

# ISLAND LAKE SOUTH

February 2021

Administration and Council hope that all residents are enjoying the winter season. Here are a few updates.

## Municipal Plans

There are a number of plans that we are currently working on that have been required by the Provincial Government. These include

- Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP). This is an agreement between the County of Athabasca, the Summer Village of Island Lake South and the Summer Village of Island Lake. This plan addresses plans for the areas important to all concerned parties. We have a rough draft in place and information has been included with this newsletter regarding the open house at which this will be presented to residents. The information can also be found on our website on the Public Participation page.
- Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF). This is an agreement between the County of Athabasca and the Summer Village of Island Lake South. It will address any formal agreements for service between the two municipalities. This agreement has now been completed.
- Municipal Development Plan (MDP). This is a plan for the future development of our summer villages, roughly estimated over the next 10 years. You will find a rough draft on our website on the public participation page. Please review the draft and provide feedback to [bancroftkim@hotmail.com](mailto:bancroftkim@hotmail.com) prior to March 10, 2021. Should you need a copy mailed to you, you can also request that at [bancroftkim@hotmail.com](mailto:bancroftkim@hotmail.com). We will be holding a public hearing for the MDP on March 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for anyone who has any comments regarding the MDP to voice them prior to us passing the plan at the end of March. A link to the online meeting can be found on the public participation page.
- Land Use Bylaw (LUB). We will be updating our LUB to coordinate with the plans mentioned above. A rough draft will be posted on our website for review within the next month.

## Election

This year is an election year. After many years on council, Mayor Jim Sandmaier will be retiring from council this year. We thank him for his years of service and wish him all the best. This means we will need at least one new candidate for election. Nomination forms will need to be turned in in June. More information will be provided in the spring newsletter regarding the election as well as on the election page of our website.

### Website

Please check for any updates that may happen in between newsletters and for fire ban or other information.

[www.myislandlakesouth.com](http://www.myislandlakesouth.com)

### Hall Rentals

Anyone interested in renting the community hall, or wishing for more information can call or text Bonnie Kluthe at (780) 974-6654. Rental forms and information are also available on the community website at

[www.myislandlakesouth.com](http://www.myislandlakesouth.com)



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## Municipal Reserves

All lots in the summer village have some municipal reserve next to them and trees can only be removed if they are dangerous. Please let us know if you see any dangerous trees on the reserves. No improvements of any nature can be placed on reserve land by the residents. Existing structures may be repaired only if a development permit is obtained.

## Council Reports

For 2 years in a row at our general meetings residents voiced their concerns about the number of non-resident boaters that were utilizing our lake. Their concern was for the health of our lake and asked council to take away some of the parking available to non-resident boaters. They asked that only residents be allowed to park in the fenced off area. Our lawyers explained to council that if parking is offered it must be open to residents and non-residents alike. Council fenced off the large area that in time we plan to turn into a park. With Covid the pressure on the lake by non-residents was higher than anyone would have imagined and made the transition to the smaller parking area challenging but as the summer moved on things smoothed out. Council wants to thank our residents for their patience during this transition.

- Jim Sandmaier, Mayor

The Island Lake South Recreation Club has been working over the past year trying to secure a Provincial grant that would allow for the building of a new Skating rink and Multi-use playing surface. The playing surface will be used for activities such as pickle ball, basketball and other activities. While waiting for the grant to be approved, the Island Lake South Rec club and volunteers from the area have built a temporary skating surface at the old rink location to be used by the community. The maintenance of this ice rink will be done solely by volunteer time.. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to volunteer some time this winter. This temporary rink will provide the community a place to skate during the day and evenings. The lights will be on in the evenings and the warm-up shack will also be open for use. Please follow the COVID guidelines posted at the warm-up shack when using the facility. Thank you to Cheap Seats Sporting Goods in Athabasca for donating new nets for the skating rink!

The Island Lake Rec Club is hopeful that the new rink and playing surface will be approved and built in spring/summer 2021. There has been lots of outreach by residents in all surrounding communities to assist with the grant application and any volunteer work getting a new rink and playing surface built. Thank you all who have volunteered time, services and materials!

- Thomas Tarrant, Deputy Mayor



We have had problems with beavers over the past few years but last spring the problems became very serious. Trees on our reserve land came down close to buildings on private land so we decided to hire someone to trap beavers. There were 16 beavers trapped in a few weeks. We will continue trapping beavers next spring if the need arises. Please report any problems with beavers to Council or Kim Bancroft.

- Gary Tym, Councillor



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### **Open Fires**

Please be a good neighbor. Remember that burning trash and other debris can be a nuisance to your neighbors. Take trash to the landfill whenever possible and keep burning to times that neighbors will not be affected.

### **ATVs**

Remember to keep your ATVs out of the ditch. Please respect your neighbors when passing other residences and keep a reasonable speed.

### **Hall Revitalization**

Our hall is currently undergoing an interior renovation. We look forward to everyone being able to see it soon!

### **Snow Removal**

Please post red/orange flags or reflectors marking the edges of your driveway if you would like to have the driveway cleared when the village roads are being plowed.

### **Landfill and Transfer Site—Winter Hours**

The winter hours for the transfer site will be posted on the Athabasca Regional Waste website. Please visit the website for information. [www.athabascaaregionalwaste.com](http://www.athabascaaregionalwaste.com)

### **Development Permits**

Just a reminder that the Summer Village requires development permits for all construction projects. For more information visit our website at [www.myislandlakesouth.com](http://www.myislandlakesouth.com)

### **Crime Prevention**

Some suggestions on Crime Prevention in summer villages from the RCMP.

- Install 3M Security glaze on windows
- Plant gnarly bushes such as roses under windows
- Increased Lighting—solar where power isn't an option
- Well secured windows and doors
- Remove firearms, electronics and expensive items during the winter
- Do not keep keys in vehicles or hide the keys to your vehicles or buildings in easy to find locations

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Have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy some winter fun at the lake.