

Anyone interested in running for office is encouraged to check the Guidebook *“Running for Municipal Office”* available for download on the Municipal Affairs website:
http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/ms/Running_for_Municipal_Office_in_Alberta_2013.pdf

What is the role of a Councillor?

A councillor's job is to work with other council members to set the overall direction of the municipality through their role as a policy maker.

The policies that council sets are the guidelines for administration to follow as it does the job of running a municipality.

A councillor will spend a lot of time while on council creating new policies and programs or reviewing the current ones to make sure they are working as they should.

Under the *Municipal Government Act*, councillors have the following duties:

- To consider the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole and, to bring to council's attention anything that would promote the welfare or interests of the municipality
- To participate generally in developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the municipality
- To participate in council meetings and council committee meetings and meetings of other bodies to which they are appointed by the council
- To obtain information about the operation or administration of the municipality from the chief administrative officer
- To keep in confidence matters discussed in private at a council meeting until discussed at a meeting held in public
- To perform any other duty or function imposed on councillors by this or any other enactment or by the council.

Back 40 Lease

Waiparous and the MD of Bighorn have received an extension to the Back 40 lease to **September 6, 2041**. A special thanks to the Ghost Waiparous Trails Association for their continued dedication and support in maintaining the lease.

Off Highway Vehicles in the Summer Village

To primarily accommodate residents that are participating in work bees, Council recently passed an Off Highway Vehicle bylaw for the Summer Village which provides permission for individuals to operate an Off Highway vehicle in the Summer Village (except in places prohibited) Following is an excerpt from the Bylaw. *For the complete contents of Bylaw 126 please view or download from Waiparous.ca*

Off-Highway Vehicles may only be operated in the Summer Village of Waiparous subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- a) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle unless they are a **Qualified Person**, or they are otherwise permitted to operate an Off-Highway Vehicle pursuant to the Act;
- b) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle unless the Off-Highway Vehicle is registered and displaying a **valid license plate** and is in possession of **proper registration documentation**;
- c) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle unless the Off-Highway Vehicle is **insured** and that person is in possession of proper insurance documentation;
- d) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle if the **license plate** is not securely attached, **legible and clearly visible** to other drivers at all times;
- e) Unless specifically provided otherwise in this Bylaw, an Operator of an Off-Highway Vehicle shall only be permitted to operate the Off-Highway Vehicle on the **extreme right hand side of a Roadway or in the Ditch and shall travel single file** at all times. Off- Highway Vehicles, when travelling on any Highway as permitted in this Bylaw, shall travel in the **same direction as Vehicles travelling on that side of the Roadway** closest to the Off-Highway Vehicle;
- f) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle on a Roadway within the Summer Village except to **leave from and return to his or her residence by the most direct and safest route possible** to and from his or her residence to the Public Lands;
- g) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle on a Highway or Public Lands between **10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.**
- h) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle in a **Ditch or Public Lands at a**

speed which exceeds **thirty (10) km/hr**. No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle on a **Roadway** at a speed which exceeds **twenty (20) km/hr**;

- i) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle on any Public Land, or any Highway within the Summer Village where the Summer Village has placed a **sign or signs prohibiting such operation**;
- j) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle within any **Environmental Reserve property**;
- k) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle in an area where they are **prohibited by restrictive covenant**.
- l) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle on any **Privately Owned Land without permission of the Land Owner**;
- m) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle on a Highway or Public Land unless the Off-Highway Vehicle is **equipped with at least one headlight and one tail light which is alit at all times**;
- n) No person shall operate or be a passenger on an Off-Highway Vehicle without **wearing a Safety Helmet** securely attached on his or her head; The Helmet must be a **motorcycle helmet certified by DOT or Snell** and have the certification sticker.
- o) No person shall operate or be a passenger on an Off-Highway Vehicle where the number of persons on the Off-Highway Vehicle exceeds the **number of persons the Off-Highway Vehicle is designed to carry**;
- p) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle unless the Off-Highway Vehicle is **equipped with an exhaust muffler that has not been altered** in any way to increase overall noise of the vehicle;
- q) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle if a device is attached to the exhaust system or the muffler that increases the **noise made by the expulsion of gases** from the engine or allows gases in or leaving the exhaust system to be ignited;
- r) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle if the exhaust muffler is **cut out or disconnected from the engine, or has had a baffle plate or other part removed or punctured**;
- s) No person shall tow a trailer, sleigh, cutter or other Vehicle behind an Off-Highway Vehicle unless the **hitch or attachment used:**

- i. Is designed so that the Vehicle being towed, substantially **follows in the tracks of the towing Vehicle**;
- ii. Is **strong enough** to safely control the Vehicle being towed;
- iii. Is not more than **1.83 metres long**; and
- iv. **Prevents the towed Vehicle from colliding with the towing Vehicle during travel downhill** and when the **towing Vehicle stops**.

