

Land Update

Thank you to everyone that submitted written comments and / or was able to participate in the resident meeting on August 24, 2020 held virtually on Zoom. Council values your feedback and took your comments into consideration when discussing the purchase of the "point" land:

Rural Legal: NW-2-47-28-4
Parcel Area: 8 acres

The following motion was made at the August 25, 2020 Regular Council Meeting:

WHEREAS the land described as NW-2-47-28-4 ("point land") would be beneficial to the Summer Village to own in order to keep the land in its undeveloped natural state, excepting the possibility of a walking trail, and

WHEREAS the existing reserve and park lands of Silver Beach should not be subdivided or sold and the new point land should not be subdivided or sold, and

WHEREAS the funds to purchase the land could come from donations, and

WHEREAS, if donations received were significant but not sufficient to purchase the point land, Council could consider raising the balance through grant funding, from Silver Beach's financial reserve and borrowing;

Therefore:

1. a request for donations be made to Silver Beach residents with a goal of raising \$1,100,000, on or before September 30, 2020 so that a timely offer to purchase the point land can be made;
2. the money would be held by the Summer Village and, if the land deal were to proceed Silver Beach would provide each donor with a tax receipt; if the land deal does not proceed, the money would be refunded by Silver Beach to the donors; and further that
3. a request be made to the County of Wetaskiwin for its consent to Silver Beach purchasing the point land which is located within the County of Wetaskiwin, as required under the Municipal Government Act.

Updated Information:

Council has since learned that the point land has been purchased by long-term residents of Silver Beach who felt that the residents all supported the purchase of the land and wanted to purchase the land before it could be sold to anyone else so as to secure the land for the Summer Village.

Council also understands that the new owners are working on developing a responsible plan, purpose and vision for the land with a goal of working with Council to make it a part of the Summer Village.

Once further information is available Council will revisit its August 25, 2020 Motion and request for donations to enable the Summer Village to purchase the land from the new owners.



Communication

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A screenshot of the Summer Village of Silver Beach website. The browser address bar shows 'silverbeach.ca'. The website header includes a 'Return to home' button, a search bar, and a navigation menu with links for Home, Emergency, Council, Administration, Protective Services, and COVID-19. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'Latest News', 'Upcoming Events', and 'Action Steps'. The 'Latest News' column features articles like 'Fertilizer And Pesticide Ban' and 'Cosmetic Lawn Fertilizer By-Law', along with a 'RE-OPENING SOON' banner for the 'Office Re-Opening'. The 'Upcoming Events' column lists 'Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup' (September 01), 'Council Meeting' (November 24), 'Council Meeting' (January 26), and 'Council Meeting' (April 27). The 'Action Steps' column contains links for 'Contact Us', 'Subscribe', 'Print this Page', 'Send to a friend', and 'Submit an Event'. A red arrow points to the 'Subscribe' link.