



# Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay

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## Important Notices

### 2017 Tax Notices

The Summer Village taxable assessment for 2017 increased \$504,640 as follows:  
New development of: \$541,210  
Decrease in market value of: (36,570)  
\$504,640

Property Assessment and Tax Notices will be mailed on June 1, 2017. The deadline for tax payments is July 11, 2017, after which a 15% penalty is charged on unpaid taxes.

### 2016 Audited Financial Statements

Audited financial statements for 2016, have been prepared by JMD Group, and are available from Administration and on the Village website. A condensed version of the financial statements will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on July 1, 2017.

### Annual General Meeting

The Summer Village Annual General Meeting will be held on:

**Saturday, July 1, 2017, at  
Martin Recreation Center  
10:00 a.m.**

All Village residents are urged to attend.

The 2016 audited financial statement will be presented. It is also an opportunity to discuss issues affecting Summer Village residents.

## Volunteers Needed

Because it is **Canada's 150 Birthday**, we would like to have a Canada Day Celebration on July 1, 2017, following the Annual General Meeting. Possible events include:

Parade, kids games, bones tournament, 50/50 Draw.

However, we need volunteers for these events. If anyone is interested in taking on any of these events, please call administration, (780)645-4677.

If no one volunteers, everyone is still invited to the evening meal. Current plans are to have a pig roast, which will be catered.



## 2017 Municipal Election

In 2017 Municipal Elections will be held in Alberta, including Summer Villages. This summer the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay will be electing 3 councilors. All property owners are eligible to vote and to run for office. If anyone is interested in running for office in the Village, detailed information is available on the Alberta Government website: [www.municipalaffairs.gov.ca/mc\\_elections](http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ca/mc_elections). Note that there are special rules for Summer Villages. Or you can call the Village Administration for more information. (780)645-4677

Some things to consider before you file your nomination paper:

- ◆ Are you qualified?
- ◆ Are you eligible?
- ◆ Do you have the time? (The Village has 6 meetings a year.)

**Reminders**

**WASTE DISPOSAL**

The waste bins located in the Summer Village are for **BAGGED HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY**. All other items for disposal should be taken to either the County land fill site on the south side of the lake or the land fill site at Mallaig. The garbage trucks will not take large items, so someone from the Village has to take them to the County land fill site.

**BOTTLE RECYCLING**

A reminder to please use the bottle/can recycling barrel at the waste bin site. The money raised from bottle recycling is used for Village events.

**OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES**

All motorized off-highway vehicles in the Village are under Provincial regulations and must be licensed and insured to utilize Village roadways. RCMP regularly monitor for infractions of these regulations. No motorized vehicles are permitted on Environmental Reserves.

**Effective May 15, 2017, helmets will be mandatory** for those riding off-highway vehicles (OHVs) on public land. OHVs include any motorized vehicle built for cross-country travel on land, ice and snow. Common types of OHV are all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, dirt bikes, utility terrain vehicles, and side-by-sides.

**Village Speed Limits**

Speed limits in the Summer Village are **35 kph**, unless posted otherwise. This also applies to all motorized off-highway vehicles.

**Fencing Round Rec Center**

A couple of years ago the Village spent approximately \$15,000 to repair and upgrade the grass in the park at the Rec Center.

Since then, Off-Highway Vehicles and ATV's have been driving irresponsibly thru the park at the Rec Center and doing considerable damage to the grass. It appears to be non-Village residents who are the biggest culprits.

In an attempt to stop this damage, Council is having a 5 ft. chain link fence installed around the park. There will be gates place at driveways and pedestrian gates at various locations. There will still be access to the playground and other park facilities.

**Alberta Community Partnership Program**

The objective of the Alberta Community Partnership Program is to improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities. The program provides funding to partnerships of two or more municipalities to develop or expand regional municipal service delivery while enhancing inter-municipal relationships.

The following projects were approved in the St. Paul Region with the County of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, Town of St. Paul and **Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay**. The St. Paul Regional Partnerships are to receive \$379,500 in funding.

- St. Paul Urban Multi-Jurisdictional Inter-municipal Development Plans Project (\$200,000)
- Parks and Recreation Needs Analysis (\$105,000)
- Street Lighting Retrofit Feasibility Study (\$74,500)

As a small community, we do not always have the capacity to carry out large scale projects that we desire. The Summer Village is very proud to partner with our neighbors on these projects.

**Alberta Government**

**Financial Programs for Seniors**

**Seniors Property Tax Deferral: (SPTD)**

Allows eligible senior homeowners to defer all or part of their annual residential property taxes through a low-interest home equity loan with the Alberta Government.

**Seniors Home Adaptation and Repair Program: (SHARP)**

Provides low-interest home equity loans for home repairs, adaptations and renovations that help seniors:

- Remain independent in their homes.
- Be safe in their homes.
- Adapt & modify their homes to improve accessibility & mobility.
- Improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

For more information and application forms, visit their website: [www.seniors-housing.gov.ab.ca](http://www.seniors-housing.gov.ab.ca) or call 1-877-644-9992