

SUMMER VILLAGE OF MEWATHA BEACH

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Council Meetings

If you have an item you would like discussed at a council meeting, please contact administration or one of your council members.

Snow Clearing

As winter is just around the corner, please put flags or red ribbon on each side of your driveway if you want the snow cleared from your entrance. Also, please keep your culverts cleaned out on your entrance to avoid drainage problems.

Storing on Reserves

Council has made a policy that tagged items can be stored on municipal reserves for the winter months (mid September to mid May) but they do have to be tagged and they do have to be removed for the summer season.

Pump House Reserve

At this time, Boyle realizes that they will have to deal with demolishing the pumphouse, so we are anticipating that this will happen within the next year or so. We will then have to decide what we would like to do with that land. Anyone with a good suggestion, please let us know.

Maintenance

Once again, we would like to thank Ed Beres for doing such a good job of keeping our beach and privies maintained for the past three summers.

Roads

Gravel has been added to the crescents where necessary and calcium chloride will be placed on them to eliminate dust.

Lake Accesses

We have continued to improve the accesses down to the lake. Work was done this year on Oriole, Blossom and Evergreen.

Minimum Tax

Beginning in 2016, there will be a minimum tax of \$400 on the municipal portion of the property tax. This will mostly affect property without buildings. It is a way of getting a fair tax from those who own land at the lake and use the roads, beach and trails etc. but pay very little taxes as they have no buildings. In researching this issue

we found that this amount is lower than the average amount charged by summer villages as a minimum tax.

Tree Cutting

The tree cutting for this year is complete. If you have any tree issues please let us know for next spring. Please remember that residents are not allowed to cut trees on municipal property. Also, please do not cut any more trees on your own property than is necessary.

ATVs

There has been a substantial increase in complaints about the noise, damage, speed and underage children on quads once more. Please remember that the beach is off bounds to these quads. ***This is a municipal and also a provincial regulation.*** Signs have now be erected. The lake is meant to be a peaceful place for all to enjoy. Be respectful and use common sense. If this continues, the summer village will consider banning quads. Please read and familiarize yourselves with the enclosed bylaw and report any infractions to administration.

Boat Lifts

Just a reminder that any docks and boat lifts left on the village reserve without tags are subject to removal by the summer village. Please be sure to contact our office for tags.

Administration Office

The administration office will be closed for a period of time between the end of December to the middle of March. If there are any emergencies during this time, please contact one of your council members or the appropriate emergency numbers. We will be checking our email on a regular basis.

THE COUNCIL WISHES RESIDENTS AN ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE LAKE. Please be respectful of your neighbors and obey the rules of the summer village. Remember that this is your summer village and you want it to be there for your future generations.

Administration contact numbers are at the top of the page. The best time to contact us is on a week day. If you have an emergency (including dog related emergencies) you may contact the local RCMP at 911 or 780-689-3622. If the emergency is fire related please contact the Boyle fire department at 911 or 780-689-3611.