



Summer Village of Itaska Beach

#10 Norwood Close, Wetaskiwin AB T9A 1K2

2012 Projects

This past year has been a good one for our Summer Village as we moved forward on several important initiatives to the lake and our Summer Village. We are into March and it has been an exceptional winter in terms of weather. The Lake Season will soon be upon us again. The New Year got off to a quick start in January for Council with the “Watermere Development proposal” That and other matters/issues addressed by Council to date in the New Year are as follows:

Council approved an interim budget for 2012. Details can be found on the website under Administration -> Finance.

Council is reviewing the following projects for the Summer Village, which if approved, would be covered through capital grant applications.

- **Protection of People and Property:** Council is considering installing security cameras to the entrance of Itaska Beach, and other locations along Beach Avenue. In a brief written by the Justice Policy Centre from www.urban.org, “Police, policymakers and others involved in criminal justice largely viewed the cameras as a useful tool for preventing crimes, aiding in arrests, and supporting investigations and prosecutions.” Members from the Thorsby RCMP detachment have also given their verbal encouragement for this initiative. These initiatives along with other Police changes are directed at providing more effective protection to all Summer Village of Itaska assets.

The security cameras would be installed and record any movement; only administration would have access to monitor the recordings and would review if notified of any incident in Itaska by either the RCMP or Pigeon Lake Protective Services related to an investigation. (i.e. vandalism, break-ins and thefts etc.). A privacy policy will be developed that will ensure only the appropriate authorities have access to any security footage.

Emergency Planning & Regional Policing

We are pleased to report that the ten Summer Villages around Pigeon Lake have received \$100,000 from the Provincial Government for a regional collaborative project to study and develop a Regional Emergency Plan. This is a Provincial requirement; watch the website for initial drafts.

Regional Policing Model: the 10 Summer Villages also received a \$75,000 regional collaborative grant. Together, the Summer Villages wish to jointly provide high-quality police services to their communities through the development of a 5-year policing and bylaw enforcement model for the Pigeon Lake region. Developing this model will include a review of existing policing services, community peace officer services, criminal & bylaw enforcement and will examine all options for these services into the future.

- **Culture / Social:** We are socially active and involved in events and activities in our community, with a goal of bringing people together.*

Gazebo in the park: looking at a structure that would have minimum maintenance. A roof with no windows, with the existing barbecue facility to be close to the gazebo for cooking. Would allow sitting and eating inside in good or bad weather. Reviewing best location, and an “outdoor” type design to fit within the environment of Itaska Beach

Contract Renewals

The grass contract and garbage contracts were under review this year. We are working with the other Summer Villages around the lake for the garbage contract to help ensure we get the most cost-effective rate.

Email Address

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* excerpt from Itaska Beach's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

Pigeon Lake Watershed Association—Update

PLWA was one of the agencies that Leduc County informed and invited to submit responses about the proposed Watermere Development application. Initially, the timeline was very short. We quickly formed a task team with the regulatory and environmental knowledge to prepare an in-depth response. The PLWA communications team invited people to send us their thoughts and set up a webpage on our website to keep people informed. Find at www.plwa.ca, our submission with many of the notes and letters sent in the Appendix. The PLWA NewsFlash concerning the development was sent out January 6th, using our new membership system. If you did not receive it, please email your contact information to PLWA at info@pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com.

PLWA Directors started the New Year by attending Summer Village council meetings to introduce key priorities and enhance working relationships since healthy lake stewardship must be done in collaboration with the summer villages and by people around the lake. We've had a couple of potential shoreline projects come out of these meetings and we have been busy writing grants to get the funding to make them happen. PLWA is continuing to urge and support Summer Villages to conduct a review and update of by-laws to reflect healthy lake best practices, for example all the studies state we must stop adding nutrients and contaminants to the lake.

The PLWA now attends the Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities meetings and has given them a presentation on the Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP) also a priority. To get significant government support a Water Management Plan is necessary. Throughout the process, the IWMP will produce collective agreements to implement. A December 2011 IWMP update is on the website.

Note: A full water quality update including what Alberta Health does and is doing to improve their processes along with the on-going water quality monitoring and the new point source testing will be available on the PLWA website soon.

NEPL Rates

Residential Service – increases to \$34.50 per month from \$30.00 per month

The rate increase has become necessary due to increased power costs and infrastructure upgrades which are necessary to keep the system running at an optimal level.

The NEPLRSC continues to provide environmentally sound wastewater service at the best cost possible to its residents and looks forward to continuing success in 2012.

Watermere Development

There is a proposed development on Pigeon Lake: Watermere Resort. The Summer Village of Itaska Beach Council worked with the other nine Summer Villages and Pigeon Lake Watershed Association which resulted in written submissions to the County of Leduc and the Province with a number of concerns regarding the development,

South Side Sewage System

Phase 1 of this 10.8 million dollar system has been approved and financed by the Province, and work on some aspects of the system has already commenced.

This plan involves three phases to eventually ring the entire lake - all three phases have been approved in principle by the Province and additional funding is expected for Phases 2 & 3 in 2012 and 2013.

Planned completion is projected for 2014.

a copy of which can be found on the website: www.itaska.ca.

Council has also made a request to the County of Leduc for personal interaction on this proposed development.

Playground

A playground safety inspection was completed on October 3, 2011. A number of recommended repairs were included, which will be completed this year.

Find more information at:

www.itaska.ca

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NOTES

First collection day in 2012 will be Monday January 2nd
 Designated collection day is marked in **RED**
 Have cart out by 7:00 AM collection day
 Have cart as close to road way as possible
 Weekly Collection Cycle starts May 21, 2011
 Bi weekly Collection Cycle Starts October 8, 2011
 There will be **NO** collection between Christmas Day and New Year's Day
 Garbage **and** grass bag pickups marked in **Blue**

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