

Spring Newsletter

Message From The Mayor

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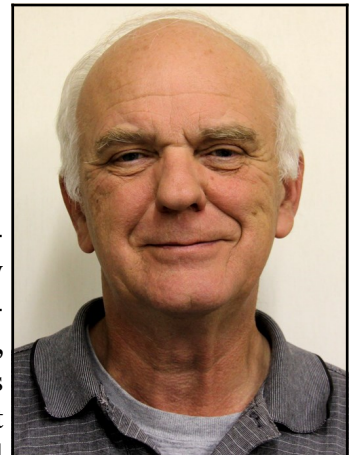
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Special points of interest:

- Mayor’s Message.
- Annual Open House Saturday, July 15th, 2017, 10:00 AM at the New Boyle Seniors Center. Nomination Day is on the same date.
- 2017 is an Election Year and the Advance Poll is Saturday August 5th, 2017.
- Election Day is Saturday August 12th, 2017.
- Additional Information will be placed on the Summer Village Website as we approach Election Dates.

SPRING AT LAST:

Greetings and well wishes from your Council of the Summer Village of Bondiss. It would appear that Spring has arrived and we look forward to another great year at Skeleton Lake.



Peter Golanski

ELECTION YEAR 2017:

It is an election year for Alberta municipalities, an opportunity for you to send a message to your elected officials by voting at the polls. At our most recent regular council meeting the date Nomination Day was set at **Saturday, July 15th, 2017**, which is also the date scheduled for our 2017 Bondiss Annual Information Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Boyle Seniors Center and will run from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon that day. Nominations will close at 12:00 noon.

If you wish to serve the Community by running for Council you should contact C.A.O. Ed Tomaszuk prior to the meeting date to get your nomination papers so that you can have them signed by five electors in plenty of time.

Election Day is set by law to be four weeks following close of nominations; as a consequence, this year the election (if necessary) will take place on **Saturday, August 12th, 2017**, once again at the Summer Village of Bondiss. There will also be an **Advance Poll** one week prior to election day, namely **Saturday, August 5th, 2017** for a period of four hours. Further details will be available at the meeting and on the notice board at the entrance to the Summer Village.

There are identification requirements, all voters will be required to complete (and sign) a statement of eligibility in front of the returning officer. Most identification issues can likely be resolved by producing a valid Alberta operator’s licence, but if in doubt feel free to contact our summer village administrator, who will provide answers for your particular situation.

Rates of Taxation have been addressed by council, we have implemented a \$450.00 per annum minimum property tax on each residential lot, in addition there is a Special Road Levy of \$110.00 per property. These changes resulted in 129 residents having their taxes increased and 74 having a decrease. The average increase is \$21.65. The Municipal Milrate is 2.3250 a slight decrease from last year. Having said that, we are pleased to say we are doing fairly well financially: monies have been budgeted for continuing road maintenance and improvements.

Mayors Message

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We continue to look to improve the signage within the SV to allow for better accessibility for emergency vehicles such as ambulance, police and fire. This improved signage will allow for quicker response in the future.

We have provided financial support to SLSA as they have completed some significant work and are close to reaching a solution to allow for growth of Skeleton Lake rather than the continual decline of water levels. Without a fully sustainable lake we all will suffer now and in the future. A healthy Lake provides continuous enjoyment for our generation and future generations.

We have also committed to providing financial support for the building of a playground at Heritage Park. This commitment is in support of the recreation committees' request for assistance. Again this we believe is in the best interests of a healthy community and will allow for our generation and future generations a park to be better utilized.

In keeping with continuous improvement within the SV of Bondiss we will be looking to you the homeowners for ideas for the future needs of the Village. As such at our open house this year we will be asking for each attendee to bring forward the one issue or concern that you believe Council should be addressing.

FREE HAZARDOUS FUEL DISPOSAL WEEKEND:

Athabasca County, in cooperation with the Athabasca Regional Waste Management Services Commission (ARWMSC); will be conducting a FireSmart project again this May to help property owners with their FireSmart spring clean-up.

The project will include the “**Free Hazardous Fuel Disposal Weekend**”; all waste transfer sites will waive the fees to ratepayers for disposal of waste brush and trees during the long weekend in May. This program has been a very cost effective way of encouraging FireSmart practices. We will offer the free FireSmart week from May 19th to 29th as we have done in years past around the May long weekend holiday.

Advertisements will be placed in the Athabasca Advocate prior to the May long weekend. As in past years, ARWMSC will invoice the County for the entire program. The County will invoice each Summer Village with their share.

A new Provincial law mandating helmets for riders on off-highway vehicles comes into effect on May 15. The Law applies to riders on public land, meaning Crown land, public roadways and highway rights-of-way.

Have an enjoyable Summer!!! (And please lets make it enjoyable for all your neighbors)

Best Regards,
Peter Golanski

Annual Open House 2017

The Summer Village Annual Open House will be held on **Saturday, July 15th, 2017, commencing at 10:00 AM tentatively** at the New Boyle Seniors Center.

Date: Saturday, July 15th, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: New Boyle Seniors Center

Should you require any additional information in relation to the open house please contact 780-675-9270.