- t) No person shall operate an Off-Highway vehicle:
 - i. Without **due care and attention**, or
 - ii. Without **reasonable consideration for other persons or property**.
- u) No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle on any property, whether publicly or privately owned, which the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use, in a manner that constitutes **driving carelessly**.
- v) Any person operating an Off-Highway Vehicle on a highway must **yield to vehicle traffic**.

**BYLAW 126 DOES NOT PERTAIN TO HIGHWAY 40
IT IS A PROVINCIALY CONTROLLED ROAD**

Think Recycle at Christmas

When gathering up the refuse that you generate from Christmas festivities and gift opening be aware of what you throw in the garbage bin vs what you recycle.



Common items generated during the festive season that are accepted at the Eco Centre:

- Cardboard boxes and tubes
- Wrapping Paper, Gift Bags
- Plastic Wrap and bags
- Envelope, Magazines, Newspaper
- Styrofoam & Expanded Polystyrene
 - Clean white packing foam
 - Packing foam peanuts(must be bagged)
 - Foam serving ware (cups, plates, takeout containers, egg cartons and meat trays)

Did you get a new bike, computer or clothing for Christmas? – don't toss the old ones in the trash....Recycle

Give a gift to the environmentRECYCLE

Be considerate to your neighbours ... share the space in the garbage bin.

Neighbourhood Watch

Last week one of the properties in the Village experienced an attempted break in.....If you observe any suspicious activity in the Village please be sure to report it to the RCMP.

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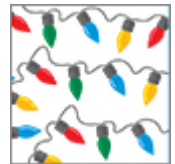
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Christmas Fire Safety

- Water Christmas trees daily
- Never use candles as decorations
- Use only fire retardant decorations
- Never leave a lit tree unattended
- Artificial trees should have a fire retardant label



- Unplug all lighting before retiring for the evening or leaving the house
- Check all lighting for frayed wires, broken plugs, sockets, etc
- Consider buying new energy efficient LED lights that don't get as hot
- Always use appropriate weatherproof lights outdoors



- Keep space heaters away from holiday decorations and other flammables



- Don't overload extension cords and plug ins.



*Season's Greetings from the
Summer Village of Waiparous
Council & Staff*



WAIPAROUS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Fall 2015

Council Meeting

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, November 25, 2015

The meeting will commence at **6:30 pm** and will be held in Room 242, Provincial Building 213 1 St West, in Cochrane.

Please check the Village Notice Board, website or call the Village Office to ensure that the meeting will be held. *When all councillors are unable to attend a meeting, usually the meeting is rescheduled to a different date.*

At the beginning of each council meeting, Council hosts a "Resident Dialogue Session" where residents can informally ask questions, make inquiries, etc. The session will be limited to a maximum of 20 minutes in total and limited to 10 minutes per resident. *(if you attend and notice more than 2 residents wanting to speak, please try not to use the max. 10 minutes so that everyone present has an opportunity to speak)*

If you would like to formally address Council on a specific item, please forward your written request, either by mail, fax or email, stating the nature of your presentation with a summary of the presentation to the Village Office at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

Council Committee Reps:

Following is a list of the 2015-16 council representatives:

Public Works (ie. snowplowing, roads, garbage disposal, etc.) **Dan Kingston** – councillor responsible for public works.

Emergency Services - Larry Anderson (Director of Emergency Management **Ken Birkett** (Deputy Director of Emergency Management) – councillor

responsible for emergency services (*coordinating the emergency plan for the village*)

Subdivision Authority – Larry Anderson, Ken Birkett and Dan Kingston

Trails – Dan Kingston - *upgrading and development of trails within the Village and in East LOC and serves as Council rep on the Ghost Waiparous Trails Association (GWTA)*

FireSmart – Ken Birkett – *developing strategies and programs with firesmart initiatives.*

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Seismic In Motion – September 29 and 30

Waiparous residents are welcome to attend the Annual Seismic in Motion, east of the Village, just stop by the main tent to check in for safety purposes. If you wish to stay the full day please come to the tent around 8:30 am. Hot lunch provided also.

