

Spring Newsletter

Message From Steve Hamilton, Mayor

Hello from your summer village council, we trust that you enjoyed the winter season. This year the ice remained on the lake until May 10, which is normal for Baptiste Lake. The ice has remained on the Lake as late as May 19 in past years!



Activities for council are typical for this time of the year. We have had a number of matters to address, such as: road maintenance, taxes, recreational vehicle parking, and other concerns that have arose over the course of the year.

The road maintenance plan involves road work every year. This summer we will continue to maintain the main roads and the arterial roads in the Village. In particular, we plan to apply asphalt to a number of service roads. This will greatly reduce the dust in residential areas.

Council, along with our CAO, spent a great deal of time reviewing the summer village budget. Every effort has been made to keep the taxes as close as possible to last year's levy. As a result, the tax increase will be less than 1% this year - an average increase of \$12.00 per taxable property.

We want everyone (kids, walkers, bikers, dogs, etc.) to be safe on our roads and in our community! We have requested additional policing services to enforce the speed limits and bylaws in the Summer Village. With the summer season almost upon us we ask that you respect your neighbors and be mindful of bylaws, as follows:

- Obey the speed limit in our village - **40 km/h**. This speed limit also applies to ATVs. We also ask that you remind your guests about the importance of driving within the limits.
- The Summer Village Land Use Bylaw provides for a maximum of two RV's per residential lot. There are several properties in the Summer Village with multiple RVs, in contravention of the Land Use Bylaw. We request that you bring your property into compliance or face the consequences of bylaw enforcement.

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- Be considerate regarding excessive noise, late parties, fireworks, trespassing, dogs running at large (please use a leash), and putting garbage in garbage bins. Discharge of Fireworks without a permit is illegal.
- Lastly, when using an ATV in the forest, **be mindful of sparks from your exhaust which can start a fire. Make sure your ATV is clean and clear of debris.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the councilors, emergency response personnel, our CAO, and all volunteers who have expended his or her time to make our summer village a pleasant place to live. Have fun this summer and be safe!

To all of you I hope that you enjoy a pleasant summer season.

Steve Hamilton, Mayor

Annual Open House

The Annual Open House will be held at the Baptiste Firehall and Recreation Center on Saturday, July 19, 2014, beginning at 10:00 AM. The Firehall is located at 945 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste.

Website

The Summer Village of South Baptiste Website is located at <http://www.southbaptiste.com/>

To promote FireSmart, we are happy to announce the during the May long weekend, (May 15 to May 25) fees for disposing yard debris including grass, leaves and wood, will be waived at the Whispering Hills Transfer Station. (10 AM to 6 PM on days the Landfill is open)

Are you Moving?

Please inform the Municipal Administration if you change your address. If we cannot find you, not only do you miss out on the Village News, but Tax Notices and other information will be mailed to your last known address. There are penalties for late payment of taxes and the fact that you forgot to tell us you moved is not acceptable justification.

The Summer Village of South Baptiste Municipal Office is Located:

2.6 Km North of the County Beach along Baptiste Drive with an old Threshing Machine next to the Driveway.

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