

# Summer Village of Lakeview



# Winter Newsletter

## Greetings to all Residents of Lakeview!

**Winter 2023**

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### Administration

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### Regular Office Hours

**Mon - Fri, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

Office is closed between noon  
and 1:00 PM for lunch.

### Council Meetings

Council convenes by ZOOM  
Teleconference, dates to be  
announced on the website.  
If you have an item you'd like  
added to the Agenda, please  
submit it to the Village Office  
by noon the Wednesday  
before the meeting. All  
residents are encouraged to  
attend.

### Council

**Earle Robertson**, Mayor  
**Doug Willows**, Deputy Mayor  
**Tom Woodman**, Councillor

### Administration

**Emily House**,  
Chief Administrative Officer  
**Janet Zaplotinsky**,  
Administrative Manager  
**Lynnette Kraley**,  
Administrative Assistant

### *Warm wishes for the Season from your Council*

We have another Summer season at Lakeview in the rear-view mirror and the holiday season is quickly approaching. The mild fall weather has certainly allowed residents to get ahead of their yard work and get their fall projects completed as we wait for the snow to fall. The water level in the lake has dropped since we took out piers in September, so we can only hope that we get some significant snow accumulation over the Winter to recharge the lake. TransAlta has informed us that they were pumping water back into the lake, however exact pumping rates were not provided.

2023 has been another busy year around the Village. We completed several projects including additional FireSmart mitigation activities; Clearing of Caragana's on municipal lands throughout the community; The installation of upgraded Village lot signage, and the construction of a walkway located at the end of Bayview Drive. Lakeview looks great! We want to give a huge thank you to Marion Perras, who, as usual, kept the grassy areas throughout Lakeview in tip-top shape this year.

Administration has been working on many other projects for the Summer Village over the past several months. We have spent considerable time and effort in the development of and training for our Emergency Management Program. We have seen instances of emergency management initiatives implemented close to home with wildfires in the Evansburg and Edson areas, as well as the situations recently in Kelowna and Maui. As the dry conditions continue, we all need to be diligent and make sure our properties are FireSmart to combat fires before they start.

Council and Administration are currently working on the 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets. This is a difficult undertaking in these inflationary times, as we have all personally seen. We have managed to maintain a balanced budget for 2023 and I expect this to continue for the year ahead.

*May all that is beautiful, meaningful, and brings  
you joy be yours this holiday season and  
throughout the coming year! Wishing you all the  
happiness in these holidays.*



I would like to thank our CAO, Emily House, and her staff Janet Zaplotinsky and Lynnette Kraley for their hard work and dedication to our Summer Village. Also, a big thank you to Doug Willows and Tom Woodman for their ongoing efforts and many hours spent on Council initiatives. In closing, on behalf of Council and Administration, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Holiday Season.

**Earle Robertson, Mayor**

**Regular Office Hours**  
**Mon - Fri, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

**\* The Village Office will be closed at 4:30 PM on December 22nd and will reopen at 8:30 AM on January 2nd. We will be checking phone messages and emails during this time.**

## ***Land Use Bylaw Review (LUB)***

In 2022, the Summer Village of Lakeview along with the Summer Villages of Betula Beach, Kapasiwin and Seba Beach applied and were successful in obtaining a provincial grant to review and update each Summer Village's Land Use Bylaws. This grant is a collaborative grant which includes a process to ensure priorities, like lake health, are addressed in a consistent manner in each Summer Village's Land Use Bylaw (LUB), while addressing items in each municipality that is unique to them. This year, the Summer Village of Lakeview Council engaged Municipal Planning Services (MPS) to assist with the review of our existing LUB and preparation of a new LUB if needed. A Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is one document among several different planning "tools" available to municipalities in Alberta.

**Every municipality in the province, no matter the size, must adopt a LUB to:**

- Establish regulations to control the way land is used and developed,
- Divide the municipality into different "districts" (sometimes called "zones"),
- Establish procedures for submitting, processing and deciding upon subdivision and development applications, and,
- Provide additional regulations on specific uses or developments.