The group will be setting up on the Monday Sept 28 and some final take down will occur on the Thursday Oct 1. Please be aware of flaggers as folks will be crossing the road when signs are up. Questions Mike Doyle Mjd@cagc.ca 403 589 5987

Reminders

Be Bear Aware at all times – a reminder to residents that we share the Waiparous Valley with bears and other wildlife.– they live in the area - always take precautions

Following are a few tips for around your home.....

- Minimize odors and the availability of food rewards throughout your yard and community.
- Store garbage in a sturdy building or place in an approved bear resistant trash receptacle.
- Hang bird feeders from a pulley system with a catch tray so they're out of reach of bears. *Take feeders down between April and November.*
- Keep barbecues clean. Store with other attractants (livestock/pet feed, garbage) inside a sturdy building.
- Windows, doors, and shutters should close against reinforced jams.
- Pick all ripe fruit from fruit trees promptly, and keep the ground clear of fallen fruit.
- Vegetable gardens, compost piles, orchards, and beehives may attract bears.
- Place children's play areas close to your house with viewable space around them and away from brushy or forested areas.
- Provide outdoor lighting at entrances and walkways.
- If a bear enters your home, leave immediately. If you can't get to an exit, go to the nearest room where you can shut the door securely. Call for assistance from your local wildlife agency, police, or fire department. When help arrives, open doors and windows to provide the bear with as many exits as possible.
- Bear activity may intensify in spring when bears are emerging from their dens, in the fall when bears are bulking up for hibernation, and during periods of drought

when bear's natural food sources become scarce.

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Are you receiving this newsletter by mail? If so, please send us your email address and you will receive this newsletter along with other notices regarding the Summer Village via email.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct 17 - Waiparous Tabletop Mock Disaster
Nov 25 - Waiparous Council Meeting

Summer Village of Waiparous Mini-Newsletter – July 2015

Yard Clean Up - July 11-15

Residents are encouraged to clean up wood debris from their properties from July 11- 15. **The Village has hired a Commercial Operator to drive around the Village after July 15th and chip your tree branches:**

- **that are up to 8.5 inches in diameter;**
- **that can be lifted by hand, and**
- **that are neatly stacked beside the road in the front of your property with butt ends of the branches all facing the road**

Great Opportunity to start you own FireSmart Yard Plan and get rid of all that tree debris!!

If you would like to keep your wood chips, then securely tie a 2-3 foot length of **fluorescent orange surveyor tape** on one of the branches, clearly visible from the road, and the operators will leave the woodchips in place for you.

Any piles that are not neatly stacked near the roads and/or branches that are too heavy for the operators to lift by hand will not be chipped and you will be responsible to haul it away.

Creating Your Own Forest Fuel Reduction Plan

When? July 11th 9 am – 11 am Where? Community Services Facility, Waiparous

This focused hands on workshop will be led by a FireSmart Expert and help you to work through what you might consider to better FireSmart your Property. We will review the science and human sides to Fuel Reduction. There will be a practical portion to this workshop, so please come, prepared to go for a walk. This workshop will prepare you to start doing some Fuel Modification in your yard and show how to dispose of the woody debris afterwards.

Registration DEADLINE JULY 8th Contact Ken Birkett 403.932-1883 kbirkett@ccisolutions.ca

Annual Meeting & Picnic – July 18th

The Village Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, July 18, 2015** at the Picnic Area located between Poplar Place and Willow Drive. The **meeting will commence at 10:30 am** to discuss the civic business of the Village from the past year. Agenda will be available for download after July 11th.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual Village of Waiparous picnic on Saturday, July 18. **The picnic will take place at 12:30 p.m.**, following the Village's Annual Meeting at the picnic grounds, accessed by pathway along Willow Drive.

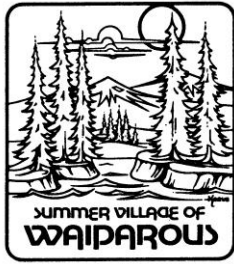
Meal tickets are \$5 (free for ages 6 and under). Drink tickets are \$5. Dessert is potluck. Please bring sweets or watermelon to share.

