



# GULL LAKE NEWSLETTER

August 2025 / Issue 4

## Election Results are in!

*Congratulations!*

2025 Official Election Results  
Elected by acclamation on July 12, 2025

Douglas Francoeur,  
Lon Kasha, &  
Stuart Innes

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## Permits Needed!



## Fire insurance

Did you know a call to 911 may not actually be covered by your insurance? When you call 911 for fire & emergency response, Lacombe County invoices the Summer Village directly for these costs. According to the Fire Protection Bylaw (318 s.14), these costs are then recovered directly from the resident by the Summer Village

Be diligent by checking YOUR POLICY TODAY before an issue arises.

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## MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS! 2025

The Summer Village of Gull Lake Municipal Office is pleased to welcome back our three uncontested councillors, who were elected by acclamation on Saturday July 12, 2025.



Doug Francoeur, Lon Kasha, & Stuart Innes.

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Official Election Results



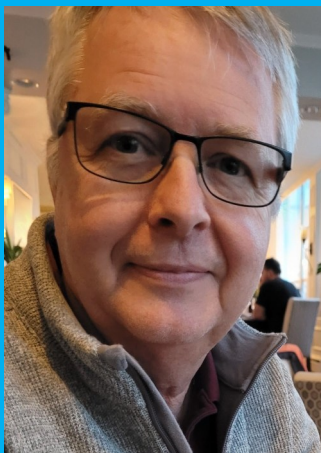
### Doug Francoeur

Doug is a third-generation resident of the Summer Village of Gull Lake. Doug has spent many summers enjoying the lake and all it has to offer, and has even assisted in hosting the Family Day Fly-in. Professionally, Doug is an airport consultant, having worked for both the Edmonton & Calgary Airports Authorities. Doug is in his third term of office, having been first elected to council of the Summer Village of Gull Lake in 2020.



### Lon Kasha

Lon is a second term Councillor, having been first elected in 2021. Lon works with Public Works Department, and on projects like the Watershed Society & lake water levels.



### Stuart Innes

Stuart is a Gull Lake lifer, having spent every summer swimming, sailing, and water skiing on its waters. He is a 4th-generation Gull Laker; his great-grandfather, Laban Sandbrook, also summered there and, according to local records, once owned the Cozy Hotel, a candy store, and a boat and cabin rental business.

Now serving his 2nd term on the Summer Village of Gull Lake Municipal Council, Stuart continues a proud tradition established by his father, Doug Innes, and his great-grandfather - both former council members.

The original family cottage, *Doolittle*, located on Premier Avenue, remains in the hands of the Sandbrook-Corry-Innes family. Stuart and his wife of 39 years, Marti, own the cottage at 109 Lakeview Avenue, where their 3 children—June-Marie, Ashley, and Aaric (Eric) - spent their summers. Daughter June-Marie and her husband Jeff now own a cottage on Lakeview Avenue. Granddaughters Anya and Evia mark the 6th generation of Stuart's family at Gull Lake. These days, you might spot Stuart walking with his loyal canine companion, pulling boats in & out of the lake on his old red tractor, or volunteering at the museum as a member of the Gull Lake Historical Society.

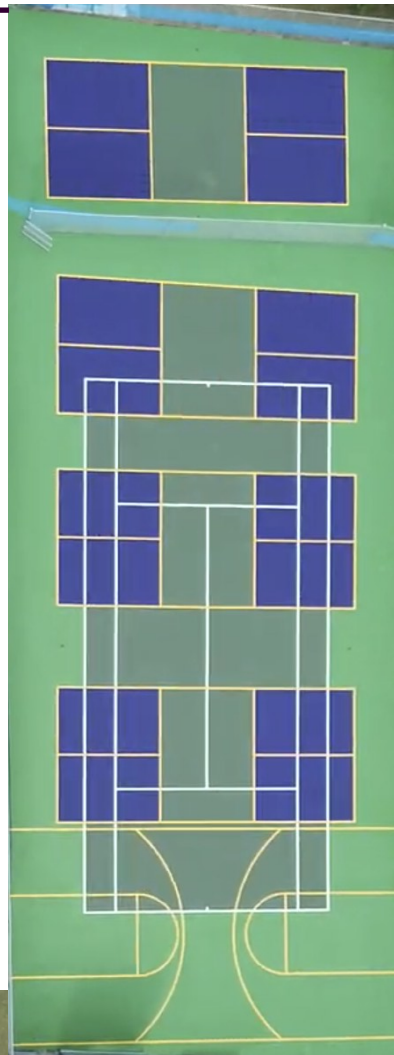
## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### **Newly Resurfaced Pickleball Courts!**

