

SPRING 2019 HALF MOON BAY NEWSLETTER



Another cold winter has passed and we welcome everyone back to the lake to start their annual spring cleanup for the summer. I predict the ice should come off the lake in the 2nd week of May if the present conditions remain. This seems to be a normal year overall. You can check out the Sylvan Lake Watershed news for information on the lake.

<https://slwssnews.wordpress.com/2017/12/10/what-happens-to-sylvan-lake-in-the-winter/>

NEW SIGN DESIGN/INSTALLATION IMPORTANT DEADLINE 2019 MAY 20TH FOR SUBMISSIONS

Council has grant funding to update and replace our current entrance signs and bulletin board. Working with Stantec Engineering, Council will submit designs to this firm to have a variety of sign replacement options ready for public consultation. We are seeking designs from the public. We are asking you to submit any designs you might have to the Village office. The cut off for submissions of designs and art work will be midnight on May 20th, 2019. Send all submissions to information@sylvansummervillages.ca or you can hand deliver or mail them to the Village office. They must be received by the deadline for consideration.

WASTEWATER LINE

Council continues to work on the Sylvan Lake Regional Waste Water collection system. Sunbreaker Cove is ready to start construction within their village and connect to the line that will open in June 2019 to the Red Deer treatment plant. Our Summer Village has hired Stantec Engineering to complete a conceptual design and cost estimate for a waste water collection system within the Village. The design work will be complete this spring and ready for public consultation in June. Based on

the Regional Waste Water Commission's recent business plan and operating model, we are looking at the 2022-2024 time frame to start construction on the waste water system within the Summer Village. This could move up or down depending on Government initiatives and grants.



FERAL CATS

With the help of local residents we have started to capture and spay the local cat population. Not all have been captured and we already know of at least one litter. Public Works is working with residents to get all the feral cats captured over the next few months and have them spayed/neutered.



BEACH AREAS & ACCESSIBILITY TO THE LAKE

At the last council meeting Stantec Engineering was in attendance and presented conceptual design options for the West Beach area.

Administration has applied for grant funding that will

cover the entire cost of the project and in the next few weeks residents will be able to view the options at the west beach, in the East Beach shelter and also at the Annual Information Meeting on June 8th. Public Consultation will be held during that time and residents will be able to provide feedback on the conceptual designs. Once grant funding is secured we will be able to proceed with the project.



VILLAGE INTERNET / WIFI

A representative from Missing Link Internet was at the last Council meeting to discuss the Fibre-Optic Internet installation. Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet from them. After a lengthy conversation we are able to provide you with the following information. - The internet installation has not yet started. Missing Link are waiting for the frost to be completely out of the ground as they are now plowing in the installation of the conduit backbone and require all ground to be frost free for a depth of 18".

- There is no timeline and work will be performed as built dependant on weather and other obstacles that may be encountered. Starting at the Hub in Kusomo the line (conduit) will be ran by plowing it in the ground to Range Road 390 (old Highway 11A), then to Range Road 21, down the west side to Half Moon Bay. Missing Link was unable to provide an exact start date but feel it will be within the next month. Only in certain areas will underground boring be completed.



- Once in Half Moon Bay they will run all of the main conduit lines within the Sub/Divisions and will be connecting the Sub/Divisions via a line run under the pathway system instead of along Half Moon Bay Drive. There are several reasons for this mostly dealing with the present underground utilities.



- While they are in our Village and are plowing in the main conduit backbone, Missing Link will plow the conduit lines to the residences that wish internet in the future and have signed up. The conduit will be coiled in the area where the service will enter the residence awaiting the installation of the fibre at a later date.

- Missing Link is then proceeding around the lake on the West side, around the North side and down the East side, through the town of Sylvan Lake ending at Norglenwold.

- Once the installation of the backbone conduit is completed and in the ground, Missing Link will again start at the Hub in Kusomo and pull the fibre optic line through the backbone conduit. The first Village that will have access to this system will be Half Moon Bay.

- Missing Link could not give a date on the completion regarding the installation of the conduit and could not give a time when the fibre optic cable may be pulled through the conduit and connected to the homes. They are hoping that they may be able to start pulling fibre by the end of 2019. It is also possible that the fibre may not be able to be pulled until the spring of 2020. The representative felt that Half Moon Bay should have it installed by June of 2020 but there were no guarantees.

- The cost for installing the conduit and eventually fibre optic cable to a residence/property is currently being offered for \$500.00, "Provided" that the installation can be done with a walk behind cable plow, the residence/property has a 1 year signed contract and the distance is not over 50m. Additional fees may be incurred if there is additional work required. This is something the home owner must work out with Missing Link.

- See the attached sheet for more information. Should residents wish to have the conduit and fibre installed to their property you are requested to call, email or go online to www.missinglinkinternet.ca and sign up.

Administration and Council are not endorsing Missing Link Internet over any of the other providers such as the Telus (Hub), Shaw Communications, Western Mobile +, Explore Net or any other option that residents can access. This is an individual choice and we are working with Missing Link to provide you as residents with another option. During installation and construction of the project, residents may notice some soil disturbance that Missing Link has promised will be restored to the original condition. Should you notice anything that is dangerous we ask you to advise our administration office immediately so that we can follow up.

LAND USE BYLAW & PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION

With any construction we would ask residents to call the administration office (403-887-2822) and ask if a permit is required. Virtually all construction unless it is a very small garden shed requires a permit and even a permanent garden shed on a foundation will require a permit and be subject to all the setbacks. The regulations have changed over the past number of years. With these changes, there are many older structures that are now non-compliant but allowed due to the age and time built. This does not mean that they can be rebuilt as they were. Just because your neighbour has it does not mean that it is presently allowed under the regulations. They may be exempted presently due to the age. The land use bylaw can be found on the web via the Summer Village website <http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/half-moon-bay.html> Or specifically at:

http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/uploads/8/8/0/5/88056186/half_moon_bay_lub_-_amended_2016.pdf

OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION

Taxes can be paid monthly through the Tax installment program but only if you register by December 31st of this year. Council recently agreed to accept payment for taxes via a credit card with the credit card transaction fee paid for by the ratepayer. The 2019 municipal operating budget was set last week with a 0% increase over 2018 on the Municipal side. We will not know the provincial school assessment until later in the spring which may change this.

We hope you have a great 2019 summer at the lake.

From your Council & Administration

WASTE TRANSFER SITE

2019 Garbage Schedule

http://www.sylvansummervillages.ca/uploads/8/8/0/5/88056186/half_moon_bay_garbage_2019.pdf

The waste transfer site north of Eckville will take most large waste and information can be found on it via this link. <http://www.lrwsc.ca/index.php/transfer-sites/eckville>

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES

Want to sign up to hear about the recent updates on the Half Moon Bay website or any notices you need to know about via email?

The sign up fields can be found at this link:

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





Missing Link Internet is proud to bring
Fibre Optic Internet to Sylvan Lake.

Over the course of the 2019/2020 build seasons we will be installing conduits and vaults in the ground from Norglenwold to Jarvis Bay via Sunbreaker Cove.

The actual fibre will be put into the conduits when we are either done installing the conduits or the weather is bad enough to stop ground work.

We will be starting in Kuusamo spring of 2019 as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

The project will progress through Half Moon Bay and around the lake ending in Jarvis bay.

The backbone portion of this project will be completed by March 2021 as per our agreement with the Federal government.

For a limited time we are offering a \$500 Install

In order to qualify the following is required:

- up to 50 meters of conduit length
- installed with the walk behind cable plow
- 1 year contract for service.

We will be canvassing the different areas as we come through.

Don't wait, get your name on the install list today!

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