



# MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

We are planning to hold our annual meeting this year on June 13 at 10:30 am at the Community Hall (Double check date and location on website prior to). If anyone has any specific items they would like addressed, please send them to Kim at [bancroftkim@hotmail.com](mailto:bancroftkim@hotmail.com). The 2025 financial report is currently on the website and if anyone has any questions, please send them Kim.

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Please make sure that administration has your current information including an email address and phone number for notification in the event of an emergency. If your email and phone number are not shown on your tax notice, we do not have them.

## **GOLF CART PILOT PROGRAM**

Golf Carts are now legal in the Summer Village of Island Lake South, but you have to get them registered. The Summer Village of Island Lake South is participating in the provinces 5 Year Pilot Project for Golf Carts on Municipal Roads. Visit the website to view the regulations and to see how to get registered!



# **TAXES**

As many residents will notice, there will once again be an increase in municipal taxes this year. We understand that any increase can be frustrating, and Council and Administration have worked hard to keep the impact on residents as low as possible. Unfortunately, a large portion of this year's increase is due to costs that are outside of the Summer Village's control.

The Provincial Government significantly increased the education property tax requisition again this year, and the provincial policing requisition also increased. These amounts are collected through your property taxes but are set by the Province, not by the Summer Village.

In addition, the Summer Village is currently negotiating a new fire services agreement with Athabasca County, which is expected to result in higher fire protection costs. We have also had to establish a dedicated emergency management budget, as these services are no longer being provided through Athabasca County.

Council remains committed to managing finances responsibly while continuing to provide essential services and ensuring the long-term sustainability and safety of the community. We appreciate residents' understanding and continued support.

## **RECREATION SOCIETY**

The Island Lake South Recreation Society is planning to hold a pancake breakfast June 20th from 9-11am at the community hall. If you are interested in helping volunteer for this event or any other please email [IslandLakeSouthRecClub@gmail.com](mailto:IslandLakeSouthRecClub@gmail.com)

## **FERTILIZER AND HERBICIDE BYLAW**

A friendly reminder that council has passed a fertilizer and herbicide bylaw for the Summer Village. The Bylaw can be viewed on our website at [www.myislandlakesouth.com](http://www.myislandlakesouth.com). All chemical fertilizers and herbicides are strictly prohibited except in the case of noxious weeds as defined in the Weed Control Act.



## **BOAT LAUNCH**

Go slowly and use caution when backing up at the launch. The new boat launch ramp is concrete slabs with spaces in between, not the smooth solid concrete piece that was there in the past. Please, no power loading or unloading with the boat motor as it displaces the gravel between the concrete slabs and can damage the launch.

## **FIRESMART SPRING CLEAN-UP**

The Athabasca Regional Waste Management Services Commission (ARWMSC) is hosting a Free Yard Debris Disposal Program from May 15th to May 25th. Fees for disposing of yard debris including grass, leaves, branches and wood, will be waived at all Athabasca Regional Waste Transfer Stations. For more information and hours of operation please call 780-675-1117.

## **COMMUNITY HALL**

The hall will be doing the concrete work on the patio and by the doors this year.

The recreation society is now taking bookings!

## **FIRES / BURNING GARBAGE**

Please watch for signs about fire bans being in place. Island Lake South follows the FPA (Forest Protection Area) when it comes to our fire level ratings, not Athabasca County. This is because we are completely surrounded by the FPA on all sides. We recommend that everyone visit [www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca) and sign up for alerts for the Summer Village of Island Lake South. This way you will be notified whenever the rating is changed. Also, be cautious of sparks from your ATVs. This seems to be a high cause of forest fires in recent years. DO NOT burn your garbage. Please take garbage to the landfill.



## **DEVELOPMENT PERMITS**

Just a reminder that the Summer Village requires development permits for all construction projects. The province of Alberta requires that any construction be completed in accordance with the Safety Codes Act. You must have permits for all gas, plumbing, heating, electrical and building construction. You also need a permit for any demolition project or any clearing that may affect the contour of the land.

## **BOTTLE RECYCLING**

Just a reminder that there is a bottle bin at the hall. All proceeds go to the recreation society.



## **DOGS**

This is a reminder to all residents that dogs are not permitted to be off leash when off of your property and your dogs are not permitted to wander on to your neighbours property without their permission. There are strict fines for breaking this rules. Owners are also responsible for picking up after their dogs. Dangerous Incidents with dogs should be reported directly to the RCMP. Other dog issues should be reported to administration.

## **LANDFILL AND TRANSFER SITE SUMMER HOURS**

Please check the landfill website for hours of operation as they may change [www.athabasca-regional-waste.com](http://www.athabasca-regional-waste.com)

## **ATV'S**

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



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### HALL RENTALS

The Recreation Society is now taking hall bookings. Please connect to the village website for info about booking!

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

### WEBSITE

Please check for any updates that may happen in between newsletters and for fire ban and other information [www.myislandlakesouth.com](http://www.myislandlakesouth.com)

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AT THE LAKE !!**