



Community News

Special Dates and Events

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Community Meeting is guiding the Way Forward

Well fall is certainly here and most of us are still waiting for summer. I guess we may just have to wait until next year and get busy with the typical fall tasks, getting homes and the community ready for the inevitable arrival of winter. In recent days we've been offered a reminder of what the months ahead may be like.

WASTE WATER PROJECT UPDATE

On August 27 many from the community met at the Legion Hall in Dundurn to share ideas and information on the Waste Water Management system and the options and opportunities for consideration. Let me extend on behalf of council special thanks to Larry Cook for his research and assistance, Darryl Rinas from Associated Engineering for his information and presentation. Thanks also to Fred Wilson and Rick from the RM and utility for their representation.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND NEXT STEPS

All of you that came to the community consultation brought great ideas, valid concerns and input which enriched the debate and informed all of us about the issues, actual and potential costs, contingency reserves and capacity issues. Clearly more information is 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:

- The lagoon is not an option we need to shorten the trips we now take to Hanley and participate in the new lagoon being built to the west of Dundurn. The cost per connection/rate payer for participation in the lagoon portion of the Dundurn Area Waste Water Utility is estimated to be \$1,400. 5% of respondents indicated the wish to do nothing, not even construct a new lagoon. **This is not an option. We must participate in this portion of the project.**
- 58% of our community have responded at the time of writing this newsletter,
- 95 % of respondents support the new lagoon
- 66% of respondents to date want the collection system through the village. The costs to bring the line through the village and access the new lagoon are estimated to be between \$3,200 and \$4,000 if a lift station is deemed to be necessary
- 52% of respondents or 34 selected option 3 and wish to connect to the waste water collection line. The costs to connect are estimated by Associated Engineering at \$7,700 per residence, total all phases between \$10,900 and \$11,700. (All figures here are estimates)

Council will continue to collect surveys and seeks to appoint a Waste Water Review Committee to consult with the utility, contractors and also each of you to bring the best information to the table.

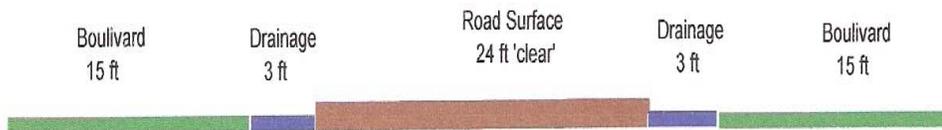
ROADWAY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

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 will apply in the Resort Village of Thode

STRICT ADHERENCE TO THESE BYLAWS WILL BECOME MORE EVIDENT.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Council for the Resort Village of Thode is pleased to announce that Gregg Spearey has been appointed to the position of Facilities and Operation Manager. Gregg will continue to bring his dedication and commitment to our community as he helps us with village maintenance and improvements as he has for many years

MORE COUNCIL NEWS

Your Council understands the frustration with the Village roads. Road resurfacing, the costs and timelines are currently under review. Road patching will continue during the review

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 for Committee appointments and meeting dates

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

GREY WATER LINES

If you currently have gray water lines please deal with them promptly as SaskHealth will be checking in the near future. Thank you for your co-operation.

EMO CO-ORDINATOR

We are in need of a volunteer to step forward and assume to role of EMO Co-ordinator. Thanks to Mary Jaworski and her team, we have a plan in place which requires periodic updating. An alternate co-ordinator is also required.

FROM OUR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Jessie Williams

Please note the water bills for consumptions and garbage collection from April to October are included with this mailing. If you have not received a bill, please read your meter & forward the number to Jessie at 492-2259.

Also 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 will be sent out in November.

If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please forward your email address to Jessie at r.v.of.thodeandshields@sasktel.net.

SHORELINE PROTECTION

The Ministry of Environment (MOE) will be actively starting to address shoreline protection on Blackstrap Lake.

