

## Meadowlark Lane Extension Update

The Meadowlark Lane Extension is almost complete, the only thing left for the contractor to do is remove the two trees in the turnaround which will be completed Friday. While we were hoping to be able to save these trees, during the construction it became clear the roots were very shallow and were damaged and exposed during the excavation. It was recommended that the trees be removed as the danger of them falling in a windstorm is high due to the root structure and the overall age and health of the tree. In the spring we will plant a new tree or two in their place and will be applying grass seed to the dirt areas along the road where needed. We will also be applying gravel to the East LOC parking area in the spring to designate parking and keep people from parking on the road.

The Village was able to utilize the topsoil that was stripped from the construction site. Topsoil was placed around the Community Building to fill in areas and create flat space around the building. Topsoil was also placed in the Utility Right of Way on the north side of the picnic grounds. In the spring, some seeding will be done in these areas as needed and trail repairs where required will be completed.

Thank you to everyone for your patience during the construction.

## Land Use Bylaw Update

The Land Use Bylaw is being updated in 2022/2023. The Land Use Bylaw controls and regulates what can and cannot occur on a parcel of land and how buildings can be placed and constructed on a parcel. It also outlines number and size of buildings permitted, additional requirements when developing as well as what activities can occur on parcels. The new Land Use Bylaw will include important requirements for developing in a FireSmart community and will ensure the policies from the Municipal Development Plan are implemented. The current Land Use Bylaw was completed in 1997.

The Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan can be found on the website under Administration - Bylaws, Policies and Plans.

Do you have feedback on the current Land Use Bylaw? Is anything missing? What should be changed? Email Suzanne with any feedback you have at this stage.

There will be formal feedback opportunities as the Land Use Bylaw is updated.

# SUMMER VILLAGE OF WAIPAROUS 2022 FALL NEWSLETTER

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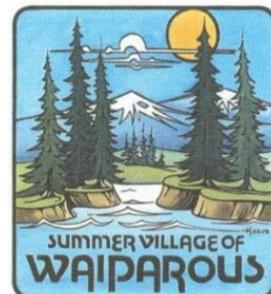


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## Did You Lose a Key?

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A car key was found at the end of the summer at the Ghost River by the Big Rock. If this key is your please contact Michael Parker to claim it.



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## Canada Post Survey

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Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey on Canada Post delivery to the Village. 49 people responded to the survey. 41 of the respondents are permanent residents and 8 are part time residents. 43 respondents are in favor of having Canada Post deliver to the Village, 3 respondents were not in favor and 3 responded maybe.

A few respondents asked about if taxes will be impacted or will there be a cost to residents? - Taxes will not be impacted. Cost to residents would be a box rental fee if you choose to keep your mailbox in Cochrane and any mail forwarding fee if the Village gets mail service.

There is no guarantee of Postal Service in the Village, but a request to Canada Post that they create a postal code for the Summer Village of Waiparous and provide mail service to the Village has been submitted. Any further information will be provided as it is received.

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## FireSmart in the Village

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The Village has received two FRIAA grants to continue to provide important FireSmart work. These grants will be used to update the Fire Bylaw and to hold a tabletop exercise to test and update the Village's Emergency Management Plan. The update of the Fire Bylaw will be completed in parallel to the Land Use Bylaw Update to ensure they align. A tabletop exercise for the Emergency Management Plan is being held November 20. Any outcomes from the exercise will be used to update the Emergency Plan for the Village.

The Village is also applying for another FRIAA grant to continue the FireSmart Home Assessments. Stay tuned for information on how to get your home assessed if the grant is received.

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## Winter Plowing & Gravel Bins

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Winter is here! Please ensure that any items you may have on the ground at the end of your driveway or in front of your gate are picked up for the winter to avoid them being damaged by snowplows.

Gravel Bins - There are a number of gravel bins throughout the Village. This gravel is to be used for public roads and is not intended for use on private properties. If you notice ice build up on the road sprinkle gravel over the area. If the bins are empty, please let Suzanne know,

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## Spruce Bud Worm

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You may have noticed there was an increase in Spruce Budworms this year in the Summer Village of Waiparous. An increase in caterpillars and silky threads on spruce trees in late spring and an increase in moths in late summer was noted.

The Village has been in contact with Alberta Forestry to discuss the Spruce Budworms and any actions that should be taken.

Spruce Budworms are native to Alberta and while they are a pest, they also are ecologically important for forest regeneration. Long term (5-7 years) of major infestations can kill spruce trees as they feed on the tree's new growth. Alberta Forestry has been monitoring Spruce Budworms in the Calgary Forest Area for several years. They have seen a decrease in some areas and an increase in others. While there was an increase in Waiparous this year, they believe it was a minor infestation that they say occurs approximately every 20 years as a natural cycle. They will continue to monitor and will be doing counts in the spring in the Village.

