

Alberta Beach Newsletter 2013



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This past spring after several months of deliberation, I finally made the decision to retire and end a 45 year career in law enforcement. March 29th my last day of employment with the Government, was highlighted with Sharon and I sharing a starlight dinner on the beaches of Montego Bay. This is the third and final time I am going to enter into retirement. I have no immediate plans other than to enjoy time with family and friends as well as fulfill my obligations to the Village.

Shortly after my return from holidays I was confronted with some serious staffing issues in our Public Works Department. I can assure you that this matter is being dealt with in a lawful and professional manner by Council and the Village C.A.O. I am unable to provide any further information as Council is obliged to respect the privacy of the individuals involved and to adhere to the conditions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. In the meantime, Public Works continues to provide essential services.

With last winter's heavy snow fall and the spring rains many home owners are being plagued with water drainage issues. Lacking a storm sewer system there is no easy solution to this problem. We will continue to address this issue and provide solutions where we can. Home owners are reminded not to take unilateral action as this frequently compounds the problem and can create drainage issues for your neighbors. The cost of restoring unapproved alterations to municipal property will be assessed against the responsible party.

Thank you to our business owners, residents and visitors for their patience during the recent relocation of the Atco gas line along 50th Ave. With the relocation of the gas line completed, we can now proceed with the construction of a new sidewalk the length of the Main Beach Park and the creation of much needed parking stalls. A total renovation of the Park continues to be planned, for which, the Village has retained the services of Tillamook Landscape Design Ent., to prepare a park design suitable for tendering purposes.

It has been a long and tedious process however we are nearing the final stages in the approval process for the boat launch renovation project. Our plans to improve water circulation through infilling the swamp like area on both sides of the boat launch and the widening of the launch ramp has met with Transport Canada's approval pursuant to the Navigable Water Protection Act. MPE Engineering Ltd. is confident that we will receive the requisite Provincial approvals in the very near future. All funding for the two projects is in place and will not require the input of any tax payer's dollars however, approval to expend the grant funds (\$1.3 million) requires the Minister's final approval. We remain optimistic that construction can commence this fall.

Construction of the new Public Works building continues albeit somewhat slower than anticipated due to the wet construction season last year and the early winter. We are waiting for the interior ground to dry out to allow for proper compaction prior to the installation of the sub floor heating system. All overhead doors have been purchased and will be installed once the concrete floor is in place.

I am sure that you have noted the removal of all black poplars and willows along the north side of 47th Street from the welcome sign to 46 Avenue. Milestone Park will take on a new look in the coming weeks with the addition of 36 new trees (18 Mountain Ash and 18 Thunderchild Crabapple). The trees along with 4 new metal park benches and a resurfaced walking trail will ensure that the first impression visitors have upon entering the Village is both positive and lasting. Our thanks, to the Federal Government and our Member of Parliament, the Honourable Rob Merrifield for making this possible through a Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF) Grant.

Construction contracts for Phase 1 of the long awaited water transmission line to Wabumum and Paul Band have been awarded with construction scheduled to commence this fall. Funding for Phase 2 of the project which is the waterline to Alberta Beach, Onoway and Alexis First Nation has not yet been confirmed however the Provincial Government continues to assure the Water Commission that the project remains a high priority.

Council appreciates the contributions made by all volunteers, service clubs and community organizations that make Alberta Beach the vibrant and caring community that it is. As this is an election year I encourage all eligible voters to exercise their franchise to vote. If you have a desire to serve your community and are willing to make a four year commitment please let your name stand for election. I can assure you that you will find public service a rewarding and challenging experience. On behalf of Council and the Village staff thank you for your support over the past three years.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Lou Hudon, Mayor

OFFICE HOURS & GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

The Village Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday
Mailing Address.....Box 278, Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0
General AdministrationPhone: 780- 924-3181 Fax: 780- 924-3313
E-mail:.....aboffice@albertabeach.com
Website.....www.albertabeach.com
Patrol Department.....780 - 924-3434
RCMP Non-Emergency.....780-424-4001



NOTICES, NEWS & REMINDERS



2013 IS AN ELECTION YEAR!!

****NEW****

4 YEAR TERM

MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION DATES NOMINATION DAY

DATE: Monday, September 23rd, 2013

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Alberta Beach Village Office (4935 – 50th Avenue)

