

To inform constituents of The Resort Village of Manitou Beach

# Manitou Matters



## Your Council Team

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## Next Council Meeting

April 25th at 2 pm via Zoom

*Stay  
Salty*

# Message from Mayor

Greetings from your Mayor and Council,

It appears our snow birds are arriving home and Manitou Beach is getting busier. I see that bingos are starting , the hall kitchen revamp is almost complete, and summer events are in the planning stages. Your Council and Admin is being proactive and has created a Public Parks Use Policy to allow “large group” users the opportunity to reserve areas for use. This gives the users the principal use at the time, gives Village workers time to maintain the area and creates a monetary fund for our parks and public spaces. A Win-Win all around. Please call Village office well in advance if this is an option for you.

Over the winter season your council also revamped the committees of council policy to include the new advisory groups within our Village. This policy reflects the hopes, expectations, concerns and requirements of modern-day volunteers. It required quite a few meetings, a lot of research, and some tough conversations. The result is a policy that works equally, for our volunteer groups, and has a section that protects the youth and vulnerable sectors, visiting and living within our community. This is standard in progressive communities and RVMB wants to be ready to work with our wonderful volunteers, our event planners, and our many tourists. As a volunteer, I am confident the decision will be a no brainer in years to come. The Village office will work with all volunteers to help keep this process simple. Thank-you again for being our trusted volunteers.

A few reminders for everyone

- 1- Dogs shall always be on leash, except at the off leash dog park.
- 2- Garbage needs to be bagged and tagged.
- 3- Always wave to your neighbors and say hello!
- 4- Call your councillor if you have an issue, (we give more accurate answers than Facebook)!

Stay Healthy and stay Safe!

Poppy!

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# *Special Events Policy in Parks and Public Spaces Bylaw 12/2022*

Council has included a new bylaw.

It is intended to provide peace of mind and facility to those who want to reserve our parks and public spaces. The main user group would probably be weddings and family reunions, etc. All the work involved in planning this outdoor event, you want to be sure the park is mowed, tidied and ready for your event. No surprises. This bylaw eliminates no one from our public spaces. It provides an avenue for assuredness of location at a half day, full day or day and evening rental. People are still available to access the park as before. This is not an obligation to all. All information is on the village website and available at the village office.

## *Committees of Council*

The Committees of Council bylaw is almost exactly what the old rec board bylaw was with the addition of the necessity for a criminal and vulnerable sector background search if working or volunteering at special events, or municipal events. Legal council and a precedent by many other municipalities has motivated this inclusion. The volunteer or worker simply goes to the RCMP depot and it's handed directly to you. Bring ID. This is submitted to the administrator. It is not shared with council or any other staff. Privacy laws apply to this process. Unless you're running for council in which it and other documents of disclosure are posted in the office.

Robb

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# Upcoming Events

Key non-profit charities the event will support include:

World Central Kitchen  
<https://wck.org>

Stream of Hopes - Saskatoon  
<http://www.streamofhopes.ca>

## SUPPORT UKRAINE

Silent Auction      Ukrainian Supper      50/50 Draw

### DANCELAND      FRIDAY APRIL 22/22

Manitou Beach SK CANADA

*featuring songs performed by Kateryna Grace*

TICKETS: \$40 (advance) \$20 (under 13) \$50 (at the door) \$22 (at the door, after 8:45 pm)

Cocktails 5:30-6:30      Supper 6:30 – 8:30      Program 7:30

We are seeking items for the silent auction. Funds raised will support efforts in Ukraine. To donate call 306-999-3544. Tickets can be reserved by calling Danceland 1-800-267-5037 or purchased in Watrous at Klip & Kurl, TB's Bar & Grill, in Manitou Beach at Manitou Mini Mart, Little Manitou Art Gallery or in Saskatoon at Alt Haus Interior Design





### 2022 Property Reinspection Notice

Village of Manitou Beach  
Planned Dates: April 15, 2022 - Jul 15, 2022

SAMA appraisers will be in your community conducting property inspections during the timeframe noted above.

Property assessments become dated over time due to changes that are not identified through annual maintenance reviews. The general reinspection program strives to review each property to re-establish a uniform base of current information for the municipality. SAMA's goal is to reinspect each property in the province on a 12 year cycle.

For more information, please contact your local SAMA office or visit [www.sama.sk.ca](http://www.sama.sk.ca).

