



GULL LAKE NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO GULL LAKE!



The Village of Gull Lake was incorporated by the Statutes of Alberta as a Village on **March 25, 1913**. It became the Summer Village of Gull Lake by an Alberta government Order in Council on September 1, 1993...so...

WE TURNED 111 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR!

What is a Summer Village?

Spring/Summer Hours of Operation

The administration office for Gull Lake is in full operation at the Administration Centre by the Community Hall. Please drop in and meet Harold Wynne, the Chief Administrative Officer, and Gwen Auvigne, the Administrative Assistant. They will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about your summer village.

From June 3 to August 30:
Tue—Thur: 9 am-4 pm
Office is Closed on Mon, Fri and Weekends
403-748-2966 office number

Gull Lake Community Hall Rental

Residents are encouraged to rent the Gull Lake Community Hall for family occasions and other private functions. Please contact Gwen in the admin office or visit our website if you wish to rent the hall (summervillageofgulllake.com).

Hall Rental Agreement

UPCOMING EVENTS

Recreation Program for Kids

The Kids Recreation Program is back this summer! Recreation Director Cassidy Greaves and assistant Saydee Zarantonello have planned a jam-packed program for kids aged 5 to 13. The program schedule will be available at the pancake breakfast on June 30. The first day of the program is Tuesday, July 2 and it runs throughout the summer to August 16.

Join the [SVGL Rec Program Facebook](#) page to see updates, reminders, and pictures over the summer.

Pancake Breakfasts

Each year, the Recreation Board hosts 2 pancake breakfasts with proceeds going toward the kids' summer recreation program. Join your neighbors and celebrate the summer.

Sunday, June 30 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Sunday, August 4 from 9:00am-12:00 pm

Annual Ratepayers Meeting

The Annual Ratepayers Meeting will be held on **Saturday, July 20** from 10am-12pm in the Community Hall. Meet and discuss summer village happenings with your Councillors.

Gull Lake Community League Events

Appy Hour

Appy Hour is the 3rd Friday of every month or as posted. Join your friends and neighbors at the Community Hall and bring an appetizer to share. See you there!



Live Concert being hosted by the Gull Lake Community League!!

Come down to the Summer Village of Gull Lake Community Hall to enjoy live music with John Hewitt!! Stay afterwards to enjoy a professional display of Fireworks.

Sunday, June 30 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm, doors open at 6:00pm.

Ticket sales open now, please call Sue at 403-748-2382

\$30.00 per ticket. Tables of 8 may be reserved at time of purchase. Must be over 18 years. Cash Bar is available (wine, beer and coolers).



Live Concert being hosted by the Gull Lake Community League!!

Come down to the Summer Village of Gull Lake Community Hall to enjoy live music with Martin Kerr!!

Sunday, August 25 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm, doors open at 6:00pm.

Ticket sales open now, please call Sue at 403-748-2382

\$30.00 per ticket. Tables of 8 may be reserved at time of purchase. Must be over 18 years. Cash Bar is available (wine, beer and coolers).

**GULL LAKE
COMMUNITY
EVENTS CALENDAR**

**BENTLEY
COMMUNITY EVENTS
CALENDAR**

**LACOMBE COMMUNITY
EVENTS CALENDAR**

**CENTRAL ALBERTA
COMMUNITY EVENTS
CALENDAR**

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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Meet our new Bylaw Enforcement Officer: Nathan Busse

Nathan is a local resident who lives near Parkland Beach. Nathan worked as a summer student with the Parkland Beach Public Works department for the past 2 years. He is enrolled in the Criminal Justice-Policing Program at Lethbridge College.

Please welcome Nathan and say hello when you see him.
Contact Nathan at 403-748-2966



Summer Village Bylaws

The Alberta Municipal Government Act allows Councils to pass bylaws that provide an effective way of setting community standards and responding to a range of issues. The Gull Lake website includes a list of active Bylaws in the summer village.

Highlights from Featured Bylaws:

Parking:

No parking is allowed on/in ditches, public parks, or green spaces at any time without getting written permission.

RVs or trailers may not be parked on any road in the summer village. [[Traffic Bylaw #356/14 S.9](#)]

Golf Carts

Golf carts are classified as “miniature vehicles” and they cannot be operated off private property by anyone under 16 years. Municipalities cannot make an off-highway vehicle bylaw to authorize the use of a golf cart on a roadway. Refer to the Alberta Traffic Safety Act in the sidebar.

Gull Lake is a golf cart friendly community that allows the **responsible use** of golf carts, although this position is not supported by Local Law enforcement and the Alberta Traffic Safety Act.

Golf Cart Safety Tips

Off-Highway Vehicles

Off-highway vehicles are defined in the [Traffic Bylaw #356/14 S.3\(l\)](#) and may be operated on summer village roadways. OHVs must be registered and insured and may not be operated by anyone under 16 years of age. Check out the other conditions that pertain to OHVs in the Traffic Bylaw.

Noise

Gull Lake has [Community Standards Bylaw #360-17](#) to regulate noise, nuisance, unsightly premises and public disturbances. No person shall cause or permit any noise that annoys or disturbs the peace of any other person. Industrial/construction noise is not permitted between the hours of 10pm and 8am.

