



# Summer Village of Ghost Lake Newsletter

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May 2016

## Annual General Meeting – June 25<sup>th</sup>

The Village Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 25, 2015** at the Community Services Building. The meeting will commence at **1:00 pm** to discuss the civic business of the Village from the past year.

Minutes from last year's meeting are now available on [www.ghostlake.ca](http://www.ghostlake.ca) and the agenda for the 2016 meeting will be available after June 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would like a copy of these items in advance of the meeting, is asked to contact the Village Office at (403) 554-5515 or download them from [www.ghostlake.ca](http://www.ghostlake.ca).

## 2016 Tax Notices will be in the Mail by May 11<sup>th</sup>

The tax rates have been set for 2016. The municipal portion of the taxes increased 7% in 2015. The Summer Village saw a 1% increase in school requisition in 2016. **The overall 2016 Tax Revenue is increasing by 3.5%**

This year's *municipal* budget will bring in \$88,506 in taxes and the *school requisitions*, determined by the Province and Calgary Catholic School Board will bring in \$116,815.

*Actual rate increases will vary from property to property depending on the assessment changes experienced on each individual property.*

### **Please note taxes are due on JUNE 30, 2016.**

There will be a 10% penalty assessed on all taxes that are received with a postmark that is after June 30<sup>th</sup>. We accept post dated cheques so if you normally pay at the end of June, you are encouraged to mail a post dated cheque dated June 30<sup>th</sup> and we will hold your payment until that date.

## How to Pay Your Taxes

1. **By mail** - send cheque to the Village Office.
2. **Pay Online** at Telpay. - go to [www.telpay.ca](http://www.telpay.ca) click *Telpay Online* -- click *Get Started* click

3. **Sign Up** The Summer Village of Ghost Lake payee account 0074397. *New account set up takes a few days to process so don't leave to last few days or your payment will be late.* Service fee \$.50 per transaction.
4. **In person** at any TD Canada Trust Bank. Take your tax notice with you and ask the bank teller to deposit your cheque into the bank account number shown on the bottom of your tax notice. Ask them to include your account number and name as reference (make sure to keep your receipt)
5. **TD Canada Trust Customers** – set up the Summer Village as a Payee on your web banking portfolio. If you are interested, please contact TD web banking and let them know you want to set up a personal payee Village Bank Account details they require are listed on the bottom of your tax notice

*NOTE: When paying online and by telpay make sure your payments are made at least 4 days PRIOR to tax deadline date to allow for processing time. When paying by mail, make sure your envelope is postmarked on or before June 30<sup>th</sup>.*

**NOTE: If you have not received your Tax Notice in the mail by May 20<sup>th</sup>, please contact the Village Office.**

## Council Meeting

The next regular meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the **Community Services Building at Ghost Lake.**

If you would like to speak with Council on a specific item, please forward your written request, either by mail, fax or email, stating the nature of your presentation, to the Village Office at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

**Reminder** - all council and committee meetings are open to the public for observation – consider this your invitation.

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## Recycling Options arrive at Ghost Lake



The Council is implementing a pilot project this spring by bringing a Recycle Bin into Ghost Lake – **starting May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Instead of simply unlocking one of the waste bins for the summer season, the bin will be switched out for a Recycle Bin.

Residents can place the following items in the Recycle Bin:

### Paper and Cardboard (please breakdown boxes to make room for more items)

- Cardboard boxes (cereal boxes, pizza boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel tubes and toilet paper tubes)
- Catalogues and magazines
- Newspapers and flyers
  - paper
  - letters
  - envelopes/window envelopes
  - greeting cards
  - brochures
  - non-foil gift wrap
  - paper bags
- Shredded paper (in a tied transparent plastic bag)
- Telephone books and paperback books
- Soup and beverage cartons (for example: Tetra Pak® packages)

### Plastic jugs, bottles, packaging and food containers

- Clean plastic jugs, bottles, packaging and food containers/lids with the recycling symbol 1-7 (*cups, food containers or packaging made of foam cannot be recycled*)
- Plastic bags, plastic wrap, bubble wrap
  - Bundle all plastic bags, plastic wrap and bubble wrap into one plastic bag and tie closed.

