

# WAIPAROUS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

November 2016

## Council Meeting

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on

**Wednesday, November 30, 2016**

The meeting will commence at **6:00 pm** and will be held at the Nan Boothby Library, 405 Railway Street 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 2016-17 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 **Matt Sundal** (Deputy Director of Emergency Management) – councillor responsible for emergency services *(coordinating the emergency plan for the village)*

**Subdivision Authority – Larry Anderson, Matt Sundal 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 – Matt Sundal**– *developing strategies and programs with firesmart initiatives.*

## Marigold Library

Council has recently filled the vacancy on the Marigold Library Board, appointing Janine Jevne as the Summer Village of Waiparous representative to Marigold. *Council thanks Janine for coming forward to take on this role for the Summer Village.*

## Elections 2017

Municipal Elections will be held throughout the Province of Alberta in 2017. Waiparous Council's four (4) year term ends in the summer of 2017. If you are considering running for office next year, you are encouraged to start attending Council meetings to observe. Information on eligibility and duties of councillors can be found on the Municipal Affairs website and by following this link: [http://municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/ms/Running\\_for\\_Municipal\\_Office\\_in\\_Alberta\\_2013.pdf](http://municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/ms/Running_for_Municipal_Office_in_Alberta_2013.pdf)

## Ghost Waiparous Trails System Resource Management Plan

In August the Summer Village of Waiparous and the MD of Bighorn circulated a draft of the updated Ghost Waiparous Trails System Resource Management Plan to the public for comment. Waiparous Council reviewed the draft plan at the September 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting and again at the October 4<sup>th</sup> special meeting with MD representatives. Council took into consideration submissions received by the Summer Village and

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the MD of Bighorn, prior to adopting the plan on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The MD of Bighorn Council approved the plan on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

The updated plan includes the following significant changes:

**Limited Mobility Trail User** – to accommodate persons that have difficulty walking distances, a provision has been made to allow individuals that hold a valid Alberta Parking Placard for Persons with Disabilities, permission to use an off highway vehicle on Eau Claire Trail via the trailhead. The placard must be clearly displayed when using the off highway vehicle in the Back 40.

**Geocaching** –in the Back 40 has been addressed in the plan, restricting activity to the area bounded by Eau Claire and Boundary Trails. Written authorization for geocaching will be permitted only with written authorization from the Ghost Waiparous Trails Association. GWTA will base their authorizations on guidelines established by the Summer Village of Waiparous and MD of Bighorn.

**On Leash Area** – Dogs must be on leash at all times when in the Back 40 lease.

**Wildfire Mitigation Strategies Assessment and Operation Planning** – the recently approved wildfire mitigation plan is now referenced in the updated resource management plan and outlines that firesmart activities will be limited to prescriptions identified in the wildfire mitigation plan and as identified in approved fuel modification work plans.

A copy of the Updated Resource Management Plan is now available on the Village and MD websites.

## Let's Talk *Trash...*

Village administration has received several complaints from Village residents about the condition of the Garbage Bin in Cochrane over the past month, which has prompted the need for a reminder to residents of the waste management program currently being offered to the residents of Waiparous.

Please note that having a garbage bin is a convenience offered to residents not a requirement.

Here's a refresher on proper use of the garbage bin, located in Cochrane for the use of Waiparous residents.

**Garbage bins are for normal household garbage ONLY** "Normal" waste is non-recycle items derived from regular day to day household activity – that doesn't include construction debris, annual clean up, etc. Anything else and YOU are responsible to recycle or dispose of it at a LANDFILL site. *The bin has been observed being filled with non household*

*garbage ie. cardboard, styrofoam and construction (ie. drywall) materials. WE HAVE ACCESS to the Cochrane ECO Centre --- ALL recycle materials are to be taken to the ECO Centre.*

### **If the bins are full, please take your garbage back home and store until the bins are dumped**

Do not simply leave your garbage on top or beside the bins. The drivers WILL NOT get out and pick up YOUR garbage and our landlord and the Town of Cochrane will not tolerate this activity. This CAN and WILL result in loss of our ability to maintain a garbage bin in Cochrane.

### **Reduce Waste - Recycle**

Residents have access to the Cochrane ECO Centre to dispose of their recycle items.

