



Summer Village of Ghost Lake Newsletter

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May 2018

2018 Tax Notices will be in the Mail on May 16th

The tax rates have been set for 2018. The municipal portion of the taxes increased 2.5 % in 2018. The Summer Village saw a 4.5% increase in school requisition in 2018. **The overall 2018 Tax Revenue is increasing by 3.6%**

This year's *municipal* budget will levy \$96,704 in taxes and the *school requisitions*, determined by the Province and Calgary Catholic School Board will levy \$125,761.

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

Please note taxes are due on JUNE 30, 2018.

There will be a 10% penalty assessed on all taxes that are received with a postmark that is after June 30th. 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 30th and we will hold your payment until that date.

How to Pay Your Taxes

1. **By mail** - send cheque to the Village Office.
2. **Pay Online** at Telpay. - go to www.telpay.ca click *Telpay Online* -- click *Get Started* click *Sign Up* The Summer Village of Ghost Lake payee account 0074397. *New account set up takes a few days to process so don't leave the set up to last few days or your payment will be late.* Service fees apply.
3. **In person** at any TD Canada Trust Bank. Take your tax notice with you and ask the bank teller to deposit your cheque into the bank account number shown on the bottom of your tax notice. Make sure to keep your receipt. Please email finance@ghostlake.ca to let us know you paid at the bank.
4. **TD Canada Trust Customers** – set up the Summer Village as a Payee on your web banking portfolio. If you are interested,

please contact TD web banking and let them know you want to set up a personal payee The *Village Bank Account details they require are listed on the bottom of your tax notice*

5. E-Transfer – use finance@ghostlake.ca when making an e-transfer, also include your tax roll number. Check with your bank for instructions and fees for e-transfers.

NOTE: When paying online, e-transfer or telpay make sure your payments are made at least 4-5 days PRIOR to tax deadline date to allow for processing time. When paying by mail, make sure your envelope is postmarked on or before June 30th.

NOTE: If you have not received your Tax Notice in the mail by May 23rd, please contact the Village Office.

Annual General Meeting – Saturday June 16th - 10:30 am

The Village Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 16, 2018** at the Community Services Building. The meeting will commence at **10:30 am** to discuss the civic business of the Village from the past year.

Minutes from last year's meeting are now available on www.ghostlake.ca and the agenda for the 2018 meeting will be available after June 10th. 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 (403) 510-8083 or download them from www.ghostlake.ca.

Annual Spring Clean-up Saturday May 26

Meet at the Community Services Building at 9 am for safety meeting. Please bring gloves, hat, sunscreen and water.

Depending on the job you are assigned to, long pants and closed toe shoes may be required.

Weed Management Program

Dandelions - will be sprayed on the golf course and horse shoe pit lands on Tuesday, May 22nd (weather permitting).

Noxious Weeds – in mid June, Prairie Environmental will be in the Village to check on the weed growth and if there is sufficient weed leaf development they will post signs with the timing planned for the spraying with an alternate day in case of rain.

Please note that according to the Weed Control Act RSA, the Summer Village of Ghost Lake is responsible to ensure that noxious weeds are controlled on lands within the Summer Village. Landowners are responsible for controlling noxious weeds on their own property. Council has approved a weed control management program for public lands. 2018 is the second year of the program and is being implemented by Prairie Environmental.

Private lands - If there are weed infestations on private property that individuals want treated at the same time as the public lands, please contact Prairie Environmental ahead of mid June to arrange for action the day the public lands are being sprayed. The cost of spraying on private lands, will be the landowner's responsibility and payment arrangements made directly between landowner and Prairie Environmental. Prairie Environmental can be contacted at info@prairieenvironmental.com

Want to get Involved?

Council invites residents to serve on the following Boards and Committees:
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
Assessment Review Board
Committees:

- Fire Prevention & First Response
- Communications & Village Social Life
- Natural Environment & Lake Stewardship
- Public Works
- Emergency Planning

Contact the Village Office for more information or visit the website for each of the Committee's webpage



Keep up-to-date on Fire Bans

Visit www.AlbertaFireBans.ca for up to date information on fire bans at Ghost Lake and

across Alberta

There is a new app available for smartphones. Look for Alberta FireBans with this logo to download and set up notifications.

Communications & Village Social Life News

The Social Committee would like to announce our first organized Social Event! As it is our mission to build community engagement & increase health and wellness, we're excited to invite everyone to join our Ghost Lake Golf League We TEE off this weekend! Members can golf any time, once a week, and keep score. They can enjoy lessons from a Pro (date to be announced) and play in our Fall Classic in Sept., where the Big Bertha Award will be presented.

People can sign up by emailing robyncarrier@shaw.ca or they can follow the fun on the svghostlake facebook page*. If they aren't a member, they should become one! And invite a friend too. We will keep and follow scores on the Events Page (coming soon).

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Municipal Development Plan

Work will be starting soon creating The Summer Village's Municipal Development Plan. Birch Consulting has been engaged to create the Plan. Members have been appointed to the Ad-Hoc Steering Committee and they will be providing input to the planner to ensure the plan reflects the wishes of the community. *Watch for more information.*

Seniors Week June 3rd – 9th

Seniors make a difference in our community every day. From supporting neighbours and volunteering, seniors are deeply involved in the community and their contributions benefit Villagers of all ages.

Take time to thank our Seniors!

Rural Crime Watch Attending the Ghost Lake AGM June 16

Representatives from the Rural Crime Watch and RCMP will be at our Annual Meeting. Memberships will also be available for purchase that day. *Join us to learn more about the program.*

The Ghost Valley group is also holding a Crime Watch information session on May 26 – everyone is invited

Come and join us for a morning of information!