The Village will continue to consult with Alberta Forestry on the Spruce Budworms in the Village and if the infestation is deemed major, treatment options will be discussed with the MD of Big Horn and Alberta Forestry.

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## Real Property Reports

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Have you had a real property report completed on your property in the last 10 years? If you have, can you email a copy for the Village records to Suzanne?

# Emergency Preparedness

In the event of an emergency, it is recommended that everyone be capable of looking after themselves for 72 hrs. (3 days). Regardless of the type of emergency (power outage, snowstorm, wild land fire, etc.) and whether you are evacuating or sheltering in place this represents a reasonable amount of time for emergency services to be able to reach you and provide extended aid.

The following list represents a basic 72 hr. kit and is a starting point. Please add items based upon you and your families' specific needs and concerns.

## Food and water

- Four liters of water per person per day.
- A three-day supply of food per person. Food that doesn't require cooking and won't spoil such as granola and protein bars, trail mix, dried fruit, jerky, chocolate, etc.
- Canned food. (Ensure you have a manual can opener and equipment to cook with).

## Equipment and Tools

- Backpack/duffle bag or other container for each person and their personal items.
- First Aid kit.
- Flashlight, lantern, headlamp (wind-up or battery-powered) and spare batteries.
- Cell phone, charging cord, power pack.
- AM/FM Radio (wind-up or battery-powered) and spare batteries.
- Candles, lighter, waterproof/strike-anywhere matches.
- Local maps.
- Whistle or air horn.
- Pens/pencils/permanent marker and note pad.
- Duct tape and glue.
- Pocket knife or multitool.
- Wrench/pliers
- Fire extinguisher
- Cooking and eating utensils.
- Change of clothes, spare socks and sturdy shoes. Cold weather/ rain clothing (think layering)
- Sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, and sleeping pads/mattresses.
- Plastic garbage bags and/or plastic sheeting.

## Personal Hygiene and Sanitation

- Toiletries.
- Cleaning supplies (Alcohol and hand sanitizer).
- Toilet paper.
- Bleach (multi use item from purifying water to cleaning)
- Feminine supplies.

## Special needs items

- Infant needs (diapers, formula, bottles, etc.).
- Books, cards, games, etc.
- Prescription medicines.
- Extra pair of prescription glasses or contact lenses.
- Pet food, supplies and extra water.

## Personal documents and items

- Emergency contact information.
- Extra set of house and car keys.
- Cash in smaller denominations and credit card.
- Copies of important documents like passports, birth certificates and insurance policies.



# The Cougar Coexistence Project

The Exposed Wildlife Conservancy is a non-profit organization based in Alberta. They advocate for the fair and ethical treatment of apex predators and look to provide science-based solutions to solve the most pressing wildlife management challenges facing us today.

Communities residing on the urban wildlife interface live in coexistence with animals daily, this includes apex predators such as cougars. Outside of national and provincial parks in Alberta, there is minimal information available on how to safely avoid and manage cougar-human conflicts. The Cougar Coexistence Project will provide communities coexisting with cougars with the education, support, and resources needed to be proactive in reducing cougar-human conflicts.

The goals with this project are to:

1. Support communities coexisting with cougars by offering a solution-based and proactive approach to reducing conflict and increasing tolerance at the wildland-urban interface, using the best available science.
2. Provide educational opportunities regarding cougar coexistence throughout the backcountry and Public Land Use Zones trails where cougars are known to live. These educational opportunities include putting up signage and conducting public outreach.
3. To reduce cougar-human conflicts that can result in harm to people and often lead to the death of cougars and the corresponding detrimental effects on the ecosystem.

This project will encompass research, setting up trail cameras, conducting public outreach, and putting up informational signage in communities, trails and in the backcountry. They are looking for residents interested in having a trail camera installed on their property.

Exposed Wildlife Conservancy is grateful to have the support of the Summer Village of Waiparous and looks forward to launching the Cougar Coexistence Project in the community. In order to conduct this project to the best of their ability, they are asking residents of the Village of Waiparous and surrounding areas to fill out a short online survey. This survey will provide them with meaningful, relevant, and valuable information in regard to coexisting with wildlife and aid them in developing appropriate wildlife management solutions that fit the community's needs.

Survey Link: <https://bit.ly/3DTvPoT>

If you have any comments or questions regarding the Cougar Coexistence Project or would like to help by having a trail camera installed on your property, please contact the Exposed team directly at [info@exposedwc.org](mailto:info@exposedwc.org).

Cougar Coexistence Project Giving Tuesday Campaign - Seeking donations to raise \$5,000 which go towards purchasing additional trail cameras to track the behavior and movements of cougars as well as developing informational signage and outreach materials for your community and trail users. If you are interested in helping us reach our financial goal, please Donate here: <https://bit.ly/3slauYN>

