



GULL LAKE NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Day Fly In!

The Gull Lake Community League is hosting a Family Day Fly In on **Monday, February 16, 2026 from 10am—2pm**. Please come down to the lake to enjoy watching the planes land and take off on the Ice Runway!!

Also, join us at the Gull Lake Community Hall for food and refreshments.

Weather permitting, the Runways and Skating Rink will be open.

There are still volunteer positions to be filled. Please contact Helen Anne (403-304-2004 / 17stuart@gmail.com) if you are able to assist or for further information.

A great big thank you to the Gull Lake Community League for sponsoring this fun Family Day event!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS IN PROGRESS

Council and Admin have started the 2026 Budget Deliberations. Please let our Councillors and administration know if you have any suggestions for operating or capital budget items this year.



2026 TAX ASSESSMENTS AND PROPERTY NOTICE

The combined 2026 Taxation Notice and Property Assessment that will be mailed out to all property owners in May 2026. The 2026 Taxes are due June 30, 2026.



MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER AT LARGE

The Summer Village is looking for residents who would be interested in being a part of our Municipal Planning Committee. If you are interested, please contact our office at 403-748-2966, or via email: admin@summervillageofgulllake.com.



[WINTER REMINDERS](#)

[OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES](#)

The summer village Traffic Bylaw governs the use of off-highway vehicles in the community. Be sure you are aware of the regulations governing the operation of snowmobiles, quads, and other off-highway vehicles during the winter months.

[Check Out OHV
Rules in the Summer Village](#)

[Traffic Safety Act
OHV Regulation](#)



[SPRING AHEAD](#)

With Spring approaching, it is a good idea to start thinking about the task of **[Firesmart Your Property](#)**. Residents should be removing deadfall and dead trees from their properties to help reduce the risk of wildfires.

Below are links to helpful FIRESMART resources. Remember...wildfires also happen in the winter!

[Firesmart Begins at Home](#)

[Firesmart Guide to Landscaping](#)

[Last Minute Checklist](#)

WINTER REMINDERS

Council Meeting

Your summer village Council meets on the third Friday of every month in the Council Chambers building. You may attend in person or join the meeting virtually via Zoom by clicking on the following link [Council Meeting Zoom Link](#).

Next Council Meeting:
Friday, February 20, 2026 from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Garbage Collection

Garbage collection occurs every Monday from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. If Monday falls on a holiday, then garbage will be collected on the next day—Tuesday. Check out the Garbage Collection Bylaw to review the responsibilities of the summer village and home owners/occupants.

[Garbage Collection Bylaw](#)

Traffic Bylaw

Traffic in the summer village is governed by the 2014 Traffic Bylaw and the 2018 Amendment to the Bylaw. The Amendment adds conditions for parking within the summer village; tire specifications; and the operation of off-highway vehicles (OHVs). Check out the Traffic Bylaw and Amendment to see what is permitted and prohibited.

[Traffic Bylaw](#) [Amendment](#)

Hazardous Tree Removal

Residents are encouraged to remove any dead or hazardous trees from their private property to prevent them from falling on power lines or nearby structures. Please ensure you obtain a permit before proceeding. If you notice any dangerous trees in the municipal reserves or other areas of the Summer Village, please call the admin office.

Development Permits

If you are planning to construct a garage, shed, addition to your house, or other building structure, be sure to apply for a Development Permit before you proceed. The current 2012 Land Use Bylaw identifies what types of structures do, and do not, require a Development Permit. These conditions will be updated as the LUB is currently being revised. Contact the admin office for more information about developments in the summer village.

[Development Permit Application Form](#)

Snow Plowing

The summer village Public Works Department provides a snow plowing service for residential properties. If you would like your driveway cleared of snow this winter, please complete a snow plowing application form and submit it to the admin office. The seasonal fee is \$210 for regular driveways and \$525 for larger driveways.

[Snow Plowing Application Form](#)



[WINTER REMINDERS](#)

Dog Control

Dog control in Gull Lake is governed by the Dog Control Bylaw and its Amendment. Dogs are not permitted to be running at large, which means off the owner's property and not on a leash held by a person able to control the dog. If a dog attacks and bites a person or other dog, there are substantial fines in place and the dog may be impounded. Please report any dogs running at large or those exhibiting aggressive behaviour to the Animal Control Officer (403-506-9380) or the admin office.

[Dog Control Bylaw](#)

[Dog Control Bylaw Amendment](#)

Winter Driving is Here!