Dog Control

No dog owner shall permit the animal to run at large within the summer village, bark/howl excessively, or otherwise disturb the quiet of any person at any time. [[Dog Control Bylaw #327/05](#)]

Fire Protection

Lacombe County provides fire protection service to the summer village. Check out the regulations for fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, and BBQs. ([Fire Protection Bylaw #318](#))

GULL LAKE BYLAWS

**ALBERTA TRAFFIC
SAFETY ACT**

**OWNING AND OPERAT-
ING A SMALL VEHICLE
IN ALBERTA**

FINANCES

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Tax Notices

The 2024 Tax notices were mailed to property owners on May 9, 2024. The due date for property tax payments is June 30, 2024. Tax payments received after this due date are subject to a penalty of 10%.

Assessment

Every year, property taxes are calculated based on the assessed value of the property in the previous year. Residents may view the 2023 assessment values for every property in the summer village by consulting the [Assessment Roll](#).

Gull Lake contracts with Wildrose Assessment in Red Deer to conduct the annual assessment for the summer village. Numerous factors are considered by the assessor when calculating the assessment value for individual properties. Refer to the Wild Rose Assessment Presentation in the sidebar for information on the property assessment process. If you wish to discuss your property assessment contact the assessor:

Rod Vikse, Assessor
Wild Rose Assessments
403-343-3357
rod@WILDROSEASSMT.COM

Tax Rate

The 2024 Property Tax Bylaw shows the tax rates for each category of properties in the summer village. The tax rate that applies to your property is also included on your tax notice. The municipal tax rate that is applied is used to provide revenue for summer village operations during the year. The education tax rate is assigned by the province and the summer village remits this revenue to fund Alberta Education operations. If you have any questions about your taxes, please contact [Harold Wynne, Chief Administrative Officer](#).

Financial Statement

The summer village contracts with BDO from Red Deer to conduct the municipal financial audit each year. Every municipality in Alberta must complete and submit audited financial statements to the provincial government by May 1st. Refer to the 2023 audited financial statement link on the sidebar, and if you have any questions please contact [Harold Wynne, Chief Administrative Officer](#).

2024 Budgets

Each year, Council sets annual operating and capital budgets for the summer village. The 2024 budgets were adopted by Council resolution on April 19 and they may be viewed by clicking the link on the sidebar. If you have any questions regarding either of these budgets, please contact [Harold Wynne, Chief Administrative Office](#).

3-Year Operating and 5-Year Capital Financial Plans

Council is in the process of developing 3-year (2025-27) operating and 5-year (2025-2029) capital financial plans and these will be shared with residents once they are completed. Residents are encouraged to contact a Councillor or the CAO with any suggestions for items to include in these financial plans.

[WILD ROSE
ASSESSMENT—
GULL LAKE
PRESENTATION](#)

[2024 TAX BYLAW
GULL LAKE](#)

[2023 FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
GULL LAKE](#)

[2024 OPERATING AND
CAPITAL BUDGETS-
GULL LAKE](#)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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Planning

There are two plans that are used to guide the development of Gull Lake. These are the [Municipal Development Plan](#) and [Land Use Bylaw](#).

The [Intermunicipal Development Plan](#) includes Lacombe County, Ponoka County, and the Summer Village of Gull Lake as partners, and this ensures that growth and development in the area surrounding the summer village is undertaken in a collaborative, coordinated manner.

Strategic Plan

The summer village is presently collaborating with Parkland Community Planning Services to develop a Strategic Plan to provide direction for the Council and community over the next three years (2025-2028). The Strategic Plan addresses strategic issues facing the community, identifies opportunities and sets priorities, and provides direction to make informed decisions. A public engagement plan will be developed to ensure Gull Lake residents are full participants in developing the Strategic Plan.

Strategic Planning Process Framework

**We would like to hear your views
about the Strategic Plan.
Please contact a Councillor or the CAO**

Land Use Bylaw

The Land Use Bylaw provides direction for all residential and commercial development in the summer village. The LUB defines what constitutes a “development” and what types of development do, or do not, require a “development permit.” It also describes the requirements for obtaining a “development permit.” The CAO, Harold Wynne, is the Development Officer and along with the Municipal Planning Commission, they constitute the “development authority.” If an applicant does not agree with the development authority’s decision, they may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

The current [LUB #346/12](#) is 12 years old, so it is presently being updated with assistance from the Parkland Community Planning Service. An Open House will be held on July 28 so residents may have input before the new LUB is approved by Council.

Open House

To Present Draft Land Use Bylaw
Sunday, July 28
10am-12pm
Gull Lake Community Hall

**We would like to hear your views
about what should be included/revised in the new LUB.
Please contact a Councillor or the CAO**

Policies

The Gull Lake Council also enacts policies to guide decision-making. Check out some of the Gull Lake policy examples on the sidebar.

