

SUMMER VILLAGE OF NORGLLENWOLD DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Happy Holidays to all residents of our Summer Village. It is beginning to look like a winter wonderland. Your Council has had regular Council meetings with the September meeting being held on October 7th, the October meeting on October 28th, and the November meeting being held on December 2nd. The next meeting of Council will be held on Friday, January 27th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. There are some issues that we all need to be aware of:

1: Bylaw Officer

After much discussion and deliberation, the Joint Services Committee has approved the hiring of a Bylaw Officer for all five Summer Villages. Interviews for the position are ongoing and the officer will be hired and on the job in early January 2023. A vehicle for the officer's use has been purchased and outfitted. Patrolling of our community will commence in January 2023. The Land Use Bylaw will be enforced, including ticketing for infractions.

2: APPI Award

Last month, the Alberta Professional Planners Institute awarded the Comprehensive Policy Planning Award for the Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan to the County of Lacombe, the County of Red Deer, the Town of Sylvan Lake, and all five Summer Villages (Sunbreaker Cove, Half Moon Bay, Jarvis Bay, Birchcliff, and Norglenwold). This is for the completion of the project to continue to ensure ongoing stewardship for Sylvan Lake. Kudos to the Administration of the five Summer Villages on Sylvan Lake, especially Tanner Evans, the CAO.

3: Public Works Projects

The barbed wire fence along the south edge of Grand Ave has now been removed. The speed signs are up and functioning. New signage has been ordered as the original vendor could not deliver. As part of budgeted costs (no direct cost to residents), the Summer Village of Norglenwold will be instituting automated garbage bin pickup. Each resident will be provided a bin for garbage, and a bin for recycling. This service is scheduled to commence in May 2023. For yard waste disposal, the Summer Village of Norglenwold will rent a bin to be placed in the parking/green space in Rustic Crescent 2-3 times per year (dates to be determined). Please do not dispose of your yard waste in the municipal reserves as it is a fire hazard and is not aesthetically pleasing.

4: Encroachments to Municipal Property

It is the policy of this Council to manage and remove existing encroachments to municipal property, and to discourage and not allow for new encroachment applications. This became very apparent in the encroachment meeting where most encroachment requests were denied. There will be a new fee structure for minor and major encroachments which are allowed.

5: Complaints to Council and Administration

From time to time, residents will approach Council members to “air their concerns” regarding issues that are troublesome to them. This puts the Council member in an awkward position. Although we certainly are willing to listen to concerns, we cannot act upon them. Council members are also not the best recipients of complaints because Councillors are appointed to sit on the Municipal Planning Commission and Subdivision and Development Appeal Board which could put Councillors in a conflict-of-interest position should a hearing be required on the subject matter of the complaint. The appropriate way to handle these complaints/concerns is to go to the Summer Village of Norglenwold website and use the form provided, to formally submit a complaint. The link to the complaint form is: http://www.sylvanSummerVillages.ca/uploads/8/8/0/5/88056186/bylaw_complaint_form_fillable.pdf. This way, it can be documented by Administration and brought forward to Council for discussion and possible action.

6: Land Use Bylaw and Open Space Master Plan

The Land Use Bylaw is complete and has been adopted by Council. The Bylaw Officer will soon be patrolling our streets and enforcing any infringements to this bylaw. The consultant hired by the Summer Village of Norglenwold is currently working on the Open Space Master Plan and the Dock and Mooring Policy. We hope to provide some information regarding this in the coming months and engage the community for input.

7: Communication

Communication between Council, Administration, and residents is integral to a well-functioning community. The Summer Village of Norglenwold again is respectfully asking you to share your email information with Administration so that you can be notified of important issues that arise during the year. The once-yearly mailouts with tax notifications are not sufficient.

8: Budget

At the December 2nd Council meeting, Council passed the 2023 budget resulting in a 3.5% tax increase or \$7.41 per \$100,000 assessment.

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Councillor