



NEWSLETTER

Fall 2024

Notice of By-Election:

As a result of a recent resignation from Council, a By-Election will be held. The open position is for Mayor. Deadline for nominations is October 26, 2024 and election day is November 30, 2024. Further details are available on the Resort Village of Sunset Cove website: www.rvsunsetcove.ca

If you have any questions, please contact the Resort Village of Sunset Cove Administrator (rvsunsetcove@sasktel.net).

Update on Internet Fibre Installation

If you have been to the lake recently, you may have noticed some activity in the form of staking, line locating and daylighting of services. It is anticipated that construction of the main line into the village will be completed in October and is currently ongoing. The contractor has located water/electrical lines running from second row properties to the lake, as much as possible. They have attempted to daylight (expose) these services before boring across them to attempt to avoid damages. Residents will have until June 30, 2025 to test their water systems and report any damages identified, to either water or electrical lines, and the contractor will repair these.

You may have noticed stakes labelled "Property Line". Please note that these do not indicate the property line between you and your neighbour. They identify the line between your property and the road allowance.

Given the time of year, and the fact that most residents have closed up their cottages for the season, installation of the individual service lines may be delayed until spring. Hopefully the fall weather continues to cooperate and all the construction will be completed this year.

Once construction is complete, Council will be working with FlexNet to ensure that all contractors restore their work areas to pre-work conditions.

Through negotiations with FlexNet, and to reduce the disruption to our community and individual residents, FlexNet is willing to drop individual services to each home, with no connection commitment and no fee at this time. Should residents decide to sign-up for their service in the future, the appropriate connection fee would be charged at that time. In order to make it worthwhile for FlexNet to do this, the vast majority of residents will need to sign up. The benefits to the property owner include:

- Increased value of your home;

- No cost or risk to the homeowner. The FlexNet construction team will consult with the homeowner before they step foot on the property; and
- Speed of delivery. If you decide to take the FlexNet service in the future, it will be very fast for them to provide hook-up.

FlexNet is confident that their service offering is unrivaled, our community will benefit greatly in having the fastest rural internet service available in Saskatchewan.

The deadline to indicate your interest in the “no commitment” drop into your property is November 30, 2024. If you are interested, please email tyson.almasi@flexnetworks.ca and provide the following information:

- Name;
- Sunset Cove address;
- Email; and
- Phone number.

Alternatively, you may complete the form found on the link below.

If you would like more information, please refer to: <https://flexnetworks.ca/rv-sunset-cove/>

Please direct all questions regarding this service and offering to FlexNet directly.

Fire Safety

Residents are asked to help protect our community from risk of fire. You can do your part by:

- Trimming/removing dead/dry vegetation/trees from your property. The Resort Village recently had a contractor trim dead and overhanging trees/bushes on village property and

has contacted SaskPower to assess areas interfering with power lines requiring trimming;

- Enjoying fires in approved containment (refer to Bylaw 100 – 2021 – Fire – Ban – Safety found on the Resort Village of Sunset Cove website);
- Complying with Fire Bans, when in effect. Notice of Fire Bans is provided by email, posting on the Home Page of the Resort Village of Sunset Cove website, and posting of signs within the Village. The signs are located at the bottom of the hill as you enter the Village and on the public reserve area in the centre of the Village



Council is purchasing a third, larger sign to be posted on the planter at the top of the hill as you enter the Village. Again, for rules regarding Fire Bans, please refer to Bylaw 100 – 2021 – Fire Ban Safety found on the Resort Village of Sunset Cove website.

Council issued one fine this past summer during the Fire Ban period for non-compliance with the Bylaw.

Residents should also be aware that, since 2017, the primary emergency fire response for the Resort Village of Sunset Cove comes from Strasbourg. The Strasbourg response team is trained to enter burning buildings, and have a larger water tanker capacity. Because of this, response costs are higher and residents may want to consider having at least \$20,000 coverage for Fire Callout Insurance. Please refer to the Resort Village of Sunset Cove website for more information and consult with your insurance provider to determine your specific needs.

