



Summer Village of Waiparous

Mini-Newsletter – January 2018

Internet Pilot Project - Update

Velocity Networks was out all day on Wednesday, January 24th, testing the new technology that they plan to deploy in Waiparous Village.

They are excited to say that testing went extremely well and they are now making plans for the next round of testing. They were able to make solid connections even in the most dense treed areas.

This next round will be full install of equipment to at least 10 homes, in the test area.

Velocity are still open to getting volunteers for new homes on their list as it is easy to add homes that are very close to existing planned install homes.

A few questions that have been asked of Velocity

Is this network secure ?

Absolutely it is, this is no different than any other network. It always pays to have your own network security at your house but these connections are the same as anywhere else in our network or any other network. There are multiple levels of security to make sure signals can not be captured and used in a malicious way.

What speeds will you be offering, and what will costs be ?

Velocity's plan is that they will offer all of their current residential packages that they have on their website www.velocitynetworks.ca. The testing they are doing is to confirm that the new tech will deliver all the same quality and speeds that they expect.

Anyone that did not email Velocity in December to say they wanted to participate are still encouraged to send Velocity an email to let them know you are interested, so that they can build the network accordingly.

Back 40 FireSmart Wood Collection

(excerpt from Information Update for Residents January 25, 2018)

FireSmart activities wrapped up in the Back 40 just before Christmas. As a result there is a lot of cut firewood available for local residents. There are numerous piles of wood along the entire west side fence of the Back 40 lease area.

As part of the Back 40 FireSmart work, it is temporarily allowed for residents to access the west side of the lease through Eau Claire Trail and Cutline Trail to collect wood. With the ground currently frozen it is a good time to pick up wood. You are requested not to go back there when conditions are wet and muddy, to limit the damage to the trails and ground. There is a lot of wood for everyone, there is no rush.



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Summarized, it is allowed to pick up firewood as long as the following items are taken into account:

- Apply for a TM66 permit online from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) at: <https://extranet.gov.ab.ca/env/treecuttingpermits/permits/>. Or you can visit a local AF office to get the TM66 permit.
- Obey the rules outlined in the TM66 permit.
- Be courteous to others and keep in mind all trails are single lane traffic.
- It is not allowed to sell wood from the Back40.
- There is an increased risk of tree blow down in the area where the Back40 FireSmart work took place. Be careful and it is recommended not to go back there on windy days.
- Pick up the firewood only when the ground is frozen and during dry conditions in the summer and fall.
- Be careful as some tree stumps or other pieces of wood might be covered under the snow.

Back 40 FireSmart Operations - Public Information Session **Saturday, February 24, 2018 10 am – noon BBQ lunch to follow**

A public information session will be held on **Saturday, February 24**, at the Waiparous Community Services Facility at 10:00 am until noon, with a BBQ lunch provided afterwards. This event will be organized by the GWTA together with the SVW FireSmart Committee. The Back40 FireSmart Operations to date will be explained in detail and there will be time for feedback and questions from the community. Please join us February 24 and you can also provide feedback to us at: gwta.ab.ca@gmail.com

Upcoming Meetings

Hwy 40 Road Committee –February 13, 2018 7 pm – Community Services Facility
Waiparous Regular Council Meeting - February 20, 2018 6:15 pm – Super 8, Cochrane
Back40 FireSmart Operations - Info Session - February 24, 2018 10 am - Community Services Facility

Reminders

The **Garbage Bin lock** will be switched to the new lock during the weekend of February 24-25. The Village Office will start mailing out keys to residents that have returned a [Garbage Bin Use Agreement](#). If you need access to the garbage bin and have not submitted a signed user Agreement, please do so soon. Once we start mailing out keys, future requests will be batched and processed once a month.

The Summer Village is seeking volunteers to serve on the following Board/Committees:

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board – 1 vacancy

Highway 40 Road Committee – 1 vacancy

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the Village Office at admin@waiparous.ca