For more information or to offer your help with the picnic, please contact Sharon MacDonald by phone 403-200-1290 or e-mail smacdonald40@gmail.com If you volunteered last year, Sharon M will be in touch with you by phone or email to find out whether you will help out again this year.

Volunteers are needed to help set up tents the night before the event, approximately 7 p.m., at the picnic grounds.

Hope to see you out for a great afternoon together!





WAIPAROUS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

March 2015

Preparation of the 2015 Assessment Roll

The Assessment Roll for the taxation year 2015 has been **prepared and is open for inspection during regular business hours**. Property owners will have until **May 22, 2015** to appeal their assessments.

Assessment Notices - Mailed

The 2015 Assessment Notices have been mailed out to property owners on or before **Monday March 23, 2015**. All assessments were adjusted to reflect the current market values that properties are experiencing in the area. Each property was reviewed on its own merit based on provincial procedures; therefore, the rate of change in assessment will vary from property to property.

The Assessors will be available to discuss your assessment with you. Glen can be contacted either by phone 1-403-394-6040 between 9 am – 9 pm Mon-Sat or email at glen@muniserve.ca.

Council Meeting

The next regular Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 5, 2015** and will commence at 6:00 pm. **The meeting** will be held at the Community Services Facility in Waiparous located at the corner of Wildrose Place and Forestry Trail.

Please note – regular meetings held from May thru September will be held in the Summer Village, regular meetings held from October thru April will be held in Cochrane.

If you would like to speak with Council on a specific item, please forward your written request, either by mail, fax or email, stating the nature of your presentation, to the Village Office at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

Reminder - all council and committee meetings are open to the public for observation – consider this your invitation.

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2014 Financial Statements

The 2014 audited financial statements are available upon request by contacting the Village Office. Enclosed with this newsletter is a summary of the financial statement information.

Please contact the Village Office if you have any questions regarding the financial statements.

Property Address Signs

Last Fall Council passed a bylaw making it **mandatory** for ALL properties (both occupied and vacant) at Waiparous to have a Property Address Sign. The FireSmart Committee will be assisting administration for checking for compliance.

Inspections will be occurring during the month of March. Any property without a property address sign are given until **APRIL 30th** to purchase a sign and if a standardized Green and White sign is not placed at the front of the property **by APRIL 30th**. For properties that do not have a standardized sign by April 30th, the Village will move forward to purchase and install a sign for their property and charge all penalties and costs related to supply and installation to the property owner.

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Council is asking anyone who does not have a standard sign to please order one and place it on your property as soon as possible. Although you have a right to purchase from any supplier, the Village has provided the specifications for our signs to Signarama in Cochrane. Their prices are very reasonable and turn around time quick. Signarama can be reached at 403-932-1999.

The Bylaw can be viewed or downloaded on the Village website at www.waiparous.ca

Are you wondering how safe your Waiparous drinking water is?

Alberta Health Services offers testing for private home owners through the Provincial Laboratory of Public Health and Alberta Centre for Toxicology. Chemical testing will test for many different things including bicarbonate, calcium, chloride and magnesium.

Bacteria testing will check for:

- E coli bacteria (shows if water is contaminated with sewage or fecal matter) and
- Total coliform bacteria (shows in water is contaminated with non-sewage pollution from the environment)

Bottles can be picked up at the Cochrane Community Health Centre 60 Grande Blvd in Cochrane Monday-Friday between 8:30 – 4:30.

If you are dropping off your water sample in Cochrane, water **must** be drawn on Monday morning and can only be dropped off on MONDAYS between 8 am – noon.

If you are dropping off your water sample at another location, please read the instructions that accompany the water bottle and contact your drop off centre for instructions on when to draw water and when to drop off samples.

If you do not follow the instructions for drawing and dropping off samples, your bacterial tests will not work.

For more information and instructions please contact the Cochrane Community Health Centre at 403-851-6002.

Emergency Plan Adopted

Council has approved the Municipal Emergency Management Plan and Emergency Social Services Plan for the Summer Village of Waiparous. *Watch details later this year for a mock disaster exercise testing the Emergency Social Services Plan.*

Council Update

Following are items Council is currently working on:

- Finalizing deficiency work on Emergency Services Facility
- Finalizing Drainage and Paving project
- 3 Year Trail Expansion Plan
- Review and Update of Sustainability Plan
- Reviewing options for grass cutting during summer months
- Reviewing options for annual property cleanup branch disposal
- Securing Bylaw Enforcement services for the Village

Wood Chipper for Sale

The Summer Village has found that their wood chipper is too small for the volume of branches they have each year. It would make a good residential use wood chipper.

