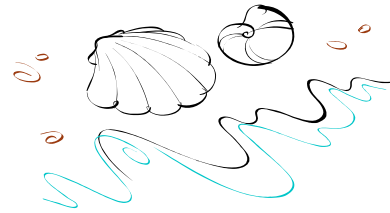


# SUMMER VILLAGE OF ARGENTIA BEACH *Spring Newsletter 2023*



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## **SUMMER VILLAGE OPERATIONS**

The 2023 operating budget was approved by Council on March 28, 2023. This budget included a 0 % Municipal Property Tax increase, which is the eighth (8) year of 0 % increases.

The 2023 Property Assessment saw an increase of 9.0% over the 2022 assessment. As you are aware, your annual property tax notice also includes provincial educational requisitions which are a mandatory school tax by the Government of Alberta. The Municipality must tax and collect these requisition amounts and remit quarterly to the Provincial Government. In summary, you may see a minimal property tax increase compared to last year, depending on your property assessment value.

## **2023 ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETING**

The 2023 Argentia Beach Annual Information Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 29 at 10 am at the Mulhurst Legion.

## **MULHURST DAZE**

Mulhurst Daze 2023 is scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 10 am at Mulhurst Bay.

## **NEW!! ARGENTIA BEACH LAND USE BYLAW – BYLAW #263**

Argentia Beach Council adopted a new Land Use Bylaw in December 2022. You may find this bylaw on the Argentia Beach website at <https://argentiabeach.ca/bylaws/>

## **IMPORTANT!! SUMP PUMP / WEEPING TILE WATER**

Argentia Beach Bylaw #103, Sewage Utilities Bylaw, prohibits the pumping of sump pump and weeping tile water or eaves trough water into the wastewater system. Pump it rear or front of your property but do not affect your neighbour's drainage. Please note ONLY sewage is permitted in the wastewater system.

## **BYLAW #251, DOG BYLAW**

Argentia Beach Council passed Bylaw #251, Dog Bylaw on March 9, 2020. This Bylaw details offences including dogs running at large and not being restrained on the owner's property. This bylaw can be found on the Argentia Beach website.

Please pick up after your pets!!

## **PLEASE TRIM TREES**

Please trim trees back to 2 meters from the edge of the roadway pavement.

## **BOAT MOORING (DISTURBANCE STANDARDS)**

Alberta Environment and Parks created a new Mooring Disturbance Standard for temporary seasonal docks and other mooring structures. The engagement has now been completed, and a new disturbance standard came into effect on April 19, 2021. You can learn more by visiting <https://www.alberta.ca/mooring-standards-engagement.aspx>

Please remember this is an Alberta Government standard and not a Summer Village municipal standard, our municipal responsibility in this is to work with residents to help ensure compliance. The Summer Village will not be “policing” or auditing compliance to standard at this time; that will be a Provincial responsibility.

Council encourages all residents who have a dock, lift or platform in the lake to go online and ensure to familiarize themselves with the new standards, as it is up to each resident to comply with the standard as it applies to their situation.

For residents whose property does not border the lake (backlot owners), who have typically placed docks off municipal reserves, approval and a permit from AEP will still be required. This permit (TFA) can be received by applying to AEP, part of the requirement is that the applicant must have the written consent of the frontage landowner (Summer Village). Council has decided that the Summer Village will grant this consent and will provide written notice on request of residents. If there is a situation where numerous applicants request consent for the same access, preference will be given to historic user of access, however it is hoped neighbors can find a way to share access and meet the standard as laid out in the standard.

## **911 CALLS/ CHECK HOMEOWNER INSURANCE POLICY FOR FIRE COVERAGE**

Residents are reminded that the annual fee the Village pays for fire protection only supports the maintenance of the fire department. If the volunteer fire department is called out to fight your fire or respond to an emergency / 911 call / false alarm, you will be billed for their services.

Also, if there is a delay of 15 minutes or more for an ambulance, the fire department is automatically dispatched. Calls such as strokes or cardiac arrest also initiate a fire department response.

## **DORIS McALLISTER – BYLAW OFFICER**

Doris McAllister is on board to assist Argentia Beach residents with bylaw questions and concerns, including parking, noise, animal control, etc. Doris can be reached at 1-780-719-6447.

## **SHORELINE ICE DAMAGE and RESTORATION**

Residents who have experienced shoreline damage as a result of the ice heaves are advised to be cautious about restorations plans. Most work done on shoreline, including restoration work requires approval from Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) as well as a development permit from the Summer Village.

AEP has provided guidance documents for obtaining necessary permits etc. on their website.

The follow steps are recommended:

1. Assess: it is important to assess the situation and determine what restoration is required, wait till all ice has melted and pushed up soil has settled as ice melt may create unsafe voids in soil.
2. Evaluate options for restoration recontouring with existing materials “soft landscaping” is the preferred option which may include vegetation like willows and natural scrubs. Generally, repairs that can be done “by hand”, minor recontouring and planting of vegetation will not require AEP approval, but it is a good idea to contact AEP field rep to confirm.
3. If your restoration plans are a bit more extensive but are still deemed as recontouring and minor. A Temporary Field Authorization (TFA) from AEP may be required as

determined by AEP field officer. A TFA can be processed quite quickly and the field officer can help guide you through it.

If work is more extensive or significant and deemed major by the Field Officer an AEP License of Occupation (DLO) maybe required, the process to obtain a DLO is quite extensive and requires a much longer process.

For more information and advice regarding your restoration plans and AEP permit requirements, Contact [Jeffrey.Froese@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Jeffrey.Froese@gov.ab.ca)

TFA application form:

<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-environment-and-parks-land-forms.aspx>

Summer Village Development Permit:

[Judy.mccardia@svoofficepl.com](mailto:Judy.mccardia@svoofficepl.com)

## DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

If you are building, renovating, demolishing, or moving buildings, a development permit is required. Development Permits are approving the development only, ensuring that the development complies with the Land Use Bylaws. You may apply for a development permit at the Summer Villages Office or on our web site. Additionally, permits are required for building, demolition, electrical, plumbing and gas. These permits must be obtained from Superior Safety Codes Inc. @ 1-888-358-5545 or @ 403-358-5545 once your Development Permit has been approved. For inquiries information please contact the Development Officer at 780-586-2494. Please ensure all your development including fencing and landscaping is within your lot boundary. For further information and to view the Land Use Bylaw please go to our web site at [www.svoofficepl.com](http://www.svoofficepl.com).

**Please Note:** Placards are issued with the development Permit and must be in full view at the work site at all times while the work is in progress. Failure to follow the process of having the required Permits could result in a Stop Order being issued by the Development Officer.

## SECURITY DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

A Security Deposit Agreement Form is required from the ratepayer when a new building is being constructed or a renovation is being done. The Agreement form and Security Deposit must be submitted to the Summer Villages Office when the Application for the Development Permit has been approved. The Development Permit will not be issued until the deposit and form have been received. Forms are available on the website [www.svoofficepl.com](http://www.svoofficepl.com).

## ROAD ALLOWANCES

Please do not store vehicles, equipment, etc within the road allowance along Argentia Beach Drive.

## GRAVES WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Grass clippings and yard waste have again been found dumped in the Sanctuary. Please dispose of your yard clippings elsewhere and please remove waste disposed of in the Sanctuary.

***We would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!***

***Don, Lisa and Randy***

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