



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. Happy New Year!

- **2025 Municipal Budget** – Council approved the 2025 Municipal Budget with a 0.28% increase over 2024. This small increase, along with favourable bank interest rates over the past year, will help to offset subsidized items as well as the substantial decrease in funding from the province under the new Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF).

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>

- **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 Land Use Bylaw is, the purpose of the project, and future opportunities to be involved in the LUB review / update process. Please visit this link to view the LUB 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. It has been observed that some projects have been undertaken without a Development Permit and may not be in keeping with the current Land Use Bylaw. Instances of development requiring a permit 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.



- **Community Peace Officer** – Near the end of January a new Community Peace Officer will be joining the Summer Villages on Sylvan Lake Administration staff to uphold bylaws and respond to complaints in all five summer villages. This position will be responsible for enforcement in all five of the summer villages and have varying hours.
- **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 do not dispose of waste bags in forested areas or leave waste bags on the side of the municipal road for your neighbour to pick up. No dog is allowed to become a nuisance by way of barking or causing property damage and no dogs are allowed at Petro Beach at anytime. Be a good neighbour by keeping our community clean and keeping your dog and residents 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/8/8/0/5/88056186/196-23_traffic_bylaw.pdf
- **Ice Shelters** – To protect the health of Alberta’s waterbodies, encourage stewardship and promote conservation, anglers using ice shelters must now 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, 2025. 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.
- **Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership (LREMP)** – LREMP was established in 2011 with the development of a regional emergency management plan. The plan is one element of a regional emergency management program which establishes a continuous improvement process to develop, implement, maintain, and evaluate emergency management in the region. It also addresses the functions of prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. This regional committee is comprised of a councillor or designate from each of the 13 partnering municipalities that are party to the agreement; all five summer villages on Sylvan Lake are part of this agreement.

The Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership will be conducting a large-scale field exercise in November with each of the 13 member municipalities (Lacombe County, City of



Lacombe, Blackfalds, Eckville, Bently, Clive, Alix, Gull Lake, Birchcliff, Half Moon Bay, Jarvis Bay, Norglenwold, and Sunbreaker Cove) participating. After the success of the 2022 field exercise which concentrated on a winter storm, the upcoming scenario will be based on a large-scale wildfire in the Sylvan Lake and surrounding area. LREMP was successful in obtaining provincial grant dollars to help fund the exercise. The entire Lacombe Memorial Center will be rented out and utilized to house each of the municipal members in separate areas. Staff will then act out the emergency scene and Incident Command System (ICS) as they would in a real-life situation, including setting up an Emergency Operations Centre. This exercise will help prepare staff members in all participating municipalities should a real-life emergency occur. It will also show us any weaknesses we may have in our emergency plans that can be addressed following the exercise. LREMP is leading the way in the province for our collaboration and participation in large-scale emergency exercises.

- **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 2025 pick-up schedule can be found at this link:

http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/uploads/8/8/0/5/88056186/jarvis_bay_garbage_recycling_schedule_2025.pdf

- **General Election** – If you are interested in running for Council please contact the Administration Office for more information. The following dates have been confirmed for our 2025 General Municipal Election:

Nomination Date: June 7th from 10:00am to 12:00pm
Advanced Poll: June 28th from 10:00am to 2:00pm
Election Day: July 5th from 10:00am to 7:00pm

- **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. Please visit the following link to sign up:

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

Best Regards,

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Summer Village of Jarvis Bay