### Glass – bottles and jars

- Must be bagged and tie closed

### The bin CANNOT accept wood, styrofoam, metal, organics or glass at this time

The Cochrane Eco Centre will remain open to residents for disposing other recycle items.

At the Annual Meeting and again in early Fall, Council will be asking for resident's input on the pilot recycle bin project. Depending on the results, the bin service may be continued and the Cochrane Eco Centre access discontinued.

*Please try out this new service and provide your feedback.*

## Help Wanted Seasonal Labourer

The Village has an opening this summer for a seasonal labourer to cut grass and perform maintenance work on Village property. Term - 6 weeks - 30 hrs p/week. Anyone interested in this position is asked to submit a resume to the Village Office by **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

The competition is open to secondary and post secondary students returning to school in the fall.

Rate of pay: \$15.00 per hour.

## Supervisors for Seasonal Labourer

This year's position is under the STEP employment program. The Village requires a supervisor each day for the summer worker under the STEP and Work Alone regulations. The past few years have been successful having individuals take turns one week at a time supervising. All we require is your attendance at the Orientation Meeting held on the employee's first day of work and then each day during the week you are scheduled to supervise. If you are interested in helping out this year, please contact the Village Office 403-554-5515 or [admin@ghostlake.ca](mailto:admin@ghostlake.ca) and let us know which week(s) late Jun-Aug you are available to help. **The program cannot proceed without supervisors, so please contact the Village Office by May 23<sup>rd</sup> if you are willing to assist.**

## Online Village Mapping now available

Check out the online mapping now available for the Summer Village of Ghost Lake at:

<http://gis2.orrsc.com/Qlogin/disclaimer.htm?qlogin=GhostLake>

## Modified operations at Ghost Reservoir

Alberta Environment and Parks attended an Information Session at the Summer Village on April 30, sharing information on the drought and flood mitigation plans, which include managing the levels of the Ghost Reservoir.

### Monitoring water wells

If you are experiencing low flow or loss of water, please contact the Village Office. We are keeping track of properties that are affected by the low water table and passing the information along to the Province. The Province is planning to bring in temporary water supply for affected households, similar to last year.

The Province will also be studying the affected wells to determine future actions for addressing water well issues.

### Emergency Water Supply

The Province has offered to bring into the Village a high capacity pump and water line for emergency water supply for fire fighting purposes. We are currently working on the logistics.

### Monitoring Lake Levels

On your computer:

<http://www.environment.alberta.ca/apps/basins/DisplayData.aspx?Type=Figure&BasinID=8&DataType=3&StationID=RGHOSRES>

On your Smartphone – download the app from <http://open.alberta.ca/interact/alberta-rivers-data-and-advisories>

## Start Clicking...

Help make this year's photo montage presentation at the October **Volunteer Appreciation Social** even better – start collecting pictures of having fun at Ghost Lake. If you can capture any pics of volunteers in action that would be awesome!!

Send your pictures to Brian Oblak [boblak@telus.net](mailto:boblak@telus.net)



## Fire Ban in the Village

Due to the dry, windy conditions and the lowered reservoir, a fire ban has been placed on all outdoor fires in the Summer Village. The ban will remain in effect until conditions change.



*Thank you to Ariana Westendorf-Guest for volunteering to serve as the Village Fire Guardian.*

For up-to-date information on Fire Bans in and around Ghost Lake, check [www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca) or try out their beta website at: [beta.albertafirebans.ca](http://beta.albertafirebans.ca)

## Road Resurfacing

Council is investigating options for resurfacing some of the roads in the Summer Village. Depending on costs and grant approvals, the first phase of the project may commence as early as this summer. Watch for more details.

