



Summer Village of Ghost Lake Newsletter

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Fire Advisory still in effect

On July 24th the Summer Village issued the following Fire Advisory

The Summer Village of Ghost Lake warns residents that forecasted hot dry conditions or a short-term concern like a major wind event may increase the fire hazard level and lead to a more restrictive fire ban. During a fire advisory, open fires are allowed, but residents are reminded to be extra vigilant.

Residents are reminded to always practice fire safety:

1. Soaking the area adjacent to the fire pit with water is recommended.
2. Closely supervise all outdoor fires. Make sure the fire fully extinguished and out, before leaving.
3. Supervise children around any fire outdoors, including campfires, fire pits, chimneys, and outdoor fireplaces.
4. Before starting a fire pit fire, have a bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to extinguish the fire.
5. To put out a fire pit fire...Soak it, stir it, soak it again.



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.

Municipal Development Plan Resident Survey



Recent changes to Provincial legislation requires all municipalities to adopt a municipal development plan (MDP). An MDP is a long range, statutory document that is required to be adopted by bylaw by every municipality, no matter how large or small the population. The municipal development plan communicates the long term desired land use for a community and serves a high-level blueprint showing how a community is expected to change over time and the shape it will take in the future.

Your input is important!

The first opportunity to participate in the process is through the Resident Survey.

The Survey can be accessed the following ways:

- Click [here](#) for the link
- Go to www.ghostlake.ca/municipal-development-plan/
- Email survey@ghostlake.ca to request a paper copy

**Please complete surveys by Monday
September 3, 2018**

Weed Management Program

The final round of spraying for the 2018 Weed Control Management Program will occur August 30 – 31, weather dependent. This will be a spot spraying campaign, targeting toadflax and Canada thistle in the green belt adjacent to the highway.

Village Office Box 19554 RPO South Cranston, Calgary, Alberta T3M 0V4
Phone (403) 554-5515 [Until August 31 2018] (403) 510-8083 [starting September 1, 2018] Fax (403) 206-7209
email admin@ghostlake.ca

Mayor: John Walsh - Deputy Mayor: Warren Wilson - Councillor: Robyn Carrier

Next Council Meeting

The next regular Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 11, 2018** and will commence at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the **Community Services Building at Ghost Lake**. (located at 601 Ghost Lake Village)

If you would like to speak with Council on a specific item, please forward your written request, either by mail, fax or email, stating the nature of your presentation, to the Village Office at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

Reminder - all council and committee meetings are open to the public for observation – consider this your invitation.

New CAO – September 1, 2018

Sherri Bureyko will be taking over the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Summer Village of Ghost Lake on September 1, 2018 due to the retirement of the current CAO Sharon Plett. Council would like to extend their appreciation to Sharon for her service to the community over the past 16 years.

Please note:

The Village Office will have a new phone number effective September 1st **403-510-8083**. Email, fax and mailing address will all remain the same.

Dock Space

A reminder to residents that assigned dock space must be actively used each year for in order to maintain rights to the space. That means a dock must be placed in water in the dock space for at least 30 days during the summer season. The Village has a waiting list of residents seeking dock space to use. Until such time as new dock space can be developed, we need to ensure that the existing dock spaces are being utilized

Waste Management and Recycling

A Reminder that the Village provides the following service to residents:

Waste Bin – for resident's household garbage – *this does not include old lawn furniture, construction materials, yard waste.*

Recycle Bin – accepts cardboard (*please breakdown so boxes are flat pieces*), paper (*if shredded in a tied clear plastic bag*), tetra packs, plastic bags (*bundled and place in one tied plastic bag*), plastic containers (*symbols 1-7*), Glass bottles and jars (*placed in a tied plastic bag*)

Please make sure to close the lid after using the bins. Occasionally in the summer months, there is unexpected high use of the bins, if they are overfull, please take your waste/recycle materials home and bring back next week. By leaving your waste and recycle beside the bins, it attracts big wildlife into the community (ie. bears) also your friends and neighbours end up cleaning up the mess.

