



Summer Newsletter

Message From Wendy Appleby, Mayor

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The Summer Village Annual Information meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 20th, 2022, at the West Baptiste Firehall and Recreation Center, 945 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, Alberta.

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Special points of interest:

- Annual Information Meeting.
- Contact Information.

On behalf of the Summer Village of South Baptiste Council, we hope this finds you healthy, happy and enjoying a wonderful summer season at the lake. Please take care to ensure the safety of yourself, your loved ones and neighbors whether it's by social distancing, following the posted speed limits or respectfully sharing the "water". We have a wonderful and vibrant community and Council is always available and welcomes your suggestions and concerns.



Annual Open House- The Summer Village Annual Information meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2022, at the West Baptiste Firehall and Recreation Center, 945 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, Alberta at 10:00AM. We will share our audited financial statement for 2021 at this time. An informal meet & greet will follow including Hamburgers and condiments hosted by Council.

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 are supported by the Summer Village. Please be mindful of bylaws and respect the rights of other users of the roads by slowing down even more when passing pedestrians or cyclists, near crosswalks and areas where children may be playing.

Speeding vehicles on Baptiste Drive continues to be a problem year round. Please obey the speed limit in our village - 40 km/h and for ATV's - 30 km/h. Provincial laws require that ATV's must be Insured and registered; the operator must have a driver's license and wear a helmet. **Please note that it is illegal to drive ATVs in ditches.** We also ask that you remind your guests about the importance of responsible conduct. Be considerate and respect the rights of your neighbours regarding excessive noise, late parties, trespassing and dogs running at large.

No Wake zones - Respect our Lake and protect the shoreline -Waves can contribute to shoreline erosion and feed blue green bacteria blooms. Baptiste Lake continues to experience shoreline erosion, which in turn disturbs growth of trees and shrubs, wildlife, fish spawning and impacts aquatic plants. Some of the erosion and blue green algae results from watercraft operations. Boats have become more powerful and designed to create large waves and these waves cause physical action on the top of the water as well as downward turbulence that stirs up the bottom sediment. To minimize the erosion and disturbance to the bottom sediments, other lakes have established appropriate watercraft distances such as 10km/h within 30 meters of the shoreline. Please be sure to stay in deep water when enjoying recreational activities such as wake boarding, skiing, tubing etc.

Budget and Taxation—Taxes were mailed May 29, 2022, with payment due June 30, 2022. Taxes received after June 30 are subject to penalties. Considerable discussion took place throughout the development of the tax role for 2022 and we attempted, as much as possible, to minimize the tax burden on our residents and as such there is a minimal increase in property taxes this year. As with other municipalities we are trying to achieve a nominal cash flow to maintain the financial viability of the Summer Village.

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Specific Taxation details are as follows:

- The estimated total property tax levy shall be \$136,223 (including the Alberta School Foundation Fund, Minimum Tax, and the Special Road Maintenance Levy).
- A Special Road Maintenance Levy shall be \$220.00 per taxable property. Levy revenue is to be used exclusively for road maintenance and repair.
- The Summer Village of South Baptiste adopts a minimum tax of \$350.00 which applies exclusively to the Municipal component of property taxes as recorded on the property tax roll.
- Estimated total Summer Village revenue from all sources, including the residential property tax levy, non-residential taxes, Provincial grants, and other sources shall be \$262,196
- Total Summer Village expenditures, including the Road Rehabilitation Projects and transfers, are estimated at \$262,196. Council projects a balanced budget for 2022.

Specific Rates of Taxation:

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| • General Municipal Minimum Tax | \$350.00 |
| • Special Road Levy | \$220.00 |
| • General Municipal | 2.5000 Mils |
| • Alberta School Foundation Fund | 2.7399 Mils |
| • Greater North Foundation | 0.1077 Mils |
| • Non-Residential Milrate | 2.500 Mils |

Fire Works – We would like to remind residents that fireworks are not permitted in the Summer Village. (Please refer to the Provincial fire code regulations under the Alberta Safety Codes Act. for more information)

Landfill Hours - Please refer to <https://athabascaregionalwaste.com/> for hours of operation as they do change from time to time.

County Beach Please note that there is a \$5 fee for the boat launch, \$10 for day use and \$15 for overnight camping. Please refer to athabascacounty.com/baptiste-lake for more information regarding the site amenities.

Docks, boat Lifts and other mooring structures

The new *Alberta Mooring Disturbance Standard* was passed and approved by the Alberta Government in April of last year and these apply to all users of our lake. There are specific requirements for placing a seasonal dock/boat lift in the lake.

Please check our website for current information regarding this SouthBaptiste.com AND Alberta website link:

<https://www.alberta.ca/mooring-standards-engagement.aspx> .

Northern Lights Library System (NLLS)

Council is pleased to announce that we have partnered with NLLS on behalf of our summer village residents. NLLS is one part of the seven regional library systems across Alberta, helping deliver comprehensive library services. For additional information go to nlls.ab.ca

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