On January 5th Zac Longstaff joined the Summer Villages on Sylvan Lake and will regularly visit all five summer villages.

Recently the Administration Office has received numerous complaints regarding animal control and snow clearing. Council would like to remind all residents that the Animal Control Bylaw and the Snow Removal Policy are in force within the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay. Highlights of the Animal Control Bylaw include keeping dogs controlled within their own yard or on a leash at all times when outside their property boundaries, waste material must be picked up and properly disposed of, no dog is allowed to become a nuisance by way of barking or causing property damage and no dogs are allowed on Petro Beach at anytime. Highlights of the Snow Removal Policy includes all snow from private property must be kept on private property, pushing snow or snow blowing onto municipal roads and ditches is prohibited and it remains the responsibility of the homeowner to notify private contractors of this policy. To read these documents in their entirety please visit the website.

- **Garbage Collection Process** – A new 5-year contract for garbage collection has been signed. Beginning mid-April, the service provider, will provide all households with one 64 gallon waste cart and one 64 gallon recycling cart. These carts will remain the property of the service provider and therefore any repairs required will need to be reported to the Administration Office. In May, recycling will change from May 2nd to May 9th then continue on a bi-weekly basis thereafter. Garbage collection days will shift from Mondays to Tuesdays beginning April 4th.
- **Fire Service Agreement Requires Civic Address Signage** – Jarvis Bay has a Fire Service Agreement with the Town of Sylvan Lake. A key provision of this agreement is that all structures in Jarvis Bay must have a permanent civic address sign affixed (with a minimum of 6” or 15.24cm tall letters) in a colour that contrasts with the colour of the dwelling.
- **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detector Reminder** – Council and the Sylvan Lake Fire Department wish to remind residents that you should have suitably placed Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors installed in your dwellings. These should be tested and have any batteries changed regularly. These devices have a maximum service time which is governed by federal regulations. All units sold in the past 5 years have a maximum service time displayed on the label (usually 5 to 10 years). These units must also issue an audible alarm when their maximum service time has been reached. Service time is measured from when power is first applied, either through hard wiring or the installation of batteries.
- **Septic Pump Life Span Risk Reminder** – The wastewater (sewer) system is now in its 24th year of operation. The normal life expectancy of residential septic pumps is 10 years. Your property could be at risk if you operate a pump beyond its life expectancy. Copies of the engineering specifications for attachment to the wastewater system are available, on request, from the Summer Village Office (403) 887-2822 or by email to: info@sylvansummervillages.ca

These specifications call for septic pumps to be capable of 40 litres per minute with a head pressure of 70 Psi (480 kPa). An independent study of our wastewater system, by Stantec Engineering, confirmed that the use of undersized septic pumps could result in operational issues. Please note that our entire wastewater line is now inspected and flushed annually.

- **Ice Shelters** – To protect the health of Alberta’s waterbodies, encourage stewardship and promote conservation, anglers using ice shelters are required to label their shelter if they are leaving it on the ice for longer than 24 hours. The label must include your Wildlife Identification Number (WIN) or your name and telephone number. This information must be in a contrasting colour (with a minimum of 1” or 2.5cm tall letters) on the outside of the shelter. All shelters must be removed by March 31, 2023.
- **Jarvis Bay Provincial Park** – A meeting was attended in the fall with a representative from Alberta Environment and Parks regarding the wildfire risk within the Provincial Park. A summary of this meeting is as follows:
 - The last forest fire at this location was in the early 1900s with aerial photos from 1945 to 1951 showing a young forest. The forest type on site is mixed wood of aspen / balsam poplar with scattered white spruce and birch.
 - Ground cover, including leaf litter and cured herbaceous materials, are the principal fire carrying surface fuels.
 - The vegetation cover is classified as D1 fuel type, which according to the Canadian Forest Fire Behaviour Prediction System, has a very low risk of forest fire.
 - A ground fire is the most probable type of fire. Given the number of hardened surfaces in the area (roadways / campground loops), controlling a fire in the park is reasonably straight forward and presents a low risk of escaping into adjacent subdivisions.
 - The focus for managing wildfire is monitoring and education awareness for park visitors regarding campfire safety.

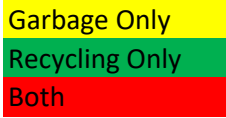
In addition, a phone number was provided to report any park complaints. If you see anything of concern within the Provincial Park, please phone 310-land / 310-5263; no area code required.

- **Dock and Mooring Regulations Policy** – Prior to the 2023 boating season Council is committed to finalizing this interim policy. It has been noted that many personal items are currently being stored on Municipal Lands, this is not a permitted use. If you have personal items stored on Municipal Lands, please remove as soon as possible.
- **Sign Up for Email Notifications** – Signing up for weekly email notifications will keep you up to date on pertinent information within your municipality. Please visit the following link to sign up: <http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/jarvis-bay.html>

Best Regards,

Mayor Julie Maplethorpe

Summer Village of Jarvis Bay



Jarvis Bay Garbage & Recycling Schedule 2023

Please place your container out by 7 am to ensure pickup.

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