50 Griffin Industrial Point in Cochrane  
Open **Wed-Sat 8 am-6pm**.

For more information contact the Waste & Recycling Hotline 403-851-2277

The Centre accepts a large variety of items:

Newspaper	Cardboard
Mixed Paper	Plastic Bags and Film
Metal and Tin	Mixed Plastic
Beverage Containers	Glass and Jars Automotive
Waste E-Waste	
Expanded Polystyrene ( <i>excluding colored foam, egg cartons, meat trays or takeout containers</i> )	

They also accept

Books	Clothing	Bicycles
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## Planning New Construction or Renovations?

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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>

## Waiparous.ca

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Also remember to check out our online mapping <http://gis2.orrsc.com/Qlogin/disclaimer.htm?qlogin=Waiparous>

## Volunteers Needed....

**Subdivision and Development Appeal Board** - the Village has a three (3) person board comprised of Village residents that hear appeals on both Development Permits and Subdivision Applications. Currently there is one (1) vacancy on the Board. The Province is developing a training program for board members, which will be available in the near future. For more information, please contact the Village Office.

**Emergency Social Services Lead** – The emergency management program consists of an Emergency Management Plan and an Emergency Social Services Plan. We are planning to undertake an Evacuation Exercise in early May. Work is currently being done on updating the Social Services Plan, however, without a resident serving as the lead, the Plan and Evacuation Exercise cannot effectively occur. If you are interested to serving in the role of Emergency Social Services Lead, please contact the Village Office.

## 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.

**FIREWORKS are ILLEGAL in the Summer Village ...** discharging fireworks of any kind are illegal anywhere inside the Summer Village of Waiparous boundaries. Just because you can buy

fireworks, doesn't mean you can discharge them in the Summer Village. We have a **NO TOLERANCE** policy on fireworks, so make sure your friends and family using your property are aware of this law.

**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 required to monitor [noxious weeds](#) in the Village. Property owners are required to *destroy* weeds identified as Prohibited Noxious on their property and *control* weeds identified as Noxious.

**Poop 'n Scoop - All Year Long** – Remember to clean up after your dog when on public property ...even in the winter and in the deep snow. *Snow melts but poop doesn't!*

**Off Highway Vehicles in the Village....** The Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw has been put in place to primarily accommodate residents that are participating in work bees. Reminder that OHVs operating in the Summer Village must be:

- Insured;
- Registered;
- Display a valid license plate;
- Equipped with a headlight and tail light, alit at all times;
- operated by a qualified driver with both driver and passenger wearing a DOT or Snell certified helmet and
- operated only between 8 am – 10 pm.

Off Highway Vehicles may only be on the local road when leaving from or returning to the individual's residence by the most direct and safest route possible to and from the individual's residence to the public lands.

Refer to Summer Village of Waiparous Bylaw 126 for ALL rules regulating Off Highway Vehicles in Waiparous. *Note: Bylaw 126 does not pertain to Highway 40 – it is a Provincially Controlled Road.*

## Community News

**Waiparous Annual Craft Sale –  
November 12 – 13  
10 am – 4 pm  
18 Forestry Trail**

*Located in the cabin on Rasmussen's property.*

*Get a head start on your Christmas shopping....unique and beautiful handmade crafts by local artisans.*

# Summer Village of Waiparous

## Mini-Newsletter – August 2016

### Resource Management Plan – Comments Due by 8:00 am on September 6, 2016

Ghost Waiparous Trails Association (GWTA), Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Summer Village of Waiparous and MD of Bighorn have been working together over the past two years to prepare for the review and update of the Resource Management Plan (RMP) that guides and directs care and management of the Back 40 Recreational Lease #950011. The Lease was renewed in 2015 for another 25 years, until September 5, 2041. The Lease requires a RMP that is reviewed and updated regularly addressing changes that have been brought forward by any of these four parties or the general public. A Back 40 FireSmart Plan was developed over the past year with the full cooperation of all four parties and incorporated into the RMP. Moving forward, the addition of the FireSmart Plan will ensure the safety of the Lease and surrounding areas.

The major changes to this RMP are:

- Removal of 2002 Forestry Cruise data and replaced with the 2016 Ghost Waiparous Back 40 FireSmart Plan as an Appendix
- Addition of Geocaching information and rules
- Requirement for all dogs to be leashed on the Lease lands
- Addition of a Limited Mobility OHV Permit for access to Eau Clare Trail
- Small clarifications in language and order of items.

