



Summer Village of Bonnyville Beach

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TAX NOTICE INFORMATION BULLETIN

Like everyone else, the operations of your Summer Village are affected by the Covid19 Pandemic.

Please note that the Playground is closed, and signs reminding you to follow Social Distancing are posted at the Hall.

Some of the suggestions have a direct effect on Summer Villages. As of this writing, Provincial and Federal regulators are suggesting that people do NOT run off to their summer properties. Your Council in general agrees with the protective isolation and restrictions, the reasoning is putting additional loads on smaller rural towns and communities may have a negative effect on them.

This is a little different from last years bulletin, but we have more ground to cover.

The due date for tax payment has changed – July 31st is the due date for taxes in 2020. This was mandated by the provincial government from issues with the Covid Pandemic. Your Council has also made a change in the Penalty date for unpaid taxes, to January 1st, 2021. We do recognize that there can be some financial difficulties for our ratepayers and so this change. Please make an effort to pay your taxes on time. Unpaid taxes will have a 10% penalty applied to any amounts unpaid on January 1st, 2021.

If you are already on monthly tax payments please continue according to the schedule you received with your tax notice. If you want to make installment payments and avoid penalties, you can do so by contacting the admin office at admin@bonnyvillebeach.com and requesting tax installments. The simple formula for going to tax installments this year is TAXES divided by 12 with a lump sum payment depending on what month you are starting in. Again please contact administration to set this up, so that we know what to expect.

EXAMPLE - So if you wanted to start installments in May. On May 15th you would pay the lump sum of 5 months taxes and then make installments for each of 7 remaining months on the 15th of each month, either by post-dated cheques for the 15th of each month or by

ELECTRONIC Payments

Currently only the Credit Union and ATB offer the direct deposit option for tax payments to the Summer Village, our website has more complete information on this. You do have the option of using Interac E-transfer for tax payments, the cost for this is dependent on your bank regulations and account features. There may even be an option to schedule payments for installments, depending on your bank's rules.

There are no provisions for accepting credit cards at this time, due to fees and other costs we can't do this effectively

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TAX NOTICE

Your Tax notice from the summer village is a combined notice of assessment and taxes due.

Your assessment is done by a qualified assessor. The date of assessment is July of the previous year and is determined by the market forces in the local area. Unfortunately the costs involved in running the village have gone up a bit but the council and administration have tried to keep the taxes as low as possible.. For 2020 most rate payers will see a small decrease in the tax bill, since we have a lower assessed value on many properties.

Annual Meeting

Just a reminder that the annual information meeting will be held on July 18, 2020. It will depend on meeting and group size restrictions that may be in place at that time. As usual this will be a chance to meet your councillors and fellow residents with a chance to ask questions and make suggestions about our community.

What is happening this year

Even though our best laid plans have fallen victim to events beyond our control, we do have some plans for projects.

Lane and Road brushing for improved sightlines and safety. In early April we were fortunate to be able to schedule some needed trimming and brushing around the Summer Village.

Land Use Bylaw Review – we have just about completed the revision of our land use bylaw to be compliant with new provincial regulations and address some of the shortcomings of the existing bylaw. Look out for announcement of a Public hearing and other opportunities to comment on this bylaw.

Big Bin event – We hoped to have 2 of these this year but thanks to the restrictions we have cancelled the May event and will be holding one on August 15th along with the ever popular take it or leave it tables. One important note, we need volunteers to man the tables. We are only asking for 90 minutes of your time to come down and interact with your neighbours and friends from the community. While our core group is still enthusiastic, we don't want to burn them out and then stuff like this just will not happen.

Council meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5PM with exceptions in December and January.

Contact your councillor or the beach office—phone or email and visit the website often. We want to hear from you, and we always try to meet the needs of our taxpayers.