## ***2023 Municipal Identifiers***

Over the last few months, the Summer Village of Lakeview's Council and Administration have worked with MPS to start reviewing the Land Use Bylaw. There will be opportunities for residents and other stakeholders to provide their input which will take place over the next 12 to 18 months. We will provide updates as they become available on these opportunities so, please watch the website for these updates.

Alberta Municipal Affairs annually reports a performance measure that identifies the percentage of municipalities deemed to "not face potential long-term viability challenges based on their financial and governance indicators". This performance measure is used as a benchmark for measuring the ministry's efforts to ensure Albertans live in viable municipalities and communities with responsible, collaborative and accountable local governments.

The performance measure is based on an analysis of 13 Municipal Indicators. Each of the 13 Municipal Indicators has a defined benchmark. A municipality is 'not deemed to face potential long-term viability challenges' as long as it does not flag a critical indicator on three or more non-critical indicators.

The Ministry compiled and verified the data collected from Alberta's municipalities for the 2022 financial year and was pleased to inform the Summer Village of Lakeview that our municipality did not flag any indicators for this year's municipal indicator results reporting.

## ***Silent Auction - Lakeview's Signs***

The Summer Village of Lakeview upgraded our Village signage this past Summer and as such, would like to sell the old signs in a Silent Auction to support a registered charity of your choice! Bids for the Silent Auction will be accepted until 4:00 PM on Friday, May 24th, 2024.

### **How To Bid**

- Go to [lakeview.ca](http://lakeview.ca) and click on the tab titled "Silent Auction" at the top of the page. Check out the signs for sale!
- Email us at [administration@lakeview.ca](mailto:administration@lakeview.ca). Follow the directions on the Silent Auction webpage pertaining to the required information to send Administration for a successful bid.

## ***2024 Property Assessments***

**Property Assessment Notices will be mailed out separately from Property Tax Notices for 2024.** Assessment Notices will be mailed out in March of 2024 with Property Tax Notices being mailed out in May/June of 2024.

Please note that once you have received your Property Tax Notice, it is too late to have your property assessment changed. Assessments cannot be adjusted after the appeal deadline, which is 60 days after the Assessment Notices are mailed.

We highly recommend each resident closely examine their Property Assessment Notice and speak with the Assessor regarding any details you are unfamiliar with. Should you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact the Village Office at [780.691.4465](tel:780.691.4465) or [cao@lakeview.ca](mailto:cao@lakeview.ca).



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## ***Replacement Gate Fobs***

If your gate fob is no longer working, please contact the Village Office at [cao@lakeview.ca](mailto:cao@lakeview.ca) or [780.691.4465](tel:780.691.4465) for a replacement fob. If you have lost or require an additional fob, there is a fee of \$60.00.

## ***Address Change***

Please remember that it is YOUR responsibility to ensure that the Village Office has your correct mailing address & contact information.

## ***Purple Martins***

Lakeview has seen the hatching of 44 Purple Martin chicks in 2023!



## **Removal of Caragana from Lakeview**

As you know, in 2022, we received the Forest Assessment Report for Lakeview. Since then, Council has been on a mission to comply with all suggestions for the health and safety of Lakeview and its natural environment. One area of concern is the suggested removal of all Caragana from ALL of Lakeview. As the Caragana trees and shrubs are not native to Lakeview (or Canada, for that matter) and are, in fact, invasive, we would like to inquire with residents about removing them. With a little diligence and planning, we can keep our Village intentionally beautiful. But we need your help!

**When:** Spring 2024

**Respond By:** February 16, 2024

**Proposal:** If enough residents are interested in cutting down and bringing all fallen/cut Caragana debris to the road, Council will cover the costs of wood chipping and removing debris from the Village.

**More Information:** At the August 30, 2023, Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting, Council discussed options for the removal of the Caragana trees and shrubs in Lakeview. As per recommendations made from the 2022/2023 Forest Assessment, Council has decided to collaborate with residents to seek levels of community interest in handling the problem as a team effort.

We are asking all residents in Lakeview to please contact the Village Office with their thoughts on removing the Caragana from their properties. Would you be interested in taking on this project in the Spring of 2024? Let us know!