Invasive Weeds

In August 2024, Council issued a notice to residents to remove and dispose of any invasive weeds, also referred to as “noxious weeds” on their properties, particularly “Creeping Bellflower”.

While significant improvements have been made in this area, there is still some evidence of these weeds being present in our community. Please continue to be diligent in their removal.

For more information on Creeping Bellflower and other invasive weed and aquatic species, please refer to the information provided by the Government of Saskatchewan

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/wildlife-issues/invasive-species>

Waste Management

Council asks residents to assist with the management of wastes in our community. The following are options for “waste” disposal:

- Blue Bin Recycling – located on the east side of the road at the bottom of the hill and to be used for the same materials that are acceptable by the larger urban curbside recycling programs – please flatten all cardboard and larger plastic items, where possible;
- Household Wastes – to be deposited in the garbage bins on the east side of the road at the top of the hill as you enter the Resort Village. Please refer to the sign posted at the area for acceptable wastes;
- Large Bins are provided by the Resort Village in the spring of each year. These are typically located at the public reserve area in the centre of the Resort Village and are to be used for larger household items, yard waste, etc.; and
- Throughout the season, if you need to dispose of larger items, construction materials, or large volumes of yard wastes, your options are:
 - Haul your wastes to the RM of McKillop Landfill located near Rowan’s Ravine. Please refer to the RM’s website for hours of operation and location (www.rmofmckillop.com), or
 - Arrange to have a bin temporarily placed at your property, at the owner’s expense.

Council appreciates the efforts of residents in helping to maintain a tidy community.

Property Address Numbers

Several years ago, the Resort Village of Sunset Cove provided identification numbers for properties, similar to civic addresses. These numbers identify your property in relation to its Mountain Drive address.

Having these numbers posted in a prominent, permanent location on your property is important as it identifies your location for visitors, deliveries and, most importantly, emergency response personnel.

Through age, construction activities, etc., some of these signs no longer exist. Council would like to replace the missing numbers and will be placing a sign order over the winter. If you know you need replacement numbers, please advise the Resort Village Administrator via email at rvsunsetcove@sasktel.net.

Please include your name and the “address” number(s) you require. Council will consult with residents on placement of the numbers in the spring. *Deadline for notification of sign needs is January 31, 2025.*

Mulch Available

Through the Resort Village’s tree trimming activities, a pile of mulch has been deposited at the bottom of the public beach road, near the maintenance shed. Please help yourself to this mulch for your landscaping needs.



Timely Information Communication from the Resort Village of Sunset Cove Council

From time-to-time, Council may need to communicate important information to residents in a timely manner. This information is communicated in two ways – posted on the home page of the Resort Village of Sunset Cove website and sent via email to individual residents. In some cases, signs may also be posted in the RV (i.e. Fire Ban notices).

Over the past few months, Council has communicated in this manner to residents on the following topics – call for nominations for Council elections, Creeping Bellflower removal, fire bans, and updates on the internet fibre installation. If you did not receive an email about these topics, it is because we do not have a current email address for you. Please contact the Resort Village Administrator and provide an email address. If you do not wish to share your email address with the Resort Village, please be sure to visit the Resort Village website on a regular basis to maintain awareness of important information.

Note that this is the only time you will receive a newsletter via postal mail. In the future, all newsletters will only be posted on the Resort Village of Sunset Cove website and/or emailed.

REMINDER – Winter Parking

Residents are requested to NOT store trailers, vehicles or other equipment by parking along Mountain Drive during the winter. Doing so presents potential safety hazards when driving in slippery, snowy winter conditions and can also impede snow removal activities. Council may be contacting individual residents to ask that items be relocated, if necessary.

Note that the road allowance is 66 feet wide, and you are asked to be mindful not to place items on the road right-of-way.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

REMINDER – Taxes are Due!

Residents are reminded that payment of taxes is due in the Resort Village office NO LATER than December 31, 2024. Payment can be made via e-transfer. Payment options/instructions were included on your tax notice.

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