If you haven't already, go check out the newly resurfaced pickleball courts at Centennial Park.

What a great way to get active, involved in your local community, and having fun!

We are looking forward to seeing you all out, enjoying the resurfaced courts.



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## COMMUNITY UPDATES

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### Public Works - New Equipment Alert!

To manage the ever increasing size of our beach, and assist in the efficiency of cleaning it, the Summer Village of Gull Lake has invested in the purchase of a new-to-us larger rake.

Please be mindful to keep your distance from the machines while we work!

Your safety (and your children/pets), is our top priority!

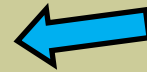


### Community Updates

- Public Works

### Important Reminders

- Watch Your Speed



Have you met our new Summer Student?

Adrian can often be found working the beaches, mowing lawns, and doing general maintenance around the village.

**MAXIMUM  
Speed  
30 Km/Hr**

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### WATCH YOUR SPEED!

Please keep in mind the increased activity of pedestrians during the summer months.

Regularly children are out riding bikes, playing sports, and generally just being kids. Unfortunately, sometimes this means they miss the road safety we work so hard to instill in them. Please take it as your personal responsibility to share the road. Watch out for pedestrians, and go slower than you think needed.

Please share this message with the younger drivers in your household too.

**Better to be safe than sorry!**



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Dog Control Bylaw - Summer Village of Gull Lake



#### Reminder to residents of the Summer Village of Gull Lake

Due to increasing volume of residents and pedestrians over the summer months, the Summer Village office would like to remind residents that **ALL** dogs are required to remain on leash **AT ALL TIMES** while off your property.

Section 3 of the Dog Control Bylaw 327-05 states that no dog is permitted to be running at large within the corporate limits of the Village, nor can they “chase or otherwise threaten a person or other animal, whether on the property of the owner or not”.

Please be mindful of your pets, and remember, it's better to be safe than sorry!

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#### Important Reminders

- Animal bylaws

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- OHV's
- Land Use Bylaw
- Firesmart
- FireAware
- Fire Insurance





## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### PERMITS

#### **Boat dock, boat lift, & swimming platforms**



To obtain a permit from the Government of Alberta you will need to:

- Complete & Submit the Application Form: [Revised Dock TFA Application Form](#)
- Obtain a consent letter from the waterfront landowner (Summer Village of Gull Lake) [contact us today!](#)

For more information on waterfront, semi-waterfront, & backlot properties;  
[User Guide For Dock Authorizations](#)

#### **Golf Cart Permits**

All residents who wish to drive their golf carts in the Summer Village of Gull Lake must now register their golf cart, obtain and display a permit sticker.

To Apply:

- Download & complete the [Golf Cart Permit Application Form](#)
- Submit Application form and \$20 Fee payable by cash, cheque, or e-transfer to [admin@summervillageofgulllake.com](mailto:admin@summervillageofgulllake.com)



Know the rules [Designated Highways for Golf Carts & Golf Cart Bylaw](#)



#### **Development Permit Needed**

Don't forget to check! Development permits may be needed for your summer projects. To learn more about the Summer Village Bylaws, including when a development permit is (or is not) re-

quired, check out the [website \(click here\)](#).

To apply:

- Download and complete the [development permit application form](#).
- Submit completed form to [admin@summervillageofgulllake.com](mailto:admin@summervillageofgulllake.com)

#### Important Reminders

- Permits

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- Gov Reminder OHV's
- Land Use Bylaw
- FireSmart
- Fire Aware
- Fire Insurance

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### From the Government of Alberta - OHV's

It is illegal to operate Off Highway Vehicles (OHV's) within Provincial Park Boundaries. Penalties may include substantial fines and possible towing of the off highway vehicle.



