

## Government of Alberta Surveys

The Government of Alberta is gathering feedback from the public and stakeholders to inform potential legislative changes related to councillor accountability in the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* and changes to the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)*. The potential changes are intended to improve accountability and maintain public trust in local elections and elected officials in Alberta municipalities. You are invited to share your perspectives on the potential changes through the online survey, which will be open from November 7, 2023 to December 6, 2023.

The *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* survey focuses on six areas related to councillor accountability:

1. Councillor training
2. Allowing council to meet in private
3. Disqualification rules for councillors
4. Minister's authority to remove a councillor
5. Changes to recall legislation
6. Clarify conflicts of interest

To provide your feedback, please follow this link: [https://your.alberta.ca/councillor-accountability-laea/survey\\_tools/mga](https://your.alberta.ca/councillor-accountability-laea/survey_tools/mga)

The *LAEA* survey focuses on five main areas:

1. Voter eligibility
2. Voter list
3. Political parties
4. Advance voting
5. Runoff elections for Chief Elected Officials

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## Upcoming Events

**Monday, December 4** – FireSmarting begins in Southwest portion of the Village.

**Thursday, December 7** – Bylaw 157-23 Land Use Bylaw Public Hearing – Cochrane Super 8 6pm.

**Tuesday, December 12** – The Crossing Community Christmas Party – RSVP by December 2.

## Fortis in the Summer Village

Fortis will be doing vegetation management of their lines through the Village and surrounding area over the next 18 months. You may receive notification or see Fortis employees inspecting lines and flagging vegetation over the next few months. They also may contact you if a tree on your property is impacting or could potentially impact powerlines. Once inspections have been completed vegetation management will be planned. It is anticipated that the vegetation management will be completed in 2024. Fortis does not maintain lines that feed individual residents, this is the residents responsibility. Residents will be notified when Fortis plans to be in the Village removing vegetation.

## SUMMER VILLAGE OF WAIPAROUS FALL NEWSLETTER

## Donation Received

Amy Fahlman's family has provided a donation of \$100 to the Village as a thank you for the assistance given during the search for Amy in October. The money will be used to offset costs of the Community Picnic in July of 2024. Thank you to everyone who helped the Fahlman family.

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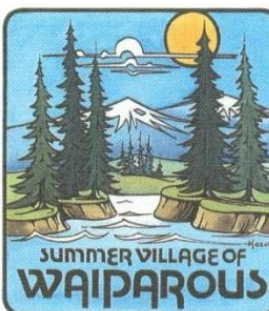


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## The Crossing Community Christmas Party

RSVP by December 2 to  
[info@crossingexperience.ca](mailto:info@crossingexperience.ca)



The Summer Village of Waiparous is using a new product to inform residents in emergency situations - **Voyent Alert!**

Sign-up is easy and you can choose to receive alerts from the Summer Village of Waiparous as well as the MD of Big Horn (highly recommended) and any other community that you would like who uses Voyent Alert! You can receive the alerts via text, email or phone call.

**We will be using Voyent Alert! system as our community alert system in the event of an emergency.**

Register at <https://voyent-alert.com/ca/community/> and send the link to family and friends who would like to sign up for alerts. As part of this program, we also have the ability to share non-emergency information such as fire ban status changes and community events, you can opt out of receiving these non-emergency alerts once you sign up. If you have any questions, please reach out to Suzanne.

## Garbage Bin

Please ensure that all your garbage goes into the bin, do not leave anything outside the bin and make sure you relock the bin in such a way the lid cannot be open without unlocking the bin.

The Garbage Bin is for household garbage only. All recyclables can be taken to the Cochrane Eco Centre. Furniture, renovation materials and other household items can be donated to Home Treasures or Home Reno Heaven in Cochrane.

## Land Use Bylaw Update

Land Use Bylaw 157-23 was given first reading on September 25 and a Public Hearing was held October 14. At the Public Hearing, a number of concerns and recommended changes and clarifications were presented. As a result, a number of changes have been made to the proposed bylaw and a second Public Hearing has been scheduled.