ADVANCE VOTE

DATE: Friday, October 4th, 2013

TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Alberta Beach Village Office (4935 – 50th Avenue)

ELECTION DAY

DATE: Monday, October 21st, 2013

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Alberta Beach Agplex

**Please read additional information enclosed regarding
NEW voting requirements!**

Reminder: Lake Access Weed Pick-Up

Lake weeds from waterfront lots are the only item permitted for disposal at lake access points for Organic Waste pick up on Tuesday's! **Tree branches, foliage and other composting materials are not to be placed at the lake access point for pick up & will not be picked up.**

ILLEGAL DUMPING COULD RESULT IN FINES!!!!

DEVELOPMENT & DEMOLITION PERMITS

All construction, including renovations, development and demolition, **must** have the required permits.

Development Officer; Tony Sonnleitner **MUST** be contacted **prior** to commencing any project.



He can be contacted at **780-718-5479**.

BUILDING/ELECTRICAL/GAS/PLUMBING PERMITS

Alberta Beach is not accredited to one inspection agency. Compliance monitoring now falls under Alberta Municipal Affairs in non-accredited Municipalities. Please contact the Village Office for a listing of agencies.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited 2012 financial statements and the 2013 approved budget are available upon request at the Village Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that dumping of garbage on public roadways (ditches, road allowances etc) is illegal. Any person caught doing this will be charged under the Environmental Protection Act, Section 179 (1) and fined up to \$250.00, Section 228(3)(a).

Message from the Highway 43 East Waste Commission

Keeping in Touch

Alberta Beach uses the information supplied by the Land Titles office on the existing certificate of title for each property within its boundaries. All ownership changes including land transfers, marital name changes either by marriage or divorce, and survival of joint tenancy **must first be registered with the Land Titles Office** at Box 2380, Edmonton, AB T5J 2T3. The Land Titles Office is then obligated to forward the registered change that must be recorded in the municipality's records to the municipal jurisdiction where the property is located.

Address changes are accepted and recorded upon verbal or written request to the Village Office; however, an address change request with Alberta Beach does not automatically update the records held by the Land Titles Office. A formal written request for an address change on their forms is the only method accepted by the Land Titles Office. The forms are available at www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca. Registering an address change with the Land Titles Office is not mandatory, however, we encourage all landowners to update their mailing address with the Registrar if their current address is different from the one recorded on their certificate of title. This small step will help to avoid the risk of not receiving notification of liens, caveats & other encumbrances that could or may be registered on your certificate of title held by the Registrar.

MUNICIPAL ADDRESSING

A reminder that every building occupied as a business or residence shall have its house/business number clearly displayed. Please Note: Your **CORRECT** address is located on your tax notice. This is the address that is to be displayed on your residence. This is the address that is used by the Municipality and given to emergency and utility services.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - SEWER SYSTEM

Alberta Beach has passed a bylaw prohibiting anyone from discharging storm water which includes; run off and drainage from eavestroughs and sump pumps into the sanitary sewer system. It also prohibits the flushing of grease and oil as well as any dangerous substance or other pollutant into the system. Offences are subject to fines in the amount of **\$500.00** and you will be responsible for any remedial costs.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are **open to the public** and are held the third Tuesday of each month in the Village Office Council Chambers at 7:00pm.

Alberta Beach Council Members

Mayor	Lou Hudon
Deputy Mayor	Doug Ford
Councillor	Don McNair
Councillor	Lynn Ferland
Councillor	Bill Love

®PARKING®

Due to the overwhelming need for parking, there is an overflow parking lot located east of 50th Street (adjacent to the Heritage Park and Ball Diamonds) and located behind the Alberta Beach Senior's Centre. Our goal is to alleviate some of the congestion in the summer due to the high volume of recreational traffic.

REMINDER: There is no parking permitted on the boat launch or on Lake Access Roads. Tow-away zones will be enforced!!!!

Hawkers, Peddlers & Hucksters License

All Hawkers, Peddlers, & Hucksters require a license. You **MUST** apply for a license at the Village Office. For further information please contact the Village Office.

Fee - \$50.00 per day or \$250.00 per week.

BYLAW RESTRICTIONS

As a reminder, there are restrictions for the use and storage of Recreational Vehicles on residential property.