### Land Use Bylaw

Public Hearing Date:

*To Be Announced, 2025*

Council is seeking your involvement

Please participate in this valuable  
discussion



Significant items up for discussion

- Secondary suites, basement suites, mother-in-law suites
- How to manage short- and long-term rentals
- Use of recreational vehicles (motorhomes and trailers)
- Use and/or restrictions on riparian lands
- And more!

We hope to see you there!

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Important Reminders

- Gov Reminder OHV
- Land Use Bylaw

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- FireSmart
- Fire Aware
- Fire Insurance

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### **FireSmart Your Property**



Given warming temperatures seen over the past year, the danger of wildfires in municipalities is ever increasing. It is recommended that you take measures to FIRESMART your property to reduce the fire risk to your home and those of your neighbors.

**[Firesmart Guide to Landscaping](#)**

**[Firesmart Begins at Home Guide](#)**

**[Last Minute Checklist](#)**



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Important Reminders

- FireSmart

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- Fire Aware
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**[ALBERTA EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS  
WEBSITE](#)**



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Fire Aware: Understanding AB Fire Ratings

**Fire Advisory** - Issued when conditions are dry & the risk of wildfire is increasing.

Allowed:

- Backyard fire pits using clean dry wood.
- Campfires on private land and in campgrounds
- Propane/gas fire pits and BBQ's

Not Allowed:

- Fireworks

**Fire Restriction** - Issued when fire hazard conditions are serious.

Allowed:

- Wood campfires in designated campgrounds, on private land, and in backyard fire pits
- Propane/gas-powered appliances (fire pits, stoves, BBQ's)

Not Allowed:

- Fireworks
- Fires on public lands, including random camping and backcountry areas
- Burning of brush piles, debris, or windrows

**Fire Ban** - Issued when the fire risk is extreme & resources are limited

Allowed:

- Propane/gas-powered appliances with an on/off switch

Not Allowed:

- All open fires, including backyard fire pits and campfires
- Charcoal BBQ's, tiki torches, fireworks, etc.


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Important Reminders

- Fire Aware

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 FIRE HAZARD INDEX	NO CONDITIONS	FIRE ADVISORY IN EFFECT	FIRE RESTRICTION IN EFFECT	FIRE BAN IN EFFECT
Open Burning (permit required)	✓	Limited	✗	✗
Burn Barrels	✓	Limited	✗	✗
Residential Fire Pits with a Screen	✓	✓	✓	✗
Charcoal Briquette Barbecue	✓	✓	✓	✗
Propane / Natural Gas Barbecue	✓	✓	✓	✓
Propane / Natural Gas Firepit	✓	✓	✓	✓
Propane / Natural Gas-powered Appliances	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smudge Fires	✓	✓	✓	✗
Wood Pellet Barbecue / Smoker without an On / Off Switch	✓	✓	✓	✗
Wood Pellet Barbecue / Smoker with an On / Off Switch	✓	✓	✓	✓
Safe Wood Campfires on Public Lands	✓	✓	✗	✗
Open Flame Oil Devices (tiki torches)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indoor Wood Fire	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fireworks	✗	No fireworks permits issued once an Fire Advisory is in effect.		
Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV)	✗	Use caution while operating Off-Road Vehicles or farm equipment, as hot exhaust pipes pose a fire hazard.		
Improperly Discarded Smoker's Materials	✗	Discarded cigarettes are one of the leading causes of preventable fires in our municipality. Use caution when disposing of cigarette butts, as they can easily light dried brush and grass. Even a small gust of wind can sustain and carry embers from a discarded cigarette, causing fires to spread rapidly.		

## Insurance Policies - Are you covered for fire response?

Have you reviewed your insurance coverage to ensure it covers potential emergency response costs?

Our Fire Protection Bylaw 318, “All costs and expenses incurred ... shall be charged to the owner of the parcel of land on which the fire occurred or in respect of which the action was taken”.

Contact your insurance provider to confirm coverage for these invoices, should the need arise.

