



# 2020 Newsletter

## Changes and Response to COVID-19

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Summer Village has made changes to help protect health and safety in our community. The office is closed to the public. If you need to reach the office, just phone, email or send us a letter. Please follow social distancing practices and restrictions on group gatherings recommended by Alberta's Chief Medical Officer. For more information visit:

[www.alberta.ca/restrictions-on-gatherings.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/restrictions-on-gatherings.aspx).

## Canada Day Celebrations

Due to the above recommendations, the Canada Day Parade and barbeque and fireworks have been cancelled. This has been a popular community event enjoyed by many in the Pigeon Lake area. It will be missed. Thanks go out to all the volunteers who have been working on the event. Let's get together for this great celebration next year!

## Council Meetings

Summer Village Council has been meeting via phone or computer. If you wish to join in on the Council Meetings, please visit :

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

The full agenda packages are now available on the website! If you click on the HTML version, then you can see the agenda on the left-hand side of the page, and then when you click on an agenda item, the information is shown on the right-hand side of the page.



## Annual Information Meeting

### Cancelled

If you have any questions, please email them to [cao@sundancebeach.ca](mailto:cao@sundancebeach.ca). We will answer all questions and post answers on our website [www.sundancebeach.ca](http://www.sundancebeach.ca). Be assured, no personal information will be posted.

## Emergency services

### Call-Out Fees

Be aware of the costs of fire emergency services. While the Summer Village has contracted for the service to be available to your residence, it does not cover the call out fees. Contact your insurance broker to determine if call out fees are covered in your policy.

Note that there are fees for any call out, examples include: False alarms, fires, medical first aid.

## Stay in Touch

Summer Village Office Hours  
9am to 2pm Wednesday to Friday  
Phone: (780) 389-4409  
Email: [info@sundancebeach.ca](mailto:info@sundancebeach.ca)  
Website: [www.sundancebeach.ca](http://www.sundancebeach.ca)

# Park Committee News:

The committee has developed a mission statement for the Park as follows:

To create a functional exemplary year round outdoor space to enhance the community experience for the Summer Village of Sundance Beach residents in a sustainable, ecologically based manner embracing the concepts of: recreation, visibility, education, community, low maintenance and environmental stewardship.

## ***Background information:***

During the summer of 2018 at the AIM a request was put forward for any individuals who would like to form a Summer Village Park Committee. At that time, there were two rate payers who put their names forward, Laurel Halkier and Kim Falkenberg, and then at the AIM in 2019 three more rate payers put their names forward, Catherine Peirce, Pat Bieleny, and Steve Gokiert. The committee met and discussed many things over the past nine months, the result of which is the development and roll out of the Park Survey. The committee is very pleased with response. A total of 47 respondents replied to the survey. The results of the survey are in item 4.1 of the May 21 Council agenda package.

## ***Recommendations:***

1. Create and install a play structure for ages 2-12 years old in the area cleared west of the hall. This would include but not limited to the following: swings, climbing structures, activity panels, and benches. A request for proposals would have to be sent out and reviewed.
2. Add the following sport/recreational facilities on the parking lot area: Pickle ball court, multi-use four square and single net basket ball court. Optional tether ball and fitness loop based on proposed quotes. A request for proposals would need to be sent out and reviewed.
3. Install signage regarding guidelines for use, hours of operation, use at own risk
4. Install a clean runoff demonstration rain garden and educational signage
5. Add a seasonal portable toilet



## ***Other considerations:***

Some additional clearing and clean up for the play structure area may be needed.  
Parking lot will need a hard surface and drainage will need to be improved.  
On going maintenance and liability insurance costs need to be addressed.  
Memorial benches: Council to receive requests and determine locations etc.  
Fire pit: Do not install due to liability concerns.  
Interest in facilities for the off season was not significant but communication about winter recreational facilities around the lake e.g. Cross Country skiing at various locations around the lake may be useful.

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

The Summer Village of Sundance Beach owes a debt of gratitude to our many volunteers. They make our community a better place to live and play. Next time you see one of these wonderful people, give them a boost. A kind word of encouragement can make the jobs they do, just a little easier.

# Public Works Update



## *Road Work*

Three new speed signs will be ordered and installed once they arrive.

The road has been graveled, and MG30 dust control applied.

These projects will be paid for through grant funding.

## *Vine Avenue Flooding:*

We have been working on ways to help reduce the spring flooding that may occur on Vine Avenue, with the most flooding happening around houses #100 - 103. This past winter, just before spring melt, snow was pushed to the North of Vine Avenue, away from the houses. This did help mitigate flooding for some of the residents.

A local engineering firm will also be hired to review the area, and provide a drawing of what could be done to the road. Those results will be shared with residents for feedback and comments before any decisions are made.

## *Entrance Lighting*

To enhance the safety of the intersection at the main entrance of the Summer Village, a new street light will be installed by Fortis Alberta. This LED light with a cobra style head will be dark sky friendly. It will light up the area for the entrance sign, as well as the intersection. Highway markers on the intersection will also be installed to help improve safety and to mark the road entrance. Work will proceed once the grant funding for this project has been approved.

## *Summer Student Program*

A summer student has been hired to do various items around Sundance Beach, including: General yard clean-up such as under spruce trees, trimming branches, power washing back patio area, cleaning outside of all buildings, brush trimming East Vine ave, mulch spreading, painting benches and storage shed, grass cutting around hall, parking lot, ditches and Vine Ave.

## *Community Hall Maintenance*

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarm installation in John Turgeon Community Hall,

Bathroom upgrades to include mobility bar and baby change tables as per Alberta Health Services recommendations for hall to be used as an emergency reception centre.

## Fortis Vegetation Control

Fortis contractors will be clearing trees from right of ways in the area. This project will take about 18 months to complete. Representatives will be in contact with you if it affects your property. If you have any questions or concerns please call 310-WIRE.



### Pigeon Lake Photo Contest

Enter your photos in this fun contest.

Top winners will receive a canvas mount of their entry, and their photos will be displayed at the John Turgeon Community Centre.

Find the entry forms and more details at:

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

Deadline for Entries: August 15, 2020

### Planning: MDP and IDP/ICF Projects

As per the new Municipal Government Act, there are some new planning documents that are required to be completed within the next two years.

The Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) and Inter-collaboration Framework (ICF) have been completed.

The Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is in draft form. The public hearing will be set after a time when the public health restrictions are lifted allowing the most people to be able to participate and provide input.

More information and the plans can be found on the website:

<https://www.sundancebeach.ca/Development>

### Bylaw and Policy Review

A review of the bylaws and policies for both the Summer Villages of Sundance Beach and Silver Beach has been completed.

This was to help ensure that the policies and bylaws all align with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act and any recent amendments.

There are now a number of draft bylaws and policies that will be brought forward for Council consideration.

# Financial Report

## *2019 Audited Financial Statement*

MNP LLP completed the Summer Village's audit. In their opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Summer Village of Sundance Beach as at December 31, 2019, the results of its operations, change in net financial assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

The auditor's expressed their appreciation for the cooperation received from management.

The Summer Village continues to have no debt.

The full financial statements are available on the website:

<https://www.sundancebeach.ca/Finance>

## *2020 Budget*

There was a zero percent increase in the overall taxes from last year.

The major capital projects have all been funded through Provincial grant funding, including the garage sidewalk, radar speed signs, and road work.

A portion of the planning projects (MDP and IDP/ICF) were completed in 2019, with the remaining work (including income and off-setting expense) for the MDP will continue in 2020.