



# SUNDANCE BEACH NEWSLETTER

Summer 2014

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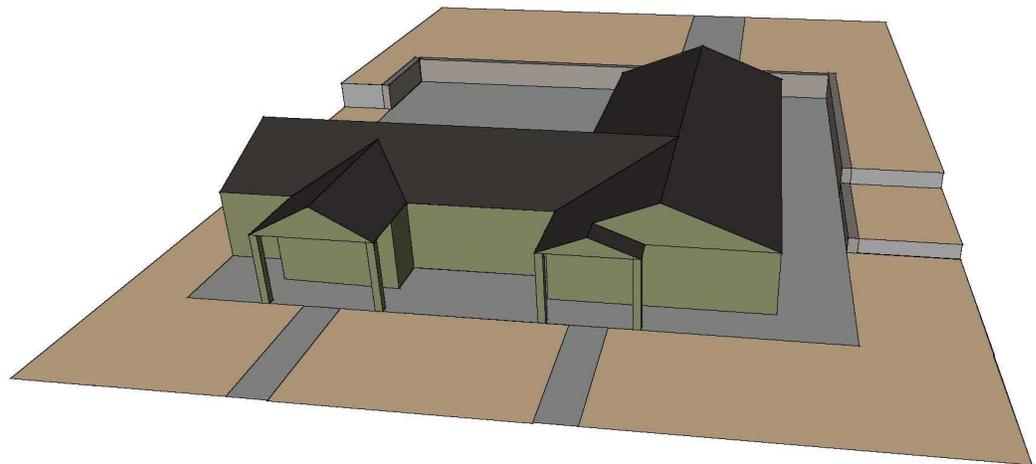
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## New Administration Centre Near Completion

Construction of the new Administration Centre addition to the John Turgeon Hall is nearly complete. Designed to add administrative offices and a versatile meeting/event room, this grant-funded building creates welcome new space for community functions and potential for revenue-generating events. The improvements to the kitchen and entryways make the hall easier to work in and more attractive to groups of all sizes.

The onsite offices will serve as the administration centre for Sundance Beach and Silver Beach, providing friendly and direct access to summer village services and information. The high-tech communication wiring throughout will appeal to meeting groups and also offer critical emergency response capacity in case of disaster.

Administration for Sundance Beach and Silver Beach will move into the new offices by early September. Be sure to stop by for a tour and to say hello!



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—See the FULL-COLOUR Newsletter on [www.sundancebeach.ca](http://www.sundancebeach.ca)—

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## Summer Issues

### Alberta Fish Kills and Cleanup

In March 2014, scientists with Alberta Fish & Wildlife monitoring fish in Lake Isle reported signs that might indicate potential for a serious fish kill this summer. In the event of another large fish kill in Pigeon Lake, residents are asked to place dead fish in the degradable bags that will be distributed by summer student workers, and then place the bags in regular waste containers. These containers should be placed at the roadside for pickup. Extra pickups of containers will be arranged as necessary. During the cleanups in previous years, some fish were dumped in ditches and on municipal property and had to be removed by summer student workers. Residents must not dump dead fish on public property and contractors who do not comply may be prohibited from working within Sundance Beach.



**INSURANCE BUREAU  
OF CANADA**

**WEBSITE**

[www.ibc.ca/en/](http://www.ibc.ca/en/)

### Wetland Conservation Report & Recommendations



The Alberta Water Council approved the final Riparian Land Conservation and Management Report and Recommendations, which was released on March 17, 2014. The report makes 13 recommendations, including developing a vision for riparian lands, identifying a lead, and integrating efforts across ministries. For more information and the complete report, please visit the [Riparian Land Conservation and Management Project Team](#) online.

**CANADIAN RED CROSS**

**DISASTER  
PREPAREDNESS KIT**

[www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca)

### Tips for a Green & Healthy Lawn

De-thatch your lawn with a rake, power rake or an aerating tool. What you rake up makes a perfect base for a compost, too.

Try mowing the "reel" way. Think about getting an old-style push mower - no noise, no gas or fumes, and some light exercise.

