



## Summer Village of Grandview

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### Spring Newsletter from Council

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Greetings to all from your Council after a long, cold winter. Here's what's new around Grandview:

#### Wastewater Project

Our wastewater contractor continued working throughout the winter, installing pump basins and making connections to the wastewater system. We are now 98% connected with the remaining few tanks to be installed in the coming months. The contractor has moved into Poplar Bay and is making good progress installing the service lines. One crew remains in Grandview to tend to a few tanks experiencing groundwater infiltration because of leaking seals. This crew is also filling in holes around the tanks and will be doing the landscaping work.

Phase 1 invoices to cover the service connection were sent out before Christmas. Some residents have already received invoices for the Phase 2 of the project, which includes supply and installation of pump basins, tank insulation, and riser insulation where required. The remainder of these invoices will be sent out when the last of the Phase 2 work has been completed.

Arrangements for the third and final phase of the project are now being finalized. Phase 3 includes installation of the bio-tubes, STEP pumps, and control panels. Instructions for property owners and associated costs are detailed on a separate Pump Installation memo, which is being mailed to each homeowner. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Summer Village office or Don Davidson (403-860-1050).

The critical action item at this time is to have an electrician install two required circuits from your cottage electrical panel to your holding tank. Details of this requirement are contained in the Pump Installation memo mentioned in the previous paragraph.

As soon the yards dry up, crews will be able to get back into everyone's yard to level things out and replant grass that was torn up in construction. It may take a while to get everything clean and tidy once again, but we will all soon be hooked into a modern municipal wastewater system.

#### Bridge Project

The bridge over our creek near the Fish and Wildlife station is now almost 70 years old and past the end of its design life. We have applied for provincial infrastructure grants to help cover the cost of a replacement structure. Designs and construction specifications have been completed and are ready to go out to tender as soon as approval is received on the funding.

## **Road Project**

Having previously decided to delay any major roadwork until the heavy equipment for the wastewater project was done its work, we are now ready to proceed. Unfortunately, our road was built on a substandard base. Bringing this base up to proper design standards would require the removal and replacement of hundreds of truckloads of material involving a whole summer of construction, extended traffic disruption, major issues of access to property, and considerable cost.

Your Village Council has explored several options with a consulting engineer to settle on an approach that addresses the most serious shortfalls of our existing road while keeping costs affordable and disruption manageable.

A bid package has been submitted, and on April 23, the tender was awarded to Ant Construction. Work is scheduled to commence later in the summer.

The contractor will rebuild sections of the road base where it has failed, install French drains in locations where water routinely permeates the road surface, and then apply cement stabilization and chip sealing (as previously done in Grandview Heights) to create a hard surface. Since bridge reconstruction is expected to damage the adjacent roadway, upgrades to that section will be delayed until after the new bridge has been completed. The bridge section of the road and the road in Grandview Heights will be repaired and chip sealed only.

One contributing factor of our poor road condition is the water that collects on the road rather than to drain into the ditches. This problem has been caused by the ditches being filled in. As part of the road rehabilitation project, ditches in several areas will be restored to a level lower than the road. We will also be installing two new culverts in the roadway to allow water to flow away from the road.

Once road construction begins, temporary road closures will be necessary. It is intended that these closures will be limited to short sections of road for a few days at a time. In the case of a closure, access to some cottages may be limited for short intervals. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Grandview website on a weekly basis. Please check the latest construction information to work around the situation with a minimum of inconvenience.

## **Watershed Management Plan Implementation**

Over the past eight years, the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association has developed a comprehensive matrix of best practices and a plan for managing the sensitive drainage basin around our lake to protect it from environmental degradation. These practices include many things that cottage owners can do on their properties to benefit the health of the lake. All ten of the Summer Villages and both of the counties sharing the shoreline around Pigeon Lake supported the development of this plan. The Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan may be found at [www.PLWMP.ca](http://www.PLWMP.ca)

Recently, the Summer Village of Grandview secured a provincial grant to cover the costs of implementing this plan. Watch for new information regarding events you can attend as well as things you can do at your cottage to help put these best practices into play. Watershed stewardship is critical in the protection of Pigeon Lake. Your actions on your property can make a big difference!

## **Love Your Lake Program**

Through the PLWA, which we hope all Grandview residents support through donations and memberships, and in conjunction with Nature Alberta, Grandview was one of three summer villages that participated in the *Love Your Lake* program. A shoreline assessment for the entire shoreline of Grandview has been done, and individual reports have been prepared for the lakeshore property owners. If you have a lakeshore property, you should have already received instructions on how to access your report. We hope that you will study the valuable information in your report and take any actions it recommends to improve your shoreline and ultimately the sustainability of the lake.

## **Tree Planting Program**

Grandview will be continuing with the tree planting program for the third year. Any residents wishing to have a few native white spruce trees planted in their yards can advise the Summer Village office. There is no cost for this program. The trees are approximately 30" high. We have planted over 100 trees under this program to date, and our goal is at least 50 new trees each year.

## **Tree Removal**

If you are doing spring cleanup around your cottage, remember the Summer Village of Grandview encourages the preservation of trees because of the important role they play in protecting the lake. Removal of one or more healthy trees within the village requires a development permit.

## **Cannabis Legislation**

In response to a question on the last newsletter, we received a variety of comments on all sides of the cannabis issue. To date, most official reports indicate that the legalization of cannabis last October initiated much less crime or calamity than many people had expected. As a result, your council has decided to wait and see if there is any need to pass a local bylaw restricting cannabis use more stringently than the federal and provincial laws already in force. If problems arise, we have a draft bylaw that can be enacted on short notice.

## **Canada Day Celebration**

Grandview will again be hosting Canada Day celebration on July 1. For young children, there will be a penny carnival at Hamblin Park from 2 until about 4:30 p.m. Older kids (junior high and high school age) will be needed to run games and help out. Adult "Carnies" are also sought for planning, buying prizes, setting up and running games, etc. We also need a "Ringmaster" to run the show. If you can help out that day, please contact Leslie Ellis at [leslieellis99@hotmail.com](mailto:leslieellis99@hotmail.com) or on her cell phone at 780-719-8210.

A barbecue dinner will take place from about 5:30 to 6:30, followed by our fourth annual Music Night in the Park. Everyone is welcome. If you sing or play an instrument and would like to be part of the show, call Hugh Read at 780-221-9357 for more information.

## Annual Information Meeting

Mark July 20 on your calendar for Grandview's Annual Information Meeting in Hamblin Park, starting at 10 a.m. After the meeting, a lunch of burgers, hotdogs, and soft drinks will be provided for all.

## Spring Breakup

The ice has started to break up and become windblown. On April 24, it moved considerably during a major windstorm, causing a major ice pile in Grandview. On April 27, strong winds caused another ice pile to form, impacting some lakeshore structures. Luckily, damage appears to be minor. Let's hope for calm weather until the remaining ice melts.



Have a great summer. There will be more construction activity taking place so please remind children to take care when walking or riding along the road. We welcome your feedback, so let your councillors know of any concerns or suggestions.

Don, Hugh, and Ken