### UNDERSTANDING THE COSTS BEHIND FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES RESPONSE INVOICES

Here's an example on how Lacombe County invoices for fire and emergency services response calls. Let's say Mr. John Ratepayer had a fire on his farm involving a small outbuilding that caught fire. Lacombe County Fire Service responded to this fire with three fire apparatus.

- Fire Engine – 2 hours
- Tender - 2 hours
- Brush Truck – 2 hours

The fire crews responded and began operations to extinguish the fire. After the fire was extinguished, the crews looked for hot spots and ensured not only the fire was out, but that it would not rekindle as well.

The invoice would look similar to the amounts in the table below.

Invoice Description	Quantity (hrs)	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	GST	Amount
Engine	2	Each	\$740.00	\$0.00	\$1480.00
Tender	2	Each	\$740.00	\$0.00	\$1480.00
Brush	2	Each	\$740.00	\$0.00	\$1480.00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4440.00</b>

### DEFINITIONS OF EQUIPMENT USED AT CALLS

**Rescue Truck:** A rescue truck is a specialized emergency response vehicle primarily used for rescue operations, including vehicle extrications, medical emergencies, and technical rescues like confined spaces. It typically carries minimal or no water but is equipped with specialized rescue gear, hydraulic tools (e.g., “jaws of life”), ropes, airbags, lighting equipment, and medical supplies.

**Fire Engine:** A fire engine is the primary response vehicle designed to handle structure and other on-property and motor vehicle fires, rescue operations, and emergency medical calls. It typically carries between 500 to 1,000 gallons of water, hoses, pumps, ladders, rescue gear, and essential firefighting tools.

**Tender:** A tender, also known as a water tanker, supplies large volumes of water to support firefighting operations, particularly in rural or non-hydrant areas. It usually holds 1,500 to 3,500 gallons or more and includes equipment to quickly transfer water to other apparatus.

**Brush Truck:** A brush truck is specifically equipped for fighting wildland or brush fires in rough terrain or areas difficult for larger apparatus to access. It carries approximately 200 to 500 gallons of water and specialized wildland fire fighting gear like hoses, hand tools, and portable pumps.

## FIRE & EMERGENCY COSTS

*Do you know if you're prepared to cover the costs of fire and emergency services?*

Lacombe County is reminding residents about potential costs associated with fire and emergency services. Under our fire response policy, residents and businesses will be invoiced for fire and emergency service responses.

These charges are typically covered by insurance—but it's **YOUR responsibility** to confirm you have sufficient coverage **BEFORE** an emergency occurs.

### FIRE INVOICES



Lacombe County residents and businesses will be billed for fire and emergency responses if equipment is dispatched to their property.

### ACCIDENT CHARGES

Vehicle owners will be invoiced for motor vehicle accidents requiring fire and emergency services within Lacombe County.



### CHECK YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE

These charges are typically covered by insurance **if you have the right coverage.**



## SUMMER VILLAGE RECREATION PROGRAM

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Summer  
Recreation  
Program

The Summer Village of Gull Lake is proud to announce the return of the Summer Recreation Program July 2, 2025—August 15, 2025.

AUGUST 2025							Theme of the Week
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
27 	28 Kids Kapers (10-12) Surf'n Sand (1-3)	29 Kids Kapers (10-12) Surf'n Sand (1-3) Bingo Night (7-9)	30 Kids Kapers (10-12) Surf'n Sand (1-3) Cheesin' & Streamin' (7-9)	31 Kids Kapers (10-12) Surf'n Sand (1-3) Movie Night (7-9)	1 Kids Kapers (10-12) Kraay Family Farm Corn Maze (1-3)	2	<b>Get up and Go!</b> July 28 - August 1
3 Pancake Breakfast (9-12) 	4 No Rec	5 Kids Kapers (10-12) Surf'n Sand (1-3) Bingo Night (7-9)	6 Kids Kapers (10-12) Surf'n Sand (1-3)	7 Kids Kapers (10-12) Surf'n sand (1-3) Movie Night (7-9)	8 Kids Kapers (10-12) Bentley Parade 1pm	9 	<b>Tasty Creations Week</b> August 5 - August 8
10 	11 Kids Kapers (10-12) Bike Parade (1-3)	12 Kids Kapers (10-12) Surf'n Sand (1-3) Bingo Night (7-9)	13 Kids Kapers (10-12) Surf'n Sand (1-3)	14 Kids Kapers (10-12) Surf'n Sand (1-3) Trivia Night (7-9)	15 Kids Kapers (10-12) Scavenger Hunt (1-3) Movie in the Park (7-9)	16	<b>Into the Wild Week</b> August 11 - August 15
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 	<b>Cheesin' &amp; Streamin': Charcuterie and Movie Night</b> 