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# Upcoming Events

## APRIL 2022

**BINGO** has begun at the Community Hall on Thursday's: starts at 7 pm

**Tuesday, April 19:**  
Clubhouse opens at Golf Course. Driving Range and Golf Course opening TBD

## MAY 2022

**Sunday, May 1:** Manitou Beach Golf Club restaurant opens

**Friday, May 20:** Mike's Beach Bar opens, Drive In opens

**Sunday, May 22:** Manitou Beach Flea Market at the Drive In

**Monday, May 23:** Victoria Day Holiday (village office closed)

**Wednesday May 25:** Branch Pick Up: last Wed. of each month. Branches must be less than 5', located in front yard, you must call in to have your address put on the list ahead of time

**Monday, May 30:** Council Meeting

## JUNE 2022

**Saturday, June 4:** Annual Watrous Manitou Community Garage Sale (see their Facebook page for more information)

**Monday, June 20:** Council Meeting

**Tuesday, June 21:** National Indigenous Day

**Wednesday, June 29:** Branch Pick Up

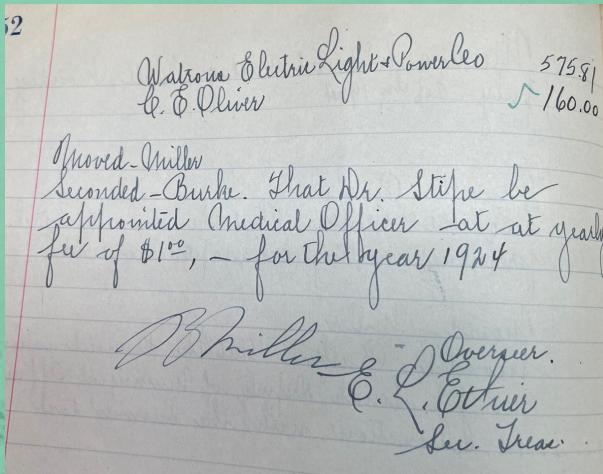
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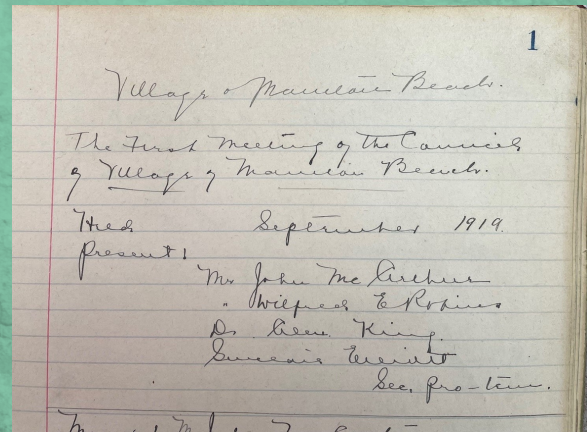


## Goodbye Friend & Best of Luck!

Fran has chosen to advance her career in a different vocation; We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!!



## Blast from the Past



## WELCOME

## BACK !

Tracy is back in the house getting ready for this years flower pots, beach and park upkeep!

*Stay Sally*



# Drive In/Flea Market

The Drive in at Manitou Beach plans to open another summer movie season on the weekend of May 20th.

Come out and see some great shows and support the local drive in, which is one of only a few remaining in Canada.

The Manitou Beach Flea Market at the drive in plans to open on May 22nd.

Once again they will be serving up their delicious breakfast sandwiches, hash browns and may also be adding a few surprises this year!

Cost for a table at the Flea Market is only \$12.

For updated information on both of these locations check them out on Facebook at:

***The Drive In at Manitou Beach*** and ***Manitou Beach Flea Market at the***

***Drive In***

***Karen***



# Taxation 101

In Saskatchewan the Saskatchewan Asset management agency (SAMA) is responsible for establishing what a property should be assessed at. Right now we are in the 12 year of their on site assessment. The agency visits the properties and sends out correspondence to ensure the details in their database are correct. This sometimes involves an inside inspection as well. If anything has changed within your property since the last 12 years and it was not permitted, this process will likely bring that to light for their assessment update. They also generate a correction every three years. This is based mostly on the market. So if the market goes up then your taxes will reflect that. And vice versa. The tricky part is your tax assessment for this year is based on work done 2-3 years ago. So it's a curve that follows but not in real time.

Then the municipality sets the mill rate. This can be a complicated process, especially in bigger cities as there are more zoning districts. Your tax is based on three factors. The land, the school tax, and upgrades. The land reflects the size and zoning of the land. Upgrades mean what assets are on the parcel; for example a house with a higher value versus a small cottage. The school tax is determined by the provincial government and goes directly to them. This is called revenue sharing. Included is a chart on the current mill rate set by the province on the school tax portion of your bill.

There are several reasons why Manitou Beach has a higher mill rate than Watrous. One of the biggest reasons is the debt incurred to such a small tax base when the lake flooded. Debt repayment is about 28% of our budget. For more information please attend the forum council and administration will be hosting.

