



Summer Newsletter

Message From The Mayor

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Special points of interest:

- Election Year 2010.
- Annual Open House Saturday, July 10, 10:00 AM at the Firehall, West Baptiste.
- Nomination Meeting July 24, 10:00 AM

Summer is upon us, although with some of the wet weather we've been having lately one wonders!

This has been an interesting year for Council. The Page 55 stall RV park development has taken up a lot of our time answering questions and providing some insight as to the proper process we are obligated to follow. Once again not everyone agrees with the process, never the less that process is what we have to follow. None of the legal community involved in the subsequent appeal to the Sub Division and Appeal Board commented on the process we followed. Rest assured, they would have done had we erred in any way. A member of another community on Baptiste Lake has, with support of some other cabin owners, launched an appeal to the Alberta Court of Appeal naming the Sub Division and Appeal board of the Summer Village of South Baptiste and the Summer Village of South Baptiste as Respondents. We felt that legal counsel was necessary. This appeal now affects every tax payer in the Summer Village of South Baptiste as we reluctantly had to budget \$10,000 for legal and professional fees we may have to incur. This is reflected as a tax increase to every property. Without this appeal and its potential for legal and professional costs there would have been no tax increase for 2010.



This year is the final year of this Council's 3 year term. Our CAO will be taking nominations from qualified people for the three positions on Council. If there are more than three candidates, there will be an election. One never knows until nomination day whether present Councilors will run again or if they, along with other new candidates, will consider running. I encourage everyone to consider getting involved in your community and consider this an opportunity to have a say in how your Summer Village is run.

Finally, It has been a pleasure to serve on Council for the past three years and to have served as your Mayor for the past two years. On behalf of my family, Summer Village Council and CAO I would like to wish you and your family a very pleasant and enjoyable summer.

Election Year—Notice of Nomination Day

2010 is an Election year and the Nomination Meeting will be held at 724 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, Alberta. The location is 2.6 Km north of the County Beach. There is an old threshing machine near the driveway at the entrance to the Summer Village Office.

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2010

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Place: 724 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, AB (2.6 Km North of the County Beach)

Nominations for three (3) Councilors will be open for two (2) hours 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon.

An Election, if required, will be held within four (4) weeks after Nomination Day, (August 21st). The tentative date for the Advance Poll is August 14th, 2010.

Nomination forms for those interested in running for Council are available from our Administrator, Ed Tomaszuk (780 675 9270) or Email tomaszyk@mcsnet.ca.

Annual Open House

The Summer Village Annual Open House will be held on **Saturday, July 10, 2010, commencing at 10:00 AM** at the West Baptiste Fire Hall and Recreation Center, 945 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, AB. See the article on last page of this newsletter.

Land Use Bylaw revision

The Land use Bylaw for the Summer Village is out of date and is in the process of being revised. Typically a land use bylaw is good for 5 to 10 years. Our existing bylaw has been with us since 1998 so it is overdue for revision. Council has enlisted the professional expertise of Municipal Planning Services to assist us with this project. Council and Municipal Planning Services have put in many hours of hard work to come up with a new bylaw. This draft along with the proposed revisions were presented at an informal open house held on Saturday May 29th, Some further changes were proposed by those in attendance. Council encourages input from all Summer Village residents on the content of the Bylaw. The Public Hearing is the final opportunity for Public input relative to this Bylaw

Notice of Public Hearing—Land Use Bylaw Revision.

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SOUTH BAPTISTE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LAND USE BYLAW NO. 03-2010

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A., 2000, as amended, the Council of the Summer Village of South Baptiste proposes to adopt a new Land Use Bylaw for the Village.

Among other things, the purpose of this new Land Use Bylaw is to:

1. divide the Summer Village into Districts;
2. prescribe and regulate for each District the purposes for which land and buildings may be used;
3. establish a method of making decisions on applications for development permits, including the issuing of development permits; and
4. provide the manner in which notice of the issuance of a development permit is to be given.

Copies of this proposed Bylaw may be reviewed and inspected by downloading a copy from the Summer Village Website at southbaptiste.com or viewed by the public at the Summer Village Office located 2.6 Km North of the County Beach during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday July 10, 2010, the Council of the Summer Village of South Baptiste will cause a Public Hearing to be held at the West Baptiste Firehall and Recreation Center, 945 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, Alberta, at which time objections or comments regarding the proposed Plan and Bylaw may be given and received.

Written submissions may be provided to Council during the Public Hearing, however, it is requested that a copy of the written submission be delivered to the Summer Village Office, attention the Summer Village CAO, by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 9, 2010, in order to ensure that each member of Council has a copy of the written submission for the Public Hearing.

Ed Tomaszuk, CAO
Summer Village of South Baptiste
724 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, AB
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Dated at West Baptiste, AB this 29th day of June, 2010.