Kids Kapers: Mondays to Fridays 10am-12pm

Kids aged 5-12 are welcome to participate in our daily crafts, games and activities.

Surf 'n Sand: Mondays to Fridays 1pm-3pm

Beach games, sand castles, & swimming\*

Special Events: Various days/times

Bike parade, Kraay Family Farm, Bentley Parade, Trivia Night, Scavenger Hunt, and Movie in the Park!

Teen Nights: Teens aged 13-17 are welcome to attend our annual Teen Nights!

Please ensure to contact Taylor @ 403-304-2050

\*some restrictions apply: children must be able to swim on their own or have a parent.



Summer  
Recreation  
Program



Thursdays from 7pm-9m  
@  
Summer Village Community Hall

Tickets \$1 ea.



Tuesdays from 7pm-9m  
@  
Summer Village Community Hall

Tickets \$1 ea.



## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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Public Participation

### Strategic Plan Development

Council and administration continue to work with the Parkland Community Planning Service to develop a 3-year Strategic Plan intended to guide future direction and initiatives within the summer village. It is crucial that community residents are involved in the development of the Strategic Plan. Please read the first draft of the [2024-28 Gull Lake Strategic Plan](#) and provide your comments in confidence to: [Strategic Plan Comments](#)



### We Want To Hear From You!

Comments? Suggestions? Ideas for initiatives? Please forward in confidence to [Comments & Suggestions](#)



The public participation page is a feature of every newsletter, as Council and administration are very interested in your feedback.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Summer Recreation Board

August 3, 2025

9am-12pm

&

GL Community League

August 31, 2025

9am-12pm

### Community Events

Aug 1-15 - Summer Rec  
Program

Aug 2 - Horseshoe Toss

Aug 3 - Pancake Breakfast

Aug 9 - Concert

Aug 15 - Movie in the Park

Aug 15 - Appy Hour

Aug 31 - Car Show

Aug 31 - Pancake Breakfast

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### **Annual Horseshoe Toss Tournament**



August 2, 2025

Registration begins at 9:45am

Start time is 10am

@

Centennial Park



### **'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,  
5:30 pm-8:30 pm  
@  
Gull Lake  
Community Hall**





## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### Card Afternoons Resume

Thursdays

Beginning Sept 11, 2025

1pm-3pm

Bring a game you want to share with others, or just come to play.

### Floor Curling Resumes

Mondays

Beginning

September 8, 2025

1pm-3pm

@

Community Hall



### Concert Alert! Jess Lee



August 9, 2025  
7:00-9:00pm  
(Doors open @  
6:30pm)  
CASH BAR

Contact Sue Ferguson  
780-238-6294

Community Events

Sept 8 - Floor Curling  
Sept 11 - Card Games

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- Sail boat race
- Yoga
- Community league



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### Exciting News!

#### **The Annual Sail Boat Race**

is back  
August Long Weekend!

Come watch & enjoy a day at the lake!

Did you know?

Yoga is available @  
the community hall?

Watch our  
[calendar](#) for  
updates!