DR Road Towable Wood Chipper with 18 hp Briggs & Stratton motor.

Asking Price \$ 1,500 as is where is

Reasonable offers will be considered. *(The Village is not obligated to accept any offer)* For more information or to submit an offer please contact the Village Office.

Emergency contact info

At the bottom of your Assessment Notice is contact information we have on file to be used for email circulation and emergency phone call out. We also have a count of dogs and/or cats in the event of an emergency evacuation. Please review the list and advise the office if there are any changes.

Planning for New Construction or Renovations in Waiparous

When planning for any new construction or renovations in the Village, please check if any development or safety code permits are required. *The FireSmart committee is currently working on a set of FireSmart development guidelines that can help make your new construction and renovations FireSmart. Watch for more details in the future.*

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Coexisting with Wildlife

An important reminder that Waiparous Village sees a lot of wildlife activity throughout the year. Always be cognizant of that fact and make sure your actions are not encouraging bears and cougars into the Village and onto your property.

Bears have excellent sniffers.

Bird feeders: Regularly clean up debris beneath bird feeders. Put away your bird feeders in early spring (April 1) and don't put them back up until mid-November. Bring hummingbird feeders in at night.

Pet food: Feed pets indoors when possible, and store pet food indoors. If you feed animals outdoors, bring food dishes in at night.

Garbage: Store garbage in a bear-resistant trash container or inside a storage area. Double-bag to reduce odors and place bags inside the container. Regularly clean and deodorize cans with bleach.

Grills: When cooking meat on the outdoor grill, don't leave your food unattended. Thoroughly clean your grill after use, including the grease can and drip tray. Clean up spills on your deck or patio. Store the grill in a garage or shed when not in use.

Compost: Don't add pungent items such as meat, melon rinds, or sweet-smelling foods to your compost pile. Regularly turn the pile and add lime to reduce odors.

Fruit trees and berry bushes: Harvest fruit from fruit trees and berry bushes as soon as it's ripe. Pick up fallen produce frequently.

Even non-food items can attract bears. Take scented items, such as suntan lotion, insect repellent, soap, or candles indoors when not in use.

Be cougar conscious:

- Be aware of places where deer concentrate
- Walk pets during the day and keep them on a leash
- Keep pets indoors at dawn and dusk.
- Be more cautious dawn and dusk when cougars are most active
- Deer proof your garden
- Report any cougar sightings or encounters to the Cochrane Fish and Wildlife office.

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Important Dates:

May 2 Waiparous Wildfire Preparedness Day
May 5 Council Meeting
July 18 Annual Meeting and Picnic

Community News

Ghost Waiparous Trails Association – Annual Meeting – May 23rd – Waiparous Community Services Facility (corner of Forestry & Wildrose)

**Summer Village of Waiparous
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2014**

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and temporary investments	292,168	278,887
Taxes and grants in lieu receivables	3,528	102
Trade and other receivables	<u>23,534</u>	<u>33,924</u>
	<u>319,230</u>	<u>312,914</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	128,432	32,078
Deposit liabilities	9,550	11,550
Deferred revenue	<u>19,800</u>	<u>103,179</u>
	<u>157,782</u>	<u>146,806</u>
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT)	<u>161,448</u>	<u>166,107</u>
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets	883,374	655,056
Prepaid expenses	<u>6,258</u>	<u>6,945</u>
	<u>889,632</u>	<u>662,001</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Unrestricted surplus (deficit)	20,316	20,316
Restricted surplus		
ALARIE	4,258	4,258
Ambulance	0	0
Animal Control	3,350	3,250
Fire	0	0
Emergency Disaster	5,000	5,000
Wild Fire Initiatives	0	0
Road Maintenance	3,648	3,438
Road Committee	0	7,240
SIP Interest	0	1,347
INFRA Interest	0	0
Equipment	0	208
Trails	876	1,037
Capital Public Works	2,693	2,693
NDCC Interest	0	0
MSI Capital Interest	0	349
MIS Operating Interest	0	149
CIP Interest	392	392
Fire Grant Interest	0	0
General Operating Reserve	14,076	16,702
Contingency Reserve	13,097	6,674
Millrate Stabilization	100,000	100,000
Equity in tangible capital assets	883,374	655,056
TOTAL	<u>1,051,080</u>	<u>828,109</u>

