

HAMLET OF SUNSET VIEW BEACH NEWSLETTER 2019

*The April wind is brisk as we start this year's newsletter and as such, the giant ice cube we call Turtle Lake is keeping the snow around longer than in the urban areas. This is no April Fool's joke; the snow is falling like an epic January blizzard but have faith, flip flops and fishin' will soon be the norm! Greetings to our new property owners, the folks returning to open their cottage for another season, and our permanent residents who keep watch over things during the off season! Our annual newsletter will serve to bring everyone up to date on the activities and information as it pertains to our beach community. **Please SHARE this info with all who use your cottage; not merely the folks who open the mail and pay the property taxes!***

Annual General Meeting

- To be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 10:00 am outside the Hamlet Office immediately following the Water Board public meeting that commences at 9:30 am. BYOC (bring your own chair)!
- Should you have an item you wish added to the AGM agenda, please send a letter or email.

Hamlet Board

- Current hamlet board members are Ray Fenrich (1133 Katepwa Lane) 306.845.3845, Gerald Nickel (406 Kenderdine Blvd North) 306.441.9963, Jason Krueckl (1439 Lakeview Drive) 780.808.0056, and Ron Gramlich (RM of Mervin representative) 306.845.3811.

Public Utility Board

- For things relating to our potable water system, board members include Sheldon Hood (1445 Lakeview Drive) 306.441.6484, Gerald Nickel (406 Kenderdine Blvd North) 306.441.9963, Dustin Garrett (1612 Wawaskasiw Lane) 306.821.7576, and Ray Fenrich (1133 Katepwa Lane) 306.845.3845.
- Your 2019 water invoice will arrive shortly. Please remit payment before July 31st. For your convenience, e-transfers are also accepted. See details on the invoice for specifics.
- Please mark your curb stops this summer with something that will be visible now but also when there is thick snow cover. It makes things easier for our snow removal contractors as well as the folks that may need to access the curb stops should there be a line break.

Communication

- This newsletter will also be available for viewing in the Hamlet Office display case (next to the AED).
- We have a *Sunset View Beach, Turtle Lake* Facebook page. Thank you, Kirsten Bergan! Please consider joining as it is council's intent to keep residents up to date on things happening within our community (fire bans on/off; water breaks/shutoffs; plowing/grading days; construction areas to avoid; etc.) Anyone can post but it is our intent to keep communication flowing in a positive manner. Pictures/captions of those enjoying our beautiful lake and community are always welcome!

New Initiatives

- The new swimming buoys FINALLY arrived in the late summer of 2018. They are going in this year!
- Metal benches and tables also arrived in the late summer. Installation to occur this summer.
- The green space by the old pump house will be levelled and seeded with grass this spring. Benches will be installed once the grass takes hold and as public reserve, is open to anyone who wants to use the space to enjoy a sunset or wants a sunny spot to read a book or toss a Frisbee.
- The overgrown brush and unsightly deadfall was cleared from the road allowance on Lakeview Drive in late fall 2018. It will be levelled this spring as soon as our contractor is available.
- As per recommendations from our engineer, drainage ditches were dug in key locations in 2018 to help with water flow and alleviate standing water. This was quite successful. Feel free to grab your shovel and keep the water moving in front of your property. Do not fill in the ditches and if necessary, talk to one of the hamlet board members about solutions should your trenching efforts prove unsuccessful. As of this writing, Ray has been kept very busy pumping water to divert it from our roadways as we await spring thaw of the culverts and drainage ditches.
- A cardboard only recycling bin will be piloted this summer. Further details below.
- Zebra Mussels are an extremely invasive species we do NOT want in our waterways. The Saskatchewan Government is not as invested as other western provinces. As such, the number of check stops is minimal for vessels entering our province. Cottage communities in northwestern Saskatchewan believe more should be done to protect our lakes. A form letter expressing concerns/offering suggestions will be available at the AGM for your signature. Your signature

will be included in our hamlet's mailing to the Ministry of the Environment. PLEASE, if you have guests bringing their vessels from other areas infested with zebra mussels or you have purchased a craft from an eastern province or from the US, clean and dry as per the stringent requirements.

