

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023

RESORT VILLAGE OF WEE TOO BEACH

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Beach season 2023 is having a slow start with a very late spring. Council is well into succession planning with Pam Holliday taking over a majority of the office responsibilities as we prepare for our administration changes. Our permanent, part-time maintenance person, Kelly Miller, is doing a great job with maintenance and small projects for the beach. Everyone enjoy the summer and be safe!

ANNUAL RATEPAYER MEETING

Council has tentatively scheduled the Annual Ratepayer Meeting for August 12, 2023. Watch for an email, the website and posters for all the details and any changes. Bring your lawn chairs!

e-NEWSLETTER/eNOTICES

Electronic newsletters are sent out on occasion regarding urgent information and events. Don't miss out—contact the office to be included on the email list. Sign up today!

2023 TAXES

This year there has been no change to the base tax (\$550) or the mill rate (2.5 mills). The education (school) mill rate has remained at 4.54 mills. To receive the discount on the municipal portion of your taxes, your payment must be received in the office no later than July 31st. Ensure your payment is received in adequate time for processing. You may pay your taxes by cash, cheque or e-transfer. All receipts will be emailed to you if your email address is on file with the village.

Both postdated cheques and installments are accepted for the payment of your current and next year's taxes. Please contact the office to make these arrangements.

The 2022 financial statement is posted on the village website and included with this mailing.

ADDRESSES

Your address printed on your tax notice and should be clearly posted on your cottage as this will assist in locating you in an emergency. Bylaw 4/91 requires posting your address on your property and provides a penalty for non-compliance.

Tax and Assessment notices can also be emailed directly to you along with current newsletters on the day they are postal mailed. Contact the office for details.

BOAT LAUNCH/PARKING ACCESS

Keys for the gates remain the property of the municipality. Should you sell your cottage, please remember to turn your keys into the office. Parking passes are included with your tax notice or separate mail. Haven't picked up your key yet or have no parking pass—please contact the office.

METZ AVENUE BEACH PARKING

Parking is available behind Metz Avenue to the south for vehicles and trailers to ensure the safety and access to all in the area. Watch for signage.

PUBLIC RESERVES/ROADWAYS

Please remember that no permanent structures can be placed in these areas. **Prior** to construction or placing of any lifts, pump houses or water systems on the shoreline area, an approved permit from Council is required.



HYGIENIC WATER SYSTEM

The village operates a hygienic water system in Lipp's Beach subdivision by permit. The water provided to these cottages cannot be used for drinking, cooking or oral hygiene. Please place "DO NOT DRINK" stickers on or near your taps in the cottage and ensure all family, friends and visitors are advised. Additional stickers may be obtained from the administrator. Please note that the water fees have increased this year and are reflected in the invoice you receive. The annual water quality notice is posted at the well and on the village website.

FIRE SUPPRESSION SERVICES

The Village of Holdfast provides the local volunteer firefighting services for our village. Please ensure that you have adequate fire insurance coverage on your property. **Note:** The current fire call-out fees are \$800.00 per hour per truck from time of call out. A fee of \$800.00 will be charged for request for assistance that is cancelled on route. You may use these costs to ensure adequate coverage in your discussions with your insurer. Additional coverage specifically for volunteer fire fighting callouts should be discussed and is usually reasonably priced.

ATV's

Remember that children between the ages of 12 and 16 must be accompanied by a person with a valid driver's license and helmets **must** be worn by all riders at all times. This is a privilege to use ATV's in the village and your cooperation will ensure it remains so. Golf carts are not permitted for use and the RCMP may ticket you.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

Commissionaires South Saskatchewan continue to provide bylaw enforcement services for the village. The Commissionaires ensure that the village bylaws are being followed by all residents and visitors. We ask you to please respect them and the work they have been contracted to do.

SPEEDING

Please watch your speed and especially pedestrian traffic in the village keeping families safe as they walk to the beaches.

NOISE

For the enjoyment of all residents, quiet time is between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Please respect your neighbors.