## Committee News:

**Public Works – Annual Spring Clean Up – Saturday May 14.** Meet at the Community Services Building at 10 am, please bring gloves and rakes.

**Natural Environment and Lake Stewardship** is hosting a **Bird Identification** event with Gus Yaki, renown birding expert – **Saturday May 14 8 am** – meet at Community Services Building

**Communications and Village Social Life** – Leah Fink will be heading up the Regatta planning once again this year. *Thanks Leah!*

**Fire and First Response** – Pete Ireland, Fred Smith and Bill Bauer will be helping the Administrator lead and coordinate the **Fire Protection Plan workshops** this summer.

**Disaster Services** – are working on the update of the **Emergency Response Plan** for the Summer Village. A reminder from the Committee – **Get Prepared** – for more information check out the website <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-eng.aspx>

## **Cochrane Foothills Protective Association Rural Crime Watch**

An Information Meeting for residents in the Ghost Lake and Ghost Valley area is being held on **Saturday June 4, 2016 1 pm, Beaupre Hall** – there will be presentations along with demonstrations of technology that will assist you with security.

### **Reminders:**

#### **False Alarms**

If you have a security monitoring system and the Fire Department is called out – costs associated with responding to a false alarm will be billed back to the property owner.

#### **Landlords**

Please ensure that your tenants are aware of the Village rules and regulations. Also ask them to register with the Village Office, their phone numbers for the Emergency Broadcast Service and their emails to receive Village news.

#### **Fire Insurance**

Reminder - if there is a fire on your property and fire trucks are called in to respond to the fire, Council may forward the cost of fire fighting to you. Please check with your fire insurance provider to determine if you have adequate coverage. Cost of fire fighting can add up to thousands of dollars – please make sure you are adequately protected.

#### **Clean Up After Your Dog**

Remember to take along a doggie bag and pick up after your pooch when off your own property

#### **Development in the Village – Plan Ahead**

Are you thinking of some improvements to your place? Most improvements will require a development permit and/or a building permit.

**For development permits please contact Planning Protocol at (403) 230-5522. .**

**For more information on applying for building, gas, plumbing, sewage and electrical permits, check out the following website:**

<http://www.safetycodes.ab.ca/Public/Pages/CodesPermits.aspx>

#### **Signs**

Please refer to the Village's Sign Bylaw prior to installing any signs on public lands and/or road right of ways.

#### **Off Road Vehicles**

Please note that off highway vehicles (including ATV's) are not permitted on public lands except

- for the sole purpose of servicing a boat in the lake or launching a boat or
- removing a boat from the lake,
- solely for gaining access to or leaving the frozen waters of the lake by way of the boat launch or
- when working with a Village sanctioned work crew on a project.

#### **Burn Pile**

Please place your trees and branches on the burn pile *not* in the garbage bins or in the compost pile. No construction debris and definitely no nails or spikes (many of your fellow neighbours that have volunteered to look after the Burn Pile have had to repair tires because of nails and spikes founds in the debris.)

Also, do not place ashes in the burn pile. If not completely cooled, the ashes can cause an unexpected fire putting your home and your neighbour's home at risk.

**Be sure that all ashes have thoroughly cooled** before you dispose of them. A

suggestion is to place ashes in a lidded metal container to prevent a possible fire and provide a sturdy place to store them. Ashes make good fertilizer in gardens, flowerbeds, etc.

#### **Compost Pile**

When disposing of grass clippings or leaves, please place them on top of the existing compost pile instead of beside it to avoid making the compost area larger than needed.

#### **Ghost Lake LIVE – Social Email**

If you are interested in receiving social news about events and happenings in and around Ghost Lake, sign up for Ghost Lake LIVE.

Please email Corinne at: [ghostlake@live.ca](mailto:ghostlake@live.ca)

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**EMERGENCY:  
FIRE, POLICE AMBULANCE  
Call 911**

**Fire Ban Information  
1-866-394-3473**