- The RM of Mervin has a new, more user-friendly website! It is www.rmofmervin.ca
- As most are aware, the RM now has an RV bylaw in place. In a nutshell, the RM requires both a permit (\$200) and MoU (memorandum of understanding) to be completed if you wish to have one (1) RV on your empty lot that has no existing cottage/home on it. Essentially, you have five years (January 1, 2024) to assure you have a permanent dwelling constructed (a minimum 592 square feet) and if not, the RV must be removed. Any lot with an existing cottage/home is allowed one (1) RV without submitting a permit. No additional long term RV's will be allowed on these sites. This RM Bylaw is NOT to be confused with shorter term guests visiting at your cottage with their RV. See bullet under the next heading for details in this instance. If you have further questions, council members urge you direct these to the RM's Municipal Planner at (306)845.7333 or visit www.rmofmervin.ca >Planning & Development>Permits>RV Development Permit and MoU.

Public Reserve

- We all take pride in keeping our hamlet beautiful. Lawn cutting and snow removal cannot occur effectively when long term storage of personal items on village property occurs. Please do not store trailers, ice shacks, seasonal toys, or unused vehicles on green space along hamlet roadways. Pull these items onto your property or should you require additional storage space, contact Rick Matthews to rent a storage spot.
- RV, camper, and boat parking is permitted on the road in front of your own property for the short term (a maximum of 72 hours) only. The RM bylaw is 48; our hamlet has extended it to 72 hours in consideration of long weekends. There is no camping permitted on public reserve.

Swimming Lessons

- Red Cross Swimming Lessons will be offered this summer by certified instructor, Jaxson Milne.
- She is offering three separate sessions: South Bay July 8-12 and July 22-26; Kopps Kove July 15-19
- Levels 1-10 \$45; Preschool \$40. Register/pay early to ensure a spot.
- Call/text 1(306)845-7071 or email jaxy_15@hotmail.ca

Garbage

- BAGGED HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY can be placed in the red bin by the office. Refer to the sign if you are unsure what can be disposed in this bin. We are piloting a cardboard recycling bin this summer. FLATTEN your cardboard and use this bin. If successful, we will bring this service in yearly for the summer season (May to September). Other recycling items (tins, plastics, cans) can be dropped off in Livelong or taken back to your home community. Lead by example for our kids' benefit.
- Refer to the RM website (www.rmofmervin.ca) for dump hours so you can dispose of your building materials, old furniture, and compostable materials responsibly; these are not meant for the red bin.
- Please be mindful that storage of garbage on your property prior to taking it to the red bin should be INSIDE a garage or shed or at the very least, in strong WILDLIFE PROOF containers. We are in bear country! *There is a charge for cleanup if your garbage has littered our hamlet.*
- Conservation Officers have asked all residents to return the remains of cleaned fish to the lake. Drop fish guts in the MIDDLE of the lake, at least 300 meters from shore. If you are not going out on the lake immediately, freeze the remains and return them to the lake later. Placing them in the red bin when you think no one is looking is NOT an option. Neither is throwing them off the end of the dock and running away! Sadly, this happens.

Fireworks/Fire Bans

- Fireworks must be launched over the lake from the BEACH ONLY. Fireworks CANNOT be used during a fire ban. Irresponsible use will result in a complete ban through the RM of Mervin.
- Chinese lanterns are prohibited everywhere in the RM.
- During dry times, fire bans are put in place for good reason. Do not be the person who burns down our community just because you had a craving for a campfire smokie! Fire ban signs will be posted but it will also be updated on the RM website and on our *Sunset View Beach, Turtle Lake* Facebook page if you are unsure.

Cell Service

- Service is sporadic at best during peak holiday time at Turtle Lake. Call 1 800 727-5835 to express your concerns or go to www.sasktel.com, scroll to the bottom and submit your dissatisfaction in writing.

