

From: Mayor Bob Thomlinson

Date: January 2019

Greetings from your Municipal Council in the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay. The following is a summary of our 2018 activities and some of the things we will be working on in 2019 for our community:

- ***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>

- ***New Online Tax and Utility Payments*** - In response to requests, you can now pay your property taxes and utility bill online from our website at <http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/jarvis-bay.html> Then just click on:



Please note that Municipal Affairs imposes regulations on how municipalities can accept payments using credit cards and financial instruments that charge fees. Our Summer Village has joined a growing number of municipalities and partnered with Plastiq to accept online payments from debit and credit cards. The short description is - you pay Plastiq and they pay the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay, all through a secure portal link from our website.

- ***2019 Interim Budget Approved*** – Council approved a 2019 Operating Municipal Budget which allows regular municipal business to continue into 2019. Council’s budget objective is to maintain a level tax rate year over year, to cover both municipal spending and school taxes. We don’t receive the annual ASFF (school tax) requisition until late January, so a final 2019 budget debate and approval typically occurs in February.
- ***Road Repaving*** – During the 2018 budget debate, Council approved an extensive repair and re-paving program, in the 3-year capital budget, for the municipal roads in the Summer Village. This work was expected to occur in stages from 2018 to 2020. However, our Public Works Department determined that it would be cheaper and less disruptive to re-pave all of Jarvis Bay Drive at one time in 2018. The Jarvis Bay Country Estates roads are newer and still assessed to be in good condition. These roads will be re-paved in future when required.
- ***Outlet Creek Pathway & Bridge*** – This project was completed, just in time for the first snow in October. Although we still have a few signs to install in the spring, the new pathway is open and should keep pedestrians and cyclists off Highway 20.
- ***Wastewater Update and Expected Cost Increases*** –The new wastewater pipeline to the Regional Treatment Facility in Red Deer is now under construction along Highway 11A. The new pipeline and lift station in the Town are expected to go into service in the spring.

When fully complete, the new regional system will reduce the environmental risks to Sylvan Lake, Cynet Creek and the Red Deer River. It has also been designed to handle the long-

term growth forecast for development around the lake. However, during the 5-year period from 2018 to the end of 2023, all Regional Wastewater Commission members will be incurring additional costs to finish the system around the lake and to reclaim the old wastewater treatment facility in the Town.

We currently forecast that our actual wastewater costs per attached dwelling in Jarvis Bay will be \$650.00/year in the years 2018 to 2023. Costs are then expected to drop in 2024 to about \$425.00/year. About 30% of our costs over that 5-year period will be directly related to infrastructure changes and expansion.

Council believes that infrastructure investments benefit all property owners, not just the ones attached to the wastewater system. Accordingly, Council expects to maintain wastewater utility rates for 2019 to 2023, at the forecasted 2024 cost of \$425.00/year. Council intends to use reserve funds to pay for the shortfall between wastewater utility revenues and the actual wastewater costs to the end of 2023.

- ***New Municipal Government Act Requirements*** – In 2016 the Alberta Legislature passed a series of amendments to the Municipal Government Act that we generally see as positive improvements. The changes range from mandatory training for new municipal councillors and members of Subdivision and Development Appeal Boards, to requiring written policies or bylaws on a wide range of topics, including Municipal Codes of Conduct.

There are also new requirements related to intermunicipal cooperation, regional infrastructure initiatives and cost sharing partnerships. These requirements have created a lot of new work for most municipal Administrations across the province. Fortunately, the Summer Village of Jarvis Bay has an excellent working relationship with our municipal partners around Sylvan Lake. The major projects to create the newly required Intermunicipal Development Plans and Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreements are proceeding well.

This should also answer questions about the reason behind all the new or revised policies, bylaws and planning documents. Most are required by the new Municipal Government Act.

- ***Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors*** – Council and the Sylvan Lake Fire Department wish to remind residents that you should have suitable 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.

- ***Solid Waste (Garbage) Containers*** – Council wishes to remind all residents that our Waste Disposal Bylaw 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.

- ***Septic Pump Life Span Risks*** - Council again wishes to remind everyone that our wastewater (sewer) system is now in its 20th 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.

- ***2019 Garbage & Recycling Schedules*** – The 2019 garbage and recycling schedules have been posted on the website, you can view them on our Public Works page at <http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/public-works3.html>. If there are any questions about these schedules, please contact the Summer Village Office.

Best regards,
Mayor Bob Thomlinson
Summer Village of Jarvis Bay, January 2019



Jarvis Bay Garbage Schedule 2019

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Pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility.

Take it Off

Reminding residents of the "Take it Off" program. With winter being in place, Summer Village Administration would like to encourage people to learn about the importance of taking their huts and garbage out before spring arrives. The Take it Off program is a great way to protect our water resources. Reminder that people do need to re-register each year to get the identification card. Registering is completely voluntary, and it ensures that each hut is accounted for at the end of ice fishing season, reducing the likelihood of ice huts falling through the ice in the spring and polluting the lake. This not only helps to protect the environment, but also ensures the safety of animals who depend on that water source, as well as lake users throughout

the year. Registration of huts also protects ice fishing huts from vandalism and theft and helps identify the owner of ice huts in the event of any issues related to the ice hut property.

The registration process is quick, easy and free of charge. Once completed an identification card will be mailed to each angler. Ice hut identification must be clearly displayed on the outside of each ice hut. Please contact Lacombe County if there are any changes in contact information.

HOW TO REGISTER?

To register an ice hut on Sylvan Lake please visit:

www.sylvanlake.ca/take-it-off