We will be collecting responses at [administration@lakeview.ca](mailto:administration@lakeview.ca) and **780.691.4465**.

## **Developing and Building**

A Development Permit must be applied for before obtaining any Safety Code Permits necessary for new construction, additions, decks, demolition, and excavation (HOLDING TANKS & CISTERNS). This permit is to ensure that your project conforms to the Village's Land Use Bylaw, including proper setbacks from property lines, etc.

Our Development Officer, Tony Sonleitner, can be reached at **780.718.5479**. A Real Property Report, showing the location of existing buildings and the proposed development must be submitted when applying. Application fees must accompany all Development Applications.

Safety Code Permits including electrical, plumbing, building, etc. must be obtained from the Inspections Group before beginning your project. They provide the permits, compliance monitoring, and inspections to the completion of your development. Once the Development Permit has been approved and issued by the Development Officer you can download any permits you may need or if you have any questions, visit the Inspections Group website [inspectionsgroup.com](http://inspectionsgroup.com). You must apply for these permits to ensure that your project is safe and conforms to safety code regulations and must be obtained before commencing work. Permit forms and information can be found on [inspectionsgroup.com](http://inspectionsgroup.com), or they are available at the Village Office.

## **Speed Limit**

The speed limit in Lakeview has been reduced to 20 km/h. Lets take a moment to acknowledge the many residents that walk the roads of the Village. Remember to watch for children and pets as they do not always pay attention to traffic. Please slow down for the sake of safety and dust km/h.

## **Village Snow Removal**

If you have any questions or concerns with respect to the snow removal in the municipality, please contact the Administration Office at **780.691.4465** or [cao@lakeview.ca](mailto:cao@lakeview.ca).

If you wish to have your driveway cleared, please call the Village Office, and will arrange for a private contractor to assist you for a fee.

## **Storage Lot**

The Village storage lot has been developed to accommodate the storage of recreational vehicles only. Anyone wishing to store a recreational vehicle can do so for a cost of \$25.00 per month or a flat rate of \$150.00 per year. Storage fees are to be paid in the new year. Do not wait until tax time to pay your storage fees. Thank you!

**If you are interested in securing this storage, please call the Village Office.**

## **Lot Signage**

As everyone has likely noticed, the Summer Village has installed new lot signage markers for each property at Lakeview. We updated the Village Signage to upgrade our Emergency Services response time. The new lot signs remove delays when our residents require help - fast. Now, when **9-1-1** is called, Emergency Responders will be able to find any property in Lakeview easily and without delay.

Not only are the new signs an upgrade to the Village, they will now help save lives and time when minutes matter.

## **Enforcement Services**

Spruce Grove

RCMP Admin:

**825.220.2000**

Complaints:

**825.220.7267**

EMERGENCY: **9-1-1**

## **Off-Street Parking**

Please refrain from parking your vehicles and trailers on the streets and municipal lands of Lakeview.

Residents are required to park in the

designated parking areas on their properties and not obstruct road

ways. Emergency services must be able to access all properties in the Village. Should you

have any questions regarding our land use bylaw, please call the Office at **780.691.4465**.

## **Street Lights**

If you notice a streetlight in the Village that has burnt out, please contact Fortis at **780.310.WIRE (9173)** and provide them with the number on the pole (if available) and the municipal address closest to the pole.

## **Off Highway Vehicles**

A reminder that operating Off Highway Vehicles (quads, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, etc.) is not allowed at the Summer Village of Lakeview.

## **Alberta First Call**

**Call before you dig:**

**1.800.242.3447**

You must give at least two or three working days notice and have your legal land description available when you call.

## Fire Services

Fire Services for the Summer Village of Lakeview comes from the Wabamun (West Central) Fire Hall with secondary service coming from the Tomahawk Fire Hall. We encourage all residents to update this information with the home insurance provider.

### Fireworks

Fire Permits are required for the discharge of all fireworks.