RURAL CRIME PREVENTION

May 26, 2018 – 9:30 – 12:00 Noon

What can you do? What is being done in your community? Come out to hear from the RCMP and from Fish and Wildlife what is being done to reduce crime in our community.

Who will attend:

- RCMP** – Sargent Tom Kalis, Cochrane Crime Prevention Unit

 - What it is
 - What it does
 - Why it works
- FISH AND WILDLIFE** – Officer Matthew Visentin, Cochrane-Canmore District

 - What has changed
 - What is the same
 - What is the plan for the area
- RURAL CRIME WATCH** – Cochrane Foothills Protective Association

 - Available to answer questions
 - Information on the Rural Crime Watch Program

Location: Beaupre Community Hall, 263035 Beaupre Creek Road
 Contact: Sharon MacDonald – GhostValleyCommunity@gmail.com
 In partnership with Beaupre Community Association & Ghost Valley Community

Modified operations at Ghost Reservoir

Emergency Water Supply

The Province has brought into the Village a high capacity pump and water line for emergency water supply to be accessed for fire fighting purposes during low water.

Monitoring Lake Levels

On your computer:

<http://www.environment.alberta.ca/apps/basins/DisplayData.aspx?Type=Figure&BasinID=8&DataType=3&StationID=RGHOSRES>

On your Smartphone – download the app from <http://open.alberta.ca/interact/alberta-rivers-data-and-advisories>

Garbage and Recycle bins

Garbage Bins – accepts normal household waste derived from regular day to day household activity. This doesn't include construction debris, old appliances, etc.

Recycle Bin – Residents can place the following items in the Recycle Bin:

Paper and Cardboard (*please breakdown boxes to make room for more items*)

Plastic jugs, bottles, packaging and food containers - with the recycling symbol 1-7

Plastic bags, plastic wrap, bubble wrap - Bundle into one plastic bag and tie closed.

Glass – bottles and jars - Must be bagged and tie closed

The recycle bin CANNOT accept wood, styrofoam, metal, organics or plate glass

EMERGENCY: AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE, HAZARDOUS GOODS	911
NEAREST TOWN	Cochrane
RCMP – non-emergency	403 932 2211
NEAREST HOSPITALS (24 hr)	403 944 1110 (Foothills Calgary) 403 678 5536 (Canmore)
AIR & AMBULANCE LINK & STARS	1 888 888 4567 or *4567 on cell
ALTA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY	1 866 618 2362 403 2976470 403 815 9665
ERCB (oil & gas related incidents only)	403 297-8303
REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY – CALGARY	403 943 8060
POISON CONTROL	1 800 332 1414
FOREST FIRE	310 FIRE (3473)
RECEPTION EVACUATION CENTRE – BEAUPRE HALL	403 932 5497
OILSPILL CO-OP AREA P	1 866 541 8888 403 203 3366
COCHRANE LAKE GAS COOP	403 932 2707
FORTIS TROUBLE	1 855 333 9473
ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES	1 800 222 6515

Clean, Drain, Dry Your Boat

Aquatic invasive species, such as zebra or quagga mussels, can be spread from one waterbody to another via the standing water in boats and other watercraft that have not been properly cleaned, drained and dried between uses.

The microscopic forms of these mussels, called veligers, can survive in a watercraft's standing water for days. If this standing water mixes with water in the waterbody you are boating on, that waterbody may potentially become infested.

Take these three easy steps to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and diseases:

Clean

- Clean and inspect watercraft, trailer and gear.
- Remove all mud, sand, and plant materials before leaving the shore.
- Rinse, scrub or pressure wash your boat, kayak or canoe away from storm drains, ditches or waterways. Use hot water if possible (maximum of 60C).

Drain

- On land, before leaving the waterbody, drain all water from:
 - Bait buckets
 - Ballasts
 - Bilges
 - Coolers
 - Internal compartments
 - Livewells, etc
- Drain non-motorized watercraft by inverting or tilting the watercraft, opening compartments and removing seats if necessary.

Dry

- Dry the watercraft and gear completely between trips and allow the wet areas of your boat to air dry
- Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water

Pull the Plug

In Alberta it is illegal to transport your watercraft with the drain plug still in place.

Watercraft users must demonstrate upon inspection that their watercraft has been drained of standing water. Those who fail to comply may be subject to a court appearance and fined up to \$100,000

Reminders:

False Alarms

If you have a security monitoring system and a Fire Department is called out – costs associated with responding to a false alarm will be billed back to the property owner.

Landlords

Please ensure that your tenants are aware of the Village rules and regulations. Also ask them to register with the Village Office, their phone numbers for the Emergency Broadcast Service and their emails to receive Village news.

Fire Insurance

Reminder - if there is a fire on your property and fire trucks are called in to respond to the fire, 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 to thousands of dollars – please make sure you are adequately protected.

Development in the Village – Plan Ahead

Are you thinking of making improvements to your place? Most improvements will require a development permit and/or a building permit.

For development permits please contact Rod at 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. **For more information on applying for building, gas, plumbing, sewage and electrical permits,** check out the following website:

<http://www.safetycodes.ab.ca/Public/Pages/CodesPermits.aspx>

Off Road Vehicles

Please note that off highway vehicles (including ATV's) are not permitted on public lands except

- for the sole purpose of servicing a boat in the lake or launching a boat or
- removing a boat from the lake,
- solely for gaining access to or leaving the frozen waters of the lake by way of the boat launch or
- when working with a Village sanctioned work crew on a project.

NOTE: Go-carts and golf carts are not allowed on Village roads at any time, pursuant to Provincial regulations