



## **2007 NEWSLETTER**

### **Council**

This is to introduce you to your new council members and their committee chair assignments.

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Mayor

#### Group 1

Janey Davies

Protective Services

Karen May

Recreation and Culture

George Solomon Schofield

Planning and Development

#### Group 2

Petros (Peter) Counios

Environmental Health

Bob Petrovitch

Water and Sewage Utility

Michael Zaleschuk

Transportation

Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month with the exception of December when only one meeting is held on the second Tuesday.

### **Staff**

We have had several staff changes over the past few months. Al McCune has retired from Public Works and Kevin and Dana have moved on to other job opportunities. Al Yurkoski has been recruited as the Manager of Public Works and Utilities, Luke has been promoted to equipment operator and Cathy and Daniel have joined the staff as full time and seasonal labourers. Lynette has left the office staff to take a position with Lumsden Elementary School.

Hope you all will join in wishing those who have moved on the very best in their new pursuits and to welcome those who have joined the town staff to their new assignments.

### **Water Treatment Plant**

Plans for bringing a water treatment plant into operation are progressing. The estimated cost of this project is \$2,100,000. A grant of \$500,000 has been received from the federal/provincial Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund. Council has elected to cover payments using the existing water receipts along with a \$1.00/1,000 gallon increase to the water rates effective July 1, 2007 and a \$50.00/property increase to the property base tax. The province has mandated that this plant be in operation by December 5, 2008.

## **Budget**

A few upgrades were required in the Public Works equipment fleet. The backhoe has been replaced and the grader will be receiving a thorough maintenance makeover. A bobcat skid steer has also been added to the fleet. This unit brings considerable versatility as it comes with five different attachments designed to perform several distinct functions including two buckets, a post hole auger, a street sweeper, a snow blower and pallet forks.

Other items included in this year's budget are replacement of one block of sidewalk on Centre Street, computer upgrades, town office repairs, park development, a new lagoon chute, a new town sign, pavement repairs, upgrades to fire department equipment and Centre street beautification. These improvements are being completed with no increase to the municipal mill rate of 7.6 mills.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Opportunities exist for residents to contribute by serving on a variety of committees within the community. Those currently seeking members are as follows:

### Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP)

- Purpose - to increase citizen awareness;
- to involve citizens in the reduction of crime by observing and reporting suspicious persons and incidents, and;
  - to involve volunteer citizens in crime prevention activities

### Development Appeal Board

Purpose - to resolve disagreements over the administration of the zoning bylaw

### Heritage Home

Purpose - to represent the town on the Lumsden Heritage Home Board

### South Shore Community Foundation

...a Foundation whose purpose is to raise money to benefit the South Shore Communities. All monies raised become a permanent asset of the foundation and the income from these assets are used to enrich the community. Donations can be made in the form of cash, pledges, bequests, memorials, and life insurance. It is a great way to give a lasting gift to a community that has provided many fond memories.

Forward tax deductible donations to:

South Shore Community Foundation  
c/o South Saskatchewan Community Foundation Inc.  
#2 – 2700 Montague St.  
Regina SK S4S 0J9

If any of these positions are in your area of expertise or interest please contact the town office at 729-2202. A list of interested people is being compiled to fill board positions, as they are required.

### **Communities in Bloom**

This is the fourth year the town, in conjunction with Buena Vista and Kinookimaw, have taken part in the Communities in Bloom program. The program is designed to encourage civic pride and continuous community improvements by involving all sectors of the community – groups, residents and businesses. To that end, fundraising has allowed the committee to purchase four large aggregate flowerpots that will be placed along Centre Street.

The Garden Tour will be featured this year on July 21, 2007. Free zucchini seeds are available at various businesses in town – plant them, harvest them and bring them to the Zucchini Festival for judging in September. The Memorial Garden in Lions Park continues to be improved and is the focus of the Remembrance Day service in November. Please contact Karen May for more information or to join the group.

### **Cemetery Committee**

This committee is composed of a number of concerned residents who are dedicated to improving the cemetery and have initiated a fundraising campaign that will provide for such improvements as a plot map in the cemetery, seating areas and plant material. Council has set aside funds that will be committed to the construction of a columbarium. Part of the committee's work entails researching for contact information of those interred in our cemetery. If you have any information that you feel may be valuable or if you have an interest in joining the committee please contact the town office.

### **Centre Street Beautification**

The planning of Centre Street is composed of three separate committees that concentrate on different areas.

#### **i. Save The Pier Committee**

The pier is an integral piece of the town's history and should be kept alive for future generations. Over the years, ownership of the pier and maintenance has become an issue. In the last few months, and with the input of Tom Lukiwski, the town has negotiated with the Oceans and Fisheries Department to transfer ownership to the town along with divestiture funding that will allow the town to begin the process of restoring the pier. A committee has been formed that will review options for restoration or reconstruction, oversee implementation of the plans and initiate fundraising for the project.

#### **ii. Lower Centre Development**

Our recreation site remains one of the most visited in the province. Over the past year council has been working with Saskatchewan Environment to improve the lower portion of Centre Street. Together with the Department of Highways, improvements will be made to the shoreline area, broken rebar and concrete will be removed. The old rail bed walking path is an asset and excellent development opportunity for the Town of Regina Beach and council will continue to work with Saskatchewan Environment to develop the path to its full potential. Discussions have also included the boat launch and parking area.

iii. Centre Street Development

In January 2007, Jack Walker, landscape architect, completed the design for Centre Street, Lions Park and the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue area. The committee consists of business owners and Centre Street residents. The plans, to be implemented over the next five years, will see the installation of decorative lighting, seating areas, street banners and floral displays. Lions Park will receive additional irrigation, a new entrance and more plant material making the area more attractive as a part of the town entrance. The corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Centre Street will be developed into a welcome/information area that will become the head of a pathway system.