**Summer Village of Waiparous
Schedule of Segmented Disclosure
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Planning & Development	Recreation & Culture	Environmental Services	Total \$
REVENUE							
Real Property Taxes	134,992						134,992
Linear property taxes	242						242
	<u>135,235</u>						<u>135,235</u>
Less:							0
Calgary RCSSD School Board	4,794						4,794
Alberta School Foundation Fund	66,114						66,114
Net municipal taxes	<u>64,327</u>						<u>64,327</u>
Government transfers	-	35,521	-	-	-		35,521
User fees and sales of goods	105	-	-	-	-		105
Investment income	2,626	-	-	-	-		2,626
Contributed assets	-	-	-	-	-		0
Other revenues	2,221	-	-	-	-		2,221
	<u>69,279</u>	<u>35,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>104,799</u>
EXPENSES							
Contract & general services	34,807	34,313	5,303	5,461	464		80,348
Purchases from other governments	10	7,500	2,175	-	-		9,685
Salaries and wages	183	-	-	-	-		183
Goods & supplies	708	6,267	-	-	316	30	7,321
Transfers to local boards	-	-	-	-	361		361
Other expenses	167	-	-	-	161		328
	<u>35,876</u>	<u>48,080</u>	<u>7,478</u>	<u>5,461</u>	<u>1,303</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>98,227</u>
NET REVENUE, BEFORE AMORTIZATION	<u>33,403</u>	<u>(12,559)</u>	<u>(7,478)</u>	<u>(5,461)</u>	<u>(1,303)</u>	<u>(30)</u>	<u>6,572</u>
Amortization expense		16,165	10,442	-	349	1,226	28,183
NET REVENUE	<u>33,403</u>	<u>(28,724)</u>	<u>(17,920)</u>	<u>(5,461)</u>	<u>(1,652)</u>	<u>(1,256)</u>	<u>(21,610)</u>



WAIPAROUS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

May 2015

2015 Tax Notices in the Mail by May 13th

The tax rates have been set for 2015 and represent an increase in tax revenue of 2.3% (*actual tax increases will vary from property to property depending on assessment changes, construction*).

The deadline date for paying 2015 taxes is **June 30, 2015**. Payments received after June 30th will be assessed a 10% penalty.

How to Pay Your Taxes

1. **By mail** - send cheque to the Village Office.
2. **Pay Online** at Telpay. - go to www.telpay.ca click *Telpay Online* -- click *Get Started* click *Sign Up* The Summer Village of Waiparous is payee account 0074421. *New account set up takes a few days to process. Service fee \$.50 per transaction.*
3. **In person** at any TD Canada Trust Bank. Take your tax notice with you and ask the bank teller to deposit your cheque into the bank account number shown on the bottom of your tax notice.
4. **TD Canada Trust Customers** – set up as a Payee on your web banking portfolio. If you are interested, please contact TD web banking and let them know you want to set up a personal payee *Village Bank Account details they require is listed on the bottom of your tax notice*

NOTE: When paying online and by telpay make sure your payments are made at least 4 days PRIOR to tax deadline date to allow for processing time. When paying by mail, make sure your envelope is postmarked on or before June 30th.

NOTE: If you have not received your Tax Notice in the mail by May 22nd, please contact the Village Office

Annual Meeting & Picnic – July 18th

The Village Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, July 18, 2015** at the Picnic Area located between Poplar Place and Willow Drive. The meeting will **commence at 10:30 am** to discuss the civic business of the Village from the past year.

If there are specific items you would like Council to address at the Annual Meeting, please submit in writing, your questions and/or comments to the Village Office by June 30th to allow Council ample time to review prior to the meeting. The meeting agenda will be posted on the website in early July.

Yard Clean Up - July 11-15

Residents are encouraged to clean up wood debris from their properties from July 11- 15. **The Village has hired a Commercial Operator to drive around the Village after July 15th and chip your tree branches:**

- o **That are up to 8.5 inches in diameter;**
- o **that can be lifted by hand, and**
- o **that are neatly stacked beside the road in the front of your property with butt ends of the branches all facing the road**

Great Opportunity to start your own FireSmart Yard Plan and get rid of all that tree debris!!

