



## Summer Village of Grandview

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### Summer Village of Grandview Spring 2018 Newsletter

#### **Wastewater Project:**

The south Pigeon Lake Wastewater project is rapidly moving towards completion. This project was conceived in the 1980s with our former Mayor Owen Hamblin as one of the founding members. After a few false starts, a project was designed, funding was obtained through grants, and the project was finally initiated.

The tender for Phase 2 of the Regional Wastewater system has been awarded. Construction of this phase, which includes a pipeline and a new pump station, will commence this spring and should be completed by the end of the year. The Summer Villages of Grandview and Poplar Bay are working collaboratively on the construction of local lines that will connect to this phase of the regional system. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the contract was awarded for the service connections to each lot. This work is expected to start imminently and to finish by year end. The installation of the pumps and start of system operation are anticipated in the spring of 2019.

Construction will commence at the south end of the summer village and progress towards Poplar Bay. This project will require substantial excavation throughout the village. Please be cautious and patient during the construction period.

All residents have received a copy of the Wastewater Construction Agreement. The final costs for residential connections are to be finalized and will be posted on the website when available. An open house is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Legion Hall in Ma-Me-O Beach to provide further details and to review the construction agreement. For those who are unable to attend, there will also be an additional session at Hamblin Park on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. It is requested that all lot owners execute this agreement after the costs are finalized and return to office by May 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure there are no delays in the construction process.

Regular updates on the progress will be provided on the Grandview website ([www.grandview.ca](http://www.grandview.ca)).

#### **Tree Planting:**

The Summer Village will again be leading an initiative to plant native spruce trees (24-30"). If you would like to help maintain natural tree cover on your property with a few spruce trees, please advise the office ([information@svofficepl.com](mailto:information@svofficepl.com) or 780-586-2494) and mark your location with a peg. We planted over 50 trees last year to celebrate our 50th anniversary. There is no cost for these trees.

**Municipal Government:**

Municipalities are required under the Municipal Government Act to provide certain services and to conduct their affairs under specific guidelines. With recent revisions to this Act, all municipalities are now required to undertake some new initiatives. These include the following:

- Intermunicipal Development Plan: to ensure that orderly development within an individual municipality proceeds with consideration of its municipal neighbors;
- Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework: to ensure neighboring municipalities collaborate on essential services;
- Municipal Development Plan: to provide a plan for orderly development throughout the municipality (Summer Villages were formerly exempt from this requirement);
- Code of Conduct for Council: to ensure the ground rules for council members are clear and concise;
- Public Participation Policy: to outline the requirements and objectives for obtaining input to Council's decisions;
- Risk analysis with Municipal Indicators: a structured assessment of potential risk concerning the viability of a municipality.

There is a mandated completion date for these requirements, and over the next year, administration staff will be working with council members to prepare the related documents.

**July 1<sup>st</sup> Celebration:**

We will again be having a Canada Day celebration with special events for everyone. The revival last year of the Penny Carnival proved to be a huge success as evidenced by the smiling faces on the many children who attended. Ken will be firing up the BBQ for his famous burgers and beans, followed by our fourth annual Music Night at the Park. Watch for further notices, and please consider volunteering or even preparing some cookies or snacks for the kids.

**Water Quality:**

Many initiatives are currently underway to attempt to solve a problem that may not have a solution: cyanobacteria. Pigeon Lake, similar to many other lakes in the world, experiences periods when cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) is present in great abundance. These blooms can become quite severe and create a great deal of unpleasantness. Various investigations are underway to identify the conditions associated with algae blooms (University of Alberta), discover methods to inactivate phosphorous within the lake's sediments (APLM In-lake Technical Committee), remove nutrients through physical removal (APLM Algae Harvester Committee), and remove algae mass from the shoreline (APLM Shoreline Cleanup Committee).

The size of our lake presents a challenge for any type of action to prevent or remove algae. In the many cases worldwide where lake management techniques have been attempted, the size of the waterbody was many times smaller than Pigeon Lake. According to Dr. David Schindler, an international authority on lake management, watershed actions are of primary importance in improving the health of a lake. These actions are our first line of defence, and we all need to be part of the effort.

**Pigeon Lake Watershed Association:**

The Pigeon Lake Watershed Association (PLWA) performs a very important function in advocating for the protection of our lake and watershed. Each year, this group provides educational programs to watershed residents and visitors to encourage sustainable enjoyment of our lake. All Summer Village residents are encouraged to become members of the Association and to seriously consider making a tax-deductible donation to support its important work.

**Watershed Management Plan:**

The final draft of the Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan has just been completed and is now in the process of being adopted by the 12 municipalities around Pigeon Lake. This plan provides a guidepost for all stakeholders, including municipalities and residents, to take action to help protect the watershed and the lake. Your council wholly supports this plan and will be participating fully in the achievement of its objectives, including the forthcoming shoreline assessment program. This project will include a survey of the condition of the shoreline throughout our municipality as observed from a boat and will provide lot owners with the opportunity for a confidential assessment of their shoreline. More details on this project will be coming later this summer. This plan is posted on our website and all residents are encouraged to participate in the achievement of its goals.

**Summer Village Website ([www.grandview.ca](http://www.grandview.ca))**

We have made several changes to our website to increase its functionality. Please visit it to get the latest news about events and initiatives in our village. You will also find much other useful information, such as the garbage collection schedule, development permit requirements, boat storage regulations, fire ban status, upcoming council meetings, council minutes, and village bylaws. New information, including wastewater updates, is posted on a regular basis. Visit the page often, and click the "Subscribe Today" tab if you would like to receive email notifications whenever new material appears.

**Noxious Weeds**

We will be continuing our program to remove noxious weeds from our Summer Village. The Himalayan Balsam has been brought under control on the shoreline although there are still some remaining plants in gardens. The weeds we are currently focussing on are the Common Tansy and Creeping Bellflower, which are both gaining a strong foothold on our shoreline. Picking of the Creeping Bellflower and prying the Common Tansy with a crowbar are the suggested methods of removal. Chemicals are not to be used. If you require assistance for the removal of these weeds on the shoreline by your property, please send an email to the Summer Village office.



Common Tansy



Creeping Bellflower

**Shoreline Survey**

Grandview has volunteered to participate in a shoreline survey to be conducted by Nature Alberta. This will be a boat-based survey by qualified experts. Shoreline residents will be able to review confidential results for their properties by making a request to Nature Alberta. Further information will be forthcoming after the program is finalized. Volunteers who can supply a boat and driver for this project would be appreciated.

**Thanks to our Volunteers**

Your council wishes to send a special thanks to the many volunteers who help make our Summer Village such a great place. Everyone can contribute by simple tasks such as helping with the spring cleanup around their lot or even welcoming the new residents.

Have a great summer! We look forward to seeing everyone over coming months.

Don, Hugh, and Ken