



GULL LAKE NEWSLETTER

Fall 2025 / Issue 5

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Bylaw 389-2025 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 346/12

Summer Village of Gull Lake Council has given first reading to Bylaw No. 389-2025 to amend the Summer Village's Land Use Bylaw 346/12.

A copy of the Bylaw with the proposed amendments may be inspected at the Summer Village Administration office located at 27 Lakeview Ave. between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursdays or by visiting the Summer Village's website at <https://www.summervillageofgulllake.com/>.

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed Bylaw amendments will have an opportunity to do so at a Public Hearing which has been arranged for:

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Place: Gull Lake Community Meeting Room

If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing, written submissions can be made to the Summer Village. Submissions need to be received prior to the date of the Hearing. Your submissions can be sent by email to admin@summervillageofgulllake.com or by mail to Site 2, Box 5, RR 1, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N1. All submissions will be public information.

For more information contact:

Vahid Ghomashchi
Parkland Community Planning Services
Phone: 403-343-3394

Or Harold Wynne, CAO
Summer Village of Gull Lake
Phone: 403-748-2966

HEARING PROCEDURE

This is a formal Public Hearing and Council is prepared to hear and receive formal submissions and presentations (verbal or written) from those who wish to speak to the proposed Bylaw. Speakers will be registered in turn and invited to speak for 5 minutes. Written submissions or presentations may either be submitted in advance to the Summer Village of Gull Lake office by 4:00 P.M. on October 16, 2025, or submitted at the commencement of the Public Hearing. Anyone wishing to make a verbal presentation who has not made prior arrangements may be allocated a time at the commencement of the Public Hearing. Anyone wishing to make an online presentation by ZOOM must contact the SV of Gull Lake admin office by 4:00 P.M. on October 16 to be registered to speak.

NOTE: Council advises that this is your last chance to comment on the proposed Bylaw, as Council cannot receive more submissions after the Public Hearing is closed.

[READ THE LAND USE BYLAW](#)

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Council Meeting

Your summer village Council meets on the third Monday 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, October 24, 2025 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](#)

Property Tax Account

If you have an outstanding balance in your Property Tax account, please ensure payment is received at the administration office prior to December 31st, 2025. An 18% penalty as per the Tax Penalty on Unpaid Taxes Bylaw will be applied January 1, 2026 on any outstanding balance.

[Tax Penalty on Unpaid Taxes 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). According to the Traffic Safety Act, OHVs include snowmobiles and quads typically used in the winter. 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](#)



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Beach Path Development Application

The Beach Path Development Policy governs what residents are permitted to do in the development and maintenance of their private beach paths. If you wish to develop your beach path and sand pod areas, you must get a permit. For information about what is permitted and prohibited, check out the Beach Path Policy or contact the office.

Development of Beach Paths and Sand Pods on Accreted Lands Policy

Beach Path Development Application

Firesmart Your Property

The danger of wildfires in municipalities is ever increasing. It is imperative that you take measures to FIRESMART your property to reduce the fire risk to your home and those of your neighbors. Below are links to helpful FIRESMART resources. Remember...wildfires also happen in the winter!

[Firesmart Begins at Home Guide](#)

[Last Minute Checklist](#)

[Firesmart Guide to Landscaping](#)

Winter Driving is Around the Corner

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

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Residents' Feedback:

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

2026 Operating and Capital Budgets

Council is presently engaged in setting the 2026 operating and capital budgets for the summer village. We are interested in hearing from residents as to what you would like to see considered in these budgets for 2026. The budgets are adopted by Council in April each year, and the Tax Bylaw subsequently establishes the property tax rates for 2026. These rates are applied to the 2025 assessed value of your property and tax notices are mailed out in May. Check out the 2025 operating and capital budgets below:

2025 Operating and Capital Budgets

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](#)

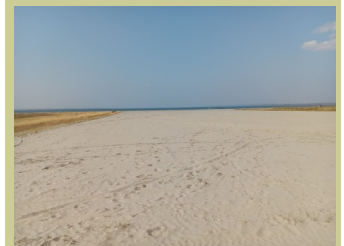
[GRASSY AREAS](#)



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

Councillors

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Website—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)