Building Permits/Requirements

- Gone are the days of a little path into the family cottage in the middle of nowhere. Cottage life has caught on and with that, greater numbers mean more rules required for organization. Throwing something together then claiming you were 'not aware' a building permit was required is not acceptable. As such, please refer to the RM of Mervin website at www.rmofmervin.ca Planning & Development>Permits or contact the RM's Municipal Planner at 306.845.7333 for questions relating to permits and building requirements not covered in the FAQ section.

The Other Stuff

- As prairie dwellers we know there are only two seasons, winter and construction. Council members need to apply for permits, await permit approval, line up contractors, arrange heavy equipment, and be mindful of thaws/freeze up. They attempt to operate within parameters of not interfering with our lake experiences during the summer. Please recognize it is a juggling act at best and the board apologizes for any disruption caused. Check our Facebook page to keep updated.
- Odd/Even outdoor watering schedule continues so our water plant can sustain proper levels during heavy summertime usage. If you have an even numbered property (divisible by 2), water on even dates (2,4,6,8...). If your property is odd numbered, outdoor watering can occur on odd dates (1,3,5,7...). Conserve water. Do not turn on sprinklers during the hottest part of the day nor should you leave them running all day. A quick early morning or late evening drink for your greenery is more effective and conserves water.
- Returning your tow vehicle/boat trailer back to your own property prior to heading out on the water will greatly help control the summer boat launch parking congestion.
- Please be mindful about WHERE you park your ATV's/golf carts/bikes when bringing them to the beach. Keep them FAR AWAY from the launches. Folks launching big vessels like wake and pontoon boats need a lot of space and their field of vision while launching is often limited. Please educate your little people in this regard.
- AED's (3) are in our hamlet for emergency purposes. During the summer, there is one at the north beach and one at the south end of the village. The third AED is on the outside of the hamlet office/library (NW corner). This unit is available year round. Additionally, there is medication to counteract drug overdose stored in the Hamlet Office as it needs to be stored in a cool place. Contact a board member or resident with a key to access.
- Our library continues to be well used. Summer hours (July 1-August 31) are Wednesdays 2-4 pm and Saturdays 10-noon. Borrowing is on the honor system. Several community members regularly go through the books to keep things current so there is a great assortment of materials and also puzzles and games to borrow. There are some classics too (books/games; not the volunteers)! Consider taking a turn at volunteering a couple of hours to staff the facility this summer. There will be a signup sheet at the AGM or contact Colleen Olm to volunteer at 306.845.3762.
- Wake boats stir up lake bottoms and erode shorelines. Wake responsibly. Stay at least 100 m from shore.
- Quiet time is 11 pm to 8 am. Sound travels. Be respectful of your neighbours.
- Our roadways in the village are public and as such, Saskatchewan Highway Traffic Bylaws are in effect. Motorbike and ATV drivers must be 16 years of age and wear a helmet. Additionally, golf carts/atv's should not be used as babysitters for youngsters on public roadways. If there is a concern, speak with the parents or call the RCMP.
- Speed limit within our community is 20 km/h. Watch for children playing.
- Cutting of trees on hamlet property, on public reserve spaces, and in unopened laneways is prohibited without permission from the hamlet board and possibly the RM of Mervin.
- You may pretend not to notice your pet pooping in public spaces but he/she still does. Be a responsible pet owner and STOOP & SCOOP! Unfortunately, the Canada Geese are not reading our newsletter!
- Pets must be leashed in public areas and are not allowed on hamlet beaches.
- On the flipside of summer, if you are venturing out to your cottage during the winter months, bring a shovel or have your snowblower serviced and ready to roll. This is not an urban area and you may find it necessary to clear a path to your cottage. Be prepared to dig or hire someone. Additionally, your hydrant was not meant to be turned on/off during frigid temperatures. Understandably, damaged lines on your property will be at your expense.

