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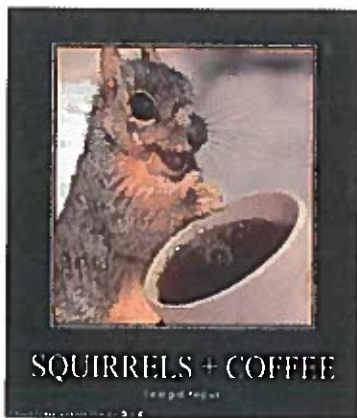
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A Word from Your Mayor

2018 looks to be a busy year in our Summer Village with wastewater construction and all the inconveniences that go along with that.

With careful planning and contractor selection we hope to minimize the inconvenience.

Keep enjoying Pigeon Lake, friendships with neighbors and making memories.

Your council is committed to an open dialogue with residents. We want to hear your viewpoints and thoughts so we can determine the future of our Summer Village.

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Stay Current!

Fraser Hubbard,
Mayor

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Coffee with Your Council

Please join the Poplar Bay Council May 26th from 11:00 – 1:00 pm at the Poplar Bay Recreation Center, between lots 294 and 299.



Bring your Coffee, Bring your Family and Bring your Chair!

Fraser, Gary and Brian

3 Guys, 3 Cups of Coffee and 3 Lawn Chairs



WASTEWATER UPDATES

Phase 2 of the Southside Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Project will be tendered in the spring of 2018. This phase of the project includes the installation of the main regional pipeline between Hwy 771 and the Village at Pigeon Lake and the new pump station. This tie-in will provide service to Grandview, Poplar Bay and County of Wetaskiwin developments. Project completion is scheduled for late 2018 early 2019 with commissioning in 2019.

The route for the pipeline is west along Hwy 13 to the Lakedell Road (R.R. 12), north along Lakedell road 1.5 km., west to Hwy 771 and then north to RR 14; the location of the new pump station. Construction will commence in early 2018 when the tender process is finalized.

Local Municipal Collection Systems

Local collection systems in Viola Beach, Norris Beach and the Village at Pigeon Lake are now completed. Individual service connections have started and should be finished next summer. In addition, the local system has been completed for Ma-Me-O Beach and tie-ins will commence this year. Construction of the local collection lines has commenced in the Summer Village of Crystal Springs, Grandview and Poplar Bay.

In Poplar Bay, installation of the local pipeline is mostly complete, with the local collection pipe installed. What remains to be completed is to pressure test the system and clean up the work areas. All disturbed

areas shall be returned to their original condition. This will include backfilling excavation sites, topsoil where needed, seeding of areas as well as cleaning up the reserve around the garage area and ditches.

The second phase of the local lines will commence mid to late 2018 following the installations in Grandview. The second phase entails tie-ins to the property owners' septic tank. In early summer 2018, a representative from the contractor will be in contact with each property owner to determine the routing of the line on the lot and to discuss tank viability and options for each lot. These options may be as simple as tying into a two compartment viable tank, to the installation of a new septic tank that meets the requirements for the Municipal System.

In late summer to early fall 2018 commencement of the physical excavation and installation of the tie-ins will begin. The work will continue until freeze up, and then be suspended until the spring of 2019. Completion of the second phase is expected to be mid-2019.

The third and final stage of the local wastewater system will be the installation and tie-in of the pump systems within the tanks, commencing in spring 2019 and expected to be complete by mid-2019.

The overall plan is to have all sewer tanks tied in and ready to pump effluent waste as soon as the wastewater pump station is completed and commissioned along HWY 771 and RR 14.

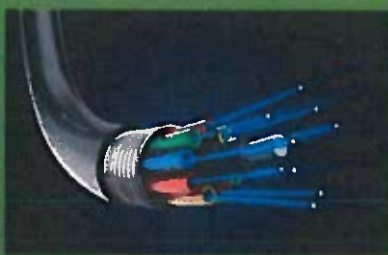
HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

Council has been approached by a company wishing to provide internet services to the residents of Pigeon Lake. This company is proposing to install a fibre optic cable in all the municipalities surrounding the lake.

An easement agreement is currently being negotiated for the installation of the optic cable within the road allowance in our Summer Village. There is no financial or legal obligation.

Once the system is installed, the company will offer residents the option to connect for a monthly or yearly usage charge for internet services.

Council is pleased to support this initiative; the prospect of having a fibre optic high-speed internet service available is encouraging. This enhanced service would benefit property owners and property values in our community.



The **MGA**
revisions are expected to be complete by
2018

You may or may not have heard about the changes to the Municipal Government Act (MGA) this year. This act provides the rules and direction for municipalities on how they provide governance to their residents. The act requires Summer Villages as Municipalities to follow the act. These revisions will increase the workload to the administrative staff at the Summer Village and to the Councils as it is now a requirement to have formalized processes and agreements in place.

Among the more significant changes is the requirement for collaboration between neighboring municipalities. Each municipality is to have an Inter-Municipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) plan with each of the municipalities sharing borders. This document focuses on sharing of possible services such as fire, recreation, waste management, infrastructure, recreational facilities and transportation.

Another requirement is for each municipality to have an Inter-Municipal Development Plan (IDP) with neighboring municipalities sharing borders.

In addition, each municipality is required to have a Municipal Development Plan (MDP). Previously, only municipalities with populations greater than 5000 were required to have an MDP. Our MDP will address policies governing development within the municipality.

These agreements and plans will be developed over the next two years. Council and administration will be working diligently with our municipal neighbors to ensure we have these in place and are compliant with the MGA in the required timeframe. For more information on the recent changes, visit their website.

<https://mgareview.alberta.ca/whats-changing/>

Poplar Bay Municipal Reserves



Council is partaking in a FireSmart initiative in order to protect the Summer Village from potential fires caused by combustible deadfall and dry underbrush. A pilot project was completed in the fall of 2017 in the Municipal Reserve between lots 109 and 113. The result was the elimination of several dead trees, including willows, underbrush and deadfall. With that, came an inviting entrance to the lake.

Council would encourage residents bordering any of the Municipal Reserves to take notice of their surroundings. If you have concerns about deadfall or dry brush, please report this to the Summer Villages Office at 780-586-2494 for further investigation.

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