



Community News

Special Dates and Events

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COMMUNITY INPUT WILL BE USED FOR FUTURE PLANS

Well fall now seems to be passing and that dreaded winter is certainly upon us. We're all busy getting homes and the community ready for the winter. In recent days we've been offered a reminder of what the months ahead may be like. We continue to seek input from residents as we plan for the coming year. We are going to distribute more surveys in the coming months but we can tell you that the overwhelming number one priority from our earlier survey is roadway improvement. Of all the surveys collected 84% of respondents chose road maintenance as the number one priority. This will be the number one priority for our Council as we go forward with planning and priorities for 2010.

VILLAGE OF THODE WASTE WATER PROJECT UPDATE

...COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND NEXT STEPS

Clearly more information is still necessary to help individuals understand the costs associated with connecting individual residences to the waste water distribution system should the village decide to bring it through the community. But what do we know now:

- We are pleased that two individuals have agreed to assist in co-chairing the Waste Water System Planning Committee, Darcy Pantel, P.Eng. and Larry Cook. Mr. Pantel has agreed to be our designate at the DAWWU Board table. Thank you Larry and Darcy for stepping up to the plate.
- As anticipated the access to the lagoon and all final work on that phase of the project will not be complete until spring of 2010. We have secured continued access to the Hanley lagoon until such time as we are confident that the new lagoon is accessible. **The lagoon is not an option. We must participate in this portion of the project.** Our survey indicates that 95 % of respondents support the new lagoon. The cost per connection/rate payer is estimated to be \$1,400
- 66% of respondents to date want the collection system through the village. The cost to bring the line through the village and access the new lagoon is now **estimated** to be at least \$3,500 since it is now determined that a lift station will be necessary.
- At this point 52% of respondents or 34 indicated that they wish to connect to the waste water collection line. These costs are estimated by Associated Engineering at \$7,700 per residence, total all phases between \$11,000 and \$11,500. All figures cited here **are estimates** and our local planning committee will work with the DAWWU to bring you more accurate costs in the coming months. Council will continue to collect surveys

Please see page 5 for information on next steps in the sewer system project.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

Council for the Resort Village of Thode is pleased to announce that **Larry Bassett** has been appointed to continue to help the community with website development and updates.

Also thank you to **Darcy Pantel and Larry Cook** who will lead our Waste Water System Planning Committee. Any individuals that would like to participate in this valuable committee work are asked to contact our office at 492-2259.

MORE COUNCIL REMINDERS

The new Council has moved to prohibit the sale of all public reserve lands henceforth and any research, review and proposals regarding future development will be lead by Council in consultation with the entire community.

Please see this issue page 6 for Committee appointments and meeting dates

OFFICE HOURS PART TIME MONDAY-FRIDAY
Please call Jessie before dropping in. Thank you

EMO CO-ORDINATOR

We are pleased to announce that **Ms. Bev Johnson** has volunteered to step forward and assume to role of EMO Co-ordinator. An alternate co-ordinator is also required.

Thanks to the work of Mary Jaworski and her team, we now have an Emergency Measures plan in place.

Speed Limit in our Village

30 KPH
Is the speed limit

FROM OUR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Jessie Williams

Please note that your taxes are due. If you have outstanding taxes please consult your tax notice for the amount due or call Jessie to confirm. Reminders of all outstanding accounts have been sent out. All Utility Arrears will be transferred to the tax roll as of January 1, 2010. If you do not own the property that the utility arrears apply to, small claims actions may be initiated by the municipality. Outstanding tax accounts will receive a 10% penalty as of January 1, 2010.

**Taxes – Water – Septic – Garbage
Water Project**

***Please ensure that payment is
submitted to the office by
December 31/09***

***Currently about 40% of the
village is registered to receive
Council minutes, updates and
info by email. If you would like
to receive this information and
your newsletter electronically,
please forward your email
address to Jessie at***

r.v.of.thodeandshields@sasktel.net.

