

MANITOU MATTERS



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Next Newsletter July 2021

Welcome Back ...



.. to all of our seasonal residents!

The weather is looking up, water connection requests are on the rise, seasonal businesses are slowly opening! Stay safe everyone!

YOUR SAY

Do you:
have a contribution you would like to make to the newsletter?
Questions? Comments? Suggestions?
email: admin@manitoubeach.ca



COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE MANITOU BEACH

MAY 15 & 16, 2021

MAY 22 & 23, 2021

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

DANCELAND

- **This is a self guided tour of the work the OCP Planning Committee has done since October 2020**
- **It will take approximately an hour**
- **There will be an evaluation sheet to fill out as your input is important**
- **Covid-19 protocols apply**
- **Come and see the beginnings of strategic planning and asset management**



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Dave McVicar has joined our team at the Village. He will be helping out in the office and also helping out the maintenance staff.

new!

We have new email addresses:

admin@manitoubeach.ca replaces manbe@sasktel.net

cao@manitoubeach.ca replaces
elisedalemanbe@sasktel.net

The old email addresses will still reach us, but if you could update to the new one, as we are fazing out the sasktel.net addresses

National Public Works Week

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well being of the people of the Resort Village of Manitou Beach.

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees of all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in the Resort Village of Manitou Beach to gain knowledge of and maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2021 marks the 61st annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association be it now, RESOLVED, that council for the Resort Village of Manitou Beach, hereby designates the week May 16-22, 2021 as National Public Works Week; We urge all citizens to join with representatives of the Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.





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Communities In Bloom



CiB, in partnership with the Village Council and Recreation Board, held a cleanup day on Saturday May 1st. Our volunteers patrolled all the streets and alleys in the Beach picking up trash in the ditches and along the sidewalks. There was very little garbage to pick up. We would like to congratulate the residents of Manitou Beach for keeping the Village so tidy. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the many residents that pick up trash as they do their daily walks. We would also like to thank the volunteers who turned out Saturday to do the cleanup. Thanks to one and all for showing pride for our community.

Pat



GOLF CARTS

The new golf cart bylaw was passed in the spirit of complementing life in a Resort Village. There have been questions... and no, these liberties do not apply to ATV's. No motorized vehicle should be on the walking trails or any place they can cause damage. It looks like someone cut trees to create an access for an off road vehicle in the back of Wellington Park. If you see this kind of behaviour, please report it to the office. It is also hoped that use of golf carts will help with some of the parking issues in the summer.

Bylaw Bob

In May of 2018, the Council for the Resort Village authorized, through resolution, the Commissionaires as their designated bylaw officer. The contract is for weekly visits from May thru October along with ad hoc visits as requested by the Administrator during the off season.

Manitou Beach was assigned to me, along with eleven other Towns, Villages and Resort Villages to provide bylaw enforcement services. At Manitou Beach I am authorized to enforce all bylaws of the Resort Village along with sections within a number of Provincial Statutes that include: The Municipalities Act, The Planning & Development Act, The Trespass to Property Act, The Summary Offense Procedures Act and the Saskatchewan Fire Protection Act.

The most prevalent bylaw contraventions are related to untidy conditions of private property such as: overgrown grass, storage of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles, untidy outdoor storage, camping on residential lots or the use of front yards for storage. I also enforce the animal control bylaws such as dogs-at-large, dog licensing and nuisance barking. Most of the bylaws for Manitou Beach can be found on the Resort Village's website.

Other common contraventions are related to public lands. This includes: streets, lanes, ditches, undeveloped right-of-ways and public reserves. When public lands are used in unauthorized ways, it is an act of trespass. For example: the use of public lands, without authorization, for camping, storage or any other unauthorized activity is a contravention of the Trespass to Property Act.

If you think a bylaw is being contravened, please report the matter to the Resort Village Office and I will conduct an inspection on my next visit. The names of people providing reports are kept in confidence.

Bob Gourlay – Bylaw Enforcement Officer
South Saskatchewan Commissionaires



BYLAWS

New Animal Bylaw

Much of it looks like the previous bylaw but here are a few differences. **The maximum number of cats is three, and the maximum number of dogs is three. There is a combined total of 5 animals as the maximum number of cats and dogs to be kept in one household.** Most of the animal complaints in the office continue to be dog feces where they shouldn't be. We are also getting more complaints about domestic cats on private property. Feeding the deer is illegal. It looks like we now have a resident population of deer which is frustrating gardeners and also drivers. It doesn't look like Sask Environment can help us with this problem. As already reported, a total of 8 dead deer were removed from the Village this spring. Please don't feed these animals-you're not helping them. **People are encouraged to license their pets. These fees go back into pet efforts here at the beach.**

New Land Sale Bylaw

In brief, this new bylaw removes the penalties and expectations that were associated with buying land from the Village. Now buying a lot from the Village is just like buying a lot privately EXCEPT the Village is offering a building incentive as tax relief in the first 3 years of purchase. It is hoped this will encourage newly purchased lots to be developed. This incentive is only for lots purchased from the Village.

Sea Cans

At this time, the Village does not allow sea can storage containers for permanent use. Administration is investigating to see if any form of sea can could be approved. This is a tough debate.



You will see the new offleash dog park coming along as volunteers got about two thirds of the fencing done last week. The rest of the fencing, the gates, and signage are still remaining. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the office or email. Leave your name and number and someone will contact you for the next volunteer effort.

