



Community News

...Special Updates and Events

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NEXT STEPS 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.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE VILLAGE SEPTIC COLLECTION SYSTEM

The Village Office has had a few calls lately regarding various issues concerning our Septic Service. Please remember that we are measuring your septic volume via the meter on our Village septic truck. In some cases there may have been a variance in what you think is being pumped out and what may have been recorded. It has come to Council's attention that in the past some volumes were actually rounded down, giving the property owner a lower reading than was actually removed. Council has requested that only readings from the truck meter be submitted to the office for billing purposes.

We respectfully ask for your patience while we move toward installing a waste water management system and sewer line which will reduce the amount of any inconsistency and improve community services for all of us. It is our hope that the Engineer will soon provide us with a *Permit to Construct* the line from the Ministry of Environment and that Council can move ahead with the required paperwork to process the local improvement application.

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

**RESORT VILLAGE OF THODE
P.O. Box 202, DUNDURN, SK S0K 1K0
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Speed Limit in our Village

30 KPH

Is the speed limit

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

(REMINDER)

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. Please contact the Village Office if you are interested in helping our community as an alternate EMO Coordinator.

FROM OUR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Jessie Williams

Please note that your taxes were due December 31, 2009. If you have outstanding taxes please consult your tax notice for the amount due or call Jessie to confirm. 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 now receive a 10% penalty as of January 1, 2010.

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

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll Resort Village of Thode

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Resort Village of Thode for the year of 2010 has been prepared and is open for inspection in the office of the assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m. by appointment. For an appointment please call; 492-2259 weekdays, from January 29/10 to March 2/10.

A bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of The Municipalities Act has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with the Assessor by the 2nd day of March, 2010 to;

Resort Village of Thode,
Box 202, Dundurn, Sask. S0K 1K0.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2010:

Jessie Williams
Assessor

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.

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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

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 chair is Liz Neudorf and the co-chair is Lil Frerichs. Please join in showing your appreciation of the efforts of the entire committee,

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

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Please be advised that the 2009 Drinking Water Quality & Compliance notice has been prepared and is available for inspection at the municipal office or on our website at:

www.resortvillageofthode.ca

FIREWOOD & MULCH

The Greenscape Committee has advised that we have free firewood and mulch for residents. It is located at the end of Summerfeldt Drive by the turn around. Help yourself.

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
- Improvements to the interior of the Village Center will continue over the winter this year.
- Shoreline preservation work has been completed along Pelican Pass
- We will be reviewing the drainage plan and property pins along the village roadways in preparation for spring repairs and potential road widening to the village line.

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.

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
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.

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