**The Draft Resource Management Plan shows the changes that have been made by all sources and is open for public review and comments via email to [admin@waiparous.ca](mailto:admin@waiparous.ca) until 8 am on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.**

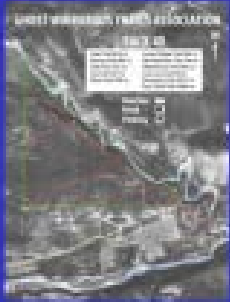
Visit our website at [waiparous.ca](http://waiparous.ca) or [Click here to download a copy of the DRAFT plan.](#)

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Mini-Newsletter – August 2016

## Back 40 FireSmart Public Consultation Meeting September 10, 2016 at 1:00 pm Waiparous Community Service Facility

A **Back 40 FireSmart Public Consultation** meeting will take place on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the Waiparous Community Service Facility. Public review and comment is encouraged on the proposed first phase of the Ghost Waiparous Back 40 FireSmart Plan which will commence this coming fall and winter. Area residents should attend to learn more about the FireSmart Plan and to sign-up for free FireSmart evaluations of their property. For interested residents, a bus tour to see similar work that has been done in the Kananaskis area is planned, a sign-up sheet will be available. Please plan to attend or contact GWTA before that date for more information via email [gwta.ab.ca@gmail.com](mailto:gwta.ab.ca@gmail.com) .



**GHOST WAIPAROUS TRAILS ASSOCIATION**


**FIRESMART**  
**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION**

**SATURDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2016**  
**(13:00 – 14:30)**

**2 WILDROSE PLACE, WAIPAROUS**

An update of the Back 40 FireSmart work plan for 2016/17 will be presented to community residents by subject matter experts.

Community residents will have an opportunity to register for a complimentary homeowner's **FIRESMART** assessment.



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### Tour of Alberta – Highway 1A Closure – September 2, 2016

Sections of highways and other roadways will close temporarily to accommodate cyclists and their entourages on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Drivers can expect minor delays and should follow detour signs where provided. Detailed highway road closure information is available at [511 Alberta](http://511 Alberta).

*Road closure timings are approximate and depend on the pace of cyclists*

- Westbound Highway 1A between Highway 1X and Cochrane will be closed from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Speed will be reduced to 40 km/h eastbound on Highway 1A between Highway 1X and Cochrane from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

[Click here to download the News Release issued by Alberta Transportation](#)



For more information on the Tour of Alberta visit their website at:

[tourofalberta.ca/race/](http://tourofalberta.ca/race/)



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## 2016 Tax Notices in the Mail on May 19<sup>th</sup>

The tax rates have been set for 2016 and represent an increase in tax revenue of 4.27% (*actual tax increases will vary from property to property depending on assessment changes, construction*).

The school requisition from the Province went down \$800 from the previous year and the municipal taxes increased by \$6,700.

The municipal increase was due mainly from the following:

- Building a reserve for Future FireSmart \$1,000
- Building a reserve for Building repairs \$2,000
- Increased costs Waste Services \$600
- Inflationary increases \$ 1,700
- Increase operating costs \$ 1,000
- Emergency communications \$ 400

The deadline date for paying 2016 taxes is **June 30, 2016**. Payments received after June 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 fees apply.*
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 30<sup>th</sup>.

**NOTE:** If you have not received your Tax Notice in the mail by May 26<sup>th</sup>, please contact the Village Office

## Annual Meeting & Picnic – July 1<sup>st</sup> (note date change from previous years)

The Village Annual Meeting will be held on **Friday, July 1, 2016** 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.

Council will be continuing the discussion on future plans for trail development in the Village at the Annual Meeting.

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 15<sup>th</sup> to allow Council ample time to review prior to the meeting. The meeting agenda will be posted on the website in late June.

The **Annual picnic** will commence immediately following the annual meeting. Tickets for the picnic will be available for purchase on the day of the event. Thank you to Sharon MacDonald and team for organizing the Annual Picnic event. Starting early June, Sharon MacDonald will be signing up volunteers to help with the usual roles for the picnic.

