



# Summer Village of Ghost Lake Newsletter

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April 2014

## Upcoming Council Meetings

Council's organizational and regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Meetings commence at 5:00 pm and are held at the Community Services Building 601 Ghost Lake Village. Please check the Village Notice Board or call the Village Office to ensure that the meeting will be held.

*All Council meetings are open to the public. If you would like to attend a meeting to observe Council, please feel free to drop by. If you would like to speak with Council on a specific matter, please contact the Village Office one week prior to the meeting to be placed on the agenda.*

## Annual General Meeting

The Village Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 21, 2014** at the Community Services Building. The meeting will commence at **1:00 pm** to discuss the civic business of the Village from the past year.

Minutes from last year's meeting are now available on the village website and the agenda for the 2014 meeting will be available after June 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would like a copy of these items in advance of the meeting, is asked to contact the Village Office at (403) 554-5515 or download them from [www.ghostlake.ca](http://www.ghostlake.ca).

## 2014 Tax Notices will be in the Mail by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The tax rates have been set for 2014. The municipal portion of the taxes increased 5% in 2014 which included adding \$5,000 to the Capital Works Reserve. The Summer Village saw a 3.8% decrease in school requisition in 2014. **The overall 2014 Tax Revenue is decreasing by .05%**

This year's *municipal* budget will bring in \$78,955 in taxes and the school requisitions, determined by the Province and Calgary Catholic School Board will bring in \$122,068.

*Actual rate increases will vary from property to property depending on the assessment changes experience on each individual property.*



**Please note taxes are due on JUNE 30, 2014.** There will be a 10% penalty assessed on all taxes that are received with a postmark that is after June 30<sup>th</sup>. We accept post dated cheques so if you normally

pay at the end of June, you are encouraged to mail a post dated cheque dated June 30<sup>th</sup> and we will hold your payment until that date.

## Pay Your Taxes Online

Many residents have inquired about paying their taxes online. There are 2 ways to pay online:

1. If you have an account at a TD Canada Trust branch, you are able to set up the Summer Village of Ghost Lake as a Payee on your web banking portfolio. If you are interested, please contact the Village Office and we can provide you with the information that your TD Canada Trust branch requires to set up Ghost Lake as a payee.
2. Pay through Telpay. For residents that are not TD Canada Trust customers you are able to pay online through a secure website bill payment company called Telpay. There is a 50 cent fee for using this service. If you are interested in this service please visit [www.telpay.ca](http://www.telpay.ca) then click on personal and click "sign up now" It takes a few days to complete set up – so don't leave it to the last day. Register once and you are good for future year tax bills too!

*NOTE: When paying online and by telpay make sure your payments are made at least 4 days PRIOR to tax deadline date to allow for processing time.*

**NOTE: If you have not received your Tax Notice in the mail by May 12<sup>th</sup>, please contact the Village Office**

Village Office Box 19554 RPO South Cranston, Calgary, Alberta T3M 0V4 Phone (403) 554-5515 Fax (403) 206-7209  
email [admin@ghostlake.ca](mailto:admin@ghostlake.ca)

Mayor: Brian Oblak (403) 275-5007 Deputy Mayor: Warren Wilson 403 803-9770 Councillor: Noel Betts (403) 881-3839

## Financial Statement 2013

2013 Financial Statements are available for download from the village website at [www.ghostlake.ca](http://www.ghostlake.ca) or by contacting the Village Office

## Public Works Update

**Spring Clean Up ...**The Annual Spring Workbee will be held on **Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>** to clean up public lands. Please meet at the Community Services Building 601 Ghost Lake Village at **10:00am**.

**Shoreline Erosion...**We are hoping to complete the shoreline erosion project this spring with another load of rocks placed on the shoreline. There is a heavy demand for rip rap this year from communities affected by last year's flooding, so we are unsure if we can secure a load of rocks.