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WAIPAROUS  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
  
**PROPOSED LAND USE BYLAW 157-23**  
**6:00 p.m. Thursday December 7, 2023**  
**Cochrane Super 8**  
**11 Westside Drive, Cochrane, Alberta**

**PURSUANT** to the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 of the Statutes of Alberta, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Summer Village of Waiparous will hold a Public Hearing on December 7 at 6:00pm prior to second reading of proposed Land Use Bylaw 157-23.

**THE PURPOSE** of proposed Land Use Bylaw 157-23 is to replace the current Land Use Bylaw 53-97 in its entirety, including all amendments.

**THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT** a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Land Use Bylaw 157-23 will be held at the **Cochrane Super 8 (11 Westside Drive, Cochrane, Alberta)** at 6:00pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT** at the Public Hearing, Council will hear any person or groups of persons acting on their behalf who are affected by the proposed Land Use Bylaw 157-23.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT** any written submissions for the Public Hearing must be submitted to the Chief Administrative Officer on or before 4:30pm on Thursday December 7, 2023.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT** both written and verbal presentations may be given at the Public Hearing.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT** a copy of the proposed Land Use Bylaw 157-23 can be viewed online on the Summer Village of Waiparous website at [www.waiparous.ca](http://www.waiparous.ca).

**DATED** at the Town of Cochrane in the Province of Alberta this 20th day of November 2023.

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## FireSmart in the Village

The Village has received FRIAA grants to continue to provide important FireSmart work. We have funding to complete Advanced Home Assessments for Residents, funds to update the Wildfire Preparedness Guide & Mitigation Strategy and funds to complete Vegetation Management in the Southwest portion of the Village.

**Advanced Home Assessments** - This program is a voluntary property assessment program for residents looking to determine and mitigate their home and property's risk to wildfire. The Advanced Home Assessment is conducted by a formally trained assessor. The assessor will visit the property with the resident and review key areas within the home ignition zones. The assessment will highlight areas of risk and provide specific recommendations of actions and upgrades residents can take to increase their property's resilience to wildfire. The assessor will provide a comprehensive report once the assessment is complete, which is sent *only* to the homeowner. Recommendations from the Home Assessments may include longer-term strategies such as installing fire-rated roofing material, as well as simple and short-term strategies such as cleaning up flammable debris (pine needles, leaves, etc.) against the side of your home. Many of these recommendations are a direct result of observations made during historical wildfires, or research projects conducted to test the resiliency of homes during a wildfire. The recommendations from the report are not mandatory for homeowners, they are meant to help homeowners increase the resiliency of their homes to a wildfire if a homeowner chooses to do so.

If you are interested in having a Free FireSmart Advanced Home Assessment completed on your property, please contact Josh Hoddinott [josh@forestmgmt.ca](mailto:josh@forestmgmt.ca).

## FireSmart in the Village

**Wildfire Preparedness Guide & Mitigation Strategy** – These documents were last updated in 2018 and it is recommended they be updated every 5 years. A review and update of the wildfire hazard assessment, a review of FireSmart mitigation accomplishments and setting of new FireSmart implementation priorities for the next 3 to 5-year period will be completed. An updated Wildfire Preparedness Guide will also be completed as part of this project.

**Vegetation Management** – Funding for completion of vegetation management in the southwest portion of the Village has been received and Alpine Precision Tree Services will be completing the work. They plan to start on Monday, December 4. They will be utilizing the Community Building parking lot for equipment storage and the Community Building for washroom access during their work. They will be piling the debris and burning the piles as weather conditions permit. Please give the contractor space to work and obey all signs and directions of the contractor while the work is being completed. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne. Below is a map of the areas work is being completed in (green areas):



## FireSmart Committee Update

### FireSmart Workshop – September 23, 2023

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> the Summer Village of Waiparous conducted a FireSmart Workshop where residents were invited to listen to presentations involving FireSmart and Wildfire safety/preparedness. Presenters included Laura Stewart, FireSmart Alberta; Josh Hoddinott, HFM Consulting; Troy Milledge, Alberta Wildfire; Steve Kerr, FORTIS, and Matt Sundal, Mayor. After the presentations, a BBQ was held for the attendees and HFM consulting provided updates on the upcoming FireSmart activities in the community (including vegetation management and FireSmart planning).

