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BEACH BULLETIN

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE
SUMMER VILLAGE OF MA-ME-O BEACH



Message from Council

In a few more weeks, students will be back in classrooms swapping stories of their summer adventures. With Ma-Me-O Days, sailing camp, the playground program, bingo and two adult dances (with a third on September 3rd, see page 5 for details) there has been no shortage of activities to bring our community together, connecting with old friends and forging new ones all while making memories to last a life time.

While the planning and organizing of our summer programming is largely done by the Recreation Committee, members like Erin McAuley, Katherine Pike and Audra Duncan who have committed many hours each week to ensure our events come off without a hitch, this year would not have been as successful without the help and commitment of our volunteers-at-large. On behalf of the Recreation Committee, we would like to extend a huge thank you to all the people who put their hand up to help this summer. From setting up the hall for the pancake breakfast, decorating for the dances, taking shifts at the family dance, judging the sand sculpture contest there were literally dozens of jobs to be filled and they were thanks to the many people who jumped in to lend a hand.

As we wind down the summer fun and prepare for fall, don't forget next year will be here before we know it. If you are keen to get involved and to make Summer 2023 even better than this year, please consider volunteering for one of our three committees (Recreation, Beautification, and Safety & Wellness) as planning will begin next month.

Emergency Call Out - Contact Information

While reviewing our Emergency procedures this summer, a glaring issue was identified pertaining to resident contact information. At this time, our Administration does not have a comprehensive list of email addresses and phone numbers to reference in an emergency.

To ensure the Village is able to contact you with timely and critical information during a crisis event, please contact Kristen at the Village office (780) 586- 2494 to verify the details on file.



Land Use Bylaw Consultation Process

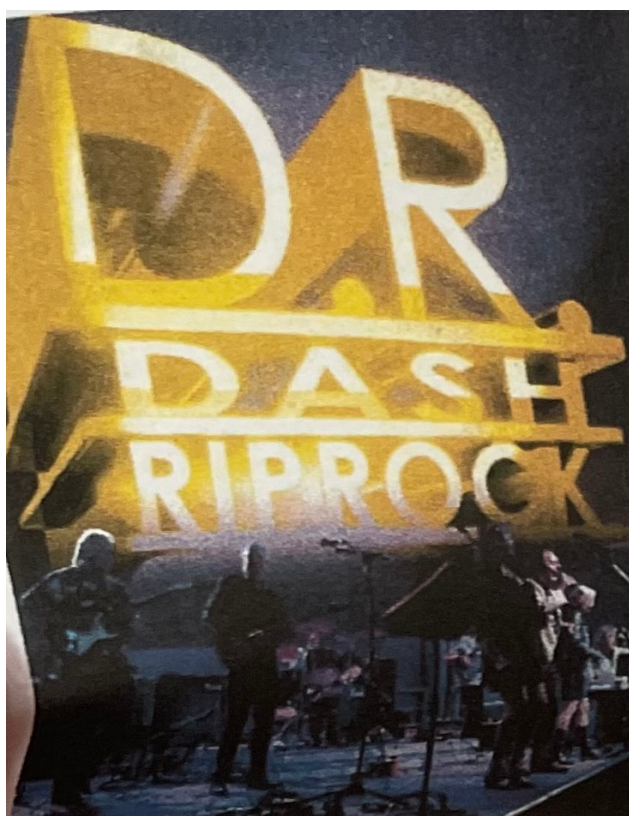
Your feedback is vital, please take the time to share your thoughts and concerns.

The Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach has begun a review and update to the Summer Village's Land Use Bylaw! To help you understand what a Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is, why it is being reviewed and updated, a specific LUB newsletter has been put together with more information, as well as a survey for you to complete to help us better understand your thoughts on some key land use and development questions.



Dance to the Music of
DASH RIPROCK

September 3, 2022
Ma-Me-O Community Hall
Dancing begins at 8 p.m.



Tickets: \$30 in advance, or \$35 at door
To purchase tickets, contact
Al Greenslade: (780)983-5879
Proceeds support the Ma-Me-O Recreation
Committee

Wastewater Project Overview

Submitted by Gail Coleman

In 2016, the Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach entered into a partnership with the Summer Villages of Norris Beach, Crystal Springs, Grandview, Poplar Bay and the County of Wetaskiwin to complete a South Side Regional Wastewater System. They collaborated in an application under the Building Canada Grant to complete the project. The Me-Me-O Beach project was approved under the Phase I grant at an estimated cost of approx. \$3 million.

The project was approved with the understanding that it could be completed using available grant funding and reserves within the Summer Village. There would be no additional cost to ratepayers except for the cost to connect a proper 2 chambered tank with heat trace to the service line. The project scope included the heat traced main lines and the service connections to each lot.

The Summer Village awarded the tender for engineering design and construction to MPE engineering. In June 2017 PME Inc. ("PME") and the Summer Village entered into a contract for the construction of the Wastewater System.

In February 2019, the wastewater froze in the force main due to the failure of the Electrical Heat Trace (EHT) System. To date, PME has failed to remediate the EHT System and the Summer Village and its connected residents have not been able to rely on the EHT System.

PME declared the contract to be repudiated and proceedings for arbitration as defined under the contract commenced.

In the summer of 2020, the Summer Village engaged RMRF to represent them in the arbitration proceedings. Since then, where possible, the Summer Village has operated the system during the warm season. It became apparent that the Summer Village would need documentation of the conditions before it could prepare arbitration/ counterclaim information.

The Summer Village hired WSP engineering to conduct an investigation of the heat tracing failure. In Feb 2021, the WSP heat tracing report identified both heat tracing issues and civil issues related to the wastewater system installation. The arbitration hearing, originally scheduled for November 2021 was deferred to June 2022 to allow the Summer Village time to complete the investigation. The Summer Village decided that the best way to identify issues was to begin the rehabilitation and document all of the issues found.