Below-freezing temperatures coupled with snow and ice can create dangerous driving conditions; and with winter driving ahead, here's some tips to help keep you and your passengers safe.

Winterize your vehicle:

- ⇒ Ensure your vehicle is ready for freezing temperatures and slippery conditions.
- ⇒ Examine your spare tire, battery, belts, hoses, anti-freeze, tires, heater, defroster and windshield wipers.
- ⇒ Switch to winter tires. They are specially designed for lower temperatures and provide better traction than all-season tires.
- ⇒ Clear snow and ice off windows, side mirrors, headlights, taillights and licence plate before driving.
- ⇒ Try to keep your fuel tank more than half full. This adds weight, reduces moisture problems in your fuel system and can be an asset if you become stranded.
- ⇒ Carry an emergency road kit with items such as booster cables, flashlight, first aid kit, shovel, hand and foot warmers and a blanket.

[CAA Winter Driving Survival Kit](#)



[CANADIAN RED CROSS
DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS KIT](#)

[ALBERTA EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS
WEBSITE](#)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Residents' Feedback:

This Public Participation page is a feature in every newsletter, as Council and administration are interested in Gull Lake residents' feedback.

Beach Development and Maintenance Plan

The primary asset of the summer village is the Gull Lake lakeshore and beach area. Residents and their families have enjoyed this magical shoreline and riparian area for generations and it is imperative that the development and maintenance of this sensitive ecosystem is carefully considered.

In 2026, the summer village will begin developing a **Beach Development and Maintenance Plan** to guide the management of the lakeshore and riparian area. The summer village has a **Recreational Lease** with the province that permits us to have "sand pods" and "grassy areas" on the lakeshore. We are responsible for maintaining these areas, and must do so using methods described in the Lease agreement. As part of the planning process, Council and administration will be reviewing the Lease agreement with Alberta Environment and Protected Areas.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE BEACH DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE PLAN? WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR OPINION!

SAND PODS

**RECREATIONAL
LEASE MAP
2014**

GRASSY AREAS

Community Weed Management Plan

The Weed Committee has been meeting to develop a Community Weed Management Plan to eradicate and control noxious and prohibited noxious weeds throughout the summer village. A main focus of weed management will be in the grassy areas along the lakeshore, to control troublesome weeds such as sea buckthorn. Stay tuned for more information.

Alberta Invasive Plant Identification Guide

Your Comments & Suggestions

It is extremely important that your Council and administration have the opportunity to hear from our residents. Perhaps you have a comment on an issue you wish to raise. Maybe you have a suggestion for how we might improve our services. Something we should place in the budget? Perhaps there is an initiative you think the summer village should pursue.

Please forward your comments and suggestions in confidence to: [Comments & Suggestions](#)



COMMUNITY EVENTS

GLCL Card Games in the Afternoon

The Summer Village of Gull Lake Community League presents CARD GAMES IN THE AFTERNOON on Thursdays. There is no cost and participants are invited to bring their own refreshments.

**Every Thursday, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
Gull Lake Community Hall**

'Appy' Hour

Join your neighbors at the Gull Lake Community Hall 'Appy' Hour. Please bring your own refreshments plus an appetizer to share.

**3rd Friday of the month, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
Gull Lake Community Hall**

Floor Curling

The Gull Lake Community League is hosting Floor Curling again on Mondays. There is no cost and participants are invited to bring their own refreshments. Volunteers will be required to put equipment away, sweep floors and put away chairs after the weekly games.

**Every Monday, from 1:00 pm-3:00pm
Gull Lake Community Hall**

Rent the Community Hall

The Gull Lake Community Hall is a spacious and inviting facility that is ideal for group events, family get-togethers, birthday parties, meetings, and socials. The hall includes a fully-stocked modern kitchen facility, tables and chairs, a curtained stage area, and floor markings for games. Catering to events is also available by third-party providers. Contact the admin office to book your dates.

Hall Agreement and Rental Rates



CONTACTS

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Emergency Services

Police and Fire Dispatch—(call 911)

RCMP-Blackfalds—24 hour Non-emergency (403-885-3333) Administration (403-885-3300)

Utilities

G.L.D.C. Gas Co-Op Ltd, Emergency (1-403-843-1050)

Fortis—24 hour Emergency (310-9473)

Development Permits

Development Permit application forms are available by contacting the admin office or downloading from the Gull Lake website.

[Development Permit Application Form](#)

All developments are subject to the [Land Use Bylaw](#) which is also available on the website or from the admin office.

For building, gas, plumbing, and electrical permits contact [IJD Inspections Ltd](#) (403-346-6533)

