



Community News

...Council Reports and Updates

Email: thode@xplornet.ca

Spring/Summer 2010

Canada Day

at Thode

Thursday July 1st/2010



- 11:30 A.M Bike parade Village center
kids decorate your bikes
- 12:00 noon Raising and dedicating our new
Canada flag
- 12:30 Planting of a tree

Free hamburgers, cake and coffee

Everyone meet at Village center at 11:30 A,M

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BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

Some residents have been donating generously with time and money to improve our community and enhance the services for our residents to enjoy. We have nearly \$2,000 in a special building fund and with some more help there is an opportunity to have a multi-use outdoor tennis court, basketball court and skating and hockey rink.

If there are residents interested in helping this community initiative with labour or financially please call our Village office at 492-2259. The Mayor is asking for a Building Committee to be established for these special projects and has donated \$1,500 to the Community Building Fund.

Receipts are provided as any donations to the Community Building Fund are tax deductible.

GREENSCAPES COMMITTEE

The Greenscape Committee has completed another project! Residents take note of the plantings by the stairs at Thode Village center. Many thanks to the Greenscapes committee members, Liz, Lil, Cheryl, Maureen and also volunteers Greg, Tim, Gary, Earl and Ed. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with future projects call Liz 492-4716 or Lil 492-2042

Dogs are being let off leash and defecating in parks, the playground and near the swimming area

Liz and Lil - Greenscapes Committee

Speed Limit!

30 KPH

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY

FROM OUR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Jessie Williams

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Garbage services are now included again in basic services covered through municipal property taxes. **Effective July 1, 2010 residents will no longer be billed for garbage collection.** You may still receive a final invoice for service to June 30. Please contact Jessie if you require further information regarding your account.

WATER UTILITY BILLING

To make water bills for our residents and families more manageable **Council has opted to change to a quarterly billing cycle.** A reading of meters is occurring now for the June 30 billing.

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

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

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

Collection Line Project Approved by Council

...WASTE WATER PROJECT CLEARS ANOTHER STEP

As indicated earlier there was a commitment from Council to find a plan that would serve the best interests of all residents. While Council voted to allow the collection line to proceed since no petition in opposition was received, residents are not going to be forced to connect to the line if they prefer not to. The contract to install the Dundurn Area Waste Water system has now been awarded and your Council has consulted with Associated Engineering and the contractor to determine the options for residents in our community. There are several matters for consideration and you do have some choices. Below is some updated information. (Line Connection Application Form is available from the Village website or call 492-2259)

- The new lagoon is under construction southwest of Dundurn and once complete we will terminate our agreement to access the lagoon in Hanley. **Completion and access is expected by September.**
- Council passed the Bylaw to proceed on June 14, 2010, and we have contacted the contractor and Associated Engineering to advise them of the authorization and are continuing to compile a list of residents that wish to connect to the new waste water collection line.
- **YOU MAY CHOOSE NOT TO CONNECT** but you will still be responsible for your proportionate share of cost of the collection line and new lagoon approximately 4695.60/property or \$668.55 per year for 10 years. . The actual cost may be lower as there are contingencies factored into the estimated costs. You will receive a bill in the fall for the actual costs at which time you may choose to pay out the balance or portion thereof or have it applied to the tax roll for collection
- **As of this date 61 people have expressed interest in connecting.** If you are connecting there are two considerations based on the quotes we have received from our general contractor, Associated Engineering; Only 13 property owners have not replied and 32 have indicated that they would not be connecting at this time.

i.	SCEPTIC TANK IN GOOD CONDITION Tank inspection (cleaning extra)	\$ 375.00
	Supply and install of grinder pump in tank with valves and alarms per AE	\$ 4,500.00
	Trenching and boring extra. Landscaping repair at owner's expense	
ii.	SCEPTIC TANK NOT IN GOOD CONDITION Tank inspection (decommission extra)	\$ 375.00
	Supply and install of power sewer grinder pump system	\$ 6,000.00
	Trenching and boring extra. Landscaping repair at owner's expense	
iii.	ADDITIONAL CHARGES TO BE ADDED TO EACH APPLICABLE SCENARIO ABOVE	
	Trenching as required \$ 50.00 per meter	Hydro Vac as required \$195.00 per hour
	Boring as required \$110.00 per meter	Back Hoe as required \$155.00 per hour

