



GULL LAKE NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LUB Open House

Parkland Community Planning Services is conducting an Open House to present the first draft of a revision to the summer village's 2012 Land Use Bylaw. This is your opportunity to voice your opinion about the direction of future development in the summer village.

Sunday, July 28 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Gull Lake Community Hall

Gull Lake Stabilization Project Open House

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation (AGI) and the Gull Lake Watershed Association are co-hosting an [Open House](#) about the Lake Stabilization Project to inform Albertans about the status, opportunities, issues, and next steps related to the lake stabilization project. [Background Information](#)

Tuesday, August 13 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Gull Lake Community Hall

Summer Kids Recreation Program

The [Kids Recreation Program](#) is back this summer! Recreation Director Cassidy Greaves and assistant Saydee Zaranonello have planned a jam-packed program for kids aged 5 to 13. Check out the [Community Events Calendar](#) for activities.

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

Pancake Breakfast

The Recreation Board hosts a pancake breakfasts with proceeds going toward the kids' summer recreation program. Join your neighbors and celebrate the summer.

Sunday, August 5 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Gull Lake Community Hall

Live Concert 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. Ticket sales open now (\$30/ticket), please call Sue at 403-748-2382. Must be over 18 years. Cash Bar is available (wine, beer and coolers).

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

GOLF CART BYLAW



Golf Cart Regulation

Presently, the Traffic Safety Act prohibits the use of golf carts on any roadway in the Province. On June 14, 2024, the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors passed the [Pilot Project \(Golf Carts\) Regulation](#) that “establishes a five-year pilot project to evaluate the use of golf carts on select highways within participating municipalities whose councils pass bylaws to authorize golf cart use on designated highways, and that are approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services.”

Lacombe County Golf Cart Bylaw

Lacombe County was one of the first municipalities in the Province to pass a [Pilot Project \(Golf Carts\) Bylaw](#) that permits County residents to operate golf carts on designated roadways in the County. This County bylaw stipulates (a) operation restrictions for golf carts; (b) operator responsibilities; (c) designated highways where golf carts are allowed; (d) permit requirements; (e) compliance and enforcement; and (f) offences and violation tickets. County residents are required to obtain a [Lacombe County Golf Cart Permit](#) prior to driving their golf carts on designated roadways in the County

Gull Lake Golf Cart Bylaw

At the July 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, Council passed a resolution directing the CAO to draft a Summer Village of Gull Lake Golf Cart Bylaw for Council's consideration. It is expected this Bylaw will be very similar to the Lacombe County bylaw and will require golf cart owners to obtain a permit.

RESPECT OUR LAKE

Lake Stewardship

The Provincial [Respect Our Lakes \(ROL\)](#) program was developed with the aims to support and engage Albertans in lake stewardship. The program provides the tools and resources to help lake users understand, value, and actively manage lakes through the application of relevant legislation and science. ROL resources are available on request to individuals and communities engaged in lake stewardship.

Check out the eight ROL pamphlets in the sidebar for more information.



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[**LAKE ORGANIZATIONS**](#)

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RECREATION**](#)

[**LAKE SCIENCE**](#)

[**AGRICULTURE**](#)

[**LAKE HEALTH**](#)

[**BLUE-GREEN ALGAE**](#)

TEMPORARY SEASONAL DOCKS

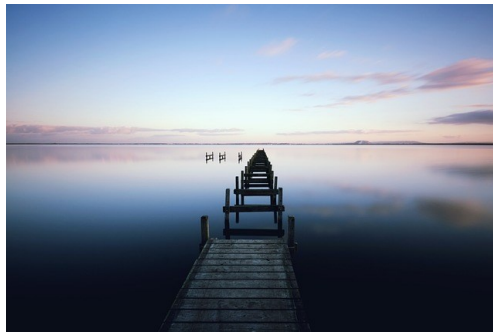
Seasonal Mooring Structures

An authorization is required to place a mooring structure into a waterbody when the structure will be there longer than 14 days. Mooring structures include:

- Docks/piers
- Mooring anchors for buoys
- Boat lifts and shelters
- Swimming rafts and wharves

Docks and some mooring structures that are for personal recreational use are now applied for as a Temporary Field Authorization (TFA) from the Alberta government. To apply for a TFA for your dock check out the [User Guide For Dock Authorizations](#).

[Application for Dock Authorization Form](#)



BOATING

Clean, Drain and Dry Your Gear

Aquatic invasive species, such as zebra or quagga mussels, can be spread from one waterbody to another on boats or gear that have not been properly cleaned, drained and dried between uses.

Clean

- Inspect and clean all watercraft, trailer and gear after every adventure.

Drain

- Drain all water from internal compartments, bait buckets, coolers, and life jackets.

Dry

- Dry the watercraft and gear completely between trips

[Learn More About
Watercraft Inspections](#)

It's the Law!

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Fire Protection Bylaw

In 2004, Council passed the Fire Protection Bylaw. This Bylaw establishes that Lacombe County agrees to provide fire protection services to the summer village, with fire responses mainly coming from the Bentley Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition to responding to a fire in the summer village, the Bentley Fire Department manages fire and fireworks permits and inspects public and private properties for fire hazards. The summer village CAO implements fire bans in consultation with Lacombe County and the Bentley Fire Department.

Community Standard Bylaw

In 2017, Council passed the Community Standard Bylaw. The purpose of this bylaw is to regulate and control noise, nuisance, unsightly premises, and public disturbances. This includes property owners' responsibility to destroy restricted weeds, control noxious weeds, or prevent the spread or scattering of nuisance weeds.

For more information check out these bylaws in the side bar.

[FIRE PROTECTION
BYLAW](#)

[COMMUNITY
STANDARD BYLAW](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICES

Tree Removal Policy

In 2014, Council updated the Tree Removal Policy that was passed in 2011. The purpose of this policy is to establish planning and decision making regarding private lot tree removal, taking into account best practices from environmental specialists; reducing wildfire risk; the need for SVGL residents to have control over the landscaping of their private lot; and taking into account the unique qualities of owning property near the Gull Lake shoreline.

The Public Works department monitors dangerous and dead trees on municipal property, and removes these when they are encountered. Residents are encouraged to report dangerous or fallen trees to the Public Works department for removal.

A permit is required if you wish to remove trees from your property.

[Tree Removal Permit Application](#)

Development of Beach Paths and Sand Pods on Accreted Lands

In 2015, Council adopted a policy to establish restrictions and provisions for the construction of beach paths and discretionary sand pods on accreted land, situated south of the berm to the titled properties. Conditions for removing vegetation for a beach path include:

- The beach path must be no larger than 15 feet wide based on your lot size and approval conditions.
- Should vegetation be removed in access of 15 feet wide, the applicant will remediate the beach path back to 15 feet wide by planting additional vegetation within 30 days of the violation.
- All vegetation debris will be removed offsite at the applicants cost within 7 days of having the work completed.
- Vegetation debris will not be disposed at the summer village compost site.

[Application for Beach Path Development](#)



CONTACTS

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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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