**Dock Space Expansion...**the Dock Sub-Committee is continuing with ongoing work towards expansion of dock space for residents. No major expansion plans are scheduled for 2014. The Sub-committee has come forward with a modification to Option H, which can be found on the website at [http://www.ghostlake.ca/uploads/2014\\_Ghost\\_Lake\\_Dock\\_Area\\_H\\_Mod\\_2\\_.pdf](http://www.ghostlake.ca/uploads/2014_Ghost_Lake_Dock_Area_H_Mod_2_.pdf)

The Sub-Committee has requested a \$10,000 budget to commence planning work for the expansion and possibly widening the breakwater entrance into the new marina area. Council is considering using funds from the Capital Works Reserve, however have tabled the request until the Village enters into a new lease with TransAlta (current lease expires this summer)

## Village Social Life Update

**Trade Show ...FIRST EVER** in Ghost Lake – showcasing business residents either work for or own on **May 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4:00** at the Community Services Building.

Let's support one another within our small community of Ghost Lake Village. Sign up for a table to display products or services from the business that you own or work for. Display and promote hobby crafts that you are willing to sell. Give out samples, brochures and business

cards. Offer a prize draw for people to enter. The people of Ghost Lake offer insurance, landscaping, plant maintenance, nutritional supplements and advice, window cleaning and more. We have an amazing artist in the village, but we really don't know enough about each other and what we do. So, come out to promote, support and/or learn about the businesses in which Ghost Lake Villagers are involved in.

Table Set Up – 1:30 Trade Show – 2:30 to 4:00 Followed by a BBQ at the Windsurf Beach (*see next article*)

Any questions on the Trade Show, please contact Robyn at [robyn@meninkilts.com](mailto:robyn@meninkilts.com)

**Casual Bar-B-Que ...**A casual "Bring Your Own Everything" Bar-B-Que will be held at the Windsurf Beach on **May 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30 pm**. Bring your own Food, Refreshments and lawnchairs. The Village will be supplying the bon-fire.

*Great time to catch up with your Ghost Lake neighbours after a very long winter .....*

**2014 Regatta....**Leah Fink has kindly offered to coordinate the 2014 Regatta to be held on the long weekend in August.

Please watch for more information as August approaches

## Council Update

**Summer Road Project....**Council will be meeting with road contractors this spring to identify options for upgrading the surface on existing roads. If options and prices look good, you may see some surface improvements this summer!

**Forever Corner is *Moving*.....**Council reviewed concepts for the Forever Corner which was being planned near the Community Services Building. The new design includes a four post gazebo structure, which prompted Council to consider a more serene setting. A site now being considered is by the windsurf beach.

Council will be putting together mock up designs and will encourage your feedback at the Annual Meeting in June.

**Speed Bumps and Signs....**To help curb speeding on the Village roadways, Council will be installing additional signs reminding residents to slow down and also some speed bumps in areas where speeding is known to occur. Watch for signs and bumps being installed soon.



Vehicle Speed	Odds of Pedestrian Fatality
30 km per hour	5%
50 km per hour	45%
65 km per hour	85%

## Building, Gas, Electrical, Plumbing & Sewage Permits

Effective June 17<sup>th</sup> Alberta Municipal Affairs will be assuming responsibility for Safety Codes permits in Ghost Lake. You will still obtain Development Permits from Planning Protocol but you can apply for your Safety Codes permits from any of the Municipal Affairs recognized agencies. *Note: Davis Inspection is a recognized permitting agency by Municipal Affairs.*

## Emergency Broadcast Phone Update

Anytime there is an update to your phone numbers contacts who should be advised of an emergency by the Village, please submit updates to the Village Office. An Update form is available for download on the website. Depending on your browser software, you may be able to submit the form automatically from the website, or save and email it to the Village. If you are not sure which phone numbers are registered for your property, simply submit a new form and we'll compare it against our records.

[http://www.ghostlake.ca/uploads/Emergency\\_Phone\\_Broadcast\\_Fillable\\_Form\\_distributed\\_0001.pdf](http://www.ghostlake.ca/uploads/Emergency_Phone_Broadcast_Fillable_Form_distributed_0001.pdf)

## Lake Level

TransAlta has advised that this year the lake level will be down. If you have any dock anchor work that needs to be done— this might be a good time to undertake that work.

## Flood Mitigation

The Province has posted the Bow Basin Flood Mitigation and Watershed Management Final

Report on their website. Residents are encouraged to review the report online.

