

FROM: SUMMER VILLAGE OF JARVIS BAY COUNCIL

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Welcome to the spring season in the beautiful Summer Village of Jarvis Bay! This newsletter will serve as an update on important matters affecting our community.

- **Fire Ban** – Please note that the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay is currently under a Fire Ban. The Fire Ban includes a ban on incinerators (for farm and acreage use), camp stoves, solid fuel barbecues (charcoal briquettes, wood pellets), recreational campfires and any other open-air fires. At this time, internal household fireplaces and liquid fuel barbecues (propane and natural gas), are still permitted – never leave an open flame unattended. Due to dry conditions and poor air quality, the Summer Village Council and Administration also reminds the public to dispose of cigarette butts responsibly.
- **By-Law and Policy Updates** – Over the past year Council has updated many By-Laws and one Policy. The By-Laws updated include Burning and Firepit, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Community Standards, Dock and Mooring, Dog Control, Fees, Mill Rate, Procedural, Traffic and Waste Management. The one Policy updated was Communication. To view any of the current By-Laws or Policies visit this link:

<http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/bylaws--policies3.html>

- **Dog Control** – The Summer Village Administration is still receiving complaints of dogs running at large. Dogs must be kept 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.
- **Land Use By-Law / Tourist Homes** – Last year the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay Council amended the Land Use By-Law to include a provision for the rental of tourist homes. Tourist Homes means a discretionary use wherein a dwelling unit is offered for rent to a guest(s) for less than thirty (30) days. A Development Permit is required to operate a tourist home and these permits will be issued for (12) months. Registered owners cannot operate more than (1) one tourist home in the Residential District (R), Residential A District (R-A), and Twin Rose Residential District (RTR). The tourist home shall be contained within the principal building and therefore garage suites shall not be used. In addition, no recreational vehicle shall be used as accommodation for tourist home guests. To review the Land Use By-Law in its entirety please visit this link:

<http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/bylaws--policies3.html>

- **2023 Municipal Budget Approved** – Council approved a 2023 Municipal Budget a few months ago 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. Tax and utility notices were mailed out on May

22, please watch your mail for this important document. If your mailing address has changed, please notify the Administration office.

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>

- **Garbage Collection Process** – A new 5-year contract for garbage collection has been signed. All households will be provided 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. Due to supply chain issues the automated carts will not be delivered to the residences until sometime in June.
- **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.

- **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

What is Sanitary Sewer F.O.G.?

What Is FOG? FOG stands for **Fats, Oils and Grease**. Fats, oils and grease are natural by-products of cooking and food preparation process. Common sources of FOG include meat fats, cooking oils, sauces, dairy products, marinades, food scraps, dressings, baked goods, lard, butter, shortening and margarine.

Should FOG go down the sink or toilet?

No. Fats, oils and grease may seem harmless as it flows easily down the drain. However, as it cools, FOG solidifies and sticks to sides of sewer piping, eventually causing restrictions, backups or overflows.



Does FOG affect sewer rates?

Yes. Sewer utility costs are recovered or "paid for" by the town, hamlet or subdivision using that specific utility.

Increased emergency CCTV camera inspections, jetting and pump outs due to plugged main lines directly reflect utility billing.

How can I protect my property?

It's recommended by licensed professionals that you have your sanitary sewer line CCTV inspected and hydro-jetted every 3 years (generally speaking). A heavily treed yard or aged plumbing may need more maintenance. It's best to consult with a licensed professional.



Flushable Wipes?

Did you know that wipe products claiming to be "flushable" aren't telling consumers the whole story? Actually, wipe products flushed plug service lines, damage municipal liftstation pumps and increase sewer maintenance costs. The only paper that should ever be flushed is toilet paper.

Can Water Damage Steel?

Yes. When a pump intake becomes plugged or partially obstructed by FOG, wipes or unflushables, this restriction causes pump "cavitation". Simply stated, cavitation is the formation of air bubbles around a pump's impeller when flow is restricted. These air bubbles generate heat and shockwaves when they collapse resulting in impellor damage.



Severe wipe blockages may lead to service line replacement

Cavitation damaged impellor from liftstation pump



Responsible Tree Planting

Small trees <20 ft. tall should be planted no closer than 10 ft. from your sewer service. Larger varieties like Poplars can easily grow 80 ft. tall and send their roots down that far as well. Roots that deep are looking for a constant high nutrient water supply, the same as what's in your sanitary sewer service!

Only one hair-like root is needed to enter your sewer line. It knots back and forth creating a "beavertail" looking root ball, drawing up nutrients from the wastewater. This causes sewer back-ups by catching toilet paper traveling down the pipe. If the root ball becomes brittle and breaks free, the cost to homeowners can be significant.

