



Summer Village of Poplar Bay

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Fall 2022 Newsletter

COUNCIL MESSAGE

Another great summer with near perfect weather has come to an end with the arrival of fall, we hope everyone was able to fully enjoy the lake and everything our community has to offer. This season saw us blessed with high water quality in the lake with virtually no algae issues, we should all take credit for this with all the hard work you've all done to improve runoff and thus lake improved lake water quality. Your council hope that you have a safe and enjoyable winter, in preparation for another great summer at Pigeon Lake next year, for those of you who are fortunate enough to stay at the lake over winter and enjoy everything winter has to offer we also hope you have a great winter.

WASTEWATER EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

High Level Alarms / System Issues

In case of a pump system issue or concern, please contact the Summer Village Office at 780-586-2494 and speak with the Public Works Coordinator. If required, someone will then attend the property to resolve the issue.

In most cases, the only indicator you will have about a system failure is the activation of the high-level alarm. During an alarm condition, please limit your water usage until repairs are completed. Generally speaking, when the high-level alarm sounds you still have room in you tank for about one day's usage.

When you hear a high-level alarm, please contact the Public Works Coordinator during office hours at 780-586-2494. If you are leaving a voice message, please include the nature of the concern, the date and time, the location of the problem and contact information for yourself so he can follow up with you to resolve the issue.

Leaving your tank or sewer system for the winter:

1. Leave the power on to your grinder pump.
2. Leave power on to high-level alarm system.
3. If you hear any high-level alarms in the village whether it's yours or your neighbours, please contact the Public Works department. You can reach the Public Works Coordinator during office hours @ 780-586-2494 or the Public Works Operator at the afterhours emergency number @ 780-360-4664.

Wastewater Emergency Situations

If you observe an emergency situation such as wastewater escaping to the surface, after regular business hours please call the emergency after hours number @ 780-360-4664.

WASTEWATER PROHIBITED ITEMS

Please remember your grinder pump will provide years of service if you follow some simple rules. The only materials permitted to be discharged into the wastewater system are: human waste and toilet paper; greywater from showers, sinks, tubs and dishwashers; conventional food wastes as processed through an in-sink garbage disposal unit and laundry machine washing discharge.

Many items are not allowed to enter toilets or drains. Prohibited items include:

“flushable” baby wipes	dental floss	gravel	socks, rags or cloth
feminine products	pantyhose	bones	paint or paint thinner
diapers	plastics / latex	glass	metal
condoms	grease or cooking oil	sand	cat litter
egg shells	seafood shells	grout	cleaning wipes

Sump pump discharge, rainwater and other surface water are not permitted to enter the wastewater system. In addition, Schedule D-1 and D-2 in the Municipal Wastewater Utility Bylaw #253 set out chemical, oil, flammable materials and other restrictions.

NOTE: The cost of repair to the grinder pump caused by prohibited materials in the tank will be the responsibility of the property owner.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Earlier this year council made a decision to install stop signs at some of our intersections in an effort to calm/slow traffic flow through the village. Over the last couple years, we’ve had numerous calls/complaints about vehicles speeding or driving through the village with excessive speeds, as a result of these complaints it became incumbent on the council to address speeding in some way. We looked at numerous options and decided that the first step would be to try stop signs as a calming measure, this was based on several factors including cost and other municipalities in central Alberta having success using stop signs. In our last newsletter, we mentioned the potential for the installation of signs in an effort to inform residents. Signs were also discussed at our Annual Information Meeting at which time there was no issues brought forward. After the signs were installed, we did receive some inquiries from residents and why they were installed, we tried to meet with anyone who had questions to explain the situation and the plan moving forward. From what has been seen over the summer, we believe the stop signs have actually calmed traffic to some degree. We do recognize that the placement of stop signs may have created localized issues for residents near the signs things like squeaking breaks or accelerating vehicles however overall, we believe the benefit outweighs these localized issues.

We do thank those residents who are adhering to the stop signs and respecting the other residents.

We will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the stop signs and may at some point undertake other measures as required.

If you have any questions or concerns about traffic calming measures, please feel free to reach out to one of the councillors as we’d be more than happy to discuss our approach and we are open to any ideas that our residents may have to help us in this endeavor.

SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

GFL will be undertaking bin replacement on the south side of the lake starting September 26 – October 7 and again October 24 – November 18.

GFL will be starting in Norris Beach and working to the North Summer Villages.

GFL will be replacing as many bins as they are able to September 26 – October 7 and will continue the replacements starting again on October 24, 2022.

BLUE BAG RECYCLE PROGRAM

Please see the remainder of the solid waste and the blue bag recycle program for the remainder of 2022. The solid waste pick up dates are indicated in **BLUE**, and the blue bag recycle pick up dates are indicated in **PURPLE**.

Recycling pick up will be stopped on October 31 but will resume in Spring to coincide with weekly solid waste pick up

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BOAT MOORING DISTURBANCE STANDARD

In 2021, Alberta Environment and Parks created a new Boat Mooring Disturbance Standard for temporary seasonal docks and other mooring structures. If you are placing a structure on municipal land, you will require approval from the Summer Village of Poplar Bay. To do this please call the office @ 780-586-2494 or email information@svofficepl.com

The disturbance standard came into effect on April 19, 2021. You can learn more by visiting <https://www.alberta.ca/mooring-standards-engagement.aspx>

PLEASE RESPECT THE NO WAKE ZONE

Residents are asked to respect the “no wake zone” in the lake adjacent to the shoreline. For practical purposes the NO WAKE ZONE IS THE AREA FROM THE Village Buoys to the shoreline. A “no-wake zone” is an area where vessels are expected to travel at slow (idle) speeds to minimize the wake. This zone minimizes the erosion to the shoreline and keeps residents and other watercraft users safe.

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES BYLAW NO. 274

No person shall construct, install, erect or maintain any Development on Reserve without the express written approval of Council. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, no Development in the nature of playgrounds, recreational facilities for volleyball, basketball, horseshoes or other recreational pursuits, structures, buildings, paths, stairs, pathways, stairways, firepits or other outdoor cooking facilities, shall be allowed without the express written approval of Council. Notwithstanding this provision however, nothing contained herein shall imply that Council has the authority to approve a use not contemplated by the MGA.

DORIS MCALLISTER - BYLAW OFFICER

Doris McAllister is on board to assist Poplar Bay residents with bylaw questions and concerns, including parking, noise, animal control, use of fertilizer and herbicides, etc. Doris can be reached at 1-780-719-6447.

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