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# *Spring Newsletter*

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## Message from our Mayor!

Welcome back to "the lake". With an early fall and cold winter, here's hoping we have some great weather for summer! On behalf of Council, I'd like to update you on the things we've been working on over this winter.

First, I want to thank Emily House our new Chief Administrative Officer. She is very organized, has a lot of Municipal Government experience and has truly made the transition to our Village seamlessly. Council and the Village are very fortunate to have her. Emily, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Under the amendments to to Municipal Government Act of a couple of years ago, the Village has many new requirements to comply with including Inter Municipal Collaboration Frameworks, Inter Municipal Development Plans and our own Municipal Development Plan. With Emily's capable help, Council has been working to meet these new requirements. A significant example is the Municipal Development Plan that we will be consulting with Villagers on during the summer. This is a high-level set of objectives and policies that will outline the Village's commitment to the environment and lake stewardship and will set the principles for responsible redevelopment within the Village. The Municipal Development Plan will shape refinements to our Land Use Bylaw which Council has been considering. We look forward to your feedback on this plan.

Council has also been working on revising our Responsble Pet Ownership Bylaw. Our current bylaw is very old and needs to be updated to reflect the current needs of the Village. We will be sharing the draft Bylaw at the Annual Information Meeting and seeking your written feedback for Council's consideration in finalizing the new Bylaw.

I want to say a special thanks to our Security Committee, Dave and Wendy Wiles, John McIvor, Derek Onysko, Leah Izquierdo and Emily House. They have been working hard on sorting out the issues with our cameras. Derek Onysko will be presenting some information at the Annual Information Meeting on how we can all better secure our properties. The Committee is making good progress on the complex matter.

With respect to the legal challenge to Wapameg Avenue and the footpath, the case was heard by the Court of Appeal on May 1 and the panel reserved judgement. Council is optimistic the court will uphold the original decision when the decision is released.

I also want to thank my fellow Councillors, Deputy Mayor John McIvor and Councillor Tim Kirby. Their hard work and commitment contributes significantly to the success of our Village.

-Mayor Tim Wiles

## Kapasiwin Transfer Station

3503 Township Rd. 533A
Range Road 35 north of Hwy. 16

Kapasiwin residents are entitled to receive a transfer station card that grants them access to nearby transfer stations where they may drop-off acceptable materials free of charge. If you require a care please contact Emily to arrange to have a card printed and mailed to you.

**Summer Hours**
Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Winter Hours**
Thursday
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Acceptable Materials

- automotive waste
- blue bag recycling
- commercial/construction waste (charges apply)
- electronics recycling
- grass and leaves
- household hazardous waste
- household waste
- metal recycling (charges apply)
- mixed waste (charges apply)
- tree trimmings

# 2019 Property Assessmennt and Taxes

It's that time of year again. You will find enclosed with this newslwter, your 2019 Combined Property Assessment and Tax Notice.

Please note that the **ASSESSED VALUE** for your property is as of **July 1st, 2018.** We highly recommend each resident closely examine their Property Assessment and speak with the assessor regarding it. The Assessment Complaint Deadline is July 31, 2019.

**PROPERTY TAXES are DUE JUNE 30, 2019 by midnight.**

Penalties will not be applied if the Village receives your payment on or before June 30, 2019 or if the post mark on your envelope is June 30, 2019.

A 18% penalty on your current tax levy will be applied on July 1, 2019. On January 1, 2019 an additional 18% penalty will be applied on the complete outstanding amount (previous and current tax levy and penalties).

If you should have any questions regarding this or if you would like to speak with the Village's Assessor, please feel free to contact Emily at 780-914-0997.

# Warning Buoys

We are looking at replacing the buoys this year that will be again in place in Kapasiwin Bay as a demarcation line for users of watercraft in the bay. We ask residents and guests that when using motorized watercraft, please leave your boat launch or dock and head straight out past the buoys before engaging you activities. The area from the beach to the buoy demarcation line is reserved for swimmers, canoeing and paddleboats, tubers and rowboats giving them a safe place to enjoy the lake environment.

# Fire Smart – Help Protect Your Property

This year, with the dry conditions and the number of fires that have occured, the Village would like to provide some helpful strategies that you can implement on your property to help reduce the risk of wildfire affecting your property.

- Do not store firewood beside buildings including houses or sheds
- Trim trees where branches are touching buildings or the ground
- Clear branches and leaves from rooftops and gutters
- Clear debris piles, dead branches and leaves from properties

For additional Fire Smart tips, please visit www.wildfire.alberta.ca/fire-smart

# Fire Bans

As always, we would like to remind residents and their guests to use caution when enjoying a fire.