**Family Fireworks** (low hazard- do it yourself) are only allowed to be discharged with a permit at the following times:

• **New Year's Eve:**

December 31st – 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM

• **Canada Day:**

July 1st, 8:00 PM – 11:59 PM

**High hazard fireworks** need a permit submitted by Display Fireworks Supervisor. Anyone wishing to discharge high hazard fireworks needs to have a qualified pyrotechnics contractor apply for a permit.

### FireSmart™ Canada App

FireSmart is a national program that helps Canadians increase neighborhood resilience to wildfire and minimize its negative impacts. It was founded over 20 years ago to address common concerns about wildfires in the wildland-urban interface. For more information and the Homeowners FireSmart Manual please visit [www.firesmartcanada.ca](http://www.firesmartcanada.ca) or [www.lakeview.ca](http://www.lakeview.ca).

### Everyone can be FireSmart.

With a changing climate, the threat of wildfire has increased significantly for everyone, including those living outside of the wildland-urban interface. We all have a part to play when it comes to preventing wildfires and reducing risk. FireSmart Canada has developed practical, effective, and science-based programs that provide you with tools to be better prepared when wildfire occurs.

### FREE FireSmart™ Home Assessments

**Where are your Home Ignitions Zones?** Parkland County is now offering free FireSmart Home Assessments to residents, teaching how to protect their homes from wildfires. Each assessment takes about 30-45 minutes. **Our FireSmart experts will:**

1. Tour the outside of your house and yard for things that increase your risk during a wildfire.
2. Provide a customized report based on what they see with actions on how to reduce the risk of damage by wildfire.
3. Share helpful tips to make your home less susceptible to wildfires.

**If you've completed the suggested safety improvements in the report, you can ask for another free assessment! Visit Parkland County - Free FireSmart Home Assessments for more information!**

### Ice Safety

Winter allows for lots of ways to get outside and be active, but ice can often be unpredictable. Check the conditions and know what to watch for when heading out for festive fun!

### Top Ice Safety Tips from the Lifesaving Society:

- 3"(7cm) or less - STAY OFF!
- 4"(10cm) - Ice fishing, walking, cross country skiing.
- 5-7"(13-18cm) - One snowmobile or ATV.
- 8-12"(20-30cm) - Group of people.
- 12-15"(30-38cm) - One medium truck (pickup or van).
- Measure ice thickness in several locations. Local conditions such as currents and water depths can affect ice thickness. White ice has air or snow within it and should be considered suspect for recreational use. Recommendations for ice thickness are based on clear, blue, or green ice.
- Avoid travelling on ice at night. It is very difficult to see open holes on the ice at night. This is a frequent cause of drownings.
- Never go onto ice alone. A buddy may be able to rescue you or go for help if you get into difficulty. Before you leave shore, tell someone where you are going and expected time of return.

**For more tips on water and ice safety, visit [www.lifesaving.org](http://www.lifesaving.org)**



### Kapasiwin Transfer Station

**3503 Township Rd. 533A  
Range Road 35 north of Hwy. 16**

#### Winter hours

Thursday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

\* All Transfer Stations remain open for their regular operating hours.

#### Payment

Credit and debit payment available  
\*No cash accepted

Kapasiwin residents are entitled to receive a transfer station card that grants them access to nearby transfer stations where they may drop off acceptable materials, free of charge. If you require a card, please contact Emily at [cao@lakeview.ca](mailto:cao@lakeview.ca) to arrange to have a card printed and mailed to you.

#### Acceptable Waste Materials

- automotive waste
- blue bag recycling
- commercial/construction waste (charges apply)
- electronics recycling
- grass and leaves
- household hazardous waste
- household waste
- metal recycling (charges apply)
- mixed waste (charges apply)
- tree trimmings (charges may apply)

The Kapasiwin Transfer Station has a fully operational compost site. In the interest of the environment please participate in the composting program for grass and leaves. Clear plastic garbage bags should be used. Place your leaves and grass clippings in the clear bags and transport them to the compost pile. Please do not dump compost in nature reserves.

Please do not store household garbage outdoors unless contained in animal-proof receptacles. We do not want to attract animals into our Village.