

# Summer Newsletter

## Message From Blaine Page, Mayor

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**Special points of interest:**

- Annual Open House followed by a Barbecue
- Public Hearing — Council Code of Conduct Bylaw.
- Contact Information.

All the best from your summer village Council, we trust that you all had a good winter season.

Activities for Council are typical for this time of the year. We have had a number of matters to address, such as the annual budget, taxes, road maintenance, and other matters that have arisen over the course of the year.

**Budget and Taxation.**

Council, along with our CAO, spent a great deal of time developing the annual Summer Village budget. The 2018 Budget contains expenditures totaling \$398,499. We have a balanced budget.

Every effort has been made to keep property taxes as close as possible to last year’s levy. Of a total of 87 taxable properties in the Summer Village, 23 will see a reduction in taxes. As a result, the overall tax increase is 2.1% this year - an average increase of \$42.00 per taxable property. The total milrate is 5.5462

**Road Maintenance.**

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 repair and patch several areas on Baptiste Drive that were damaged due to frost heaves throughout the winter and spring.

**Safety.**

We want everyone (children, joggers, bikers, visitors, etc.) to be safe on our roads and in our community! Annual enhanced policing services to enforce the speed limits and by-laws is supported by the Summer Village. With the summer season upon us, we ask that you be mindful of bylaws and respect the rights of your neighbors.

Obey the speed limit in our village - **40 km/h**. There is also a speed limit for ATV’s, **30 km/h**. Do not drive ATV’s in ditches. We also ask that you remind your guests about the importance of responsible conduct. Be considerate and respect the rights of your neighbors regarding excessive noise, late parties, trespassing, dogs running at large (please use a leash), and putting garbage in garbage bins. **Discharge of Fireworks is illegal without a valid permit.**

A Contractor, NGW Logging, was hired to remove vegetation along Baptiste Drive and Service Roads in the Summer Village this spring. There were several areas where trees and deadfall came down during a heavy wet snowfall last fall. The vegetation was removed to improve the overall appearance of the Summer Village in addition to a reduction of risk due to wildfire.

All members of Council, in cooperation with members of the Community, are committed to improving the aesthetic appearance of the Summer Village by cleaning up Reserve Areas, by keeping the grass cut and picking up garbage. We have also installed a 50 foot pier on the Reserve located at the South end of the Summer Village for residents to use and enjoy.



## Mayor's Message—Continued

Summer Village Council have enacted a “Public Participation Policy” and have also given first and second reading to a “Council Code of Conduct” Bylaw. A Public Hearing on the proposed “Council Code of Conduct” Bylaw will be held during the upcoming Annual Information Meeting on Saturday , July 21st, 2018, at the West Baptiste Fire Hall. Copies of the Code of Conduct Bylaw can be downloaded from the “Current Events” tab on the Summer Village Website at SouthBaptiste.com

This year the Summer Village is sponsoring a Barbecue as part of the Annual information meeting. It is an opportunity to meet members of Council as well as your neighbours. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Lastly, please observe Fire Bans and Advisories. Fire Ban information can be obtained from the “FireSmart” tab at SouthBaptiste.com

We believe that it is good practice to avoid using ATV's in wilderness areas during Fire Bans. Human activity, including the use of ATV's in the forest contribute significantly to risk of Wildfire. **At all times, be mindful of sparks from your exhaust which can start a fire. Make sure your ATV is clean and clear of debris. Do not wash your ATV's in the Lake as this contributes significantly to the degradation of Water Quality. Contravention may be accompanied by large fines.**

Our sincere thanks to the residents of the Summer Village, Council colleagues, 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!

Blaine Page, Mayor

### Annual Open House

The Annual Open House will be held at the Baptiste Firehall and Recreation Center on Saturday, July 21, 2018 beginning at 10:00 AM. The Firehall is located at 945 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste. A Barbecue will follow.

### BAILS (Baptiste and Island Lake Stewardship Society)

BAILS is currently collecting and analyzing water samples this summer and testing should be completed by Fall.

BAILS has held public sessions, gathered and organized information from these sessions and anticipate that the Baptiste and Island Lakes Watershed Management plan will be in place later this year. More information can be obtained on the website [www.bails.ca](http://www.bails.ca).

### 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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