

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND LAKE STEWARDSHIP (NELS) COMMITTEE
TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE	To act as an advisory body to Council and Administration in (1) protecting and maintaining the natural areas, wildlife, and native plant communities within the Summer Village; as well as (2) educating villagers about the natural environment and Ghost Lake.
MEMBERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One (1) Council Member• Four (4) Public-At-Large representatives
AUTHORITY	<p>The Committee will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be consulted on activities, developments, and plans being considered by Council and Administration that will have or potentially have an impact on the natural environment and/or health of Ghost Lake.• As necessary and in a timely manner, identify and recommend actions for environmental protection, enhancement, and stewardship by Council and residents.• Educate residents about the function and value of the natural environment in the Summer Village of Ghost Lake to help cultivate an attitude of environmental respect, stewardship, and appreciation.• Foster a greater awareness among residents of the features, ecological systems, and conservation requirements of the natural areas and processes within and impacting the Summer Village of Ghost Lake (i.e. natural areas, springs, habitats, vegetation, birds, animals, climate change, etc.).• As necessary, develop appropriate programs, roles, and procedures to protect and enhance the natural environment in the Summer Village of Ghost Lake.• Become familiar with lake stewardship strategies and successes of other, similar summer villages in Alberta.• As necessary, provide input into the budget as it relates to the work of the committee.• Comply with the Summer Village of Ghost Lake Procedural Bylaw and the Municipal Government Act.
TERM	On-going
FUNDING	As authorized by Council during the annual budget cycle
APPROVAL DATE	March 8, 2026