About 40 people were in attendance for this great information sharing event!



Watch for information on our Wildfire Community Preparedness Day in May 2024!

## Cougar Co-Existence Project Update

Earlier this year, the [Exposed Wildlife Conservancy](#), a part of its Cougar Coexistence Project, asked you to share your experiences living and recreating with cougars. Your feedback provided the Conservancy with meaningful, relevant, and valuable information in regards to coexisting with wildlife and has resulted in the development of the [Cougar Series](#).

Introducing the Cougar Series, the Conservancy's next step towards offering your community tailored, accessible, and practical resources, and educational programs centered around wildlife coexistence! The [Cougar Series](#) is a great place where you can learn about cougar ecology, biology and behaviours, how to coexist with them on trails or at home, and much more.

Here is a preview of some interesting information about the elusive and solitary cougar that you will find in the Cougar Series:

- Cougars, also known as mountain lions, pumas, panthers, or catamounts in various parts of the world, are solitary animals and are one of the least aggressive of all of the world's large cats. In fact, cougars prefer to remain hidden from sight, avoid people as much as possible, and do not view humans as prey.
- Prey availability is among the most critical factors for the presence of cougars in any given area, with deer being their preferred prey. If their prey is migratory, the cougars will follow them.
- Cougars are both nocturnal and crepuscular. This means that cougars are most active (i.e. hunting) between the hours of twilight, dusk, and dawn and prefer to sleep during the day. However, in west-central Alberta, they have been observed hunting in the day, usually late afternoon and evening. Cougars are stealthy hunters who stalk their prey until they are close enough to attack. They do not hunt from trees and rarely sit and wait for prey.
- Unlike other big cats, cougars lack the specialized larynx and hyoid bone that other big cats have, which prevents them from roaring. Instead, cougars can purr and emit screams or high-pitched birdlike chirps which are often used by cougar mothers to attract the attention of their cubs.

Are you looking to learn more about cougars and find out how you can keep yourself, your family, your children and pets safer at home and on the trails? Check out the relevant Cougar Series topics [here](#) for information and strategies on how to coexist with cougars at home and [here](#) for coexisting with cougars on the trails.

Exposed Wildlife Conservancy is grateful to have the support of your community for its [Cougar Coexistence Project](#). We hope the [Cougar Series](#) helps you prevent cougar conflicts and feel more prepared if an encounter does occur.

If you have any questions about the Cougar Series, the Cougar Coexistence Project, or the Conservancy's work promoting responsible and proactive wildlife conservation and coexistence, please contact the team at [info@exposedwc.org](mailto:info@exposedwc.org).

### Links

Cougar Series: <https://www.exposedwildlifeconservancy.org/knowledge-base/cougars>

Cougar Coexistence Project: <https://www.exposedwildlifeconservancy.org/projects/cougar-coexistence>

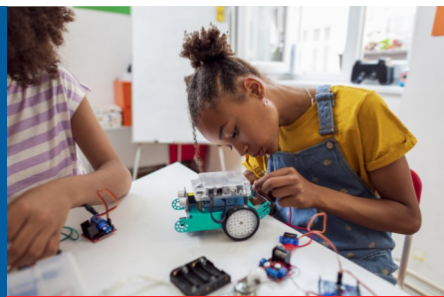
Living with Cougars Chapter: <https://www.exposedwildlifeconservancy.org/chapter/3-living-with-cougars>

Recreating with Cougars Chapter: <https://www.exposedwildlifeconservancy.org/chapter/4-recreating-with-cougars>





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