



GULL LAKE NEWSLETTER

Fall 2024 / Issue 4

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FALL UPDATE

Golf Cart Bylaw

At the October 25 Regular Meeting, Council passed two readings of the new Golf Cart Bylaw. This Bylaw has now been sent to Alberta Transportation for approval prior to the third reading. Thank you to all the residents who commented on previous drafts of the Bylaw.

[Golf Cart Bylaw Final Draft](#)

Land Use Bylaw Revision

Parkland Community Planning Services has completed the final revisions of the Land Use Bylaw and the final draft document is presently being prepared for public review. Thanks to everyone who attended the LUB Open House, participated in the survey, and sent their comments and suggestions to the office. Your participation is very important as your comments align the new LUB with community standards for development.

Strategic Plan

The Gull Lake Strategic Plan is being prepared in collaboration with Parkland Community Planning Services and is a work in progress. The Strategic Plan is a living document that will be implemented, monitored, and evaluated over the next 5 years.

Gazebo Construction

You will notice that the construction of the gazebo in Centennial Park is proceeding nicely. Once completed, this outdoor structure will include picnic tables to allow families to enjoy Park amenities free from the weather. The gazebo is a collaborative effort funded by Council, the Gull Lake Community League, Lacombe County grant, and the Canada Community-Building fund grant.

Beach Maintenance and Development

Fall maintenance of the beach has been completed. Removing seaweed that washes up on shore and leveling blown-in sand dunes has been an ongoing challenge. This spring, we plan to experiment with new methods and equipment to meet this beach maintenance challenge.

In 2025, the SV of Gull Lake Recreational Lease will be reviewed with Alberta Environment and Protected areas, with a view to facilitating future beach development and maintenance.

[Recreational Lease](#)

FALL REMINDERS

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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:
Monday, November 15, 2024, 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, 2024. An 18% penalty as per the Tax Penalty on Unpaid Taxes Bylaw will be applied January 1, 2025 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](#)



FALL REMINDERS

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

2024 was the hottest year on record, and 2025 promises to be even hotter. Given these unprecedented temperatures, 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.

2025 Budgets and Financial Plans

Council is presently engaged in setting the 2025 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 2025. The budgets are adopted by Council in April each year, and the Tax Bylaw subsequently establishes the property tax rates for 2025. These rates are applied to the 2024 assessed value of your property and tax notices are mailed out in May. Check out the 2024 operating and capital budgets below:

[2024 Operating and Capital Budgets](#)

Monthly Tax Installment Payments

Many municipalities allow residents to pay their taxes on a monthly basis rather than with one payment in July. This is known as a Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP). We are interested in hearing from residents as to whether you are in favor of having this option. Lacombe County has a TIPP and you can check out their website to see how this works.

[Lacombe County TIPP](#)

3-Year Operating and 5-Year Capital Plans

Every municipality in Alberta is required to develop a 3-year operating and 5-year capital financial plan to guide their budget decisions going forward. Presently, Council is working on both plans and would like to hear from residents as to what might be included in these plans. In early 2025, the first draft of these plans will be shared with residents for comment.

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](#)**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLCL Card Games in the Afternoon

The Summer Village of Gull Lake Community League presents CARD GAMES IN THE AFTERNOON on Thursdays. Bring a game you want to share with others or just come to play.

**Every Thursday, 1:30 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
(Next 'Appy' Hour will be November 15)**

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



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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)