Recreational vehicles, holiday trailers, motor homes, campers or tent trailers may be situated on a residential parcel provided that they:

- (a.) are occupied for no longer than seventy-two (72) hours total within a thirty (30) day period; and
- (b.) are located with a required parking stall or on the site in a manner satisfactory to the Development Officer.

For the purpose of storage of the vehicle:

- (a) a maximum of one unoccupied recreational vehicle, holiday trailer, motor home, camper or tent trailer may be situated on a residential parcel that is developed with a single family dwelling.

For Further information please contact the Village office.



TAKE PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY!



Please be advised that we will be issuing notices to remedy unsightly premises under the Municipal Government Act & all amendments thereto. These will be issued to any or all premises deemed to be unsightly and untidy. We are striving to enhance the image of our Village.

It is your responsibility to cut grass in ditches, destroy noxious weeds, haul away derelict vehicles, remove: car parts, old fridges, stoves, scrap building materials, etc. Your full co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

🔥 RECREATIONAL CAMP FIRES 🔥

In Alberta Beach recreational fires are for the purpose of cooking, obtaining warmth, or viewing for pleasure. Permitted burning materials are seasoned wood, pulp products (paper or cardboard) and dry refuse from vegetation. Please adhere to all the rules & regulations for safe recreational fires on your property.

When a **COMPLETE FIRE BAN** is in effect, notices will be posted entering village limits (47th Street) the Lion's Park (50th Avenue & 47th Street), 42nd Street, 60th Street, on our website at www.albertabeach.com, the Alberta Fireban website & at the Village Office.

FIRE BANS must be adhered to. For further information, the "Burning Bylaw" is available for viewing or copies can be obtained at the Village Office



GARBAGE, ORGANICS & RECYCLING



♻️ Recycling Depot! ♻️

"Do your part to help eliminate the amount of Solid Waste that enters our environment & Recycle!"

Located at the Alberta Beach Public Works Shop
5000 - 49 Ave.(Behind the Village Office)

Village offers Cardboard & Paper Recycling:

1. Cardboard Includes: cereal boxes, shoe boxes, board boxes, corrugated cardboard boxes.
Boxes must be flattened!
2. Paper Includes: Newspaper print, colored & white paper, Magazines, & old phone books.

Residents **must not** dispose of non-approved recyclable items in the recycling bins located at the Recycling Depot at the Public Works yard.

**THESE ITEMS RESULT IN
CONTAMINATION LEADING TO HIGHER
RECYCLING COSTS, HELP US KEEP
OUR RECYCLABLES FREE OF
CONTAMINATION!**

**ASSESSMENT INFORMATION
&
NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURE (June 10, 2013)**

Pursuant to sections 299 and 300 of the Municipal Government Act, all assessed persons are entitled to see or receive sufficient information about the person's property or the summary of assessment. If you would like further information on your assessment or would like to inspect the assessment roll please drop by the village office during regular office hours or contact the village office at 780-924-3181. If you wish to speak directly to the Assessor, please call Dan Kanuka of Municipal Assessment Services Group at 780-939-3310.

If you believe your own or any other assessment is unfair you may file a written complaint to the Assessment Review Board, accompanied by a \$50.00 fee per residential / farmland assessed property and \$150.00 fee per non-residential assessed property. The Assessment Review Boards' function is to hear evidence to determine whether your property is assessed on an equitable basis with similar properties.

Pursuant to Section 460 of the Municipal Government Act;
All assessment complaints must be addressed to the Assessment Review Board Clerk and mailed to Alberta Beach, Box 278, Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0 or drop off in person at the Alberta Beach Village Office at 4935 – 50th Avenue.

Assessment complaints must be submitted in writing on the prescribed complaint forms and must be accompanied by the assessment appeal fee. The prescribed complaint forms are available at the village office or by contacting the village office at 780-924-3181.

The assessment appeal fee is refundable if the complaint is withdrawn in writing prior to the scheduling of an assessment review board hearing or the Assessment Review Board makes a decision in favour of the complainant.
The reasons for a complaint must accompany the complaint form.

