



GULL LAKE NEWSLETTER

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REGISTER YOUR GOLF CART!

Golf Cart Bylaw

At the November 15, 2024 Regular Meeting, Council passed the new Golf Cart Bylaw. All residents who wish to drive their golf carts in the Summer Village of Gull Lake must now register their golf cart and obtain a permit sticker and affix it to the golf cart.



What You Need to Know

1. Download and complete the [Golf Cart Permit Application form](#) and return it to the summer village office along with the \$20.00 application fee. The golf cart registration permit is good for 5 years, with the \$20.00 fee payable annually.

[Golf Cart Permit Application Form](#)

2. Golf carts may only be operated on Designated Highways in the summer village. Check out the map for the list of designated highways.

[Designated Highways for Golf Carts](#)

3. For more information on golf cart operating restrictions, operator responsibilities, collision reports, compliance and enforcement, and fines for offenses, check out the Golf Cart Bylaw.

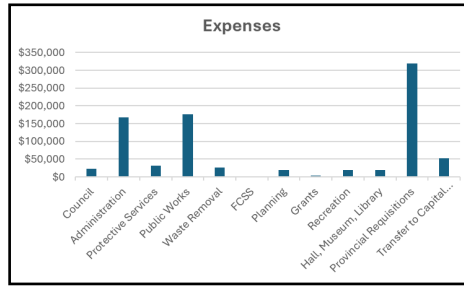
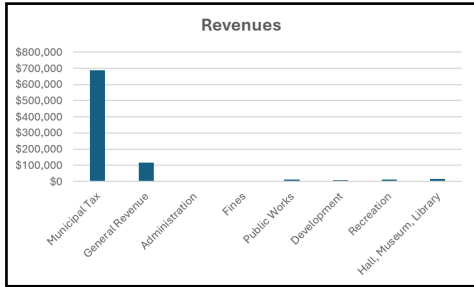
[Golf Cart Bylaw](#)

2025 BUDGET

At the March 21, 2025 Regular meeting, Council passed the 2025 operating and capital budgets for the summer village.

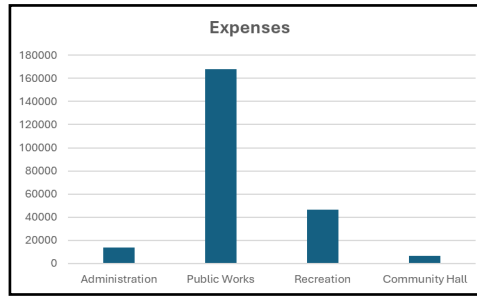
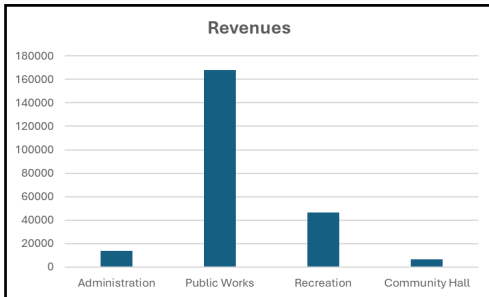
2025 Operating Budget Highlights

- Operating budget expenditures have increased <1% from 2024.
- Revenues from municipal taxes have increased <2% from 2024.
- Transfer of education tax to Province increased 16% from 2024.



2025 Capital Budget Highlights

- Capital budget expenditures have decreased 20% from 2024.
- Revenues transferred from restricted reserves (grants) have increased 78% from 2024.
- Revenues transferred from non-restricted reserves have decreased 53% from 2024.



2025 TAXES

2025 Property Taxes

The 2025 property taxes are based on mil rates (tax rates) set by Council and applied to each property assessment conducted in 2024. Check out the 2024 Assessment Roll in the sidebar to preview property assessments in the summer village.

Residential Taxes			
	Municipal Tax	Mil Rate	Tax Rate (%)
2024	346,286.12	0.00309207	3.092
2025	333,076.43	0.00275000	2.750
Difference	-13,209.69		-0.342
Education Tax			
		Mil Rate	Tax Rate (%)
2024	269,295.38	0.00240460	2.405
2025	314,038.58	0.00259282	2.593
Difference	44,743.20		0.188

[2025 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget](#)

[2024 Assessment Roll](#)

[2025 Tax Bylaw](#)

TAX INSTALMENT PAYMENT PLAN (TIPP)

What is TIPP?

The Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) is a popular program that allows you to pay your property taxes monthly instead of one payment in June.

Your payment automatically comes out of your bank account on the 15th day of every month, making budgeting easier and helping you avoid the risk of a 10% penalty on July 1st and an additional 8% penalty on October 1st.

How does TIPP work?

Each year property taxes are billed in May, due June 30th, and cover the period from January 1 to December 31.

If you pay through TIPP, you don't need to worry about the payment deadline or late payment penalties. Your taxes are spread over 12 months, starting January 15th with your account being paid in full after your December 15th installment.

Your installment amount is calculated by dividing your most recent annual tax levy by 12. This amount is paid through automatic withdrawals from your bank account on the 15th day of each month.

When you receive your annual tax notice in May, your June installment will be adjusted to reflect the actual tax levy, ensuring your account is paid in full by year end.

Your tax assessment notice will show:

- The TIPP credit-to-date;
- The new installment amount for the remainder of the year; and
- The date we will start withdrawing the new installment amount.

At year end:

- Your enrollment in the TIPP program automatically continues from year to year, unless you notify the summer village you wish to discontinue.

How Do I Apply for TIPP?

