



Summer Newsletter

Message From The Mayor

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Special points of interest:

- Mayor’s Message.
- 2021 is an Election Year and Nomination Day is July 17th 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Municipal Office.
- The Advance Poll is Saturday August 7th, 2021. Location is 724 Baptiste Drive.
- Election Day is Saturday August 14th, 2021, at the Firehall.
- Additional Information will be placed on the Summer Village Website as we approach Election Dates.
- Whispering Hills Transfer Station Hours of operation:
<https://athabascaregional-waste.com/>

Greetings and well wishes from your Council of the Summer Village of South Baptiste. We hope that this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to another season at the lake. As the pandemic (COVID-19) continues these are extraordinary times and requires every one of us to use caution with our daily activities. Everyone is urged to get vaccinated to protect others as well as yourself. We all want to enjoy the summer at the lake but please be careful to ensure the safety of you and your loved ones.



Blaine Page, Mayor

ELECTION YEAR 2021:

It is an election year for Alberta municipalities, an opportunity for you to send a message to your elected officials by voting at the polls. At a council meeting held on April 28th, 2021, the date for Nomination Day was set at **Saturday, July 17th, 2021**. Nomination forms will be accepted at any time up to the close of Nominations at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day. Nominations will be accepted by Email or you can drop off your Nomination Forms at the Municipal Office, 724 Baptiste Drive. Nominations will close at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

If you wish to serve the Community by running for Council, you should contact C.A.O. Ed Tomaszuk prior to Nomination Day to get your nomination papers so that you can have them signed by five electors in plenty of time.

Election Day is set by law to be four weeks following close of nominations; therefore, this year the election (if necessary) will take place on **Saturday, August 14th, 2021**, at the Baptiste Firehall.

There will also be an **Advance Poll** one week prior to election day, namely **Saturday, August 7th, 2021** for a period of four hours. Voting will take place at 724 Baptiste Drive. Further details will be available on the notice board at the entrance to the Summer Village in addition to the Summer Village Website. There are identification requirements, all voters will be required to complete (and sign) a statement of eligibility in front of the returning officer. Most identification issues can likely be resolved by producing a valid Alberta operator’s license, but if in doubt feel free to contact our summer village administrator, who can provide answers for your situation.

Mayors Message

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Annual Open House—Usually scheduled for early has been indefinitely postponed until a later date. The need for physical distancing and the concerns about COVID-19 has necessitated this delay.

Taxes—Taxes mailed May 29, 2021, are typically due June 30, 2021. Considerable discussion took place throughout the development of the tax roll for 2021 and we have done as much as possible to minimize the tax burden on our residents and as such there is only a small increase in property taxes this year. With the hardships people have been placed under and the state of the economy council has decided to allow residents who can not meet the June 30th, 2021, deadline an extension through to December 1, 2021. (With no penalties for 2021). As with many other municipalities we are trying to achieve a normal cash flow, if you can pay your taxes on time, it would be appreciated. Specific Taxation details are as follows:

1. The estimated total property tax levy shall be \$131,928 (including the Alberta School Foundation Fund, Minimum Tax, and the Special Road Maintenance Levy).
2. A Special Road Maintenance Levy shall be \$220.00 per taxable property. Levy revenue is to be used exclusively for road maintenance and repair.
3. The Summer Village of South Baptiste adopts a minimum tax of \$350.00 which applies exclusively to the Municipal component of property taxes as recorded on the property tax roll.
4. Estimated total Summer Village revenue from all sources, including the residential property tax levy, non-residential taxes, Provincial grants, and other sources shall be \$255,308.
5. Total Summer Village expenditures, including the Road Rehabilitation Projects and transfer to reserves, are estimated at \$255,308. Council projects a balanced budget for 2021.

Specific Rates of Taxation:

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| 1. General Municipal | 2.8700 Mils |
| 2. Alberta School Foundation Fund | 2.4567 Mils |
| 3. Greater North Foundation | 0.1136 Mils |
| 4. Non-Residential Milrate | 2.8700 Mils |
| 5. Designated Industrial Property | 0.0766 Mils |

Fire Works - Once again fireworks are not permitted within the Summer Village. This a provincial fire code regulation under the Alberta Safety Codes Act.