DOG BYLAW

Dogs are not permitted at the beach swimming area and must be leashed at all times when outside the dog owner's property. First time offenders will be issued a written warning with repeat offenders issued a fine for each offence. Please also remember to clean up after your pet for the safety and enjoyment of all residents. **As property owners, you are responsible for your guest's pets.**



SMOKE/CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

Effective July 1st, 2022, every building with a residential occupancy is to have carbon monoxide (CO) and smoke alarms installed regardless of the buildings date of construction. See *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Regulations* for details.

****BUILDING PERMITS****

Remember that building and development permits are **required and must be approved PRIOR to construction**. Professional Building Inspections does all village building inspections and ensures that all construction meets the current building standards and also conforms to zoning bylaws. Any building commenced without a permit will be issued a stop work order, fee charged and also may need to be dismantled, moved or otherwise altered at your expense. Building permits start at \$40.00 plus building inspection and SAMA fees and can be obtained by contacting the office.

Demolition permits are required for removal or demolition of any building or structure at no charge for the permit. Obtaining a permit ensures that your property is assessed correctly which affects your annual tax bill.

Pump House permits and location are approved by Council and are required prior to construction. **There is no charge for the pump house permit and must be approved before construction.**

****GARBAGE****

Spring cleanup bins are scheduled for the May long weekend. We will email should delivery be delayed.



FRIDGES, FREEZERS or PROPANE TANKS ARE NOT PERMITTED! Please keep the area neat and stack items to the front of the bin maximizing space to ensure everyone has access to use the bins.

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY IN THE SIX LORAAS BINS!

The following items are **NOT** permitted in these containers:

- Liquids
- Construction debris
- any type of oil including oil rags, paint or thinners (recycle-see below)
- Flammables, hazardous waste, radio-active materials, chemicals (recycle-see below)
- Medical waste, needles
- Fluorescent tubes (recycle-see below)
- Yard waste, herbicides, pesticides
- Electronics (recycle-see below)
- Appliances (recycle-see below)
- Batteries—automotive & household (recycle-see below)
- Asbestos
- Chemical products

RECYCLABLE ITEMS – Please visit www.saskwastereduction.ca for updated recycling options. You can assist us in putting your tax dollars to better use by recycling your used items.

TREE PIT – ****Remember**** – Council has an agreement with Alice Beach for access to the tree pit and grass clippings area. *We pay for use* of the disposal area for trees and clear wood products only (no paint or treatment). Any other items placed in the tree pit will result in fines to offenders—please be conscious of what you put in the pit and remember that Alice Beach regulates the area.

GRASS CLIPPINGS – These compostable items are to be placed in the clearly marked area at Alice Beach. **Do not place** plastic bags, rocks and wood products anywhere in the area as it is monitored and violators may be fined.

RECREATION

WEE SWIM TOO 2023

Registration for the 2023 summer swimming lessons is open June 1st thru June 30th. There are limited spots available so register early. Lessons are scheduled for July 17-21 & July 24-28. Please email weetoolelessons@gmail.com to register your child. Follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information.



PLAYGROUND/REC COMMITTEE

Rachelle Ash, Tracy Church and Scott Russell continue as Wee Too Beach's Playground/Rec Committee members. Thank you for your work with fundraising events and recycling that provide funding for equipment for all residents.

If you have some time and would like to volunteer to help the committee with their fundraising events, please email Rachelle or Tracy with your contact information so they can coordinate the assistance they might need.

The current recycling program continues as in the past. Update emails will be sent from the village email account for future bake sales, fundraising projects/events and any changes to the current recycling program. Remember that to volunteer to help this group or to share your ideas for events or fundraising, please email the committee directly (Tracy at tracydewhurst@gmail.com or Rachelle at rachelle_7@sasktel.net).

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Watch the website, electronic newsletters and bulletin boards for any events through the summer and details for the Annual Meeting in August.



STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER