

SUMMER VILLAGE of PARKLAND BEACH
ANNUAL RATEPAYERS' MEETING

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Virtual Meeting - ZOOM Webinar Format

Present at Summer Village Office: Mayor Blair Morton, Councillor Marc Mousseau, CAO Kathy Whiteside (Absent: Councillor Kelly Wurmlinger)

Panelists Via Video Conference: Dennis Jones, Natasha Wright, Heather Moon

Attendees Via Video Conference: Ron Mattison, Darcy Robinson, Susan Grimm, Jim Rea, Kent Beakley, Kayden Robinson, Laurie Champagne, Paula Wilkins, Pat & Wayne Deschamps, (10)

- 1) Welcome & Introductions – Mayor Blair Morton
- 2) Instructions for Participation – Moderator (Heather Moon)
- 3) RCMP Update – 10 min. – Sgt Pierre St-Cyr was not available
- 4) Fire Services Report – Dennis Jones, Regional Fire Chief
 - a) Stats and overview of service area. 56 calls to the end of July for west area. 2 of those for Parkland Beach. Calls are lower due to the pandemic.
 - b) Presentation to Council was reviewed. Designated fireworks area is a good, pro-active move, to cut down on illegal use of consumer-grade products. Fireworks Permits are cc'd to the Summer Village office.
 - c) Public education is in development regarding home / business alarm use and maintenance, to prevent unnecessary calls (nuisance alarms). Fire prevention week is also coming soon.
 - d) West district fire hall will soon receive a new fire engine / rescue unit. New vehicle extrication tools are also on order.
 - e) Pandemic update: zero active cases of COVID-19 in Ponoka County.
 - f) Volunteer firefighters: there are 27 at each hall (west & east). This is a record number. Fire cadet program in schools is helping. Training for volunteers is at the same level as a city.
 - g) Thank you for the local support, and anyone may contact the fire department at any time with questions or concerns.
 - i) Q from Attendee: Where can we get fire extinguisher certification? Advanced Fire & Safety Systems and Centratch Technical Services are two local companies.
 - ii) Fire Chief A: At minimum, do your own regular checks by turning them upside down and tapping the bottom to keep it loose, and checking the gauge.

- 5) Parkland Beach Strategic Plan – Natasha Wright, PCPS Planner
 - a) See PowerPoint
 - i) Q from Attendee: Can you expand on the internet infrastructure comment?
 - ii) Mayor’s Response: This is in the Mayor’s Report, so we will discuss it there.
 - iii) Q from Attendee: Were there any considerations given to expanding waste collection to include recycling and / or organic?
 - iv) Council Response: The cost would need to be considered. There is some recycling service available at a depot in Rimbeby. (Susan Grimm offered to help with resource information)

- 6) Employee & Volunteer Appreciation – Mayor
 - a) Volunteer Groups:
 - i) Citizens on Patrol (COPS - Gull Lake North); Laurence Rooney, president
 - ii) Annual Reserves Clean-up; Wayne & Pat Deschamps
 - iii) Friends of the Lake Front (FOLF); Paula Wilkins, president
 - iv) Westlake Society (working with FOLF)
 - v) Parkland Beach Marina Association; Bert Miller, president
 - vi) Gull Lake Watershed Society; Paul Anderson, president
 - b) Employees:
 - i) Kathy Whiteside; CAO (full time) 3 years
 - ii) Gary Hargest; Public Works Foreman (seasonal) 17 years
 - iii) Jada Holtkamp; 2020 summer student – 3rd year
 - iv) Kayden Robinson; 2020 summer student – 1st year

- 7) Mayor’s Report –
 - a) Written Report attached

- 8) Q & A
 - a) Questions were submitted by attendees. Topics included:
 - i) Cost of beach maintenance and cost-sharing with Ponoka County
 - ii) Golf cart use and new Traffic Bylaw
 - iii) New technology in place for online access to Council meetings