BISL Activities Report.

Most Summer Villages at Baptiste Lake and Island Lake have many activities ongoing focused on the Lake Stewardship of Baptiste and Island lakes. The completed initiatives are:

- Health of the Shoreline on Baptiste and Island Lakes by Aerial Videography. This project has been completed by Walker Environmental.
- Sewage feasibility study. This is a study to assess the feasibility of having a common septic system for Baptiste and Island Lake lots. The project has been contracted out to Stantec Engineering. The report is scheduled to be out during 2010 and will be placed on the Summer Village Website.
- State of the Basin Report for Island Lake. Proposals are presently being reviewed by members of the Baptiste, Island and Skeleton Lakes Stewardship Executive (BISL). A decision will be made in 2010.

To achieve these lake stewardship activities grant dollars are being applied for from different government agencies and other agencies such as the Alberta Stewardship Network (ASN), Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS), Alberta Conservation Association (ASA), etc. BISL has received approximately \$32,000 dollars as a consequence of a successful sponsorship grant application.

Responsible Use of ATV's

Off highway transportation is always a concern for safety and respect for your neighbors. When you are traveling in the Summer Village be considerate of others and most of all, be safe. Abide by the 30 km/hr speed limit and restrict the use of your ATV's after ten at night. Please respect private property ownership. Drive your off road vehicle on the road on your way to the trails. **Do not drive in ditches.** Council has passed a by-law allowing ATV's on the main road but not in the ditches. This will reduce environmental damage to grass in ditches and also the possibility of being hit by a vehicle in a private driveway.

Reserve Area Encroachments

Council continues to attempt to work cooperatively with residents to reduce encroachment on reserves. Reserves are owned by the Summer Village, however, their use is restricted by the *Municipal Government Act*. When reserves are used for unauthorized purposes, we begin with the least adversarial approach that will bring about compliance. Where that approach doesn't work, we are quite prepared to take formal mechanisms to achieve compliance. A part of that process is advising residents that reserves are not intended for personal use. Please remove personal items stored on reserves and road allowances. If you require storage facilities phone 780-689-6306/780-689-7636 to secure a space for your boat or trailer.

Approved uses for Environmental Reserves must be consistent with Section 671 of the *Municipal Government Act* which states: “environmental reserve must be left in its natural state or be used as a public park.”

Sewage Bylaw

The sewage by-law, a by-law to control and regulate the treatment and disposal of sewage in the Summer Village of South Baptiste, was passed unanimously at the July 2007 Council meeting. The by-law requires that on or before December 31, 2010, an approved system shall be installed and maintained on all properties which are being used for residential, recreational or commercial purposes within the Summer Village of South Baptiste.

The *Alberta Safety Codes Act* and the Alberta Private Sewage System Standards of Practice referenced, as they relate to most properties, require that every residence must be connected to a septic tank or sewage holding tank. There may be some instances where fields are allowed, but they are regulated for location, soil type, property size and location relative to the lake and other water bodies.

Grey water pits and outdoor showers, not connected to proper holding tanks, are illegal.

A copy of the Bylaw can be obtained from <http://www.southbaptiste.com/> in the links and downloads section of the website.

Whispering Hills Recycle and Transfer Site (Hours of Operation)

Location: NW 35-66-24 W4

Open : Summer April 1 – September 30

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Thursday 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Winter October 1 – March 31

Saturday Closed

Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Directions: From intersection of TWP RD 670 and Hwy 2 go 1 km South and 1 km west

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Development Permits must be obtained prior to commencement of construction OR REMOVAL OF EXISTING STRUCTURES. When major construction takes place or a building is removed from a lot, previous “grand-fathered” bylaw inconsistencies are not allowed and the current bylaws are to be followed. Remember once your development permit is received, you are still required to obtain all related Safety Code permits-building, electrical, gas, plumbing and applicable environmental permits such as septic system, lake shore stabilization, etc. Contact the CAO for most permit application forms. See <http://www.southbaptiste.com/> in the links and downloads section for a copy of the Land Use Bylaw.

Notice Board

Current information of interest to residents is posted on the Notice Board located at the south end of Baptiste Drive at the intersection of Lakeside Drive next to the mail boxes. The notice board is also intended for your use. Please follow the policy that is posted on the notice board.

Minutes of Council meetings will no longer be posted on the notice board but will be available for download on the Summer Village Website located at <http://www.southbaptiste.com/> or by contacting your CAO.

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Should you require any additional information in relation to the open house please contact Ed Tomaszuk by Email or telephone 780-675-9270.

Baptiste Drive Maintenance

Baptiste Drive wintered quite well with a minimum number of areas requiring immediate attention during the summer. Council will be doing our annual road maintenance “walk about” with David Gray sometime in the near future 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.

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