In August 2021 the Summer Village began remediation of the system through time and materials contracts with Dart Electrical and THS Septic Solutions, with WSP as the documentation and construction administration engineering firm.

The Summer Village did not have sufficient funding to move forward with the construction and was unable to secure any additional grant funding.

Wastewater Project Timeline cont...

The Summer Village borrowed a total of \$2.9 Million to complete the rehabilitation to date. The intention was to complete a section of the system (approx. 24%) between Jubilee Park and 11 Street to run over the winter as a test section.

In August 2022, the Summer Village was advised by the civil contractor that they were unable to complete the section at 11 Street due to staffing issues and the high water table. Without the completion of the civil work, the heat tracing could not be rehabilitated, and the system cannot be heat traced for the winter. As the cost to bring on a new contractor exceeds the funds available, the trial has been deferred.

The active system will be shut down in the fall and re-activated in the spring. The arbitration process is on-going and expected to be complete in December. At that time, depending on the award amount under the arbitration, council will make decisions regarding next steps in the construction.

Listing of Updated Bylaws and Policies

At the Annual Information Meeting in July, a request was made to share a list of all bylaws and policies amended and updated to date. Here is the current list, all of which can be found on the Ma-Me-O Beach website or by contacting the Village administration :

Ma-Me-O Beach Bylaws passed with this council:

- #383 Municipal Borrowing Bylaw
- #384 Wastewater Interim Financing Bylaw
- #385 Business License Bylaw
- #386 Municipal Borrowing Bylaw 2022
- #387 Recreation Committee Bylaw
- #388 Rates of Taxation 2022 Bylaw
- #389 Wastewater Bylaw 2022
- #390 Wastewater Utility Bylaw 2022
- #391 Regional Emergency Management Bylaw
- #392 Beautification Committee Bylaw
- #393 Safety and Wellness Committee Bylaw



Ma-Me-O Beach Policies with this council:

- Amended the Boat Hoist Service Policy #14-2009
- Adopted and Approved the Snow Plowing Roads Policy #40-2022
- Amended the Day Park Community Use Policy #34-2014
- Amended the Community Hall Rental Policy #11-2003

Council Meetings & Other Important Dates:

- Ma-Me-O Beach Regular **Council Meetings will take place every second Friday of the month at 1:30 pm at the Summer Villages Office.** Meeting dates for the next three months are: September 9, October 14, and the next dates TBA.
- Dance to the Music of Dash Riprock on Saturday, September 3rd at the Ma-Me-O Beach Community Hall. Dancing starts at 8 pm, tickets \$30 and can be purchased from Al Greenslade or at the door.

The Ma-Me-O History Book is Wrapping Up!

The Ma-Me-O Beach History Book team is dedicated to documenting the history of Ma-Me-O Beach and we are nearing the completion of this exciting project. We are finishing up conducting interviews with residents, researching significant events in the area and studying how the land development has contributed to the rich history of Ma-Me-O Beach. We will be completing the scheduling and collection of interviews by September 2022, so get in touch ASAP to be included!

Our writer, interviewer and photographer Erin Dentzien, has been working on the history book since October 2019, and is looking forward to seeing all the stories published in the Summer of 2023! We also wish to thank our dearly departed friend and former Council member Peter Langelle, for all his work and dedication to this project over the many years on Council. Please do get in touch to share your Ma-Me-O Beach stories and/or photographs by going to: <https://www.mameohistorybook.com/contact> or by scanning the QR code included in this newsletter.



E-Newsletter Option

The email distribution list for the Beach Bulletin is building! To add your email address to our list, please complete the FOIP form posted on the Ma-Me-O Beach website or call the office to have one mailed to you. For those who subscribe, newsletters will be emailed directly to your inbox. Those who do not wish to opt in can still access the latest Beach Bulletin on the website or if preferred through the traditional mail (select regular mail on the FOIP form). Distribution of the Beach Bulletin occurs bi-monthly in 2022, with new editions released in January/February, March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October and November/December.



NUMBERS TO CALL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

- FOR **POWER ISSUES** (DAMAGED OR DOWNED LINES, IMPACTED TRANSFORMER BOXES, POWER OUTAGES, ETC...): CALL FORTIS AT 310-WIRE (9473), FORTIS IS THERE FOR YOU 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.
- FOR **NATURAL GAS** RELATED ISSUES (SMELL DETECTED, SUSPECTED LEAK, DISRUPTION IN SERVICE, ETC...): CALL 911 OR APEX AT 1-866-222-2068 TO REPORT A GAS ODOUR, NATURAL GAS FIRE, OR DAMAGED GAS LINE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.
- FOR **TREE RELATED** ISSUES THAT IMPEDE ACCESS OR POSE A THREAT TO SAFETY (FALLEN TREES, BROKEN BRANCHES, ETC...) CALL THE SUMMER VILLAGES OFFICE @ 780-586-2494 OR EMAIL INFORMATION@SVOFFICEPL.COM
- TO REPORT **BYLAW** INFRACTIONS: CALL BYLAW OFFICER, DORIS MCALLISTER AT 780-719-6447
- FOR **WILDLIFE** ISSUES (INJURED, POPULATION CONTROL, HABITATION): CALL THE ALBERTA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION OFFICE @ 780-437-2342 DURING OFFICE HOURS, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM, OR SEND AN EMAIL TO OFFICE@AFGA.ORG THEY MAY OFFER ADVICE OR SUGGESTIONS.

Have a question, suggestion or need additional information?

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS: 911, RCMP NON-EMERGENCY LINE: 780-312-7200 OR 780-312-7267