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## Community wide Woodchipping - July 18

Last year's woodchipping project was well received by residents. Council has agreed to offer the program once again this year. Residents are encouraged to clean up wood debris from their properties and have it ready for woodchipping. **The Village has hired a Commercial Operator to drive around the Village soon after July 17<sup>th</sup> 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 (or expand) 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 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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## Road Work in Waiparous

A & A Paving will be in the Village in late May or early June to undertake warranty work resulting from the 2014 road surfacing project. There should be minimal disruption to traffic on the roads during the work.

## On-line Mapping

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## Community News

### Community Information Day Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

You are invited to attend information sessions at Beaupre Community Hall on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

This Information Day has been planned and arranged by a couple of old retired guys who believe that folks in rural areas west of Cochrane might be interested in learning more about a couple of topics that appear to be important to many people.

#### 10:00AM to Noon

#### ***Ghost-Waiparous Area; access management to public lands***

Government of Alberta staff will make a presentation explaining the background to creating and implementing Public Land Use Zones (PLUZ)

in Alberta, and specifically review Ghost-Waiparous access management efforts.

#### Noon – 1:00PM

**Community Picnic (please remember to bring your own lunch — no alcohol –).** Coffee and tea will be available along with a selection of BBQ condiments.

#### 1:00PM – 5:00PM

#### **Cochrane Foothills Protective Association – Rural Crime Watch**

Cochrane Foothills Protective Association staff together with RCMP and Fish and Wildlife staff will provide information about the history and current status of the Cochrane Association and trends in rural crime in the Cochrane area. They will also discuss ways and means for better protecting your security and potential loss/damage to your property from crime related activities.

Paul Clark, Reid Thomas

### **Bear Safety Workshop Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1 – 5 pm – Benchlands Fire Hall**

Learn how to minimize attractants around your yard

- How to avoid bear encounters
- What to do if you encounter a bear
- How to correctly identify dangerous bear behavior
- How to respond appropriately
- Hands on practice using bear spray

No cost for the workshop. Register by June 6<sup>th</sup> – contact Amber Krukewich MD of Bighorn 403-673-3611 or [amber.krukewich@mdbighorn.ca](mailto:amber.krukewich@mdbighorn.ca)

First 15 people to register will get a free can of bear spray. (limit 1 per household) Dress for the weather. Snacks and Beverages will be provided.

### **Ghost/Waiparous Trails Association Scheduled Events**

The Annual Trails Work Bee is planned for **June 18<sup>th</sup>** (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM). The focus of which will be to:

- \* repair or replace existing benches;
- \* erect new kiosks and replace weathered signs and maps; and
- \* clear deadfall and brush as required to keep trails accessible and safe.

Wood Lot management weekends are planned for **October 1** - (GWTA Lead)  
**October 14-16, 21-23 & 28-30** (Individuals to seek TFA)



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## Preparation of the 2016 Assessment Roll

The Assessment Roll for the taxation year 2016 has been **prepared and is open for inspection during regular business hours**. Property owners will have until **May 9, 2016** to appeal their assessments.

## Assessment Notices - Mailed

The 2016 Assessment Notices have been mailed out to property owners on or before **Wednesday March 10, 2016**. 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](mailto:glen@muniserve.ca).

## 2015 Financial Statements

The 2015 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.

## Thank you....

Joleen Molenaar for coordinating the repair of the fire pump and for Pierre Thiffault for transporting the pump to and from the repair centre.

Larry Anderson and his crew of volunteers for arranging sand and salt for the roads in the Village during this year's unseasonal spring thaw.

## Council Update

Waiparous is turning 30  
this year...  
*Can you believe it!*



Looking back over the  
first 30 years.....

First Mayor Michael Barton 1986-1989

Longest serving Council Member –  
Shirley Begg - 21 Years

1989-1992, 2001-13 Mayor  
1986-1989, 1992-95 Councillor

List of residents who have served on Council during  
the first 30 years:

Mike Barton\* 1986-89, 1992-95  
Shirley Begg\* 1986-95, 2001-13  
Lorne Fleming\* 1986-90, 1995-98  
Garry Strong 1989-92  
Bill Wilson 1991-92  
Pat Kingston\* 1992-98  
Helga Rasmussen 1995-2001  
David Corry 1998-2001  
Tom Snowdon 2001-2004  
Mark White 2004-10  
Mark St Amant 2004-05  
George Sapak 2005-07  
Don Soul 2007-08  
Sandra Barker 2008-13  
Larry Anderson\* 2010-present  
Dan Kingston 2013-present  
Matt Sundal 2016-present  
\* served part of term as Mayor

## Welcome!

New Council member Matt Sundal, elected by acclamation on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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## What's Council working on...