Application forms for enrollment are available at the Summer Village of Gull Lake Administration Office.

[**Request A TIPP Application**](#)



[Guide to Property
Assessment and Taxation
in Alberta](#)

[Alberta Property Tax
Calculator](#)

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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2025 Summer Village of Gull Lake Council Election

The Summer Village of Gull Lake will be holding a municipal election on **AUGUST 9th, 2025** to elect three (3) Councillors.

Important Dates for the 2025 Summer Village Election

Election Day: Saturday, August 9th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nomination Day: Saturday, July 12th from 10 a.m. to noon.

Nominations will be accepted from May 1, 2025 to July 12, 2025 by the Returning Officer, Harold Wynne, at the summer village office. Candidates can call the Returning Officer at 403-748-2966 (hwyne@parklandbeachsv.ca) to arrange for a meeting to submit nomination forms. Candidates can also submit nomination forms on nomination day.

Advance Voting: Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Summer Village office.

[Local Authorities
Election Act](#)

What You Need to Know

Here are some information highlights prospective candidates and voters need to know. For more information, click on the hyperlinks in the sidebar.

[A Candidates
Guide](#)

Candidate Information Highlights

- To qualify for nomination as a councillor in a summer village, a person is not required to be a resident of the summer village but must be entitled to vote in the summer village election and have been a resident of Alberta for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding election day.

Voter Information Highlights

- To be entitled to vote in the summer village election, requirements include:
 - 18 years or older, a Canadian citizen, and a resident in the summer village on election day; or
 - 18 years or older, a Canadian citizen, and named on a certificate of title as a person who owns property within the summer village; or
 - 18 years or older, a Canadian citizen, and the spouse or adult interdependent partner of a person who is named on a certificate of title as a person who owns property within the summer village.

[Municipal Elections
Overview](#)

For More Information, Contact the Returning Officer

Harold Wynne, Returning Officer
403-748-2966
hwyne@parklandbeachsv.ca

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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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](#)

Centennial Park Development Committee

In 2024, the Gull Lake Community League worked with Council to design and construct an outdoor structure in Centennial Park. This gazebo is a welcomed addition to Centennial Park, as it will provide shelter for families enjoying picnics and recreational activities, including pickleball, basketball, and playground facilities.

The Gull Lake Community League is seeking interested community residents to serve on a Centennial Park Development Committee to advise the GLCL on “ideas” for developments and improvements to Centennial Park. For more information on volunteering, please contact President Lynn Henkel (lynnhenkel08@gmail.com).

Land Use Bylaw Review

For the past year, Parkland Community Planning Service has been working with the summer village Council and administration to update the SV of Gull Lake Land Use Bylaw, which was adopted in 2012. Last July, there was an Open House to present proposed revisions to the LUB and solicit residents’ feedback, and this process has been ongoing over the winter months.

After the final draft of the new LUB has been prepared this spring, there will be a public hearing in the Community Hall to present the new guidelines for development and solicit more feedback from our residents. We expect the public hearing will take place this summer, with the date to be confirmed. Please contact CAO Harold Wynne (403-748-2966) (hwyne@parklandbeachsv.ca) if you wish to discuss the Land Use Bylaw or any suggestions you may have for future development.

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](#)



PREPARING FOR SPRING

Development Permits

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

Spring Storms

April showers might bring May flowers, but they also come with a higher risk of severe weather. Being prepared for storms is essential for protecting lives, safeguarding property, and reducing stress during extreme weather events. Check out these resources to help protect your family:

[**Tornadoes and Extreme Winds**](#)

[**Severe Weather**](#)

[**Thunderstorms, Lightning, and Hail**](#)

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.

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

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

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

Spring Cleanup Tips

Check out the following spring cleanup tips:

[**AMA Spring Clean Up**](#)

[**Eco-Friendly Spring Cleaning Tips**](#)



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

[**ALBERTA EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS
WEBSITE**](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pancake Breakfast and Gazebo Official Opening

The May long weekend pancake breakfast is on again this year and the event will also include the Centennial Park Gazebo Official Opening Ceremony:

CENTENNIAL PARK GAZEBO OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

May 18, 2025

**Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Centennial Park Gazebo Official Opening Ceremony 12:00 pm**

Annual Ratepayers Meeting

The Annual Ratepayers Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2025 from 10 a.m. to noon.

**Annual Ratepayers Meeting
Saturday, July 5, 2025 10 a.m. to noon**

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 (until June 12)
Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm-9 pm (June 19-Sept 24)
Every Thursday, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm (Oct 2)
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 (until May 12. Starts again October 6)
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, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm (May to September)
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](#)



Summer Concerts

Saturday July 5 - 7-9 pm

Singer - Song Writer **Sammy Volkov** (a Voice Reminiscent of ROY ORBISON)

Saturday Aug 9 - 7-9 pm

Country Singer - **Jess Lee** (Sings like the great Merle Haggard)



SAVE THE DATES



CONTACTS

Councillors

Mayor Doug Francoeur—(doug.francoeur@gmail.com)

Deputy Mayor Stuart Innes—(sinnes1956@gmail.com)

Councillor Lon Kasha—(lonkasha@gmail.com)

Administration

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Gwen Auvigne, Administrative Assistant (admin@summervillageofgulllake.com)

Tim Devries, Public Works Manager (farmertimsemail@yahoo.ca)

Office address—#27 Lakeview Avenue, Gull Lake, AB

Mailing address—Site 2, Box 5, RR #1, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N1

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

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)

