

FROM: MAYOR JULIE MAPLETHORPE

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Greetings, from your Municipal Council in the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay. The following is an update on the budget and other important matters affecting our community:

- **2021 Municipal Budget Approved** – Council approved a 2021 Municipal Budget that shows a small increase over 2020. The Summer Village of Jarvis Bay was fortunate to receive the Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST); this funding was delivered to municipalities as part of the Canada-Alberta Safe Restart Agreement with regards to the COVID-19 health pandemic. This funding replaced the need to draw from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) or reserve funds allowing Council to stay on track. Council's stated preference remains to hold any Mill Rate changes close to the annual rate of inflation. While these have been challenging times Council would like to commend our neighbours who continue to act responsibly and keep each other safe, we are all in this together.
- **New Administration Building** – The five summer villages surrounding Sylvan Lake have a unique partnership that makes us stronger together and gives us the ability to make a real impact for our residents while remaining fiscally responsible. Recently the partnership made the decision to purchase the old Regency Flooring building at #2 Erickson Crescent (next to Tim Horton's). This purchase was made using grant funding and will be jointly owned by all five summer villages. The current administration building has presented many challenges that cannot be overcome with renovations and will be sold in the future. Some of the main reasons for an upcoming move are to ensure equal accessibility for all residents, Council chambers that can accommodate the needs of each village and providing the administration a cohesive workplace for efficiency and collaboration. We are all looking forward to welcoming residents to the new building after the move.
- **Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) Public Hearing** – The creation of an IDP for all eight municipalities around Sylvan Lake was a mandatory requirement of the 2016 amendments to the Municipal Government Act (MGA). The MGA identifies an IDP as the highest order of municipal statutory plans. This means the Sylvan Lake IDP may have impact on future development proposals in the eight participating municipalities. The project to develop the new Sylvan Lake IDP is nearing completion. A Public Hearing took place on November 21, 2020 and final steps are underway to present the IDP to all eight municipal Councils for debate, possible amendments, and final adoption. On January 12th, the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay passed third reading at the Council meeting.

- **Fire Service Agreement Requires Civic Address Signage** – Last year Jarvis Bay signed a new 4-year 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 inch or 15.24 cm tall letters) in a colour that contrasts with the colour of the dwelling. Remember – police, ambulances and fire fighters cannot help you if they cannot find you.
- **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** – Council wishes to remind all residents that our wastewater (sewer) system is now in its 22nd 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 at (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 such as those experienced by some residents in the spring of 2011. Please note that our entire wastewater line is now inspected and flushed annually.

- **Solid Waste (Garbage) Container Reminder** – The Waste Disposal Bylaw for the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay stipulates the use of a “Refuse Receptacle” by all residents. Approved receptacles can be either a galvanized circular metal container equipped with a close-fitting metallic cover and handles, or a durable plastic container with a close-fitting lid and handles.
- **Animal Control Reminder** – Council would like to reinforce with residents and visitors that all dogs, at all times, must be controlled on a leash within the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay. The Animal Control Bylaw also states that any waste material must be picked up and taken with the owner for proper disposal. It is important to note that dogs are not allowed on Petro Beach.

- **Online Tax and Utility Payments** - In response to requests, you can now pay your property taxes and utility bill online from our website at <http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/jarvis-bay.html> Then click on:



Please note that Municipal Affairs imposes regulations on how municipalities can accept payments using credit cards and financial instruments that charge fees. Your Summer Village has joined a growing number of municipalities and partnered with Plastiq to accept online payments from debit and credit cards. The short explanation is that you pay Plastiq and they pay the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay. Payment is all done through a secure link from our website at <http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/jarvis-bay.html>

- **Sign Up for Email Notifications** – Would you like to be informed about new development permits and legislative changes? Do you want to receive timely notices about Fire Bans, recycling and garbage pick-up dates or other current information? You can sign up for email notifications at <http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/jarvis-bay.html>

Best Regards,

Mayor Julie Maplethorpe

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