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The Villager



October 9 — 7:00 p.m. Village Council Meeting at the Cochrane RancheHouse,

We will discuss the draft 10-year capital plan for the Village, implementation of the plebiscite and emergency planning. All residents are invited. Coffee and muffins will be served. The Cochrane Ranchehouse is just north of intersection of Hwy 22 and 1A. Turn left at the top of the hill entering Cochrane from the North or turn right after turning right at the Hwy 22 and 1A intersection in Cochrane. Silver Springs isn't available for a few months.

Capital Improvement Plan Discussed

The annual community meeting, on June 28th heard from Dean McKenzie Chair of the Village's capital planning committee. The following projects were discussed: **Community centre improvements** - install electrical baseboard heaters as emergency back-up heat and other electrical improvements (Al Clark has already coordinated these improvements). Some residents also suggested a kitchen in the centre. **Boat Launch Improvement** plans include fencing improvements. Gordon Bussey will be coordinating this work. **Street Improvements & Drainage** – The plan for a multi-year upgrading of roads and drainage in the Village. will be presented at the October 9th Council meeting. Other longer term plans include: **First Response for Fires** and **Walkways & Environmental Reserve Rehabilitation**.

In terms of additional projects, **Edmund Fyten** made a proposal that was acceptable to all at the meeting. That was to look into a **second emergency road exit** for the summer village.

Thank You...

Hazel Higgins for adding transfer station liaison to her other volunteer job of community water well testing. Many residents who provided great pictures. This newsletter features pics from **Kimberly Meetsma**.

Encroachment Policy—Residents have the final say

The August 4th plebiscite of Village land owners supported allowing existing and new Council-approved encroachments (decks and stairs only) **near the shoreline**. In implementing this decision, Council will ensure all owner-Village agreements ensure reasonable safety, aesthetics and no compromise of Village ownership of the reserve land.

There was also clear majority support that all **private encroachments** be removed and the reserve returned to its original natural state. Affirming this majority decision, was rejection of the idea of allowing encroachers to purchase the encroached portion of the reserve and a majority rejection of the idea of allowing encroachment agreements for encroachments near private property. **A Council meeting will be held on October 9th to discuss the implementation of the above vote.** In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions, please let Mayor Diane, Councillor Irene or Councillor Harold know.



Photo Credit: Kimberly Meetsma (Rowland)

Pancake breakfast a success—Volume may have set all time record :-)

Mayor Diane reports that the Village’s Sixth Annual Pancake Breakfast was very successful with a bigger turnout than ever before - or at least they ate 50% more pancakes than ever before. The success was largely due to some wonderful volunteers, many of whom did not get a chance to socialize and had to eat on the run. Many thanks to Greg Pek for buying the sausages, cooking them and contributing some draw prizes from his company. Also thanks, once more, to Maria Vogel, assisted this year by Irene Dunsmuir, in making that delicious berry syrup. Cindy Bielesch surprised us with two wonderful Avon bags for the draw prize which were greatly appreciated. The trusty cooks included Harold Esche, Brenda and Adolf Becker, Brian Bielesch and Cathy Spicer. George Dunsmuir gave out the draw prizes and Hazel Higgins, Jill Down and I supplied our coffee urns as our community urn has not yet been returned. Over forty draw prizes were bought or donated and hopefully all the children received one. We'll see you all next year at the Seventh Annual! **Welcome new residents...** We want to welcome new residents of the Summer Village Dennis and Sandy Nordstrom (who bought the Roberts’ place) and Adam Duckett and Marnie McMillan who bought Doug Taylor’s place. **Possible Natural gas to the village...**The June 28th Community meeting heard from Foothills Gas Co-op regarding possible natural gas coming to the Village. Resident, Bill Post, has taken a liaison role here and will keep Village residents posted on developments and the survey that will likely be done to properly check interest...**Still looking for the coffee urn...**If you have it, please return it to the com. centre.

Did you know?

! Third Waste Transfer Station

was added for the summer season through October. It is hoped that residents will refrain from using this as a waste station for construction material and old couches.

? Do you have a venue for Village Council to meet?

Silver Springs is undergoing renovations and is not available for the low cost Council meetings we have enjoyed. Do any residents have suggestions for reasonably priced future meetings?



Photos credits - Kimberly Meetsma (Rowland) We will have other great pics from other residents in future editions of the Villager. Thanks everyone who contributed. We have another newsletter’s supply but are always looking for more.

Village Emergency Prep Plans to be discussed at Oct 9 Meeting

The Alberta Government has recently mandated Summer Villages to take more ownership of emergency preparedness. The October 9th Council meeting will discuss possible options including a win-win partnership with Clearwater County. There are four phases of emergency preparedness. First, we should **mitigate** by assessing risk and precluding possible hazards. Second we **prepare** for possible emergencies (The biggest thing individuals can do is have 72 hours of food and supplies in their homes). Third, we must **respond** - how might the Village, various agencies and residents respond to emergencies such as major power outages or forest fires. The final phase is **recovery**. Residents are encouraged to come to the October 9th meeting to discuss ideas for a Village emergency preparedness plan. A provincial government official is expected to be in attendance.