- Our hamlet and public utility board members are not police, bylaw officers, nor your personal contractors. They are volunteers. Use your discretion and best judgement when contacting them; they are trying to enjoy family time, too. However, should you encounter any damage within the hamlet, make a board member aware so that repair can be arranged.
- Your guests are your responsibility. Please ensure they practise the same good stewardship of our community and lake as that of all Sunset View Beach residents.
- Be sure to read *THE ORIGIN OF OUR LITTLE HAMLET COMMUNITY* attached to this newsletter.

SUNSET VIEW BEACH GUIDING PRINCIPLE

*One's use and enjoyment of the lake
should be based upon
respect for others.
Avoid conduct
that infringes on the right of others to
enjoy their lake experience.*

THE ORIGIN OF OUR LITTLE HAMLET COMMUNITY: SUNSET VIEW BEACH

Almost sixty years ago, a young man and his wife were looking for a spot to build a summer cottage somewhere in north central Saskatchewan. The man and his wife inspected some potential lots at Emma Lake but wanted to check out other possibilities as well. While visiting her family in St. Walburg, the man decided to check out Turtle Lake. He wanted to know if it had any advantages over Emma Lake.

On August 1, 1959, the man made his first trip to Turtle Lake. He came along the south end of the lake on a country road and then drove north along a road allowance on the east side of the lake. He continued north until he saw a sign that read 'Gordon and Lloyd's.' He turned west on a trail until he found a little cabin on the lakeshore where Gordon Kenderdine, his wife Mary, and their little girls lived. He told Gordon he was looking for a site where he could build a cabin and Mr. Kenderdine showed him some lakeshore property north of his own cabin.

The man must have really liked what he saw because one week later, August 8, 1959 to be exact, he returned! He made a down payment to Gordon Kenderdine for lots 4-19 along the current Kenderdine Boulevard, north of the present Lakeview Drive. By December 5th and 6th of that same year, the man came back with two men to survey the shoreline of this property. Each man received one dollar per hour for eighteen hours of work! This man knew a thing or two about surveying! He was a professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan. His name was Paul Riemer (1924-20012) and together with his first wife, Waltraud (Wally to those who knew her; deceased 1999), they began building a little A-frame cottage on lot four where it still stands today occupied by the Riemer offspring. Incidentally, Sheila Kenderdine, Gordon's second wife, still resides on the acreage on the north side of Lakeview Drive as you enter Sunset View Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Riemer had the land north of Wawaskasiw Lane surveyed in 1960. They purchased this parcel from Gordon Kenderdine on April 2, 1960. Over the next several years, Paul and Wally saw the potential of lake property in the area and purchased land from the VLA (Veterans' Land Act). The next surveys were completed in 1978, 1980, 1985, and 1999 and stretched further and further south from Wawaskasiw Lane down to include the six lots on Wild Rose Lane and the required public reserve allotments. The beautiful community we call Sunset View Beach is here today because one man travelled down a dirt road following a sign that read 'Gordon and Lloyd's.'

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Surveyed property means access roads are required. Access roads need names and that is exactly what Mr. and Mrs. Riemer did. You are now challenged with the task of using the following clues to discover the origins of the current street names in our community:

1. This north to south road was named after the famous artist Gus Kenderdine (two words)
2. Aptly named for the scene as one drives into our community (two words)
3. 'Porcupine' in the Cree language
4. This means 'blizzard of the north' in the Cree language
5. Named after a St. Walburg businessman _____ Crescent
6. This lane is named for a certain wild flower common in the area (two words)
7. From Cree 'kaptapwao' for 'what is calling?'
8. 'Beaver' in the Cree language
9. This translates to 'elk' in Cree
10. If you were a Cree speaking person, you would call a 'deer' this
11. 'Bear' in the Cree language
12. _____ Drive is the surname of the family once residing in the cabin north of the main launch. The daughter and her husband reside there now in a new home.
13. Named for the western sky we see at the end of each day (three words)

Written by Kelly Nickel
(from information provided by the Riemer family)

