



# WAIPAROUS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

January 2017

## Council Meeting

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

The meeting will commence at **6:00 pm** and will be held at the Cochrane RancheHouse, Willow Room, 101 RancheHouse Road, Cochrane Alberta

Please check the Village Notice Board, website or call the Village Office to ensure that the meeting will be held.

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.

## 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 term, 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)

## Summer Village of Waiparous 2017 Trail Development

During the last two years, Council has been working on plans for further enhancing the trail system in Waiparous. The goal of Council is to make the entire community interconnected and pedestrian friendly.

At the February Council meeting, Council will be authorizing administration to request bids from contractors for developing the trail leading to and along the Ghost River on the west side of the Village and on the east side of the bridge through Village lot - 18 Chickadee Road through to Chickadee Road. The trails will be developed to a similar standard of other Village trails ie. black shale.

The proposed routing of the 2017 trail development is outlined in yellow on the following map.



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

## Preparation of the 2017 Assessment Roll

The Assessment Roll for the taxation year 2017 has been **prepared and is open for inspection during regular business hours**. Property owners will have until **March 23, 2017** to appeal their assessments.

### Assessment Notices - Mailed

The 2017 Assessment Notices have been mailed out to property owners on or before **Friday, January 20, 2017**. 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).

### Crime in the Area

There has been a number of break 'n enters in the Ghost Valley recently. Keep in the mind the following suggestions to help yourself and your neighbours from being a victim of a break 'n enter.

- **Keep in communication with your neighbours** – let your neighbor know when you are away for extended periods and when you have someone using your cabin. Also, **exchange phone numbers** and/or emails so that you can contact each other if something looks “out of the ordinary”.
- Make sure to **lock your doors and latch your windows**.
- **Report suspicious activity to the RCMP**
- **Get involved with Rural Crime Watch.**

### Preparing for an Emergency We **NEED** your help.....

We all watched in **disbelief** the forest fire that devastated Fort MacMurray last year. We also watched in **amazement** the remarkable safe evacuation of thousands of residents.

Not unlike Fort MacMurray, the Summer Village of Waiparous is an urban community, is also located in the forest and has a risk of forest fire and possible evacuation. We need to be prepared....but **we can't do it without YOU**.

The Summer Village is looking for several individuals that are willing to team up and take

charge of the Emergency Social Services for the Village. We need volunteers to update the current plan contacts, make suggestions for change and take an active role in a mock evacuation practice. Council has been planning for a practice event to occur this year .... However, unless there are individuals willing to help with the mock disaster evacuation practice, it can't occur. We need your help and together we can BE PREPARED. To find out more about what you can do to make a difference and help prepare the community, please contact the Village Office.

***Volunteerism is the heart of the community.***

### Building or Reno Plans?

When planning for any new construction or renovations in the Village, please check if any development or safety code permits are required.

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, Alberta Municipal Affairs' accredited agencies issue permits in Waiparous. For more information on safety codes permits, check out the following website: <http://www.safetycodes.ab.ca/Public/Pages/CodesPermits.aspx>

### Ghost Waiparous Trails

A reminder to anyone with a valid firewood permit that is taking firewood out of the Back 40. Avoid travelling on the winter X-country ski trails. Note: there is no recreational use of ATVs allowed in the Back 40 at any time. The only exception to the rule is persons that have difficulty walking distances and who that hold a valid Alberta Parking Placard for Persons with Disabilities. Those individuals may 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.

### 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.

# Marigold Library - Workshops

Marigold Library is offering the following workshops

**Workshop ONE:** E-Resource Demonstration

**WHERE:** Benchlands Firehall Meeting Room

**WHEN:** Thursday, Feb. 9th

**TIME:** 1:30 – 3:00

Caleigh Haworth, will demonstrate and take questions about an assortment of e-resources offered by Marigold, available to everyone at a Marigold Library.

Complete list of e-resources:

<http://www.marigold.ab.ca/content/browse-subject>

Caleigh will demo participant suggestions of which e-resources you would most like to learn about, as well as her own list of most popular and well-used e-resources.

At the end of the session, we will discuss a further workshop- a 'hands on' E-book downloading session, where participants will bring their own devices.

**Workshop TWO:** E-books

**WHERE:** Cochrane Public Library

**WHEN:** Thursday, Feb. 16th

**TIME:** 1:30 – 3:00

You do NOT have to purchase a library card to attend these workshops, but do need one to access library e-resources and e-books from home.

Waiparous full time residents may purchase cards from libraries in the surrounding areas: Cochrane, Exshaw, Canmore.

**Please register for one or both workshops by emailing: Janine Jevne [jtjevne@telus.net](mailto:jtjevne@telus.net)**  
**Please indicate which workshop(s) you will attend.**

## Coexisting with Wildlife

Residents are reminded each spring to put away bird feeders and not bring them back out until mid November. This is to ensure bears are not attracted to your property.

So what about the bird feeders in the winter?

Winter is a very difficult time for wild birds, they rely heavily on wild food sources for their survival. Many of the species come to bird feeders to supplement their diet during severe and extreme temperatures. A winter feeding program can add to personal enjoyment and create an appreciation for nature.

**When to feed?** For winter bird feeding, put out food mid November when natural food is becoming hard to find. Continue feed through February and

March when feed supplies are lowest. Discontinue feeding at the end of March (or earlier if bear activity has been observed in the area)

**Food Storage** – store seeds in secure containers to prevent rodents from getting in and contaminating the food. Keep in a cool, dry locations. Seeds stored in too warm an area can decrease the nutritional value of the seed and it may also go rancid. Damp seeds could cause seeds to develop mold. Discard all unused seed after one year.

**Disease** – Many avian infectious diseases are transmitted at bird feeders and can infect many birds at once. Make sure to keep bird feeders clean. If you observe a diseased birds visiting the bird feeder, remove the feeder immediately, clean and sterilize before putting it up again.

**Cats** – don't feed birds on the ground or a platform if you have outdoor cats or if your neighbour's cat frequents your property. Leave at least 15 feet between the feeder and shrubs so birds can see lurking cats.

Cougars are active in the winter

- 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
- Do not feed rabbits and deer, the cougar may come looking.
- Report any cougar sightings or encounters to the Cochrane Fish and Wildlife office.

## Community Standards

**Watch for a survey in your inbox ... coming in February**

Watch your email inbox .... The community standards electronic survey will be delivered to your email in February. If we don't have a current email on file, please forward one to [admin@waiparous.ca](mailto:admin@waiparous.ca)

## Dog Owner Reminder....

The Summer Village has a zero tolerance for aggressive dogs .. make sure dogs are **on a leash** when off your property **AT ALL TIMES**. Check out the Dog Bylaw on the website for rules and regulations relating to dogs.

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Don't forget to check the Village Website for bylaws, FireSmart info, current news, and updates.