If you would like to keep your wood chips, then securely tie a 2-3 foot length of florescent orange surveyor tape on one of the branches, clearly visible from the road, and the operators will leave the woodchips in place for you.

Any piles that are not neatly stacked near the roads and/or branches that are too heavy for the operators to lift by hand will not be chipped and you will be responsible to haul it away.

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email: admin@waiparous.ca Village Website www.waiparous.ca

Mayor Larry Anderson (403) 809-9192 Deputy Mayor Dan Kingston (403) 932-7164
Councillor Ken Birkett (403) 932-1883

RCMP, Ambulance: 911 Forest Fires: 310-FIRE (3473) toll free -or- Telus Mobility cell phone dial #3473

Wood Chipper For Sale Silent Auction

The Summer Village will be holding a silent auction during the annual meeting & picnic on July 18th to sell the following piece of equipment:

DR Road Towable Wood Chipper with 18 hp Briggs & Stratton motor. *as is where is*

The Silent Auction will run from 10:30am - 2:30pm.

Bring you chequebook and be prepared to purchase this great personal sized wood chipper.

Planning for New Construction or Renovations in Waiparous

When planning for any new construction or renovations in the Village, please check if any development or safety code permits are required. *The FireSmart committee is currently working on a set of FireSmart development guidelines that can help make your new construction and renovations FireSmart. Watch for more details in the future.*

Review the Land Use Bylaw located on our website www.waiparous.ca or contact the development officer at Planning Protocol 2 Inc. to see if a development permit is required. Call 403-230-5522 or email tom@planningprotocol2.com

With regards to Building, Gas, Electrical, Plumbing and Sewage Permits, although the Summer Village no longer manages these permits through Davis Inspections, residents are **still required to obtain permits**. We will be working closely with Alberta Municipal Affairs, monitoring if property owners and/or their contractors are obtaining the appropriate permits. For more information on safety codes permits, check out the following website:
<http://www.safetycodes.ab.ca/Public/Pages/CodesPermits.aspx>

Reminders

Fire Insurance.....Please check your fire insurance policy to confirm that Waiparous' nearest "manned" fire station is in the Town of Cochrane. Ghost River Fire Hall is the first responder for Village fires, however, they are classified as a volunteer fire department. It is important that your insurance company is aware of that.

Also, under the provisions of the fire bylaw, property owners can be billed for the cost of fighting fires on their property. This can amount to thousands of dollars. **Check with your insurance company** to ensure that you have adequate coverage for fire fighting expenses.

False Alarms....If you have a security company that monitors for fires in your home, please note that false alarms responded to will be charged back to the property owner

Weed Control....Reminder that the Village is now required to monitor noxious weeds in the Village. Property owners will be required to *destroy* weeds identified as Prohibited Noxious on their property and *control* weeds identified as Noxious. For description of noxious weeds please visit the Village website www.waiparous.ca and click on the section "Links"

Keep a watch for **Oxeye Daisy** - this is a noxious weed that was prolific in the Summer Village last summer. If you see any growing on your property promptly remove the plants to avoid them spreading.

Do we have your email address? If not, please send us your email address and you will receive newsletters along with timely notices regarding the Summer Village. Help us preserve trees and curb costs.

Community News

The GWTA AGM will be held on Saturday, May 23rd at 3pm at the Waiparous Community Service Facility. (corner of Wildrose & Forestry)

Please plan to come out and provide your input into the GWTA plans for this year.

Also, the GWTA is conducting a membership drive to increase membership numbers. The Back 40 lease is up for renewal in 2016 and we want to be able to show when we apply for renewal of the lease later this year that we have active support from the community. Many people in the community take advantage of the great asset we have in the Back 40. However, in the past few years we have only signed people up at the AGM and the Waiparous Picnic, so we have missed many people. **The annual membership fees are \$5/person or \$10/family.** If you are interested in renewing your membership, or becoming a member for the first time, and you cannot make the AGM, please contact one of the GTWA Board members listed below and someone will get in contact with you. We have something unique and special in the Back 40, please show your support and become a GWTA member!

Board Members to Contact for Membership:
Ken Birkett: 403-932-1883
Michael Parker: 403-816-1652