As we move into the fire season, the Summer Village will continuously monitor conditions and consult with Parkland County regarding fire bans and advisories. Historically, we have followed the fire ban status of Parkland County; however, Councl may wish to issue their own bans for the Village as well.

In all cases, the fire ban status of the Village will be updated on the Village website for quick reference.

# Be a Responsible Pet Owner

We would like to applaud the residents who respect their neighbors and community and clean up after their pets.

Council is currently reviewing our Dog Bylaw and have drafted the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw which will be presented at our Annual Information Meeting for written input from residents.

### Please Pick Up After Your Pet

A single gram of dog feces contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria that harbour many more dangerous bacteria and viruses. **Dog feces kills plants and grass. Dog feces can pollute the environment and filter its way into water supplies. Dog feces left behind create an unattractive environment.**

# Projects for 2019

After significant capital investment in many of the Village's assets including the community hall, security cameras, and tennis courts, Council has arranged for some minor road repairs on Railway Ave. With the development of the Security Committee we also have scheduled the next phase of the security camera project over the next year.

We are very fortunate to be in a very healthy capital grant position today; however, it seems uncertain at this time what future provincial grants will be available in the future. Council is carefully considering our future capital plans and community needs and wants and would welcome any input from residents on your views of these.

Moving forward Kapaswin has been focused on ensuring that we comply with the amended Alberta Municipal Government Act (MGA) this year. With this comes a number of documents that must be developed. One such requirement is for the Village to adopt a Municipal Development Plan. Council and Administration have been working diligently on this project with Municipal Planning Services and have successfully produced a draft of Kapasiwin's Municipal Development Plan which we will be presenting at the Public Open House on July 27th for your input and comments. This project is being funded through the Alberta Community Parnerships Grant that we were successful in securing.

Additionally, all municipalites within Alberta are required to develop and adopt Inter Municipal Development Plans and Inter Municipal Collaboration Frameworks with neighboring municipalities. Kapaswin is current working with Parkland County on these documents.

As mentioned at the 2018 Annual Information Meeting, Alberta Muncipal Affairs also implemented a Municipal Accountability Program Audit which Kapaswin was a part of in August 2018. We are currently working on complying with the suggestions that Alberta Municipal Affairs made in their report and will be in full compliance by November 2019.

Additional projects this year will consist of continuing to work on amending the Land Use Bylaw and updating our Emergency Management Plan to conform to new legislation.

# Developing and Building

A Development Permit must be applied for before obtaining any Safety Code Permits necessary for new construction, additions, decks, demolition, and excavation (HOLDING TANKS & CISTERNS). This permit is to ensure that your project or home occupation conforms to the Village's Land Use ByLaw, including proper setbacks from property lines, etc.

Our Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner, can be reached at 780-718-5479. A Real Property Report, showing the location of existing buildings and the proposed development must be submitted when applying. Application fees must accompany all Development Applications.

Safety Code Permits including electrical, plumbing, building, etc. must be obtained from Inspections Group before beginning your project. You must apply for these permits to ensure that your project is safe and conforms to safety code regulations and must be obtained before commencing work. Permit forms can be found on the Village's website of at www.inspectionsgroup.com.

# Community Events and Meetings

## OUR SEASON OPENING
## WINE & CHEESE PARTY

**SATURDAY JUNE 29th**
5:30 TO 7:30PM

VILLAGE HALL

*Bring your own bubbly*

*We'll bring the munchies!*

*Friends are welcome, Doggies are not!*

## DOUBLES HORSESHOES

**SATURDAY, JULY 13th**
1:00 PM

AT THE VILLAGE PITS

*Cash Prizes*

*Ringer Loonies*

*Suds ----- Pop ---- and "Cash"*

## ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETING

**SATURDAY, JULY 20TH**
10:30AM

VILLAGE HALL

## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMEMNT PLAN (MDP)

**SATURDAY, JULY 27TH**
10:00AM

VILLAGE HALL

Municipal Planning Services will be holding a Public Open House regarding Kapasiwin's Municipal Development Plan (MDP). The MDP is a new requirement under the amended Municipal Government Act.

We look forward to seeing everyone and receiving your input.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are scheduled at the previous meetings and will be posted on the website.

If you have an item you'd like added to the Agenda, please submit it to the Emily by noon the Friday before the meeting.

Public attendance is always welcomed and encouraged.

## SPORTS WEEKEND

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD**
2:00PM

WATER EVENTS/DREVER-ONYSKO BEACH

*Bonfire, hot dogs, pop and beer!*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH**
2:00PM

LAND RACES
VILLAGE SPORTS FIELD

*Cold Pop ….Cold Beer*

## THE FAMOUS FIREWORKS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST**

DUSK AT THE DREVER'S

*Bonfire, marshmellows, and pop*