They have started the process this fall with a picture inventory and will be following up in the spring with a physical inventory. At that time they will be contacting any folks who have articles on the foreshore that are not permitted, as well as more carefully monitoring of shoreline alterations.

The area MOE is responsible for is the area from the edge of the public or municipal reserve to the water. The areas above this are the public and municipal reserves and are administered by local municipal authorities.

The Village of Thode will be taking similar action on the lands that they administer.

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

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 & proceed. If the project occurs 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 local collection line. The cost to connect to the line will be your responsibility.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE & PELICAN PASS SHORELINE

There were many recommendations for improvements in the community, all good ideas and we're working hard to address some of these before winter (*no that's not winter out there yet, we hope*)

- 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 is commencing on a gravel road, paths and parking pad
- Tree pruning continues and some aging trees have been removed as recommended by the Greenscapes Committee
- Shoreline preservation work is long overdue along Pelican Pass and this should commence this week with anticipated completion by month end
- Improvements to the interior of the Village Center will begin over the fall/winter this year

GREENSCAPES COMMITTEE

The tree removal and pruning project on the major reserves will occur in early October. Mulch and firewood will be placed at the end of Summerfeldt Drive for residents use. We thank the Mayor and our new council for their approval of this project. We were able to proceed this year instead of waiting for possible grant money. We will still be applying for grants toward several other exciting projects for 2010. Minutes of the Sept 23 meeting will be posted on the website shortly.

SNOWFENCE/BEACH

Volunteers are asked to meet at 9 a.m. on Sunday October 18/09 at the maintenance shed.

Crews will participate in the snow fence installation and rejuvenation of the beach area. A hot lunch (award winning chilli) will be provided by the Social Committee.

THODE CHRISTMAS SUPPER

DUNDURN HALL SAT. NOVEMBER 21ST
2009
PRICE \$15.00 PER PERSON

WE WILL BE HAVING A SILENT AUCTION ONCE AGAIN. IF YOU HAVE ANY AUCTION ITEMS PLEASE CALL MAUREEN @492-4795

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE OUT

INCREASE IN FIRE CALL CHARGES

Fire calls have increased to \$750 per hour. Please check your home insurance policy to ensure that you have adequate fire fighter coverage.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

(some notes of interest from your neighbours in Shields)

- **Shields Hall Rates**

Non-Resident - \$200.00

Booking fee of \$100.00 (non-refundable and will be applied to rental) with a \$200.00 damage deposit.

The booking fee has to be paid at time of booking to hold the date. We are getting very busy already, so book early!

Contact Cheryl Robson to book hall @ 492-2250 or crobson@yourlink.ca

- **Line Dancing in the Shields Hall**

(Submitted by Susan Hiller)

Line Dancing with Susan Hiller resumes on Wednesdays 10 - 11am, starting Sept. 30th. Everyone is a beginner, so come down and enjoy yourself.

- **HALLOWEEN DANCE**

Shields Hall Friday October 30, 2009
8pm

Tickets \$20 advance--\$25 at the door.
Great music, food and prizes for costumes

All proceeds to the Shields Playground.
Tickets - Judy King...492-2258,
or email gj.king@sasktel.net

- **UNCORKED**

Inaugural Wine Festival at Shields

November 28th - 7:30 pm Shields Hall
Advance Tickets - \$20 Business Casual

This is your chance to support local recreation initiatives and sample a variety of wines, spirits, and liquors.

Contact Kendra 492-2423 / Rene 221-3038 / Aileen 492-4707
or shields_wine_fundraiser@yahoo.ca for tickets and information.

Proceeds to the Shields Beach/Park Committee and Shields Playground Committee LIMITED TICKET AVAILABLE

Sample Tokens - 50 cents each

Council Meetings

Please note that Council meetings are held in the Village Centre at 7:00 pm the second Thursday of each month

Council Members

Mayor:	Alan Thomarat	492-4637
Deputy Mayor:	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.



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