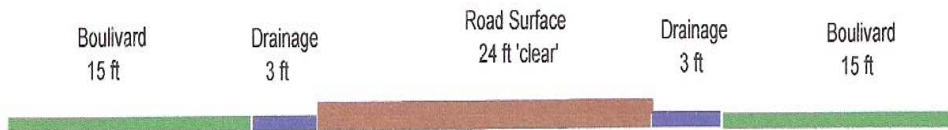
ROADWAY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

Roadway Clearance Requirements - R.V. of Shields

- * there is a need to maintain 24 feet of clear road surface at all times
 - * no parking on this surface in a way that impedes traffic
 - * drainage area (ditch) must be keep clear at all times
 - * boulevard area is an area for off street parking
 - * boulevard area 'encroachment' requires a development permit- approved by Council
- * there will be noted 'exceptions' particularly with second row properties where the embankment needs to be secure however, any exceptions, in this case, must not extend beyond 15 feet from property line.
- * in the case of the above noted exceptions - there can not be parking allowed along such 'encroachment'

The Council, or appointee, will assume the duties of communicating the need for this requirement, as it is for the safety and security of property owners in the village. Enforcement of this requirement is necessary to maintain right of access for public use and, more importantly, for the rapid, unobstructed passage of emergency vehicles, school buses, and other service/emergency requirements.

If there are questions with regard to location of property pins along the main roadways of the village, please contact 492 2259.



This schematic may help in the visualization of the intent of our concern.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in protecting our roadways.

The roadways within the village have attracted our attention with extremes regarding encroachment. The schematic included above describes what we must insist to be a minimum requirement. The encroachment upon the roadways has created drainage issues which affect the structure and soundness of the roadway and furthermore, safety issues have arisen wherein passage is severely reduced. Long term parking of trailers, recreational vehicles, and other items is not allowed on the roadways. A storage compound for seasonal vehicles is being developed and information is forthcoming. All seasonal vehicles may be stored in the compound for a nominal fee. Those vehicles not properly stored will be removed from the roadway to the compound and may be subject to a \$75 fine under our Traffic Bylaw. An application form for seasonal storage is also available from Jessie @ 492-2259.

The above policy has been developed by the Resort Village of Shields and used with their permission. The same rules apply in the Resort Village of Thode

STRICT ADHERENCE TO THESE BYLAWS WILL BECOME MORE EVIDENT AS WE WORK TO PREPARE THE VILLAGE FOR ROADWAY WIDENING AND RESURFACING IN 2010.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR COOPERATION AS WE WORK TO IMPROVE VILLAGE ROADS

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GREENSCAPES COMMITTEE

Council wishes to give special thanks to the Greenscapes Committee for all their efforts this past year. You all truly do make a difference and we look forward to more improvements in the New Year. The committee members are

- Liz Neudorf
- Lil Frerichs
- Melissa Boehm

Please join in showing your appreciation

SNOW FENCE/BEACH

Volunteers met on Sunday October 18/09 and thank you to Gregg Spearey for coordination the set up and special thank you to the Social Committee for the hot lunch.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE :

- Cheryl Reid
- Ruth Niven
- Lil Frerichs
- Liz Neudorf
- Maureen Zimmer
- Sue Olafson
- Audrey Gregory
- Melissa Boehm
- Julie Pineault
- Barb Makeechuk

THODE CHRISTMAS SUPPER

The Annual Christmas Supper Was held at the Dundurn Hall November 21st. There was a great turn out and special thanks are extended to the Social Committee and all of the individuals and Businesses for their support for the silent Auction. We have heard that now that Hugue is going on tour now as a marquee emcee for community festive celebrations, after an unforgettable effort on the 21st. Thanks Hugue for all your help and to everyone that attended.

Seasons Greetings

Council and your administration extend greetings for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our sincerest wishes for a safe Holiday Season and hopes go out to all of you that you may enjoy special time with your family and friends and health and happiness in the year ahead.

MORE COMMUNITY INFORMATION**THE VILLAGE CENTRE & PELICAN PASS
SHORELINE IMPROVEMENTS**

There were many recommendations for improvements in the community, all good ideas and we've worked hard to address some of these before winter

- Work has begun to develop year round access to the Village Centre. Two sets of stairs and an access ramp have been built and work has concluded on the gravel road, and parking pad
- Tree pruning continues and some aging trees have been removed as recommended by the Greenscapes Committee
- Shoreline preservation work has been completed along Pelican Pass. This work was long overdue and we appreciate the cooperation and patience of residents during construction.
- Improvements to the interior of the Village Center will continue over the fall/winter this year.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE WASTE WATER PROJECT

As soon as the engineer has the design approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Thode will be able to ask Sask Municipal Board to process our application to construct the sewer line. Upon approval, a "Notice of Intention to Pass a Bylaw to Under Take a Local Improvement" will be sent to all property owners. At this time, property owners will have the opportunity to petition against the project.

