

FROM: SUMMER VILLAGE OF JARVIS BAY COUNCIL

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

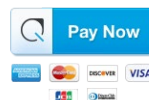
- **2022 Municipal Budget Approved** – Council approved a 2022 Municipal Budget that shows a small increase over 2021. This increase will help to offset the substantial decrease in Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding from the province and items currently being subsidized year over year. Council’s stated preference remains to hold any Mill Rate changes close to the annual rate of inflation.

In an effort to promote transparency, Council would like to explain some of the larger budget items that are being subsidized such as wastewater, education tax and bank fees. The ongoing commitment to the wastewater utility cost subsidy remains important to Council. Annual wastewater utility charges will remain frozen at \$400.00 per dwelling until 2023. The actual annual charges from the Wastewater Commission are running about \$650.00 per dwelling. This difference of approximately \$250.00 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 Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF) requisition (education tax) received from the Provincial Government has been based on the previous year’s provincial budget. Jarvis Bay was instructed by the province to collect the previous year’s amount and in turn when the actual requisition was received it was substantially higher; the discrepancy in tax collected and tax paid to the Provincial Government is covered from our reserves.

In person credit card payments made at the Summer Village Administration Office for taxes and utilities has incurred large bank fees. In December 2021 a motion was passed to stop all in person credit card payments to keep the operating budget in line with Council’s stated preference. 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
 - E-transfer
 - Mail in cheque / drop box to be installed on the exterior of the administration building
 - Online from the website at: <http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/jarvis-bay.html>
- Then click on the “Pay Now” icon



- **Land Use Bylaw No. 125/13 (LUB)** – The Summer Village of Jarvis Bay LUB is posted on the home page of the website for residents to review prior to planning any development. Development requiring a permit can include, but is not limited to, accessory buildings, fences, decks, demolition, landscaping or tree removal, home based occupations, etc. Please ensure you familiarize yourself with the LUB prior to ANY development and if in doubt reach out to the Development Officer for clarification.

In response to a number of concerns regarding “Tourist Homes” Council passed a motion to review the LUB. As a result, first reading was given to a change in Bylaw #180/22 with a public hearing scheduled during the March 1, 2022 Council meeting. This amendment to the LUB includes a “Tourist Home” definition to mean a dwelling unit operated as a temporary place to stay, with compensation, and includes all vacation rentals of a dwelling unit. The characteristics that distinguish a tourist home from a dwelling unit used as a residence may include any of the following: the intent of the occupant to stay for short-term (30 days or less) vacation purposed rather than use the property as a residence, the commercial nature of a tourist home, the management or advertising of the dwelling unit as a tourist home or “vacation rental”, on websites including, but not limited to, AirBnB or VRBO, the use of a system of reservations, deposits, confirmations, credit cards, or other forms of electronic payment, etc. Further to this definition an amendment was made that “Tourist Homes” are not permitted within the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay.

- **Fire Service Agreement Requires Civic Address Signage** – Jarvis Bay has a 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” 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** – Council wishes to remind all residents that our wastewater (sewer) system is now in its 23rd 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.
- **Traffic Safety** – Within the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay there are 30km/h and 40km/h posted speed limits. Please help to keep all of your neighbours safe by following posted speed limits, all traffic signs and keeping no parking areas clear.
- **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, 2022.
- **Lacombe County Treatment Centre** – The County of Lacombe has provided the following information regarding their intent to permit a Treatment Centre adjacent to the Summer Village of Birchcliff across from Range Road 14 and Township Road 392. Please visit the link provided to learn more: <https://www.lacombecounty.com/index.php/planning-projects/2181-developer-public-meeting-sylvan-lake-lakeside-recovery-centre>
- **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

Summer Village of Jarvis Bay