SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 EMAIL UPDATE

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2026
9:00 am
#2 Erickson Drive, Sylvan Lake
Click here for zoom link
Link to all agendas

Development Updates:

New Notices of Development:

8 Hummingbird Lane
Variance Request - Hot Tub (Amendment)
There is a 21 Day appeal period.
Click here for supporting documents.

3 Hummingbird Lane
Discretionary Use - Tourist Home
There is a 21 Day appeal period.
Click here for supporting documents.

Contact:
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for appeal questions.

Speedbumps:

Council spent significant time discussing residents' safety concerns about vehicle speeds on Lakeview Road. Council agreed that these concerns deserve attention. Council has approved a balanced approach to the issue.

1 - Improve visibility and sightlines for pedestrians and drivers by clearing brush within 1.5m of the roadway, with additional clearing where pathways connect to the road.

2 - Install an approved speedbump at the location already identified by nearby residents. This traffic calming measure will be removed in mid-September.

3 - Temporarily install a digital speed display sign on Lakeview Road in the area of concern. This will improve driver's awareness on the speed they are travelling. Administration is currently working on repairs to the speed sign to make it operational and will bring it to Half Moon Bay when possible.

We appreciate the feedback we've received and encourage residents to continue bringing forward their ideas and concerns.

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Regional Water Supply Planning Update

Information for Residents

The Town of Sylvan Lake has applied for licences to develop additional groundwater wells. The JSC retained WaterSMART Solutions Ltd. to conduct an independent review of the available technical information and submitted a formal Statement of Concern.

The Joint Services Committee will be requesting that the Province and the Town consider long-term sustainability, cumulative effects, future regional planning and continued collaboration.

WaterSMART recognized the significant technical work completed while identifying areas where additional consideration would strengthen long-term regional planning.

The Joint Services Committee supports the Town of Sylvan Lake's efforts to secure a sustainable long-term potable water supply. The Committee's objective is to ensure that long-term regional water planning continues through a collaborative, science-based process that considers the interests of all municipalities within the Sylvan Lake watershed.

Maintaining the Statement of Concern allows the Committee to continue participating constructively in the provincial review process while regional planning and collaboration continue.

The Summer Villages remain committed to working collaboratively with the Town of Sylvan Lake, neighbouring municipalities, the SLRWWC and the Province.

Roger Dufresne, Mayor of Birchcliff and Chair of the Joint Services Committee

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Dear Half Moon Bay Residents,

The Summer Village of Half Moon Bay is a unique lakeside community that values the long-term environmental health of Sylvan Lake while meeting the needs of both permanent and seasonal residents. Protecting our lake, our groundwater aquifer, and the value of our properties is a responsibility we all share.

One of the long-term environmental challenges facing lakeside communities is the continued reliance on individual septic fields. As these systems age, they present an increasing risk to groundwater and, ultimately, Sylvan Lake. Connecting to a regional wastewater system is an important step in protecting our environment for future generations while helping preserve property values and the enjoyment of our community.

The Summer Village has now received confirmation that the Sylvan Lake Regional Water/Wastewater Commission (SLRWWC) has secured the provincial funding required to construct the regional wastewater line that will serve Half Moon Bay. With this funding in place, Council has directed Administration to proceed with the planning and implementation of Half Moon Bay's internal wastewater collection system.

Our objective is to have the system operational in late 2027, aligning with the SLRWWC construction schedule. While the municipal system may be ready at that time, residents will be provided additional time to complete the connection of their properties.

Council and Administration have been preparing for the possibility of this project for several years. A conceptual design has been completed, along with an order-of-magnitude cost estimate. Funding for a significant portion of the project has already been identified through government grants, Half Moon Bay reserve funds, and previously approved debt financing. At its most recent meeting, Council directed Administration to issue Requests for Proposals for a Project Manager and an Engineering Consultant. These appointments will allow the project to move into detailed design and procurement.

As this work progresses, additional information will become available. Residents can expect updates on construction timing, construction methods, property connections, septic tank inspections, septic field decommissioning, homeowner responsibilities, estimated costs, and other important project details. Similar wastewater projects have been successfully completed

in the other Summer Villages around Sylvan Lake, and we will draw on their experience and lessons learned throughout this process.

Keeping residents informed will remain a priority. Over the past several years, Council has shared information through Council agendas and meetings, community discussions, and regular updates. We recognize that many residents will have questions as the project moves forward.

To help answer those questions, Council will host a public information session. The session will provide an overview of the project, explain why it is being undertaken, review the current project schedule and funding, discuss anticipated costs, and outline what residents can expect over the coming months. We also intend to have technical experts available to answer questions.

This project represents a significant investment in Half Moon Bay's future. By working together, we can protect Sylvan Lake and our groundwater resources while ensuring our community remains a desirable place to live and enjoy for many years to come.

Thank you for your continued interest and support as we move through this important project.

Sincerely,

Jon Johnston
Mayor
Summer Village of Half Moon Bay

The Sylvan Lake Regional Water/Wastewater Commission is pleased to announce that the Government of Alberta has committed $18.4 million through the Water for Life program to complete the final phase of the regional wastewater system. This investment will connect Eckville, Summer Village of Half Moon Bay, and parts of Lacombe County, advancing a regional vision more than 20 years in the making. The final phase is estimated at $20.4 million, with the system expected to be operational in late 2027.

Commission Chair Mike Pashak said, “We sincerely thank Minister Dreeshen and Minister Nixon for their support. This investment provides a low-cost wastewater solution, protects our drinking water and Sylvan Lake, and delivers lasting benefits for the entire region.”