Whatever mower you use, keep it in shape - clean, with sharpened blades.

Seed with a mixture of white clover and drought-tolerant fescues and ryegrass.

Hope for good weekly rain...but water deeply, infrequently, and slowly for greener lawns during drought.



**DO NOT USE COSMETIC FERTILIZERS,  
PESTICIDES AND INSECTICIDES...  
BE LAKE FRIENDLY**

## Aquatic Invasive Species Threaten Alberta Lakes

Invasive mussels may pose a threat to Pigeon Lake and other popular lakes in our province. The zebra or quagga mussels arrive on boats that have plied waters in neighbouring provinces or states and, if they establish populations in lakes and rivers in Alberta, could cause serious damage to canals and pipelines. Some estimate the damage could cost Albertans up to \$75 million annually; others call these estimates “conservative.”

Vigilance is required, and information campaigns like Alberta Environment’s “Clean, Drain, Dry” your boat program can help you learn how to minimize the risk of bringing mussels and other invasive aquatic species back with you from your travels. Be sure to tell your out-of-province visitors to take steps with their boats, too.

**SAFE BOATING GUIDE**

**BOAT MAINTENANCE  
TIPS AND SAFETY  
RULES**

[www.discoverboating.ca](http://www.discoverboating.ca)

# CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY YOUR BOAT



Props, boats and natural ecosystems can be ruined by zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species. Take a few simple steps to preserve our lakes and fisheries: **CLEAN** off the plants and debris, **DRAIN** bilges and ballast, and **DRY** any wet areas of your boat.



ZEBRA MUSSELS



QUAGGA MUSSELS



EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL



**DON'T LET THEM CATCH A RIDE**  
STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS

TO REPORT INVASIVE SPECIES:  
1-855-336-BOAT (2628)  
[esrd.alberta.ca](http://esrd.alberta.ca)



## Pigeon Lake Watershed Association (PLWA) Update

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Door-to-door Campaigns** - Give out positive key information (e.g. Healthy-Lake Lawn Brochure), and connect people to the PLWA so that they may be informed, do surveys and more.

**Farmer Markets** at Lakedell Friday afternoons and other local events need PLWA volunteers to hand out information.

**Aquatic Invasive Species (AES) Monitoring** - Have a dock that a piece of PVC piping can be secured to? So far 5 of 15 beaches are engaged with the monitoring. Please help us to know if invasive mussels have entered Pigeon Lake.

**Groundwater Monitoring** - Some people signed up via the PLWA last year. This year **only sites >700m from the lakeshore** and still within the watershed boundaries are being tested. Does your places qualify? Know someone who might help? Help find some more testing sites.

Questions? Email [plwainfo@gmail.com](mailto:plwainfo@gmail.com)

### Check out PLWA Reports on PLWA Website

Check out these and other reports at [www.plwa.ca](http://www.plwa.ca)

- Pigeon Lake Phosphorous Budget
- Water Quality-Conditions and Long-Term Trends in Alberta Lakes
- 2013 Pigeon Lake Sediment Chemistry
- Total Sources of Nutrients
- 2013 Year End Homesite Living by Water Report
- PLWA Summary Report on Methods for Control of Nuisance Blue-Green Algae

Visit [www.plwa.ca](http://www.plwa.ca) Email [plwainfo@gmail.com](mailto:plwainfo@gmail.com) Call (403)816-6049



**PLWA**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**RENEWAL**

[info@plwa.ca](mailto:info@plwa.ca)

**PLWA**  
**FOR MORE INFO**

[www.plwa.ca](http://www.plwa.ca)

## For Your Information

### Fire Insurance

We remind all residents that the annual fee Sundance Beach pays for fire protection supports only the maintenance of the fire department. If the volunteer fire department is called out to fight your fire, you will be billed for their services. Check that you have fire department response insurance.

### New Home Warranty Now Mandatory in Alberta

The New Home Warranty program came into effect on February 1, 2014. While most homes built in Alberta already have a new home warranty, all builders are now required to provide more comprehensive home warranty coverage for all new homes and condominiums built in the province. For complete information on the program, please visit [www.homewarranty.alberta.ca](http://www.homewarranty.alberta.ca).

