



2021 Spring Newsletter



Annual Information Meeting (AIM):

This year's Summer Village AIM will be held on June 19, 2021 from 10am to ~ 12pm via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89535715675>

The Easement Holders Association (EHA) Annual General Meeting will be held right before the Summer Village AIM from 9am - 10am using the same zoom link. Note: this meeting is open to everyone, but only EHA members will be able to vote. If you attend the EHA meeting, please stay connected for the Summer Village AIM.

2021 Municipal Election:

Nominations for the office of Councillor will be received Saturday June 26, 2021 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Summer Village municipal office. There are three positions available. Find more information on our website <https://www.sundancebeach.ca/2021-municipal-election>
If more than three nominations are received an election will be held on July 24th, 2021.

2021 Senate and Referendum Election:

If your primary residence is in the Summer Village, you will be provided an opportunity to vote for Senate Nominees, and on any provincial referendum questions. A polling station will be available at the John Turgeon Community Hall from 10 am to 7 pm on October 18th, 2021.

Mayor Announces Retirement:

"It is with mixed feelings that I have determined that the time has come for me to "retire" from the Council of the Summer Village of Sundance Beach and from the Board of the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta. I have been on Council for 23 years: 3 years as a Councillor, 5 years as Deputy Mayor and 15 years as Mayor. I have enjoyed every year of my service, while working with some great fellow councillors and Administrators.

Looking back, I feel that we have made some significant decisions that have improved the quality of life within the municipality, that have improved our fire safety and have respected our responsibilities as stewards of the lake and our lakeside environment. We have also received the support of many Summer Village volunteers for beautifying our entranceways and road barricades, organizing our annual July 1 celebrations, and enhancing the social life of our residents, especially during our long winters. I am especially thankful for all this support and know that I am expressing the unanimous opinion of council and administration. The teamwork is fantastic and has made the Summer Village of Sundance Beach a welcoming community of which we are all immensely proud.

I also want to thank my fellow Councillors and Administration for all the behind-the-scenes work they have done over the past many years to enhance our participation and cooperation with all other Summer Villages at Pigeon Lake, the County of Wetaskiwin, Leduc County and several departments of the Provincial Government with respect to Regional Emergency Management services, wastewater management, ice and water rescue, protection of our watershed, fire protection, regional development and public safety.

I recommend that anyone interested in becoming a member of our three-member council consider attending one or more of our Council meetings, which are now via Zoom, to observe the activities of your council, ask questions and gain an insight into the overall administration of the Summer Village. In addition, I am available if you would like to discuss this opportunity in person. It is a rewarding form of public service.

As noted in this Newsletter, the 2021 Municipal Election for all Summer Village Councillors takes place this July. Nominations for municipal Council will be June 26, 2021. Details of nominations, support available and guidelines for candidates are available from the Summer Village office."

Respectfully,

Peter G. Pellatt
Mayor of the Summer Village of Sundance Beach

Vine Avenue News:

Vine Avenue is a closed road that is located behind lots 1-112 with gates located at Willow Road, Park Road, the Hall parking lot, and Range Road 14. This road is part of the Summer Village's emergency escape route and is used by pedestrians, cyclists, and people operating motorized vehicles like, ATVs, Sleds (Ski-Doos), and motorcycles.

Vine Avenue has a posted speed limit of 20 kph but every year people have been observed operating motorized vehicles at speeds higher than the posted speed limit and doing stunts like doughnuts, wheelies, and figure eights. These actions create a safety hazard for all users, do a lot of damage to the ground and creates noise violations. Council with the help of administration and the RCMP are reviewing options to keep this area safe for all users of Vine Avenue. Options include new metal speed signs that clearly display the speed limit and some speed enforcement blitzes. In the meantime, obey the provincial rules of the road and remind all visitors this is a road with a posted speed limit. Everyone wants to enjoy the safe use of Vine Avenue.

For those people not aware, the Summer Village is in the process of recontouring the East end of Vine Avenue. The final grade needs to be finished, topsoil needs to be laid down and grass seeded. To facilitate this work and to allow the new grass to grow, this portion of Vine Avenue has been closed to all traffic. Please remain off this area, until the barricades have been removed and the road reopened.

Bylaw Review - your feedback requested:

Council is reviewing and updating all the Summer Village bylaws, to ensure the bylaws are relevant and align with the Municipal Government Act. To see what changes are proposed, and provide comment and feedback, please see this webpage: <https://www.sundancebeach.ca/council/bylaws/bylaws-community-feedback>

Canada Day:

The Canada Day parade and barbeque is cancelled. COVID 19 restrictions and protocols will continue again this summer. With more vaccines on the way, and continued adherence to public health recommendations, we look forward to holding the event in 2022.

Waterfront development:

Reminder that ALL work requires a development permit. Work including repairs or changes to the bank of the lake requires AEP approval. [sundancebeach.ca/administration/development](https://www.sundancebeach.ca/administration/development)



Beaver Control:

Residents are advised to contact the Summer Village Office if you see any beaver activity along the lakeshore. Beavers work quickly to build their lodges, sometimes tunneling into the bank up to 50 feet. This activity causes shoreline instability and could undermine the integrity of Lakeshore Drive.

Private Snow Removal:

When ploughing snow from your driveway, it must be managed on your own property. It cannot be pushed onto the Summer Village roadway or ditch.

The ditch is there to manage snow from the municipal road. When snow melts in the spring, additional snow from private properties could create flooding and damage to our municipal roads and ditches. We ask for your assistance to prevent strain on the infrastructure, by not filling the ditches with snow from your property.

New Bylaw Officer:

The Summer Village welcomes Doris McAllister as our new bylaw officer. If you wish to report any bylaw violations, give her a call at 780-719-6447.

Dogs in the Summer Village:

As we head into summer with our canine companions, remember our dog bylaw. All dogs must be on a leash, and under control, when they are on public property. You are responsible for any mess your dog leaves behind, so don't forget the doggie poop bags!

Pigeon Lake Water Monitoring Buoy

A floating platform with attached instruments capable of taking key water quality measurements and related factors such as weather, will be deployed on Pigeon Lake. This is a joint project with the Pigeon Lake Summer Villages, Counties and Province. Please do not go near the buoy.

Stolen Radar Speed Sign

One of the Summer Villages solar radar speed signs was stolen in the evening of May 16, 2021. If you have any information regarding this, please contact the RCMP: (780) 789-3951.