- Finalizing Drainage and Paving project
- 3 Year Trail Expansion Plan
- Development of Fire Protection Plan and Audit
- GIS services with Oldman River Regional Services Commission
- Fire Access GIS app development  
(undertaken in conjunction with the SAIT GIS department)

## SAVE THE DATE: Annual Meeting & Annual Picnic – July 1st



**Note the Date...**for the Annual Meeting and Picnic this year. Both events will be held on July 1<sup>st</sup> – Canada Day.

The traditional date (third Saturday in July) posed scheduling conflicts for both staff and council members this year. Council was hoping that their annual meeting could occur on the same day as the picnic. We are very grateful that Sharon MacDonald was able to accommodate the date so that both events occur on July 1<sup>st</sup>. *Thank you Sharon!*

Annual Meeting will commence at 10:30 am and the Picnic will follow. *Watch for more details*

## Volunteers Needed....

The Summer Village is looking for residents to serve on the following Boards:

**Marigold Library Board** – the Summer Village is a member of the Marigold Library which includes the Benchland Paperback Depot and libraries from Oyen to Banff. As a representative you will be asked to attend board meetings of the Marigold Library and be the Village's liaison. For more information, please contact the Village Office. *Thank you to retiring representative Sandra Barker for your many years of dedicated service.*

**Subdivision and Development Appeal Board** - the Village has a three (3) person board comprised of Village residents that hear appeals on both Development Permits and Subdivision Applications. The Province is developing a training program for board members, which will be available in the near future. For more information, please contact the Village Office. *Thank you to retiring board member Carmen Huffman, for your many years of dedicated service*

## Garbage Disposal & Recycling

The Summer Village maintains a 6 cubic yard garbage bin in Cochrane for Waiparous residents' household garbage. The bin is locked at all times to protect from misuse. If you require a key to the garbage bin, please contact Dan Kingston.

The City of Calgary is clamping down on all waste management companies to ensure that recycle materials are not entering the landfills. So far there are no financial consequences to the Summer Village if recyclables are found in our garbage bin but things may change in the future. **Be good to the environment ...Recycle**

The Summer Village of Waiparous is a member of the Cochrane ECO-Centre and they welcome all of your recycling.

The Cochrane Eco Centre is located at 50 Griffin Industrial Point Wed-Sat 8 am – 6 pm (closed holidays)

The Centre accepts a large variety of items:

Newspaper	Cardboard
Mixed Paper	Plastic Bags and Film
Metal and Tin	Mixed Plastic
Beverage Containers	Glass and Jars Automotive
Waste E-Waste	
Expanded Polystyrene (excluding colored foam, egg cartons, meat trays or takeout containers)	

They also accept

Books                      Clothing                      Bicycles

For more information please contact the Cochrane **Waste and Recycling Hotline** is available 24/7 at 403-851-2277 or visit them online at <http://www.cochrane.ca/250/Eco-Centre>

## Planning on building or renovating at 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](http://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 [rod@planningprotocol2.com](mailto:rod@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-Pits.....**you may only burn in a fire-pit, outdoor fire receptacle or outdoor fireplace in the Summer Village that has a current Certificate. All properties with fire pits, receptacles and fireplaces received a letter from the Summer Village in the Fall indicating if their fire pit, receptacle or fireplace has been approved, requires improvements or is refused. If you received a letter outlining the conditions that you are required to meet, please contact the Village office when you have met the conditions and a re-inspection will occur. If possible, please forward a picture of your fire pit, outdoor receptacle or outdoor fireplace once the conditions have been met.