Please note: Your complaint must be made on or before the final date of complaint which is sixty (60) days from the date on your Combined Tax Statement and Assessment Notice. Your 2013 Combined Tax Statement and Assessment Notice was dated June 10, 2013 and therefore **the deadline to file an assessment appeal complaint is August 09, 2013.**

A complaint against your assessed property value does not exempt you from paying taxes on time or from late payment penalties. If a complaint is successful, the adjustment will be applied to the tax roll. Tax adjustment refunds must be requested in writing.

LINEAR ASSESSMENT:

LINEAR – POWER AND PIPELINE (TPP)

An assessment review board has no jurisdiction to deal with complaints about assessment for linear property. The Municipal Government Board has jurisdiction to hear complaints about assessments for linear property.

FOR LINEAR INQUIRIES: PLEASE CALL 780-422-8302

****NEW****

SENIORS PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

The Seniors property Tax Deferral Program allows eligible senior homeowners to defer all or part of their property taxes through a low-interest equity loan with the Alberta Government.

If you qualify, the Alberta Government will pay your residential property taxes directly to your municipality on your behalf. You re-pay the loan, with interest, when you sell the home, or sooner if you wish.

The Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program is voluntary, so it is up to you whether you want to apply.

Eligibility

To qualify for the Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program, you must:

- Be 65 years or older
- Be an Alberta resident
- Own a residential property in Alberta
- Have a minimum of 25% equity in your home

Only residential properties are eligible. The home must be your primary residence (that is the place where you live most of the time). For further information please call the Alberta Supports Contact line at 780-644-9992.

PLEASE SEE OTHE SIDE FOR THE NEW ELECTION VOTING REQUIREMENTS

An elector whose name is not on the List of Electors may vote after producing government issued identification containing the elector's photograph, current address and name. This includes an Operator's (Driver's) Licence or an Alberta Identification Card.

An elector whose name is not on the List of Electors, and who is unable to produce government issued identification, must produce two pieces of identification from the following list prior to voting. Both pieces of identification must establish the elector's name. One piece must establish the elector's current address.

Authorized Identification with Elector's Name

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) card • Alberta Forestry Identification card • Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) card • Alberta Health Services Identification Band (patient wrist identification band) • Alberta Natural Resources (conservation) ID card • Alberta Service Dog Team ID card • Alberta Wildlife (WIN) ID card • Baptismal Certificate • Birth Certificate • Canadian Air Transportation Security Agency (CATSA) ID card • Canadian Blood Services card • Canadian Border Services Agency Canadian Passenger Accelerated Service System (CANPASS) card • Canadian Border Services Agency Free and Secure Trade (FAST) card • Canadian Border Services Agency Nexus card • Canadian Forces Civilian ID card • Canadian Forces Health card • Canadian Forces Identity card • Canadian Passport • Citizenship card | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) ID card • Confirmation Certificate • Credit/Debit card • Employee/Staff card • Firearm Possession and Acquisition Licence or Possession Only Licence • Fishing, Trapping or Hunting Licence • Hospital/Medical card • Library card • Marriage Certificate • Membership card:
Service clubs, fitness/health club, political party or retail outlet • Métis Nation of Alberta membership card • Old Age Security card • Outdoors or Wildlife card/licence • Pleasure Craft Operator (PCOC) card - Government of Canada • Prescription bottle insert • Public Transportation card • Secure Certificate of Indian Status (SCIS) card • Social Insurance Number card • Student ID card • Veteran's Affairs Canada Health card |
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Authorized Identification with Elector's Name and Address

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attestation of Identity and Residence issued by the authorized representative of a correctional institution • Attestation of Identity and Residence issued by the authorized representative of a shelter or soup kitchen • Attestation of Identity and Residence issued by the authorized representative of a supportive living facility or treatment center • Attestation of Residence issued by the authorized representative (landlord) of a commercial property management company • Attestation of Residence issued by the authorized representative of a First Nations band or reserve • Bank/credit card statement or personal cheque • Correspondence issued by a school, college or university • Government cheque or cheque stub • Income/property tax assessment notice • Insurance policy or coverage card | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee • Pension Plan statement of benefits, contributions or participation • Residential lease or mortgage statement • Statement of government benefits:
E.g. Employment insurance, old-age security, social assistance, disability support, or child tax benefit. • Utility bill:
E.g. Telephone, public utilities commission, television, hydro, gas or water. • Vehicle ownership, registration or insurance certificate |
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