



# 2022 Newsletter



## 2022 Tax Notice

The 2022 tax notice and assessment are enclosed. Cheques must be mailed and post-marked no later than June 30, 2022. There is also the option of joining our pre-authorized monthly tax payment program. If you are interested, contact the office.

Assessments increased on average this year by 14.2% for residential (note that this includes new growth of \$298,500) and increased by 20.9% for vacant lots.

The municipal portion of property taxes increased by \$2,637, which is 1.28%. The education requisition increased by \$15,225 which is 7.68%. Overall, there was an average increase of 4.43% for property taxes.

## New Bins for Ouimette Park

New garbage bins are coming this summer. They are animal proof to reduce interaction between wildlife and humans. With more sightings of bear and racoons in the area, we want to prevent wildlife from seeing the Summer Village as a source of food. The bins will also allow for bottle recycling.

## Annual Information Meeting

This year's AIM will be July 16, 2022 at 10 am Mulhurst Community Hall.

There will be a lunch after the meeting.



## Trail Enhancement

Enhancements along the walking trail are complete. Please take some time to walk the trail and enjoy! All costs were covered through provincial grant funding.



## New Development Permit Requirement

The Summer Village is creating new drainage plans and bylaws to improve drainage issues. Considering these plans and improvements, effective May 16th, 2022 development permits for new builds, or building additions will have to include site drainage plans endorsed by a Professional Engineer. More details are on the [www.silverbeach.ca](http://www.silverbeach.ca) website.

## Large Item Garbage Collection

**July 16, 2022 at 7 am**

There will be one major clean-up this summer where residents may put their garbage out at the end of the driveway (the same place you would place your garbage bin). Check [www.silverbeach.ca](http://www.silverbeach.ca) for guidance on what can be discarded.

## Volunteers Needed

We need people to pull back garbage bins after Monday pick-up. Too many times the bins are left at the side of the road, causing difficulty for snow removal and service work. We recognize many people have left the lake after the weekend, but the bins need to be pulled back. Ask a neighbour to help if you will not be around after pick-up. If you are around, try to help the Summer Village by helping your neighbour.

## Fire Safety

We are exploring measures to reduce the chance of wildfires. The grassy meadow east of the Summer Village has been a concern; a fire barrier is being considered.

## Proposed Feedlot Near Pigeon Lake

The Pigeon Lake Watershed Association (PLWA) is requesting funding donations to prepare and deliver a robust challenge, if necessary, to the pending Natural Resource Conservation Board (NRCB) decision on the confined feeding operation (CFO) in the Pigeon Lake watershed with a focus on adverse effects and environmental risks. They are looking to raise \$60,000 for legal and expert witnesses and administrative support.

In addition, PLWA needs volunteers to help with fundraising, impact statements, First Nations collaboration, environmental science, and legal expertise.

To support the Defend Pigeon Lake Watershed Initiative, you can donate at: [www.plwa.ca/donate](http://www.plwa.ca/donate) or volunteer by emailing [info@plwa.ca](mailto:info@plwa.ca).

## NEPL Bylaw Proposed

The Northeast Pigeon Lake Regional Services Commission (NEPL) is contemplating a bylaw, to update rates and clarify when a charge for a second dwelling on a property would be charged. A dwelling will have a charge if it contains both a kitchen and a bathroom.

To note: Our Land Use Bylaw does not allow for a kitchen in a second dwelling, so this should not affect any of our residents.

## New Fireworks Bylaw

Thanks to all who took part in the fireworks survey. The feedback was used by Council to pass #2022-01 the Fireworks Bylaw.

Fireworks will be allowed now, under the following restricted circumstances:

1. No Person shall discharge, fire, or set off Fireworks within the Summer Village:
  - a. On or over Summer Village land, including Quimette Park
  - b. Over neighbouring properties; or
  - c. During a fire ban issued either by the Province of Alberta or the Summer Village.
2. A Person who uses or causes Fireworks to be used shall:
  - a. Do so safely and only in an open space; and
  - b. Only discharge, fire or set off fireworks within the period of 6:00 p.m. until midnight or on New Year's Eve until 12:30 a.m. of the next day; and
  - c. Only discharge, fire or set off Fireworks on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the May long weekend, Canada Day, the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the August long weekend, the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the September long weekend, and New Year's Eve, unless written permission has been obtained at least 5 days in advance of their use from the CAO or his or her designate; and
  - d. Cleanup all debris, rubbish, litter, remains, and byproducts created by or resulting from the use of Fireworks.

Please report any contraventions to Bylaw Officer Doris McAllister at 780-719-6447 with as much information as possible. She will be able to follow-up.



## Cute, but Pesky Raccoons!

Raccoon sightings in the Pigeon Lake area are becoming more frequent. Keep all pet foods and garbage beyond the reach of wildlife to reduce activity. If you have concerns about wildlife activity on Summer Village Land, please call the office at 780 – 389-4409