



2020 Ma-Me-O Beach Council Priorities – Information for Residents

In January 2020, Ma-Me-O Beach Council held their annual strategic planning session. The following information was reviewed at the session.

Wastewater Management

Please see enclosed wastewater update.

Ma-Me-O Beach Community Hall

The Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach is currently seeking a caretaker for the community hall. Please see the advertisement on the Ma-Me-O Beach website www.mameobeach.ca for further information.

Council wishes to remind residents that the community hall is available for rent; contact the Summer Villages Office at 780-586-2494 for bookings.

Boat Hoist Program

The existing boat hoist program is not sustainable. Program costs are not being recovered, and there are difficulties associated with the changing lake water levels, wind and sand. As such, the Boat Hoist Policy will be reviewed this year to include different prices for different sizes of boat hoists. The Summer Village is making every attempt at providing a fair service.

Policing

The Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach has renewed its enhanced Policing Contract with the RCMP for the 2020 year for the same hours as 2019.

The Government of Alberta has introduced a new policing funding model to fund an increased number of RCMP members in an effort to combat rural crime. The government has determined that the costs of this new model will not be paid through provincial income taxes. Instead, it will be charged to municipalities based on a percentage of recovery on front line policing, population and equalized assessment.

Each municipality must pay these additional policing costs to the province, which will impact the property taxes you presently pay.

The new policing funding model will have a direct impact on the Ma-Me-O Beach budget in 2021 and our municipality has estimated additional policing costs of \$4,725 in 2021 to \$14,187 in 2024 & 2025 to fund the new policing model.

Council will need to balance the number of hours for which we contract with the RCMP for enhanced policing, with the new Provincial funding requirements. It is unknown at this time what level of service we can expect with the new Provincial model.

Council has also contracted with Ms. Doris McAllister for bylaw enforcement. Doris can be reached directly at 780-719-6447.

2020 Annual Information Meeting

The Ma-Me-O Beach Annual Information Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 10:00 am at the Ma-Me-O Beach Community Hall.

Ma-Me-O Beach History Book

Please see enclosed history book update.

Shugarman Family Donation / Parks Enhancement

The Shugarman family has approached the Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach with a desire to provide funding to be used for an environmental project. Ma-Me-O Beach Council wishes to thank the Shugarman family for their generosity! The Summer Village has engaged with Stantec Consulting Ltd for the Jubilee Park Bio-Retention Expansion Project. Stantec will be providing landscape architectural services for this project.

Builder Plaque

Council recognizes and respects the work of many Ma-Me-O Beach residents who have made important contributions to the Summer Village to make our community what it is today. Residents are asked to nominate individuals and describe their contributions, using the form attached. Council will select up to 10 individuals per year, and their names will be inscribed on a plaque to be mounted at the Ma-Me-O Beach Community Hall. Chosen individuals will be announced at the Annual Information Meeting.

Please submit your nominations on or before June 22, 2020.

Recreation Board

The Recreation Board continues to offer summer programs and dances. In 2020, Ma-Me-O Days falls on the weekend of July 18th. For more information, please see the web site at www.mameobeachrecreation.com and watch for recreation newsletters.

Ma-Me-O Beach Land Use Bylaw/ Municipal Development Plan

At this time, Council has been working on a Municipal Development Plan (MDP) as mandated by Alberta Municipal Affairs. A consulting firm called Municipal Planning Services has been engaged to work with Council on the development of the MDP. So far, some needed changes to the Land Use Bylaw have been noted and as such, the Land Use Bylaw will be amended once the MDP is completed. The Land Use Bylaw will also incorporate elements of the Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan (PLWMP). Residents are welcome to view the PLWMP and other related documents at the PLWMP website, <http://www.plwmp.ca/>