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2010 Election News

This year there are four candidates vying for three Council seats for the Summer Village. The four candidates include:

Diane Auld

Irene Dunsmuir

Harold Esche

Doug Lindblom

Election Day is Friday, July 30, 2010 between the hours of 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. The voting station will be located at the Hall, Summer Village of Burnstick. Please exercise your civic duty and vote.

August 1, 2010

Commences at 9:30 am

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Burnstick Lake Hall

Everyone Welcome!!!!



Looking for easy access to Village info—bylaws, minutes, maps, financial statements, etc.?.....check out the Village's web site.

Burnsticklakesummervillage.ca

The site includes pictures submitted by you!

Please send us more!

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Information on Animals



BLACK BEAR (*Ursus americanus*)

Size

- The black bear is the smallest of the North American bears.
- Adult male (or boar) body weight average is 100 to 200 kilograms (220 to 440 pounds). Adult female (or sow) body weight average is 45 to 140 kilograms (100 to 310 pounds).
- Adult forefoot print width is about 9.5 centimetres (3.75 inches). Adult rear foot print length is about 18 centimetres (7 inches).

Appearance

- In profile, snout and face form straight line—no "dished" face.
- Ears pointed and somewhat prominent.
- No shoulder hump.
- Claws of front feet are short and usually black. They make little or no imprint in track.
- When standing on the level, a black bear's body profile slopes forward from the high point at the hips.
- Colour varies from black to blond.

Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*)

Size

- Adult male (or boar) body weight average is 180 kilograms (400 pounds), but in better habitats, body weight can be 325 kilograms (716.5 pounds) or more.
- Adult female (or sow) body weight average is about two-thirds that of the male.
- Adult forefoot print width is about 14 centimeters (5.5 inches). Adult rear foot print length is about 25 centimeters (9.75 inches).

Appearance

- In profile, snout rises sharply into broad "dished" face.
- Ears rounded, noticeable but not prominent.
- Pronounced shoulder hump.
- Claws of front feet are long, sometimes with white streak. In prints, the claws are obvious-five to eight centimeters (two to three inches) ahead of toes.
- When standing on the level, a grizzly's body profile slopes backward from the high point at the front shoulders.
- Colour varies from tawny brown to black.



Be Bear Smart -

DO NOT RUN!
Slowly back away while talking in a firm voice.
Do not make eye contact.
Make noise and make the bear feel uncomfortable.

Current Wildfires and Hazard Update

Clearwater Summary

Since the start of April 2010 there have been 58 wildfires in the Clearwater Area, which have burned 45.07 hectares. These have all been extinguished.

Provincial Summary

Since July 25, 2010 there have been 15 new wildfire starts. Alberta has 49 wildfires. One is out of control, 20 are being held, 23 are under control and five have been turned over.

Since the start of April 2010, Alberta has recorded 1402 wildfires, which have burned 51,215.22 hectares.

The majority of wildfires over the weekend occurred in the Fort McMurray area.