Emergency Phone Broadcast

If you have additional phone numbers that you would like added to the broadcast list, (cell phones, family members, renters, etc) please download the [form](#) from the website and send into the Village Office. Your number(s) will be added to the phone list. – Note: the system accepts both Canada and US numbers.

Please note that the emergency broadcast is an informal "best attempt system" for the Village to try to advise as many residents as possible of a potential emergency in the Village. It is not 100% accurate and the Village does not assume any liability for missed or dropped calls.

Making a Difference in the Community.....

Council invites residents to serve on the following Boards and Committees:

Boards:

- Subdivision & Development Appeal Board*
- Assessment Review Board*

Committees:

- Fire Prevention & First Response
- Public Works
- Emergency Planning
- Bylaw Enforcement

Please submit your name to the Village Office by August 31st to be considered for appointment at the next Council meeting.

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

*requirement to undertake training

If you are interested in learning more about Committees at Ghost Lake, check out the Village website tab for the committee you are interested in. All committee meetings are open to the public to attend. Watch the Village website for posting dates of the upcoming committee meetings. All Committee meeting notices are posted on the website.

Trees on Public Lands

Trees and Shrubs located on public lands including boulevards, parks, open spaces and leased lands cannot be removed without prior written approval from the Summer Village.

If you notice a tree that is diseased or damaged, please contact the Village Office.

Reminders:

Newsletter Distribution

As a paperless community, committed to sustainability, newsletters are delivered via email. If there is no email recorded on a property, a copy will be mailed, however, if a property has multiple owners, newsletters will ONLY be emailed to the email addresses on file, copies will not be mailed to the co-owners without email addresses. If you have a co-owner that does not have an email address on file with the Summer Village, please either print and give them a copy, let them know to check the website to read or download a copy of the newsletter or ask them to provide the Village Office with their email address.

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.

Pick Up After Your Dog

At all times (including winter) when on public land in the Summer Village, dog owners must pick up their dog's feces and dispose of it in one of the Village "poop" stations or in your own garbage.

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

Guidelines – Parking on Boulevards

Boulevards and Village land are not to be considered an extension of your personal parking. **Personal vehicles, RVs and equipment should be parked on your own property.**

Ghost Lake is a summer village which means during the summer, residents can park their boats on the boulevard in front of their property, that is acceptable in a lakeside community. However parking your Recreational Vehicle/Trailer on the

boulevard is not acceptable practice. RV's should be parked wholly inside your own property.

If you have visitors on the weekend in the summer, the boulevard directly in front of your property can be used to accommodate your guests' vehicle with their RV over the weekend but the vehicle and/or RV cannot continue to park on the boulevard throughout the week and beyond.

Land Use Bylaw – Outside Storage

Onsite storage on your residential property is to be orderly and only include items that would be normally located within a single family residence. That means no commercial or industrial storage including vehicles and equipment.

As for storage on vacant lots, those lots are to remain vacant. They cannot be used for storage or temporary accommodation

Rural Crime Watch

The purpose of a Rural Crime Watch program is to improve awareness of the potential for crime and promote crime prevention through the communication of information. The role of a Rural Crime Watch member is to observe and make note of information that can be passed on to the RCMP which can be helpful in the investigation of criminal activity and help lead to arrests and charges being laid.

To become a Rural Crime Watch member, application forms can be obtained from the Cochrane RCMP Detachment Officer, Fish & Wildlife Office or from the Ghost Lake area Board Director, Paul Clark paul.clark@mdbighorn.ca or from cochraneruralcrimewatch@gmail.com

Ghost Lake LIVE – Social Email

If you are interested in receiving social news about events and happenings in and around Ghost Lake, sign up for Ghost Lake LIVE. Please email Corinne at: ghostlake@live.ca