



Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay

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2022 Year In Review

Winter, 2022

2022 was a very busy year in the Village. There were 3 major projects completed in the Village.

The main Project was the bridge replacement with a culvert. The project was funded by grants from Alberta Transportation & Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Also, 72% of the streets in the Village were paved this summer, funded by AB Municipalities capital grants & Summer Village surplus. The balance of the streets will be paved when we have enough grant money to cover it.

Project #3 was a Boat Dock installed in the lake at the end of TWP RD 594.

There were 5 new property owners in 2022 and there were also 6 development permits issued in 2022.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

After 2 years of not being able to hold public meetings or have social get-togethers, council enjoyed meeting Village residents at our AGM and at a Public Hearing. More events will be planned for 2023.

The major event this summer was the installation of the new Bridge/Culvert. Council has decided to name the bridge THE BRISCOE BRIDGE, in recognition of all the hard work Norman & Diane Briscoe have done in the Village over the years.

At this time we want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year in 2023.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Mayor: Gary Burns

Deputy Mayor: Dave Amyotte

Councilor: Marg Laberge

Village Roads Snow Removal

The Village streets and roads are plowed and sanded by the County of St. Paul. If you don't want the snow plow to leave a ridge of snow into your driveway, **please put up a small sign asking them to leave driveway clear.**

Please be patient if the roads are not cleared immediately after a snow storm. Sometimes they will plow the main roads thru the village, Horseshoe Bay Drive and north Point Drive, and come back later to do the side roads.

Sometimes they are training new drivers and it takes them a couple of trips to learn our roads.

Overall, we are very pleased with the service we get from the County of St. Paul.

Winter Storm Preparedness

Following are a couple of websites you may find useful during winter storms and cold weather:

For **ROAD CLOSURES/CONDITIONS**: www.511.alberta.ca, gives up-to-date highway and road conditions.

WINTER STORM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:
www.open.alberta.ca/blizzards-freezing-rain-ice-storms.asp

Council Meeting Agenda's and Minutes

The Summer Village Mayor and Council have 6 regular council meetings a year. Occasionally special meetings are called if an issue arises that needs immediate attention. Currently, meetings are held virtually via ZOOM. The public is free to attend by requesting a ZOOM invitation prior to the meeting, by emailing: svhorseshobay@gmail.com.

For detailed information on council meetings, Agenda Packages and minutes are posted on the Village website. Agenda Packages consist of:

- ◆ An itemized agenda;
- ◆ An "Agenda Item Summary Report" for each agenda item, with background information on the agenda item and recommendations for any action that needs to be taken by council. Also, any supporting documents and information are attached to the Summary Report.

If you are interested, it is a good way to keep up-to-date on Village business.

Brush Burning & Open Fires

Residents should be aware that fire permits are required for open fires and brush burning.

The procedures for acquiring a fire permit for Summer Village residents have been worked out with the County of St. Paul and the Mallaig Fire Department. If you light a fire that creates a lot of smoke and someone calls the fire department, you will be charged for the call-out if you do not have a fire permit.

If you want to burn brush or have an open fire, please call the Village administration, Norman Briscoe, at (780)645-4677. Fire pits and BBQ's are not considered open fires and do not require a permit.

COMMUNICATING WITH OUR RESIDENTS

For new residents, the Summer Village prefers to advertise events, or other communications electronically by posting notices prominently on the Village website (www.svhorseshoebay.com) and/or emailing to residents who have provided their email to the Summer Village. Notices and newsletters are mailed to residents who do not have email.

REC CENTER RENTAL

Martin Rec Center is available for residents to rent for private events, such as family reunions, birthdays, etc. The fee is \$100 per day, plus a refundable \$250 damage deposit for residents. It has a fully equipped kitchen, indoor washrooms, & tables & chairs. To rent contact: Melanie Russell at 1-587-984-2128 or email: m.i.russell@outlook.com

Miscellaneous

1. **Skating Rinks:** Occasionally residents will clear a patch of ice on the lake or a pond in their area for a skating rink. For the safety of any skaters or kids playing hockey, please keep snowmobiles off, particularly the area between Homestead Trail and Russel Drive.

2. **Rec Center Maintenance**
A big THANK YOU to Melanie Russell for taking care of the flowers at the Rec Center and also for taking care of the bottle recycling project. Also, thanks to Lloyd & Norrie Miller for keeping the rec center grass and grounds so nice. Even though the Rec Center isn't used much at this time, the park and playground are very popular in the summer. The Rec Center is also available for residents to rent for family get-togethers, etc.

3. **Waste Disposal/Garbage Bins**
The garbage bins in the Village are for **BAGGED HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY.** Any large items or construction materials can be taken to the land fill sites at Mallaig or Vincent Lake, RR 95. The bins are emptied every Wednesday.

School Buses

School Buses are now picking up children in the Summer Village.

Please drive with extreme caution during the following hours:

- ◆ 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.,
- and
- ◆ 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.



Message from Norman & Diane Briscoe

We took the job of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Summer Village in October, 2012. We have really enjoyed working with the Village residents over the last 10 years.

During this time the Village became one of the regional partners, with the County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point. This has enabled us to take on some interesting and beneficial projects. It has been very rewarding work.

However, we are handing the job over to a very capable replacement at the end of this year. Thank you for letting us be of service to you all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR
Norman and Diane Briscoe

Legend of the Christmas Spider

A long time ago in Germany, a mother was cleaning for Christmas. Spiders fled up to the attic to escape the broom. On quiet Christmas Eve, the spiders slowly came down for a peek. "Oh, what a beautiful tree!"

In excitement, they scurried up and out along each branch. They were filled with happiness as they climbed amongst the glittering beauty. But alas! By the time they were done, the tree was shrouded in their dusty grey web.

When Santa came with gifts for the children and saw the tree covered with spider webs, he smiled because he saw how happy the spiders were, but knew how heartbroken the mother would be if she saw it covered in dusty webs. So he turned the webs to strands of silver and the tree was even more beautiful than before.

That's the story of tinsel on trees and why every tree should have a Christmas Spider in it's branches.

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