



FROM: SUMMER VILLAGE OF JARVIS BAY COUNCIL

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As the New Year greets us all, this newsletter from the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay will serve to update you on important matters affecting our community.

- **2026 Municipal Budget** – Council approved the 2026 Municipal Budget with a 0.53% increase over 2025. This minimal increase will continue to offset the cost of subsidized items, while addressing the significant reduction in provincial funding through the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF). The wastewater utility fee will rise from \$400 to \$450 this year. This adjustment will address the majority of the utility's expenses; however, the Summer Village will continue to subsidize a portion of these costs for residents.

Tax and utility notices will be mailed out in May, please ensure the Administration Office has your current contact information including a valid mailing address. 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>
- **Petro Beach Modernization and Beautification** – The modernization and beautification project at Petro Beach was finalized in the fall. Crime prevention through environmental design principles were used to enhance sight lines, reduce the parking lot size to create a designated drop-off zone and accessible parking spaces and a new sign will be installed in the spring to inform park visitors of community bylaws. The area now features accessible picnic table zones, a bicycle rack, and extensive new plantings of shrubs and trees, providing an improved recreational space for the community.
 - **Land Use Bylaw (LUB)** – The Summer Village of Jarvis Bay Council engaged Municipal Planning Services (MPS) early in 2024 to assist administration with a review of the current Land Use Bylaw, and to prepare an updated LUB for Council's consideration. As this work continues, residents can read about what a LUB is, the purpose of the project, and future opportunities to be involved in the review / update process. Please visit this link to view the rewrite webpage:

<http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/jb-land-use-bylaw-rewrite.html>

Council continues to update important documents to ensure they remain current. To view any of the current Bylaws or Policies you can visit this link:

<http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/bylaws--policies.html>



- **Development Permit** – Please remember that no work is to commence on your property without first contacting the Administration Office for direction on whether a Development Permit is required for your project. Instances of development requiring a permit under the Land Use Bylaw include, but are not limited to, erecting a fence, building a shed or accessory building, driveway expansion and or paving, replacing a culvert, landscaping or tree removal, operating a home business including a tourist home rental property. Ensure that you know where your property line is and remember at no time shall a resident store personal items or commence work on municipal lands for any reason.

Current as of December 2025 there are 94 Development Permits issued in the five summer villages. There are 18 in Birchcliff, 5 in Half Moon Bay, 22 in Jarvis Bay, 25 in Norglenwold and 24 in Sunbreaker Cove.

Permit Summary for Jarvis Bay:

Year to date 2025 – 13 development permits, estimated project cost \$2,005,000.00.

January to December 2024 – 15 development permits, estimated project cost \$3,446,000.00.

January to December 2023 – 12 development permits, estimated project cost \$1,280,800.00.

January to December 2022 – 11 development permits, estimated project cost \$4,266,500.00.

January to December 2021 – 9 development permits, estimated project cost \$1,518,000.00.

- **Community Peace Officer** – At the December 2, 2025, Council meeting, a Q4 report was presented from the Community Peace Officer. The statistics were reported for the period of July 1, 2025, to November 15, 2025. A total of 108 warnings were issued for various Provincial and Bylaw related matters. In addition to these warnings, 200 violation tickets were formally issued within the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay. These tickets addressed a range of offences under both Provincial legislation and Municipal Bylaws. More tickets were issued than warnings during this reporting period due to heightened concerns about speeding, as well as ongoing issues with beach safety and parking restrictions. Over 40 tickets / warnings were issued for documented speeding offences. Several offenders demonstrated little concern or willingness to comply, leading to the need for stricter enforcement.

Provincial Offences include, but are not limited to, speeding / moving violations, stop sign and intersection related offences, liquor and cannabis related offences, trespassing, commercial vehicle offences, document related offences, failure to wear a seatbelt, parking and various other safety or documentation related offences.

Bylaw Offences include, but are not limited to, parking violations, off-leash or uncontrolled dog offences, land-use violations, unlawful burning contraventions, other contraventions of municipal bylaws.



During the reporting period, a total of 22 calls for service were recorded within the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay. Calls were received through platforms which include email, front counter at the office, officer observed, phone and walk-up. The types of calls received included reports of dangerous or reckless driving, speeding, parking violations, suspicious persons or vehicles, trespassing, illegal burning, unattended fires, liquor and cannabis-related complaints, animal control concerns, dog attacks, land use issues and other municipal or provincial matters within the Community Peace Officer's enforcement authority.

- **Dog Control** – Council would like to remind dog owners that they must keep their 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, please be a good neighbour by keeping our community clean and keeping your dog and fellow residents safe. It has been noted by various residents that there is a larger presence of wildlife in the area including coyotes, use caution when walking your dogs and always use a leash in the Jarvis Bay Provincial Campground to ensure your pet remains safe.
- **Off-Highway Vehicles** – Under the current bylaw no person shall operate an off-highway vehicle between the hours of 23:00 of any day until 08:00 the next day succeeding. Off-highway vehicles are only permitted to operate on public roadways within the Summer Village from December 1st until March 31st. The current bylaw can be viewed here in its entirety:
http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/uploads/8/8/0/5/88056186/199-24_traffic_bylaw.pdf
- **Ice Shelters** – To protect the health of Alberta's waterbodies, encourage stewardship and promote conservation, anglers using ice shelters must follow provincial regulations requiring ice hut identification. The label must include your Wildlife Identification Number (WIN) or your name, address, 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 no later than March 31, 2026. It is important to keep the area around the ice shelters clear of garbage and other debris. Please participate in the "Take It Off Program" where there is no trace left on the ice when you leave, including burnt material that will pollute the lake upon spring thaw and can be a danger to persons engaged in water sports.
- **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** – 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; this will be 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 battery installation.
- **Septic Pump Life Span Risk Reminder** – The wastewater (sewer) system is now in its 26th 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 Administration 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 inspected and flushed annually.
- **Garbage and Recycle Carts** – Empringham Disposal is the contractor who provides garbage and recycling pick-up services to the Summer Village. Only carts provided by this contractor will be picked up; they will not empty any other receptacles. The 2026 pick-up schedule can be found at this link:

http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/uploads/8/8/0/5/88056186/2026_garbage_schedules_jarvis_bay.pdf
- **Sign Up for Email Notifications** – Signing up for weekly email notifications will keep you up to date on pertinent information within your municipality and aids Administration in getting emergency information to you when it arises. In addition, providing the Administration Office with a current email and / or phone number will greatly improve communication in the event of an emergency. Please visit the following link to sign up for email notifications:

<http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/jarvis-bay.html>

Best Regards,

Mayor Julie Maplethorpe

Summer Village of Jarvis Bay