



# Summer Village of Waiparous

## Mini-Newsletter – December 2017

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### Bridge Replacement Project Update

Surveyors working for Alberta Transportation's consultants, Hatch, were in the Summer Village over the last couple of weeks gathering data for the bridge design project. Data was gathered on both Alberta's Transportation's recommended alignment from the 2002 Functional Planning Study and on the existing bridge location.

Initially Council was advised by the Province that the alignment recommended in the functional planning study was the only alignment being studied. The Highway 40 Road Committee successfully opened up conversation with Alberta Transportation's bridge design consultant that brought forward the local perspective. This resulted in the Minister of Transportation expanding the scope of the bridge design study to include the existing bridge location.

Council strongly supports the new bridge being constructed in the existing location and are optimistic that the bridge design study, along with the Summer Village's input, will clearly show that the existing location is the best place to construct the new bridge.

Council would like to thank the Highway 40 Road Committee for their input, support and the many hours they have volunteered *and* continue to volunteer, assisting Council with creating solutions to help minimize impacts to the community.

### Highway 40 Road Committee – Seeking 1 member

When the Highway 40 Road Committee was re-established in the spring, Council appointed one councillor to serve on the Committee and 4 residents. After the municipal election in the summer, the council component on the Committee increased to 2 members when one of the committee members was elected to Council. Council expressed a desire to maintain the 4 member resident representation on the Committee and have decided that only one (1) councillor will serve on the Highway 40 Road Committee. Councillor Brian Fleming will be the Council appointee on the Committee, serving as the non-voting council liaison representative. This decision has opened up one (1) vacancy on the Committee.

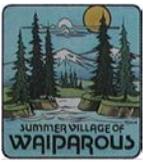
Council is inviting interested residents to submit their name to serve on the Committee. All names received by the Village Office on or before **Thursday, January 4, 2018** will be brought forward to Council for consideration of appointment. The appointment is for three (3) years).

For more information on the Highway 40 Road Committee and the Bridge Replacement Project, please [click here](#) or visit the Summer Village of Waiparous website [Waiparous.ca](http://Waiparous.ca)

### Upcoming Meetings

Hwy 40 Road Committee – January 10, 2018 7 pm – Community Services Facility, Waiparous  
Regular Council Meeting - February 20, 2018 6:15 pm – Super 8, Cochrane

*NEW: Committee & Council Minutes are posted on the website please visit [waiparous.ca](http://waiparous.ca)*



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### Garbage Bin – New Keys in the New Year

The garbage bin will continue to be accessed with the existing keys over the Christmas season. The switch to a new lock and key system will occur early in 2018. Keys will be mailed out a couple of weeks before the lock is switched over. If you are currently using the garbage bin or plan to use the garbage bin in the future and have not sent in a User Agreement, please download and send it in so that new keys can be ordered for you. Maximum 2 keys per household. [Click here](#) to download the Garbage Bin User Agreement.

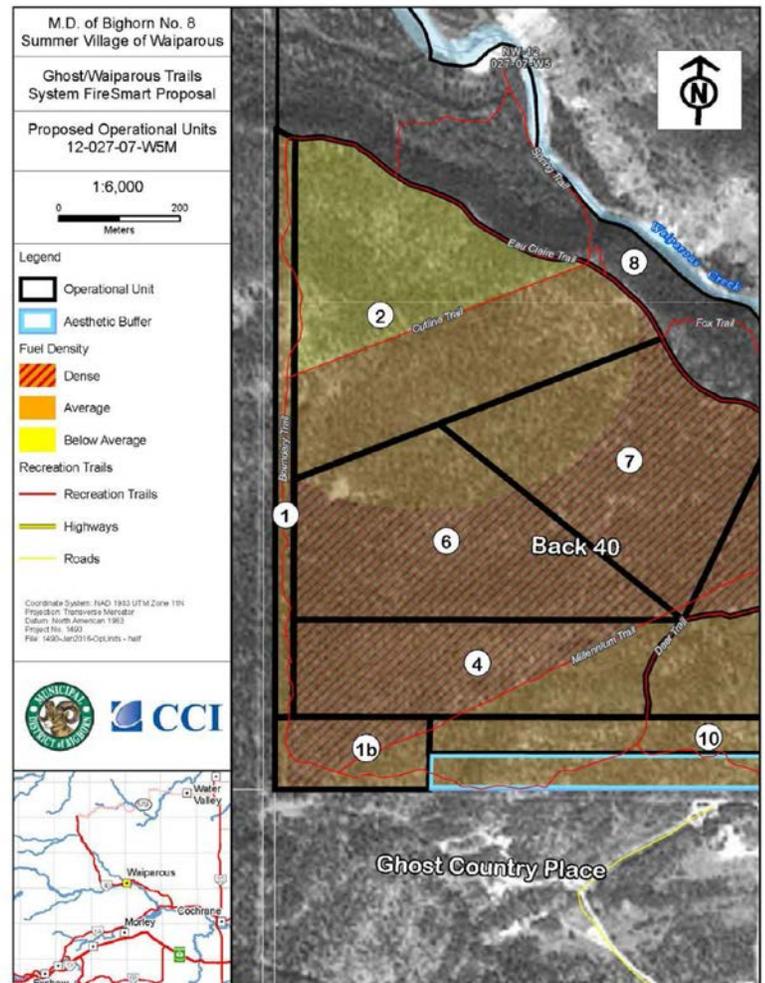
We are still noticing locks missing from the bin from time to time. Please make sure you securely place the lock back on the bin when you are finished dumping your household garbage. When a lock is missing, volunteers drive into Cochrane and place a new lock on the bin to avoid random dumping. This not only costs \$\$ for new locks but also consumes valuable volunteer time.

### Back 40 FireSmart Operations

Work is progressing on the Back 40 FireSmart operations. Additional work will occur on Area 1, including a 30 metre wide full FireSmart prescription along the east edge of Area 1 (the firebreak) and a second heavy mulcher pass of the entire firebreak to ensure all stumps are lowered, creating a smoother area for boundary trail users.

The workers have observed a large number of people entering the FireSmart Operations Area to either collect firewood or check out the work, *even when workers are falling trees and mulching. This is extremely dangerous to both the visitor and the workers.* Residents are advised to NOT enter the FireSmart Operations Area until all operations are finished. Residents will be notified when the Operations are finished. Firewood will be available for local residents after the FireSmart Operations are complete through the usual procedure of TFA and TM66 application. Wood will be cut in 14 and 16 inch lengths and bucked at various locations close to or within the FireSmart Operations area.

Reminder: There is **no work occurring on the FireSmart project on Sundays and during the Christmas break - December 24 to January 1.**



BACK 40 OPERATING UNITS