#### Community Events

- Sail boat race
- Yoga
- Community league

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- Car Show

### **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](#)



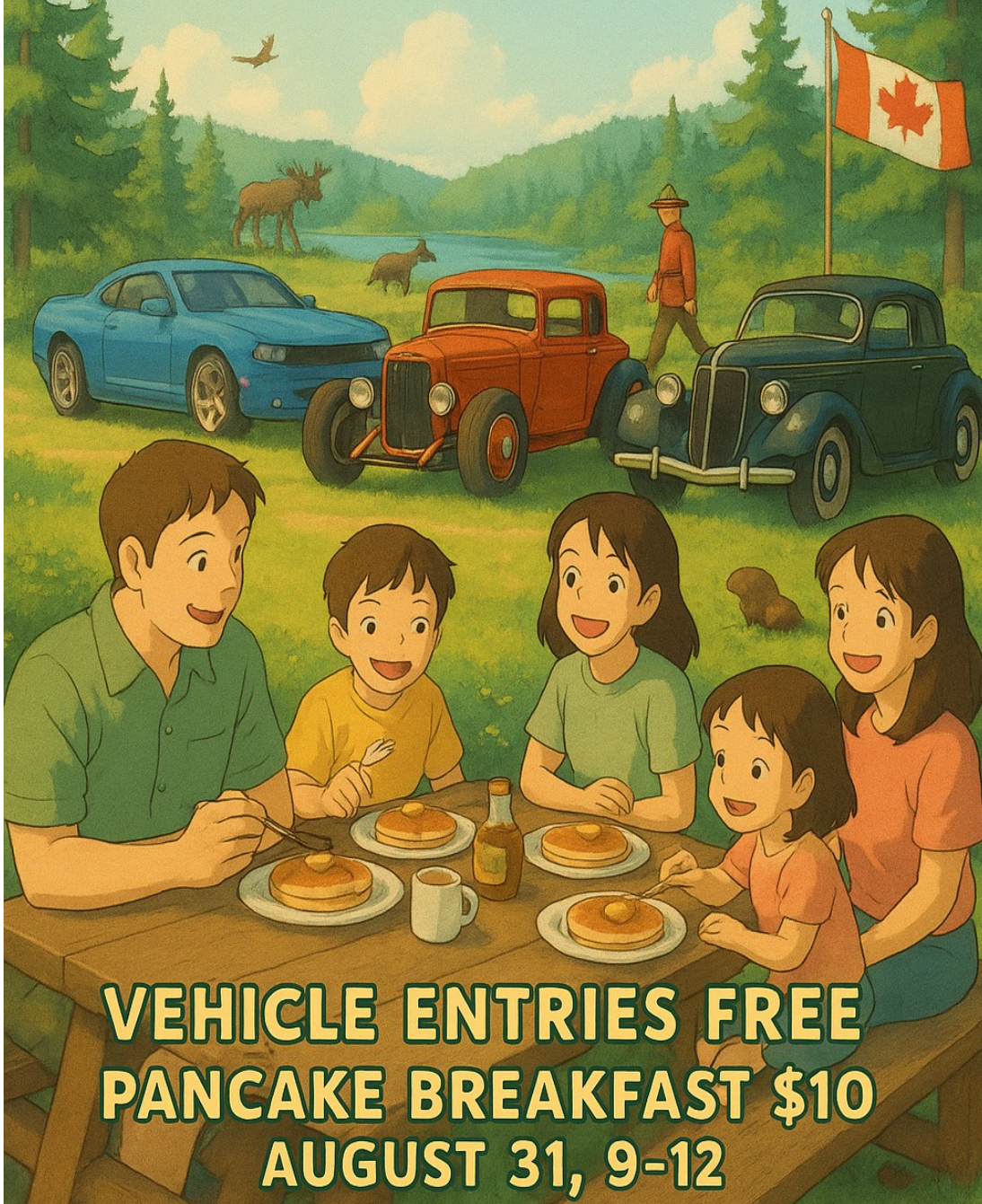


# SUMMER VILLAGE OF GULL LAKE CAR SHOW

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Community Events

- Car show



**VEHICLE ENTRIES FREE**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST \$10**  
**AUGUST 31, 9-12**



## CONTACTS

### **Councillors**

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Office phone—(403-748-2966) Fax—(888-241-6027)

Website—[summervillageofgulllake.com](http://summervillageofgulllake.com)

### **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)

Alberta One Call, Utility Line Locatesg—(1-800-242-3447)