<http://www.albertawater.com/bow-basin-flood-mitigation-and-watershed-management-project-final-report>

A copy is also available for viewing at the Ghost Lake Library (*please do not remove from the library*)

## Help Wanted Seasonal Labourer

The Village has an opening this summer for a seasonal labourer to cut grass and perform maintenance work on Village property. Flexible hours. Anyone interested in this position is asked to submit a resume to the Village Office by **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. The competition is open to all. Rate of pay: \$14.00 per hour.

## Supervisors for Seasonal Labourer

Although we are no longer receiving funding under the STEP employment program, the Village would like to have a supervisor for the summer worker under the Work Alone regulations. The past few years it has proved quite successful having individuals take turns one week at a time supervising. If you are interested in helping out this year, please contact the Village Office 403-554-5515 or [admin@ghostlake.ca](mailto:admin@ghostlake.ca) and let us know which week(s) you are available to help out.

The work program is flexible, so work schedules can be tailored around what works best for both the worker and supervisor.

## Let's Talk *Trash*.....

### Burn Pile

Please place your trees and branches on the burn pile *not* in the garbage bins or in the compost pile. No construction debris and definitely no nails or spikes (many of your fellow neighbours that have volunteered to look after the Burn Pile have had to repair tires because of nails and spikes founds in the debris.)

Also, do not place ashes in the burn pile. If not completely cooled, the ashes can cause an unexpected fire putting your home and your neighbour's home at risk.

**Be sure that all ashes have thoroughly cooled** before you dispose of them. A suggestion is to place ashes in a lidded metal container to prevent a possible fire and provide a sturdy place to store them. Ashes make good fertilizer in gardens, flowerbeds, etc.

**Regular Garbage Bins are for Household Garbage Only....** Disposing of garbage at the garbage bin site at Ghost Lake Village is restricted to only household garbage and only when placed into the garbage bins. Do not leave any garbage along side the regular bins. The contractors will not pick up those materials and your neighbours end up having to clean up after you!

**Compost Pile...**When disposing of grass clippings or leaves, please place them on top of the existing compost pile instead of beside it to avoid making the compost area larger than needed.

**Recycling...**The Cochrane Eco Centre is open to Ghost Lake Residents

Located at 50 Griffin Industrial Point  
Wed-Sat 8 am – 6 pm (closed holidays)

The Cochrane **Waste and Recycling Hotline** is available 24/7 at 403-851-2277

### **Quick Reference Numbers**

FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE	911
GAS - COCHRANE LAKE	403-932-2707
POWER - FortisAlberta	310-WIRE (9473)
COCHRANE HEALTH CENTRE	403-851-6000
ALBERTA ROAD CONDITIONS	511
FIRE BAN INFORMATION LINE 1-866-FYI-FIRE (1-866-394-3473)	
HIGHWAY ROAD BAN INFORMATION LINE 1-855-ROADBAN (1-855-762-3226)	
POISON CONTROL INFORMATION CENTRE 1-800-332-1414	
ALBERTA HEALTH LINK INFORMATION CENTRE 403-943-LINK (5465)	
ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES HOTLINE 1-800-222-6514	

## **Reminders:**

### **Village Boulevards**

Please be respectful of Village boulevards and avoid driving on the grassed areas when the ground is soft or wet.

### **Weed Control**

Reminder that we are now required to monitor noxious weeds in the Village. Property owners will be required to *destroy* weeds identified as Prohibited Noxious on their property and *control* weeds identified as Noxious. For description of noxious weeds please visit the Village website [www.ghostlake.ca](http://www.ghostlake.ca) and click on the section "Links"

### **Clean Up After Your Dog**

We now have dog baggie stations in the Village. Please pick up after your pooch when off your own property. Be respectful of fellow Villagers and of the animal control bylaw.

### **Fire Insurance**

Reminder - if there is a fire on your property and fire trucks are called in from the MD and Cochrane, Council may forward the cost of fire fighting to you. Please check with your fire insurance provider to determine if you have adequate coverage. Cost of fire fighting can add up into thousands of dollars – please make sure you are adequately protected.

### **Development in the Village**

Summer is construction season. Are you thinking of some improvements to your place? Most improvements will require a development permit and/or a building permit. For development permits please contact Planning Protocol at **(403) 230-5522** If you happen to commence development without the appropriate permits you could be faced with double permit fees or the expense of removing the development if it does not meet land use specifications or building code regulations.  
**Plan ahead**