- All prices are estimates. Written quotes available on request. **All taxes extra**
- All electrical connections can be priced on request (extra)
- Administration, engineering and general contractor fees up to **\$425.00 extra**,

We are working to get the best possible price for our residents wishing to connect. As we would like to coordinate connections with the line install, residents should contact the office and advise us of their intent. With the large number of residents connecting we are hopeful to have individual costs reduced where possible.

COUNCIL IS WORKING TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT ASAP TO PROCEED WITH PROPOSED ROAD REPAIR.

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PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS AND COUNCIL WANT PUBLIC RESERVES CLEANED UP

Our community has three primary classes of property, private property, municipal public reserve and provincial crown land. Both, the province officials and the Resort Village of Thode have met regarding the appropriate use of public property especially at the south end of the Village and on the lake front. Photographs, licenses and identification of vehicles, fishing huts, sheds and trailers are being collected and recorded and residents will be contacted and asked to remove belongings to their property or to contact Jessie to make arrangements to purchase a storage permit to use our Public Storage Compound. Your cooperation in advance is greatly appreciated.

FLAMAN BYLAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR THODE

...Council has contract with security firm for Bylaw Enforcement

The Villages of Thode and Shields have confirmed a contract with Flaman Security Services. A sample of the Bylaws that the enforcement officers will be dealing with includes but is not limited to:

- **Dog/animal issues - at large, defecation on public lands, barking, etc**
- Parking and traffic issues - angle parking on roadways. (Unless your driveway is more than 10 feet in depth from your property line chances are you are illegally parking).
- Noise issues – including fireworks. Please keep in mind that late night party may disturb your neighbours and they have a right to quiet enjoyment in our community
- Nuisance Properties - You can be fined for having a property which requires attention.
- ATV & Golf Cart misuse. You must be 16 with a valid driver's license to operate on our roads.
- Plumbing Code infractions - in conjunction with Public Health, Council may ask for reports of any grey water or seasonal line issues.

If you are in compliance with our bylaws you have nothing to worry about. If you see yourself in any of the scenarios listed above - expect a visit and possibly a fine.

DO NOT ANGLE OR 'NOSE IN' PARK ON THE STREET.

We have a parking issue in our village. Our Traffic Bylaw states that **ONLY PARALLEL PARKING IS PERMITTED** along the roadways throughout our village. The problem is that residents or their guests continue to drive into their driveways and park vehicles with disregard for the fact that this driveway area is indeed on the municipal road allowance.

Your driveway is an access to your property. In some cases driveways are large enough within the property boundaries, to be a parking area. We now have vehicles being parked on these driveways in a manner which is contrary to our Vehicle Bylaw, as the vehicle actually extends onto the street. If you are parking in your driveway, you must ensure that the end of your car is not extended onto the street. If you are unsure of where your property line is, look for the closest power pole. These are not located on private lands. These poles are approximately 2 feet into the municipal road allowance.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN FINES.
WE ARE PROVIDING THIS NOTICE AS A COURTESY IN ADVANCE OF OUR
BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ISSUING FINES.**

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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
Cellular	492-7511

EMAIL:

THODE@XPLORNET.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.

CHECK YOUR FIRE INSURANCE

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)
- * Municipal Relations (external)
- * Social Committee
- * Fire Department
- * Greenscape Committee

* Parks and Facilities

Councillor Unruh

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

* Utility Services and Environment

Councillor Cherry

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

* Local Improvement (Waste Water)

Admin Office at 492-2259

* Emergency Measures

Bev Johnson

* Website Development

Larry Bassett