



WAIPAROUS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

May 2018

2018 Tax Notices in the Mail on or before May 22, 2018

The tax rates have been set for 2018 and represent an increase in tax revenue of 4.33% (*actual tax increases will vary from property to property depending on assessment changes, construction*).

The school requisition from the Province went up \$3,991 from the previous year and the municipal taxes increased by \$2,536.

Please note taxes are due on JUNE 30, 2018.

There will be a 10% penalty assessed on all taxes that are received with a postmark that is after June 30th. We accept postdated cheques, so if you normally pay at the end of June, you are encouraged to mail a postdated cheque dated June 30th and we will hold your payment until that date.

How to Pay Your Taxes

1. **By mail** - send cheque to the Village Office. (must be postmarked by Canada Post) on or before June 30th)
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 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
5. **E-Transfer** – use finance@waiparous.ca when making an e-transfer, also include your tax roll number. Check with your bank for instructions and fees for e-transfers

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.

If you have not received your Tax Notice in the mail by May 29th, please contact the Village Office.

The Village Office Has A **NEW**



Phone Number
403-510-8083

Effective immediately please use the NEW phone number when calling the Village Office. The old phone number is still in service, but callers will be directed to call the office at 403-510-8083.

Council Meeting

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on
Tuesday June 12, 2018

The meeting will commence at **6:00 pm** and will be held at the Summer Village of Waiparous Community Services Facility.

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

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Mayor Matt Sundal Deputy Mayor Brian Fleming Councillor Sharon MacDonald
RCMP, Ambulance: 911 Forest Fires: 310-FIRE (3473) toll free -or- Telus Mobility cell phone dial #3473

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.

Annual Meeting & Picnic



July 21st

The Village Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, July 21, 2018** 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. Find out what is happening in your community.

If there are any specific items you would like Council to address at the Annual Meeting, please submit in writing, 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

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 Gerton Molenaar and Cam Hehn for organizing the Annual Picnic event this year.** Starting in June, they will be signing up volunteers to help with the usual roles for the picnic.

Watch for more information to follow....

Community wide Woodchipping – July 25

Last year's woodchipping project was again 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 21st to 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**

This is a great opportunity to start (or expand) 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 fluorescent orange surveyor tape on one of the branches, clearly visible from the road, and the operators will then 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.

Municipal Development Plan

Work will be starting soon creating The Summer Village's Municipal Development Plan. Birch Consulting has been engaged to create the Plan. We are still looking for 2-3 residents that are interested in volunteering for the Ad-Hoc Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee has two main functions.

First, to serve as a liaison between the community and the consultant/project, discussing ideas and potential policies with the community and obtaining feedback to bring back to meetings.

Second, to use its knowledge of the community to guide policy development and to make choices between policy options.

There will be four scheduled meetings between June 2018 and February 2019 with the consultant, although the Committee may meet on its own as necessary to discuss ideas or review documents.

The first meeting will be introductory in nature, to determine some of the key issues to be addressed in the MDP and to decide on the public consultation method (workshop or survey).

The second meeting will be to review the input received through the public consultation and to make key policy decisions based on that input.

The third meeting will be to discuss the draft MDP document that has been prepared by the consultant and provide feedback on it, and to prepare for the open house.

The fourth meeting will be to review the input received at the open house and help revise the draft MDP as necessary before it goes to Council.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact the Village Office by Friday June 8th.

Seniors Week June 3rd – 9th

Seniors make a difference in our community every day. From supporting neighbours and volunteering, seniors are deeply involved in the community and their contributions benefit Villagers of all ages. *Take time to thank our Seniors!*

Fire Pit Inspections this year

Current Fire Pit Certifications are expiring October 31, 2018. **The Village's Fire Guardian, Joleen Molenaar** will be inspecting ALL firepits in the Village for compliance and safety.

INSPECTION DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Firepits must meet the regulations as set out in the Fire Bylaw. For details on fire pit specifications

please review the fire bylaw on the Village website www.waiparous.ca or contact the Village Office.



Keep up-to-date on Fire Bans

Visit www.Albertafirebans.ca for up to date information on fire bans in Waiparous and across

Alberta. There is a new app available for smartphones. Look for Alberta FireBans with this logo to download and set up notifications.

Rural Crime Watch

Representatives from the Rural Crime Watch will be presenting an info session in Waiparous in June. Memberships will also be available for purchase that day. Watch the Website and Notice Board for Dates once they are confirmed.

The Ghost Valley group is also holding a Crime Watch information session on May 26 – everyone is invited

Come and join us for a morning of information!

RURAL CRIME PREVENTION

May 26, 2018 – 9:30 – 12:00 Noon

What can you do? What is being done in your community? Come out to hear from the RCMP and from Fish and Wildlife what is being done to reduce crime in our community.