**We would like to hear your views
about policies to consider.
Please contact a Councillor or the CAO**

**PARKLAND
COMMUNITY
PLANNING SERVICES**

**BEACH MAINTENANCE
POLICY**

**DEVELOPMENT OF
BEACH PATHS AND
SAND PODS ON
ACCRETED LANDS**

**TREE REMOVAL
POLICY**

FIRESMART YOUR PROPERTY



The Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) is the area within 30 metres of your home and structures. It is made up of three priority areas: The Immediate Zone, Intermediate Zone, and Extended Zone.

The HIZ shows how you can minimize your home and property's vulnerability to wildland fire by addressing threats in each of the three priority zones, starting with the most vulnerable area, the Immediate Zone, and working your way outward. The HIZ focuses on reducing the opportunity for the spread of flames, and removal of points where embers can gather and ignite objects or buildings. Learn more about the HIZ and how you can reduce your risk, in our [FireSmart Begins at Home Guide](#).



PROTECTING GULL LAKE FROM WILDFIRE

We all have a responsibility to protect Gull Lake from wildfire.

Check out these resources to help protect your property and community:

[FireSmart Begins at Home Guide](#)

[Last Minute Checklist](#)

[FireSmart Guide to Landscaping](#)



[**ALBERTA EMERGENCY
ALERT**](#)

[**CANADIAN RED CROSS
DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS KIT**](#)

PUBLIC WORKS

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Meet our Public Works Team

Meet our Public Works Team — Tim Devries, Public Works Manager, and summer students Alexis Dudumen and Harper Walker.

Please say hello when you see them around this summer and let them know how they are doing!

Waste Management

The Public Works Team collects residential garbage every week on Mondays at 8 am. Only 5 plastic bags of garbage, each weighing 35 pounds or less, are allowed per weekly pickup and the owner must provide sufficient containers for the garbage. Owners must not allow garbage to spill over or accumulate on any land or street adjoining public or private property. For more information on the responsibilities of summer village owners or occupants, refer to the Garbage Collection Bylaw in the sidebar.

Centennial Park

The pickleball courts in Centennial Park are being resurfaced this summer and new nets have been purchased. Shrub planting will also be undertaken to provide shade and privacy for the courts.

The Gull Lake Community League has procured a \$10,000 grant from Lacombe County to install a gazebo in the Park. The gazebo is presently being designed and will be constructed following a tendering process to solicit bids from local contractors.

What would you like to see in Centennial Park?
Please contact a Councillor or the CAO.

Community Hall and Playground Area

The Public Works Team has installed new stage curtains in the Community Hall and a new floor scrubber will be purchased. The hall looks great and continues to be heavily booked in the summer, so be sure to check our [Community Events Calendar](#) well in advance if you plan on renting the hall.

The playground area by the hall is also heavily used in the summer. The hall and playground area serve as the home for the Kids Recreation Program over the summer

Any suggestion for Hall or Playground improvements?
Please contact a Councillor or the CAO.

Beach Maintenance

The beach area is Gull Lake's most precious asset. The Public Works Team endeavors to keep the beach area groomed, cleaned, and maintained over the summer. The beach pods have been disced and leveled and the summer village has purchased a new John Deere tractor. With two John Deere tractors now, the Public Works Team will be better able to remove vegetation and debris and keep the sanded areas groomed.

The summer village has a Recreational Lease with the province that allows for 5 "beach pods" and three "dock areas" along the beach. This lease expires in 2040 and was negotiated in 2014 when Gull Lake water levels were much higher. The summer village is presently working with Alberta Environment and Protected Areas and Forestry and Parks to negotiate changes to the lease agreement given that low water levels in Gull Lake have exposed more beach area.

Your comments on beach development and maintenance are welcome.
Please contact a Councillor, the CAO, or the Public Works Manager

[**GARBAGE
COLLECTION BYLAW**](#)

[**BEACH
MAINTENANCE
POLICY**](#)

[**DEVELOPMENT OF
BEACH PATHS AND
SAND PODS**](#)

[**BEACH AREA MAP**](#)

[**GULL LAKE
WATERSHED SOCIETY**](#)

CONTACTS

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

Website—summervillageofgulllake.com

Emergency Services

Police and Fire Dispatch—(call 911)

RCMP-Rimbey—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)

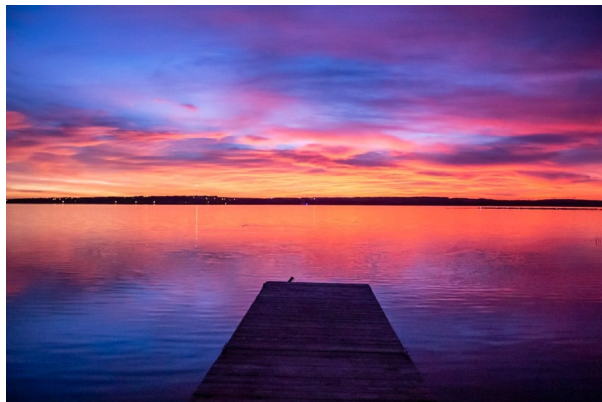
Development Permits

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 [IID Inspections Ltd](#) (403-346-6533)



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