### Sunnybrook Transfer Station

Arrangements have been made with Leduc County for residents to use the Sunnybrook Transfer Station to dispose of household waste, hazardous materials, batteries, white metals, other metals, construction and demolition waste, tires, wood material and miscellaneous materials (i.e., furniture). Cards for one-time usage of the transfer station may be obtained at the Summer Village Office for a fee of \$12/card.

### Update Your Contact Information

When you change your address, or if you are new to Sundance Beach, please inform the admin office. Also, please forward your email address to the office if you wish to receive information updates from the office. Your email address will not be disclosed to outside parties and will only be used by the Sundance Beach administration to communicate with you.

### Council Meetings

Sundance Beach Council meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings will be held in the new boardroom in the Sundance Beach Community Centre. All Council meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. If you wish to make a presentation to Council, 48-hour prior notice must be given by contacting the admin office.

### Waste Collection

Sundance Beach contracts with MCL Waste Systems for regular curb-side waste collection for all residents. Waste bins are provided and emptied every two weeks from October to April and weekly from May to September. The 2014 waste collection schedule is posted on the Sundance Beach website. If MCL has not collected your waste or you wish to purchase or repair the waste bin, please contact MCL at 780-352-2625.

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**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL  
AFFAIRS**

**GUIDES TO PROPERTY  
ASSESSMENT AND  
TAXATION**

[http://  
municipalaf-  
fairs.gov.ab.ca/1538.cfm](http://municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/1538.cfm)

# Contacts

## **Councillors**

Mayor Peter Pellatt—(780-499-6327) ([ppellatt@shaw.ca](mailto:ppellatt@shaw.ca))

Councillor Brian Waterhouse—(780-918-0651) ([Brian.Waterhouse@ca.weatherford.com](mailto:Brian.Waterhouse@ca.weatherford.com))

Councillor Rich Miller—(780-908-0573) ([rmiller47@hotmail.com](mailto:rmiller47@hotmail.com))

## **Administration**

Harold Wynne, Chief Administrative Officer—(780-985-2441) ([hwynne@sundancebeach.ca](mailto:hwynne@sundancebeach.ca))

Joan Wynne, Municipal Clerk—789-985-2441 ([jwynne@sundancebeach.ca](mailto:jwynne@sundancebeach.ca))

Office mailing address—P.O. Box 658, Thorsby, AB T0C2P0

Office phone—(780-985-2441) Fax—(780-401-3251)

Website—[www.sundancebeach.ca](http://www.sundancebeach.ca)

## **Emergency Services**

Fire Dispatch—(call 911)

RCMP-Thorsby—24 hour (780-789-3950) Administration (780-789-3951)

Pigeon Lake Protective Services—(780-586-3882)

## **Utilities**

ATCO Gas emergency (1-800-511-2447) General inquiries (780-310-5678) Admin (780-352-3321)

Fortis—24 hour (780-310-9473)

## **Permits**

Development Permit—contact the admin office or visit the Sundance Beach website. Permit applications are available for downloading from the Sundance Beach website ([www.sundancebeach.ca](http://www.sundancebeach.ca)) or by phoning the admin office 780-985-2441. All developments are subject to the Land Use Bylaw which is also available on the website or from the admin office.

Building, gas, plumbing, electrical permits—contact The Inspections Group (1-866-554-5048)

Alberta First Call—(1-800-242-3447)

## **Authorized Septic Haulers for Mulhurst Bay Lagoon**

B's Septic  
Wetaskiwin  
780-267-2727

Jim's Septic  
Westerose  
780-586-3644

Phil Crough & Son  
Millet  
780-387-5478

ENJ Trucking  
Falun  
780-352-4843

Meskanahk Septic  
4 Bands Reserve  
403-704-3557

OK Septic  
Lacombe  
780-430-0283



**PLEASE REMEMBER  
SEND US YOUR  
CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

[info@sundancebeach.ca](mailto:info@sundancebeach.ca)

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

[www.sundancebeach.ca](http://www.sundancebeach.ca)