Who will attend:

▲ **RCMP** – Sargent Tom Kalis, Cochrane Crime Prevention Unit

- What it is
- What it does
- Why it works

▲ **FISH AND WILDLIFE** – Officer Matthew Visentin, Cochrane-Canmore District

- What has changed
- What is the same
- What is the plan for the area

▲ **RURAL CRIME WATCH** – Cochrane Foothills Protective Association

- Available to answer questions
- Information on the Rural Crime Watch Program

Location: Beupre Community Hall, 263035 Beupre Creek Road
 Contact: Sharon MacDonald – GhostValleyCommunity@gmail.com
 In partnership with Beupre Community Association & Ghost Valley Community

Summer Student Program

The Village has decided not to proceed with the Summer Student Program this year. The decision was made to see how the new Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines related to young workers, new requirements for supervision, and uncertainty around pending legislation will impact the

effectiveness and overall cost of the program. We plan to revisit the program again next year.

Reminders:

False Alarms

If you have a security monitoring system and a Fire Department is called out – costs associated with responding to a false alarm will be billed back to the property owner.

Landlords

Please ensure that your tenants are aware of the Village rules and regulations. Also ask them to register with the Village Office, their phone numbers for the Emergency Broadcast Service and their emails to receive Village news.

Fire Insurance

Reminder - if there is a fire on your property and fire trucks are called in to respond to the fire, Council may forward the cost of fire fighting to you. Please check with your fire insurance provider to determine if you have adequate coverage. Cost of fire fighting can add up to thousands of dollars – please make sure you are adequately protected.

EMERGENCY: AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE, HAZARDOUS GOODS	911
NEAREST TOWN	Cochrane
RCMP – non-emergency	403 932 2211
NEAREST HOSPITALS (24 hr)	403 944 1110 (Foothills Calgary) 403 678 5536 (Canmore)
AIR & AMBULANCE LINK & STARS	1 888 888 4567 or *4567 on cell
ALTA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY	1 866 618 2362 403 2976470 403 815 9665
ERCB (oil & gas related incidents only)	403 297-8303
REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY – CALGARY	403 943 8060
POISON CONTROL	1 800 332 1414
FOREST FIRE	310 FIRE (3473)
RECEPTION EVACUATION CENTRE – BEUPRE HALL	403 932 5497
OILSPILL CO-OP AREA	1 866 541 8888 403 203 3366
COCHRANE LAKE GAS COOP	403 932 2707
FORTIS TROUBLE	1 855 333 9473
ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES	1 800 222 6515

Scouts Service Project

You might notice a group of Scouts working by the river this summer. They are working on a service project towards their Queen's Venturer Award and will be cleaning up and disposing of a number of old, unused pumps and assorted hoses ect. from the river bank. Their work will help clean up our beautiful environment. The areas they will be working in will be flagged by June 30th.

If you have any questions, contact the Village Office.

Ghost Waiparous Trails

A couple of reminders...

- 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.
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times in the Back 40.

Dog Control Bylaw

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times when off the dog owner's property. Leashes shall not be greater than 2 metres in length
- Dogs shall not attack, threaten or create a reasonable apprehension of a threat to a person or domestic animal
- Dogs shall not chase motor vehicles, bicycles or a person walking or running
- Dogs shall not bark, howl or disturb the quiet of other persons.
- Dogs shall not defecate on public property unless it is immediately removed by the dog owner
- No person shall harbor and care for more than TWO dogs for a period in excess of five days in duration except puppies under the age of 9 weeks. *(this exception does not constitute permission to operate a dog kennel)*

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

Coexisting with Wildlife

Spring marks the end of hibernation for bears and increased activity of wildlife with their young. Take the time to check in on your activities to ensure you are not enticing bears and other predatory wildlife into your yard.

- Store your garbage in bear proof containers or buildings. It's not just the food in the garbage that acts as an attractant to bears. Anything a bear associates with food, a mate or a cub in distress is considered an attractant including human and pet food, empty drink containers, cosmetics, disposable diapers.
- Pick up berries and fruit that may have fallen on the ground last fall.
- Consider indoor composting (worms or electric composters)
- Take in your bird feeders for the summer.
- Store pet food indoors and bring pet food dishes in overnight.
- Never leave food out for wildlife
- Plant non-fruit bearing trees and shrubs when landscaping

Get to know your neighbours

The faces in the village have changed quite a bit over the past few years and many residents do not know their neighbours.

There are great advantages in getting to know your neighbours:

- Ensuring a safer community by keeping an eye out for one another;
- Helping each other in times of emergency or extreme weather events,
- Letting each other know when damages have occurred to their property ie. broken windows, fallen trees.

Exchange phone numbers and email addresses with your neighbours and help look out for each other. This is especially helpful for part time residents who are not at their cabin regularly.