



Summer Village of Grandview

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Greetings from your Council

The year 2020 is rapidly coming to an end, and what a year it was! Much progress was made in our Summer Village on many fronts but all under the shadow of the pandemic. Our wastewater project has been finished, and most residents are now utilizing the system. Our Municipal Development Plan has been completed, and we are nearing completion of the Intermunicipal Development Plan. An Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework has been signed with our neighbouring municipalities to provide a framework of cooperation and sharing of services. The restrictions imposed by the COVID 19 virus have been managed so that the affairs of our municipality could continue. The highlights of the year are outlined below.

Wastewater News

The final inspection of the contract work on the village wastewater system was done in mid-October, and all outstanding issues have been addressed. As part of this inspection, all cc valves were operated and any necessary repairs/adjustments were made. A few landscaping deficiencies were also corrected. All of the construction contracts will be finalized in the next few months. Pump installation and commissioning is in the final stages of completion for this year. We now have a total of 193 pumps installed (90% of total) and 179 commissioned (83% of total). Frost plugs will be installed in tanks before the end of November. This should be the end of the pump installations until work resumes in the spring of 2021.

As a reminder to those with shallow tanks that have had heat tape installed, **be sure to plug in your heat tape** to avoid any freezing problems. This is important to assure the smooth winter operation of your on-lot wastewater system. Tanks that have been installed to the depth specified in provincial regulations should not require heat tape.

If any information is required on the winter operation of your wastewater system, don't hesitate to contact Don Davidson at 403-860-1050.

COVID 19 Precautions

Grandview has followed the guidance of Alberta Health Services throughout the year for our COVID 19 response. Our playground was closed for a period of time until management guidelines for the pandemic were established. Since we have only residential properties, the main efforts were to reinforce guidelines for social distancing and limiting of social gatherings. The province has recently announced additional restrictions and guidelines because of the increases in reported cases of COVID 19. Only a few of the new recommendations concerning social gatherings apply to our Summer Village. Although masks have not been made mandatory by the province, everyone is strongly encouraged to always wear a mask when in public. This small effort will help prevent this terrible scourge from finding its way into the Pigeon Lake area.

Leslie Ellis Life Membership in ASVA

We are pleased to announce that one of Grandview's residents, Ms. Leslie Ellis, has been recognized by the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) with a lifetime membership for her dedicated service to our community and to the ASVA. Leslie has previously served on the Summer Village council including a term as Mayor. She has also served as president of the ASVA and held the executive position of Past President. Leslie has shown her commitment to watershed stewardship and continues to support improvements in our lake community. We extend our congratulations to Leslie.

Docks and Lifts Policy

Currently, authorization is required from Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) for the temporary placement of docks and lifts in provincial waterbodies. To simplify this process, AEP is currently finalizing the Disturbance Standard docks and lifts placed in front of private lots adjacent to provincial waters, including those with a municipal shoreline reserve at the front. If the conditions of the Disturbance Standard are met, no further approval would be necessary. The Department is currently inviting interested parties to participate in a survey to help finalize this policy. The survey can be found on the Grandview website.

For other persons, such as back lot residents, approval from AEP for each installation will continue to be required. The proposed procedure will require these persons to first obtain written consent from the owner of the waterfront land (either the Summer Village or a private lot owner) and then apply to the AEP for final approval. In conjunction with this policy, the Summer Village will be issuing new procedures for the storage of docks and lifts on municipal property. These are required to maintain control of who is using municipal property for storage of equipment. As we want to ensure that Grandview residents have preference when placing their equipment in the water and when storing it on municipal property, your cooperation is appreciated as we implement these procedures. Sharing of docks is strongly encouraged so that everyone can enjoy our lake. More news on this will be provided in the spring.

Did You Know?

- The County of Wetaskiwin maintains ice and water rescue equipment for Pigeon Lake. This equipment is operated by the Pigeon Lake Fire Departments. The Summer Village of Grandview provides annual support for this rescue service. For emergency services, always call 911.
- The Summer Village of Grandview has supported the request of the Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools (WRPS) to Alberta Transportation for a speed limit review for the section of Hwy 13 between the Village at Pigeon Lake and the Lakedell School. This is a very busy intersection with traffic from the fire department, the school, the Farmers' Market, and three summer villages.
- Pigeon Lake outflowed for most of the summer. The maximum lake elevation reached in June was 850.18 m ASL. The elevation at freeze-up was 849.88 m ASL. This year-end elevation is 10 cm higher than at the end of 2019. This year, the lake broke up on May 3rd and froze over on November 9th.
- During the months from November through April, there is garbage pickup every second month. Please do not place your bins on the driving surface as it will impact any required snow clearing. You can find the schedule on from the Summer Village website.

- Grandview is pursuing an arrangement with the County of Wetaskiwin to allow village residents to take waste to the Lakedell transfer station for a fee. Details will be provided in the spring.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable winter and look forward to seeing residents enjoying the season at Pigeon Lake. Please don't hesitate to contact a member of Council if further information is required or if you have a suggestion for our Summer Village.

Don, Hugh, and Ken