## Regina Beach Parks, Recreation and Culture

**Year-round activities for all ages**

Be a part of your community

Be active, participate and have fun

Check out [www.reginabeach.ca](http://www.reginabeach.ca)



### Fire Department

The seventeen members of the Regina Beach and District Fire Department are to be commended for their dedication in working towards their Level 1 Fire Fighter certification. Their knowledge and training will provide a higher standard of firefighting service to our community. Thank these volunteers when you see them around town.

### July 1<sup>st</sup> Security Committee Information

Over the past few years Council has endeavored to provide a safe environment for the ratepayers of Regina Beach during the July 1<sup>st</sup> festivities. This has not been an easy task. We have worked very closely with the RCMP and are continuing each and every year to make changes and improvements towards this end. We have been fortunate to have the support of the Lumsden detachment by them providing at least 17 members to help with security at no cost to us. We have also hired Ground Zero as back up support to the RCMP. As you know, we have thousands of visitors on that day and for the most part the activities are a lot of fun and very successful. Unfortunately, that usually changes around the supper hour and that is when security is required. We are also fortunate to have the support of the Emergency Medical Services team. They will again be out to provide emergency care. They will be assisted by our own First Responder team and have again committed the use of MERV to the Beach for this day.

This year we have taken the following steps to make best use of our security and to endeavor to keep the Beach a safe place.

### **Street Assignments:**

- Railway No Parking and one way
- Allan Ave. 1 side parking only – on North side after the parade only
- Daly Ave. No parking for 2 blocks from Centre Street West
- 1<sup>st</sup> Street W No parking from Railway to Fairchild
- 5<sup>th</sup> Street E No parking around curve on both sides
- 1<sup>st</sup> Street E No parking on either side from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. From 8 pm to 12 pm the street will be closed for driving traffic. We felt this closure was necessary because of the large number of pedestrians out for the fire works and the area is very congested and unsafe for vehicle movement.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Closed to traffic all day from Centre St. to 1<sup>st</sup> Street E.

Letters will be sent to all residents involved in the street assignments with this information.

### **Parking Lot Assignments**

- Parking lot across from the Community Hall to be closed off and used by the Tourism Committee for public demonstrations, displays, play area for children
- Kinookimaw parking lot will have controlled parking with security.
  - Lights will be set up on either side of the parking lot.
- Parking lot closest to the beach will be closed.
- Parks private parking lot will be used for MERV and EMS until 5 pm

As always, ZERO tolerance for open liquor will be strictly enforced.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Clr. Davies at 729-4885 or Clr. May at 729-2366.

### **Building Permits**

A permit is required for any structural changes/maintenance that may be done to a building that may affect the supporting strength, i.e. replacing windows/doors to a different size, beams, supporting walls, floor joists, roof trusses, replacing or reinforcing piles or foundation or other changes that are not indicated on the list below as not requiring a permit.

No permit is required for - replacing shingles (only), if reinforcing roof trusses or boards a permit is then required, eaves, siding, stucco, brick veneer, kitchen cabinets, gyproc wall finishing, painting, wallpapering, decorating, carpet, linoleum, replacing top boards (only) of a deck, if replacing any supporting beams a permit is required

***The permit fees will increase by 50% if construction begins prior to the permit being issued.***

### **Cleanup Week**

June 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> has been declared Cleanup Week at Regina Beach. Clean up around your house and yard and haul it to the waste management site at no charge. We ask all property owners to help us in making Regina Beach a clean looking place to visit, live or do business in.

### **Water turn offs**

The date for fall turnoffs is compulsory for September 30<sup>th</sup> or the closest working day Monday to Friday. It is imperative that ALL seasonal cottage owners call for a water turn-off! We ask that you give at least one day notice for a turn-off.

Please call the town office at 729-2202 to make your request.

### **Dutch Elm Disease**

Over the last few years diseased trees have been identified and removed within the town. Proper pruning is key to keeping elm trees healthy and resistant to insects and diseases. However, provincial regulations prohibit pruning from April 1 to August 31 each year. Please do your part to control the spread of DED.

### **Website**

The town website can be found at [www.reginabeach.ca](http://www.reginabeach.ca) . Visit it often for town information, upcoming events, bylaws,

### **Shoreline Construction Permits**

As the summer months approach, please keep in mind that construction along or alteration of shorelines may require permits from government departments. The intent of these permits is to protect fish habitat. A permit from Saskatchewan Environment is required for any work in a body of water – including rivers, streams and lakes. A permit is also required for any work done on land within 30 metres of a body of water.

Saskatchewan Environment Conservation Officers can be consulted for details. Please see the website at: [www.se.gov.sk.ca/corporate/ContactList/](http://www.se.gov.sk.ca/corporate/ContactList/)

A permit may also be required under the federal *Fisheries Act* from Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

For information from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, visit the website at [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans-habitat/index\\_e.asp](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans-habitat/index_e.asp).

### **Annexation**

An application has been submitted to the province to annex the James Sinclair property south of town. In addition to the existing campground development, plans are being formulated to develop some acreages and some residential lots. A development agreement is being worked on to accommodate the developer's intentions while preserving the interests of the town.

### **Town Shed**

Council plans to undertake a feasibility analysis involving the construction of a new town shed. It will examine the possibility of funding the project through the reclamation of the lands, which are housing the existing shed site with a view towards residential development. More information will be made available as this study is completed.