Safety- We want everyone (children, joggers, bikers, visitors, etc.) to be safe on our roads and in our community. Annual enhanced policing services to enforce the speed limits and bylaws are supported by the Summer Village. With the summer season upon us, we ask that you be mindful of bylaws and respect the rights of your neighbours. Speeding vehicles on Baptiste Drive continues to be a problem. Please obey the speed limit in our village - 40 km/h, for A TV's - 30 km/h. ATV's must be licensed and insured; the operator must have a driver's license and wear a helmet. Do not drive ATVs in ditches. We also ask that you remind your guests about the importance of responsible conduct. Be considerate and respect the rights of your neighbours regarding excessive noise, late parties, trespassing, dogs running at large.

Best Regards, Blaine Page.

Senate & Referendum Vote

If your primary residence is within the Summer Village, you may have an opportunity to vote in the anticipated election for Senate Nominees, or on any provincial referendum question. Notices on the location of Polling Stations will appear in local newspapers as we approach October 18th (The anticipated Senatorial Election date).

Electors may only cast their ballot in the senate election and referendum vote once. Electors that reside in more than one municipality must designate one residence as their place of residence for the purposes of voting, considering the following (in order of precedence):

- The address on their AB Driver's License or Identification Card,
- The address where their income tax correspondence is delivered, or
- The address where their mail is addressed and delivered.

For electors with residences in summer villages, only permanent residents of the summer village may designate the summer village as their place of residence for the purposes of voting in the senate election and referendum vote.

Are you Moving?

Please inform the Municipal Administration if you change your address including your Email address. If we cannot find you, not only do you miss out on the Village News, but Tax Notices and other information will be mailed to your last known address. If there are penalties for late payment of taxes and the fact that you forgot to tell us you moved is usually not acceptable justification.

Important: "Please ensure that your civic address signs are properly installed and visible from the road for use by Emergency vehicles that may be seeking a specific location within the Summer Village."

Baptiste Drive Maintenance

Baptiste Drive wintered quite well with a minimum number of areas requiring immediate attention during the summer. There will be the Annual road inspection with David Gray sometime in the near future to assess the condition of roads and to identify those areas in need of repair.

The Summer Village of South Baptiste Municipal Office is Located:

2.6 Km North of the County Beach along Baptiste Drive with an old Threshing Machine next to the Driveway.

Administration

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Summer Village of South Baptiste: Election 2021

The following constitutes formal Notice for a Summer Village Election in accordance with Section 12, 26, 35, and 46 of the Local Authorities Election Act. 2021 is an Election Year for all Municipalities.

Notice of Nomination Day For Summer Villages Local Authorities Election Act (Section 12, 26)

Local Jurisdiction: Summer Village of South Baptiste, Province of Alberta.

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is Saturday, July 17th, 2021, and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be accepted by Email or received at any time up to the close of nominations at 12:00 noon at the Municipal Office, 724 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, Alberta.

THREE (3) COUNCILLORS

Dated at the Summer Village of South Baptiste, in the Province of Alberta, this 14 day of June 2021.

"Ed Tomaszuk"
Returning Officer

Nomination Papers can be picked up at the Summer Village of South Baptiste Municipal Office located at 724 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, Alberta or by contacting the Returning Officer, Ed Tomaszuk at 780-675-9270.

Dated at the Summer Village of West Baptiste, in the Province of Alberta, this 14 day of June 2021.

In the event that an election is required:

Notice of Election Local Authorities Election Act (Sections 12, 35, 46)

Local Jurisdiction: Summer Village of South Baptiste, Province of Alberta.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filing of the following offices:

THREE (3) COUNCILLORS

An advance vote will take place on the 7th day of August, 2021, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office at 724 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, Alberta.

Voting will take place on the 14th day of August, 2021, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Voting stations will be located at the Fire Hall at 945 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, Alberta.

Dated at the Summer Village of West Baptiste, in the Province of Alberta, this 14 day of June, 2021.

"Ed Tomaszuk"
Returning Officer