A valid petition must be signed by a majority in number of the owners representing at least 1/2 of the assessed value in the most recent assessment roll of the lands affected. If no valid petition is received, Council may pass the bylaw to proceed. If the project construction begins in 2010, you would see your first installment with the 2011 tax notice unless you choose to pay the balance in full. Invoices for the total amount will be sent out after the project is completed.

Please note this pertains only to the cost to construct the new lagoon and bring the local collection line through the village. The cost to connect to the line will be your responsibility.

RECYCLING PROGRAM IN THE RESORT VILLAGE OF THODE

There are two aspects to our recycling program, cardboard and paper collection and the collection of beverage containers.

Together with the Resort Village of Shields, the R.M. of Dundurn and the Town of Dundurn we provide the cardboard/paper recycling program. Cardboard and paper are to be taken to Dundurn and deposited in the bins north of the fire hall.

Our recycling project here in Thode continues to do well with an increasing amount of material being gathered at the site on top of the hill. All proceeds collected from your donated beverage containers will support the Village Playground maintenance.

We ask that you sort your material before you come to the site. For any further information or suggestions please contact Councillor Lorne Cherry at 492-4973

- As a reminder we **do** recycle:
 - beer bottles and similar beverage containers, wine and liquor bottles
 - plastic beverage and water containers, tetra paks and other juice cartons

GREY WATER LINES NEED TO BE REMOVED IN THE COMMUNITY

If you currently have grey water lines please deal with them promptly as SaskHealth will be checking all residences in the coming months. We are compelled to ensure that all efforts are undertaken to safeguard the water quality in the lake and to act in the interests of all ratepayers. Over the last several years our water distribution system has recorded consumption of nearly a million gallons of water that is unaccounted for. We are now required to monitor consumption and discharge data to find leaks and/or grey water lines that need to be capped. We look forward to your co-operation.

Council Meetings

Please note that Council meetings are held in the
**Village Centre at 7:00 pm the
 Second Thursday of each month unless
 otherwise notified pursuant to bylaws**

Council Members

Mayor:	Alan Thomarat	492-4637
Deputy:	Cheryl Reid	492-2235
Councillor:	Julie Pineault	492-4941
Councillor:	Lorne Cherry	492-4973
Councillor:	Rob Unruh	492-2494

Administrator:

Jessie Williams 492-2259

Facilities & Operations Manager:

Gregg Spearey 492-4848

EMAIL:

ADMINISTRATOR@RESORTVILLAGEOETHODE.CA

WEBSITE:

WWW.RESORTVILLAGEOETHODE.CA

VILLAGE CENTRE RENTAL INFORMATION:

Resident Rental Fee - \$50 plus \$50 damage deposit.
Non Resident Rental Fee - \$100 plus \$50 damage deposit.

Damage deposit will be refunded if the Centre is cleaned after use. Firewood is not included in rental.

Contact Gregg Spearey @ 492-4848.

INCREASE IN FIRE CALL CHARGES

Charges for fire calls have increased to \$750 per hour. Please check your home insurance policy and contact your broker/agent to ensure that you have adequate coverage on your property for fire and protective services.

Council Assignments

*** Finance and Administration**

Mayor Thomarat and Deputy Mayor Reid

- * Planning and development
- * Accounting/Treasurer
- * Communications (external)
- * Newsletter/Website support
- * Waste Water Management/Septic

*** Community Relations**

Councillor Pineault

- * Public Relations (internal)
- * Social Committee
- * Fire Department
- * Dock Management/Fishing huts
- * Website/Newsletter

*** Parks and Facilities**

Councillor Unruh

- * Village Centre
- * Playground
- * Road Maintenance/Parking
- * Snow Fence/Ice Rink
- * Park and Village Maintenance (Greenscape Committee)

*** Utility Services and Environment**

Councillor Cherry

- * Water and DRWU representative
- * Garbage and Recycling
- * Shore line preservation
- * Animal Control
- * EMO