Ratepayer Responsibility

A gentle reminder that certain responsibilities fall exclusively on you as a landowner. Paying your taxes before the deadline of December 31st is one example. Interest calculations are legislated after December 31. Also, with utilities, anything past the water meter is the owners responsibility. A leak or a tap left on or any other misfortune remains the sole responsibility of the rate payer, and the Village cannot absorb this cost.



The Village Office has set up a drop and go account with Sarcan. Our group account is "unsinkable". If you wish to donate your bottles to us, the proceeds will be designated to the annual Fireworks

Power Costs for 2020

Lift Stations	\$17,641.75
NW Well/WTP	\$46668.40
Drive In/Beach Washrooms/Hall	\$3916.82
Office	\$5435.78
Shop	\$1377.98
Street Lights	\$ 17,583.52
Sump Stations	\$4033.27

WOW!



Total \$96,657.52



Statistics
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Census Reminder

Please make every effort to fill in your census. Our Village benefits from the information via grants and revenue sharing.



Congratulations to the Hayter Family on the sale of the Resort. Thank you for your years of dedication to the Tourism in our Village. All the best to you in your future endeavors. The warmest welcome goes out to the new owners.



Mailboxes Moving

The mailboxes at Uhmann Park will be moving across from the Community Hall. Tentative Date is set for June 2021.

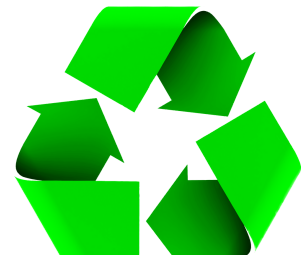
Camp Easter Seal:
Welcome back to Christine and Jennifer. Unfortunately another season without campers due to Covid. We wish you a productive season knowing you will be ever ready for your campers next year.





Marina 2021

The village is now taking reservations for slips at the Marina. Please contact the office for fees and bookings if this is a need you usually have. All motorized craft must stay out of designated swimming areas. This year these areas will be in the main beach, the west beach and a designated area at each set of stairs or lateral wharfs. The Recreation Board and CiB have partnered to do a lot of work on the shoreline and access. Sherwin has built 4 new sets of stairs to improve and add to the previous access and Vince and Scott have built a huge floating dock for the main beach area.



REACT discontinued the single stream collection well over a year ago. The only material being collected in the bins in the village yard is paper, cardboard (flattened) and tin cans (cleaned). Alas, no plastic or glass collection. SARCAN in Watrous continues to collect their regular materials (see website) but they are also now collecting batteries. They can be single use or rechargeable but no liquid cells and nothing attached to an appliance like a shaver.

The Village is now on Instagram as well as Facebook



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Breakdown for the Year of Billing:

March-April

May-June

July-August

September-October

November-December

all billings are due 30 days from issue date

FEATURE PET



Good Golly Miss Molly



Hello everyone! I'm Molly. I'm 1 1/2 years old, but have only lived at the beach for the last 6 months! I love playing with balls (especially the kind with bells inside). I also like distracting mom from sewing. I make sure mom knows when I come home by jumping on the bed and walking up the full length of her, jumping over dad's face, and into my own bed before sunrise!



Public Spaces

As the Village regards stewardship and responsibility for our public assets, we are requesting that people play their own role in this pursuit. More and more we find storage and sprawl on our common spaces. Ratepayers are expected to keep to the footprint of their own property. Also, at times, some people decide to adjust or make changes to our public spaces on their own. It is not acceptable to engage in this kind of behaviour. And again, it seems to be Wellington Park as the target. Claims of people filling the creek with rocks lead us to wonder if this had anything to do with the frozen flood this winter. There are also still reports of people throwing rocks off the berm and into the lake. If you read the January newsletter, you will know how much the berms cost us. Maybe at times people need a gentle invite to reassess their decision. There are also reports of people leaving trash in various places rather than buying a sticker to have it collected on Monday.

Fireworks: No fireworks during Fire Ban

There is a permit required for fireworks. \$10.00. There will be designated areas for fireworks in the future, especially with the dry weather. And the new floating dock at the main beach has been built to a grand size to accommodate the launch of fireworks from the water.



Strategic Planning Community Plan Asset Management

Strategic planning is the umbrella term that includes financial planning, asset management and the official community plan. It is necessary, by law, that all municipalities have an OCP(official community plan) and have a current inventory on asset management. In fact, funding and revenue sharing are dependent upon these fixtures. They also help when applying for grants. Asset management involves the inventory of all community assets like land, buildings, the water treatment plant, equipment, and other things owned by the Village. These are given a value and then capitalized. The better our asset management strategy, the more we qualify for revenue sharing and the less we have to pay the auditor. The current OCP was created with the Mid-Sask Municipal Alliance 10 years ago and is not relevant to this day. Council and Administration has engaged in a lengthy and complex process to update our OCP and make it reflect the current Manitou Beach. This is what has brought forth the Community Open House at Danceland on the weekends of May 15, 16 and 22,23. (Did you miss it? Check out the website). In addition to bringing public attention to SOME of our assets, the feedback from the community is going to be invaluable as we continue with strategic planning and where the ratepayers values are in our community.

Get involved!

Fill out the survey!



Supporting Local Businesses

The back page of the newsletter is dedicated to our local businesses. Submit a business card/business card size of print. A valid RVMB business license is required. Submission must be ready to print. No prep work provided. Let's see if this little support helps our local businesses.

SHOP LOCAL



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408 Elizabeth Ave. Manitou Beach

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306-757-7772

Shelley Franke

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