Robb

## Education Property Tax Mill Rates

The 2022 EPT mill rates are as follows:

	2022 Mill Rates	2021 Mill Rates
Agricultural	1.42	1.36
Residential	4.54	4.46
Commercial/Industrial	6.86	6.75
Resource	9.88	9.79

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# Community Planning

This is a short article describing the Discretionary Use Application notices. These have been posted to the Village's Facebook page and have also been mailed to some of the property owners. For background information I will describe the trigger for the notice.

The Village has a set of guidelines and rules for development. The guidelines are provided in the Official Community Plan and the rules are described in the Zoning Bylaw. The Village's zoning bylaw along with its Official Community Plan were passed by Council in 2014.

The purpose of the plan is to give guidance to development within the community. The community plan allocates types of development and land uses to individual parcels of land within the village. The zoning bylaw puts the community plan into effect and provides the tools to administer it. The particulars of the allocated land types and uses are defined in the zoning bylaws.

The process to develop a property within the Village that is compliant with the bylaws is straightforward. However, when the proposed development is non-compliant, the zoning bylaw provides a mechanism to ask that a section of the bylaw be relaxed. The process to start a non-compliant development is to submit a Discretionary Use Application to the Village Office.

The zoning bylaw states that the Village Council will hear an application to relax a section of the bylaw specific to a property. It also states that the public will be notified of the hearing and asked to comment. Notices are put up in the Village Office, the Village Website, and on Facebook. A special condition is in place for property owners closer than 75 meters from the boundary of the proposed development; the Village then has to send a registered mail copy of the notice.

Comments received by the Village office are stripped of identity information by the Village staff. The anonymous comments as well as the Discretionary Use Application are added as new business to the information package that the councillor's get the week before the next meeting. Council can deny, accept with conditions, or accept the application. The council information package becomes a public document after it is presented at a public meeting.

David McVicar, Planning & Development Officer

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# Committee Information

## Parks Committee



The RVMB has established a new Parks Committee. The Committee is made up of diverse representation from the community. The mandate of the Parks Committee is "to develop plans for parks and open spaces within the Resort Village of Manitou Beach and forward said plans to the council for review, adoption and implementation, as approved by council". The Committee's objective is to formulate short and long term plans and to make recommendations to Council based on these plans.

The three parks that come under its jurisdiction are Uhmman Centennial Park, Wellington Park and the new Dog Park.

Under this mandate, a recommendation was made to and passed by council that "a moratorium on making any changes and/or additions to Uhmman Centennial Park and to Wellington Park, except as deemed necessary and/or for immediate benefit to the community, unless directed by Council".

Any person or group wishing to suggest changes to the Parks can do so in writing to the Resort Village of Manitou Beach.

If you have an inquires or questions, please contact the RVMB Office.

## Rec Board Committee

The Manitou Beach Rec Board is always looking for new members and volunteers!

Too Old? Too Young? NOPE! Join us every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall at 7pm. Meetings open to all. Call Jana at 306-917-9111 to get on the agenda if you'd like to have a word.

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# *Watrous Manitou Marketing Group*

Have you heard? I recently started working as the Community Development Officer (CDO) for the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group (WMMG).

I think/hope most of you will recognise me as a neighbour and the owner of “that little yellow place at the beach”, Little Manitou Art Gallery. That has been my passion project since Clayton, my son, and I moved here in 2010. I am so grateful for the neighbourly support and encouragement that we’ve received over the years. The exciting news there is that my life-long friend, Naomi Hunter, is now Gallery Director and handling operations. Clayton and I still live there, so he is still working hard to manage the property and you’ll also see me out in the garden whenever I get a chance. However, with Naomi’s support of Little Manitou Art Gallery, I was able to put my name forward to be Community Development Officer.

Since 2015, I’ve worked part-time for the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group and I’ve been fortunate to be a support person during a lot of exciting initiatives. I am eager to step into the CDO opportunity. So what does a CDO do? My focus is leading the marketing and planning for the economic growth of our community. I take care of both the Resort Village of Manitou Beach and the Town of Watrous and I report to a Board of Directors that includes seven representatives from both Councils and businesses in our community.

The Watrous Manitou Marketing Group was incorporated in 2010, when the Town of Watrous and the Resort Village of Manitou Beach created a partnership, charged with the promotion and facilitation of community tourism, community economic development and the marketing of the Watrous Manitou destination area.

**OUR MISSION:** The WMMG is a destination marketing organization that promotes collaboration and supports tourism, and economic development in the Watrous Manitou community.

It is important to me that I connect with the people who care about this community. I know there are many opportunities and working together we can grow sustainably and ethically. I endeavour to be a fellow steward for our great natural wonder – Little Manitou Lake. I am proud to be a resident of Manitou Beach and look forward to a great summer at the Beach!

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## Supporting Local Businesses

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

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