**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

**Bird feeders Attract Bears...**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.

**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](http://www.waiparous.ca) and click on the section "Links"

**Marigold Library:** the Summer Village of Waiparous is a member of the Marigold Library. Permanent residents are provided access to the Library to You (L2U) service (formally paperbacks by mail), TRAC cards and much more. All residents are welcome to use the Paperback deposit located in the FireHall at Benchlands. For more information on Marigold library services, please visit [www.marigold.ab.ca](http://www.marigold.ab.ca) or call 1-855-934-5334 for more information.

**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.

## Important Dates:

May 7 Waiparous Wildfire Preparedness Day

July 1 Annual Meeting and Village Picnic

Next Council Meeting TBA – *waiting for Provincial Budget and announcement of school requisitions so that 2016 tax rates can be set*

## Community News

### Ghost/Waiparous Trails Association Scheduled Events (please mark your calendars)

The GWTA will hold the Annual General Meeting on **Saturday May 7** (10:30 – 11:45) in the Waiparous Community Services Facility.

The Annual Trails Work Bee is planned for **June 18<sup>th</sup>** (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM). The focus of which will be to:

- \* repair or replace existing benches;
- \* erect new kiosks and replace weathered signs and maps; and
- \* clear deadfall and brush as required to keep trails accessible and safe.

Wood Lot management weekends are planned for **October 1** - (GWTA Lead)  
**October 14-16, 21-23 & 28-30** (Individuals to seek TFAs)

**Summer Village of Waiparous**  
**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at December 31, 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Cash and temporary investments	386,004	292,168
Taxes and grants in lieu receivables	72	3,528
Trade and other receivables	4,796	23,534
	<u>390,871</u>	<u>319,230</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	82,461	128,432
Deposit liabilities	8,550	9,550
Deferred revenue	125,147	19,800
	<u>216,158</u>	<u>157,782</u>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT)</b>	<u>174,713</u>	<u>161,448</u>
<b>NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Tangible capital assets	853,826	883,374
Prepaid expenses	6,980	6,258
	<u>860,807</u>	<u>889,632</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b>		
Unrestricted surplus (deficit)	20,316	20,316
Restricted surplus		
ALARIE	4,258	4,258
Animal Control	6,406	3,350
Emergency Disaster	5,000	5,000
Road Maintenance	6,934	3,648
Trails	715	876
Capital Public Works	2,693	2,693
CIP Interest	392	392
General Operating Reserve	21,883	14,076
Contingency Reserve	13,097	13,097
Millrate Stabilization	100,000	100,000
Equity in tangible capital assets	853,826	883,374
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>1,035,520</u>	<u>1,051,080</u>

**Summer Village of Waiparous**  
**Schedule of Segmented Disclosure**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2015**

	General Government	Protective Services	Transportation Services	Planning & Development	Recreation & Culture	Environmental Services	Total \$
<b>REVENUE</b>							
Real Property Taxes	137,579						137,579
Linear property taxes	247						247
	<u>137,826</u>						<u>137,826</u>
Less:							0
Calgary RCSSD School Board	4,493						4,493
Alberta School Foundation Fund	66,068						66,068
Net municipal taxes	<u>67,266</u>						<u>67,266</u>
Government transfers	7,807	17,500	750	-	-		26,057
User fees and sales of goods	90	-	-	-	-		90
Investment income	1,714	-	-	-	-		1,714
Contributed assets	-	-	-	-	-		0
Other revenues	2,597	500	-	2,200	-		5,297
	<u>79,474</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>100,424</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
Contract & general services	35,821	18,398	10,038	3,078	4,376		71,712
Purchases from other governments	50	7,500	1,949	-	-		9,499
Salaries and wages	200	-	-	-	-		200
Goods & supplies	1,024	3,085	-	-	-		4,109
Transfers to local boards	-	-	-	-	575		575
Other expenses	179	-	-	-	161		340
	<u>37,275</u>	<u>28,983</u>	<u>11,987</u>	<u>3,078</u>	<u>5,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,436</u>
<b>NET REVENUE, BEFORE AMORTIZATION</b>	<u>42,199</u>	<u>(10,983)</u>	<u>(11,237)</u>	<u>(878)</u>	<u>(5,112)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,988</u>
Amortization expense		16,659	15,916	-	267	1,226	34,068
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<u>42,199</u>	<u>(27,643)</u>	<u>(27,153)</u>	<u>(878)</u>	<u>(5,379)</u>	<u>(1,226)</u>	<u>(20,080)</u>