



Community News

...Spring Updates and Events

Email: thode@xplornet.ca

April 2010

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30 KPH

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THE WASTE WATER LINE DECISION REQUIRED SOON

The Ministry of the Environment has now received the plans from the Engineer and Thode is now asking the 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 opposing the project 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.

This message is sent courtesy the Village Office. If you have any questions please call Jessie at 492-2259 or email thode@xplornet.ca .

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VILLAGE SEPTIC TRUCK AND SYSTEM INFORMATION

The Village of Thode has for many decades relied on truck service for waste tank pump-outs. More recently the Village assumed ownership of their own septic truck. **This has been a costly venture and to date the purchase and expense costs have depleted community cash reserves by nearly \$100,000.** We have continued to struggle with access to qualified drivers willing to commit to service the village needs. Further, with little more than 100 properties many of which are seasonal the truck was only being used a maximum of two (2) days. Without action the losses would keep mounting further diminishing our cash reserves and our ability to provide basic community services. .

Lease to Purchase Agreement Signed

Notwithstanding that the losses continue to mount , our early indications inform us that for the most part the community intends to support the installation of the waste water collection line through Thode. Furthermore, it appears also that at least 60% of owners will choose to connect to the line. Therefore with an eye to the future, Council has ratified a lease to purchase agreement with Trevor Heagy, Big T Septic Service. The Village maintains a service management agreement with Mr Heagy but hopes to transfer full ownership of the vehicle not later that December of 2011.

Village Still in Charge of Service

The Village Office has had a few calls lately regarding various issues concerning our Septic Service. If there are complaints, missed pump outs or other issues please call Jessie at 492-2259 or email thode@xplornet.ca

FROM OUR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Jessie Williams

Now Pay by Email Money Transfer
You can now pay all your Village bills using **Interac Email Money Transfer**. Some banks place limits on the amount of funds that can be transferred via email. Please consult your bank if you have any questions. Funds can be transferred via email to thode@xplornet.ca

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

Taxes – Water – Septic – Garbage Water Project Charges

Please ensure that all accounts are current and submitted to the office in a timely manner to continue to receive community services

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 thode@xplornet.ca

EMO CO-ORDINATOR

We are pleased that Ms. Bev Johnson has volunteered to step forward and assume to role of EMO Co-ordinator. An alternate co-ordinator is also required. Please contact the Village Office if you are interested in helping our community as an alternate EMO Coordinator.

Please see page 6 for Committee appointments and meeting dates

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NEW 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 provided the cardboard/paper recycling program in Dundurn. This arrangement has been discontinued.**

We are pleased to announce that in the interests of improved service, access and savings the Village has acquired our own bins and have placed them at the Village entrance. Please follow the instructions on the bins and do not use for household garbage only *cardboard – newspaper/paper – household tin cans.*

We ask that you sort your material before you come to the site. For any further information or suggestions please contact Gregg Spearey at 492-4848. **As a reminder we do have our own recycling bin** which will be moved to the Recycling/Storage Compound as weather permits. Please deposit the following in our bin.

- beer bottles and similar beverage containers, wine and liquor bottles
- plastic beverage and water containers, tetra paks and other juice cartons

Our recycling program in the Village is managed by volunteers and all proceeds collected from all of your donated beverage containers will support the Village Playground.

ARE YOU RENTING YOUR PROPERTY TO OTHERS?

Renters have rights but so do all our residents. You will find a document enclosed with this mailing that you should use to inform your tenants about bylaws, and expectations within this community. As we have now hired a Bylaw Enforcement Officer jointly with the RM, Shields and Dundurn, we will now enforce all our Bylaws and your tenants will be subject to fines for breach of the Village rules.

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MAJOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION TO START THIS MONTH

...Bylaw Officer has been hired to enforce Municipal Bylaws

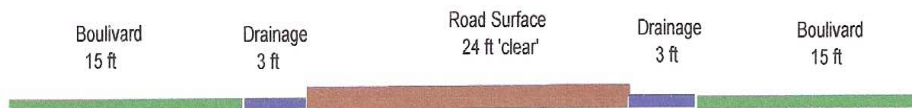
THE POLICY BELOW HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE RESORT VILLAGE OF SHIELDS AND USED WITH THEIR PERMISSION. THE SAME RULES APPLY IN THE RESORT VILLAGE OF THODE

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 attention because of encroachment by residents which has compromised the road width and resulted in unsafe driving conditions. The schematic included above describes what we must insist to be a minimum requirement as we reconstruct the roadways in the village. .
- The encroachment upon the roadways has created drainage issues which affect the structure and integrity of the roadway and furthermore, safety issues have arisen wherein ample clearance for 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.

STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF THESE BYLAWS WILL BE APPLIED AS WE COMMENCE WORK ON ROADWAY WIDENING AND RESURFACING IN THE THE VILLAGE THIS MONTH

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

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GREENSCAPES COMMITTEE PLANS

The committee chair is Liz Neudorf and the co-chair is Lil Frerichs have offered the committee suggestions for improvements in 2010 to Council. The Committee has adopted a balanced approach which considers both the revitalization of the landscape, trees and the opportunities for new landscaping in the community. We are grateful for their valued input.

Proposed 2010 Projects

Playground Reserve

- Planting of shrubs around stairs on upper staircase by ramp and around stairs leading to Village center.
- Planters with annuals along small fence bordering parking lot.
- Planting fir trees / Mountain Ash trees in spots marked by stakes (smaller trees 4' as opposed to 8')

Boat Launch Area

- Planting evergreen trees on reserve by boat launch in area where dead trees were removed, (Possible moving of Fir trees)

Village Entrance

- Continued maintenance of plantings at village entrance.
- Possible plantings beside pump house

MORE COUNCIL REMINDERS

The new Council has moved to prohibit the sale of all public reserve lands. Any research, review and proposals regarding future development will be lead by Council in consultation with the entire community. Watch for more information at the Annual Meeting in June

FIREWOOD & MULCH

is located at the end of Summerfeldt Drive by the turn around.
Please help yourself.

MAJOR ROAD WORK STARTING SHORELINE IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETE

- We will be reviewing the drainage plan and property pins along the village roadways in preparation for spring repairs and road widening to the village line.
- Culverts will be flushed or replaced and new culverts will be added where necessary
- We will be widening to a minimum of 22 feet and since our roads have suffered significant damage due to erosion we will be strengthening the base prior to application of the new surface.
- We are monitoring the waste water work so we might align the resurfacing with the completion of collection line installation (if it goes ahead)
- Two sets of stairs and an access ramp have been built and work has concluded on the gravel road, and parking pad at the Village Centre
- Improvements to the interior of the Village Center will continue this spring.
- Shoreline preservation work has been completed along Pelican Pass

GREY WATER LINES ... NEED TO BE REMOVED!

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 and disconnected.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CO-OPERATION.

Council Meetings

Village Centre at 7:00 pm
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
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EMAIL:

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WEBSITE:

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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
- * Waste Water Management/Septic

* Community Relations

Councillor Pineault

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

* 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

* Local Improvement (Waste Water)

Darcy Pantel and Larry Cook

* Emergency Measures

Bev Johnson

* Website Development

Larry Bassett