



# RESORT VILLAGE OF THODE

*...your community*

**FALL 2011**

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## REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS FOR THE GOOD FORTUNES IN A GREAT COUNTRY

*...A STORY FROM BRITAIN THAT GIVES US PAUSE TO REFLECT*

**SALUTE TO A BRAVE AND MODEST NATION**

**...KEVIN MYERS, SUNDAY TELEGRAPH**

**LONDON:** Until the deaths of Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan, probably almost no one outside their home country had been aware that Canadian troops are deployed in the region. And as always, Canada will bury its dead, just as the rest of the world, as always will forget its sacrifice, just as it always forgets nearly everything Canada ever does. It seems that Canada's historic mission is to come to the selfless aid both of its friends and of complete strangers, and then, once the crisis is over, to be well and truly ignored.

Canada is the perpetual wallflower that stands on the edge of the hall, waiting for someone to come and ask her for a dance. A fire breaks out [and] she risks life and limb to rescue her fellow dance-goers, and suffers serious injuries. But when the hall is repaired and the dancing resumes, there is Canada, the wallflower still, while those she once helped glamorously cavort across the floor, blithely neglecting her yet again.

That is the price Canada pays for sharing the North American continent with the United States, and for being a selfless friend of Britain in two global conflicts. For much of the 20th century, Canada was torn in two different directions: It seemed to be a part of the old world, yet had an address in the new one, and that divided identity ensured that it never fully got the gratitude it deserved.

Yet it's purely voluntary contribution to the cause of freedom in two world wars was perhaps the greatest of any democracy. Almost 10% of Canada's entire population of seven million people served in the armed forces during the First World War, and nearly 60,000 died. The great Allied victories of 1918 were spearheaded by Canadian troops, perhaps the most capable soldiers in the entire British order of battle.

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**BY-ELECTION CANDIDATE TOM BOEHM**

Dear Friends, and Neighbors of Thode,

My name is Tom Boehm and I am running for Councilor in our Resort Village of Thode by-election this month. Melissa and I moved into this great community in May 1997 and have enjoyed many great friendships, work bee's, and community social events over the years. In more recent years we have added a couple of smiling and active little boys to our family, 2008 (Jasper) and 2010 (Jacob). We first moved to Thode thinking that we would "give it a try" and see if we liked the community and the "lake life". Well, it has been more than one year now, and along with our enjoyment of living within our Village, we definitely have no regrets.

Over the years I have seen a few councils come and go and have been witness to some of the popular decisions, as well as the not so popular decisions made by our elected office's. My decision to submit my name for consideration as Councilor is based on my hope and belief in our community and my desire to help build a stronger community by participating on council. While living in our community I have listened to many concerns from many homes about the current affairs of the community, and while some of the concerns are resolved with a little extra effort, other larger issues require a greater effort by both the residents and the Council to communicate and understand the decisions that often must be made.

In the more recent past I have noted the signs of a tone of negativity and destruction towards the current council. This issue was never more evident than when a resident of our community recently stopped me on the street to inform me that they were going to advocate for which ever candidate would create the most destruction and chaos to the current council. It doesn't matter whom this person votes for, my concern is what they believe our community should be. Is this really how our community feels? Is this really how we see ourselves treating one another?

I believe that our past and current council's, like them or not, have been elected to represent our town to the best of their ability, in the best interests of the community, and that once elected to office they deserve a chance to do what they feel is right for our community.

*Tom Boehm (continued)*

As many of you know, I don't believe in self-serving agenda's, and I don't believe in actions and decisions that are not sustainable by the community or in the best interests of the community for both long term and short term planning. I believe in integrity, accountability, and that every councilor has a moral and ethical responsibility to respect the idea's and input from fellow councilors as well as listen to the input received from the community. I will not promise anyone that I will meet their needs, but I will promise our community, that I will do my best to meet the community needs as we grow and make our Village the best place we can for us to enjoy!

Sincerely, Tom

**BY-ELECTION CANDIDATE BERT WOWCHUK**

Hello to everyone in the Resort Village of Thode. My name is Bert Wowchuk.

I grew up on a farm in Saskatchewan helping my parents and learning about farming. Following my graduation from high school I perused a secondary education in the electrical trade graduating with a Interprovincial Electrical Journeyman status. In the following years I advanced my trade skills and matured my knowledge of operating a business. In 1982 I started my first business conducting electrical and mechanical maintenance for 10 successful years. Moving to Saskatoon in 1992 I furthered my skills working on industrial overhead cranes and in 1994 my wife and I together started a business providing service, sales and inspections for the Overhead Crane Industry. For the past 17 years we have successfully employed and educated people on the necessities of business sustainability in our fast paced changing world. My wife and I reside in Saskatoon. Are children have all grown into adulthood perusing their own careers in Engineering, Traveling, Postal Services, Physical Training, Mining and our honourable Military Service. We have two grand children that really enjoy our summer cottage. Two years ago during our Sunday afternoon drives we stumbled across this beautiful community of Thode where we were fortunate enough to acquired our summer cottage at #21 Summerfeldt Dr. We truly love our new summer home and friends. I would like to offer my knowledge and understanding to the people of the Resort Village of Thode and look forward to serving our community. Thank You

*(THESE ARTICLES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED AS WRITTEN AND SUBMITTED BY THE CANDIDATES WITHOUT EDITING)*

## COUNCIL AND STAFF UPDATES

Effective October 20<sup>th</sup>, Council received and accepted the resignation of Lorne Cherry, Councillor since summer of 2009. A by-election date will be determined at the next meeting of Council scheduled for November 24, 2011. This follows the resignation of Councillor Rob Unruh in September. The by-election for that vacancy will be held November 19, 2011. More complete information about the election, candidates and the advance polls will follow in this newsletter. At this time we extend our appreciation for the time and commitment offered to Council and this community by both Lorne and Rob. These efforts and all their efforts as volunteers over time make a real difference in our community. Thank you both from the Mayor, Councillors Cheryl and Julie and your Community.

On September 29, 2011, after a leave of absence and a brief return to work, Council received and accepted the resignation of Gregg Spearey who had been employed with the Resort Village of Thode in several capacities for more than five years. The Mayor, Council and Administration on behalf of the community would like to offer thanks for the years of service and good luck to Gregg in all your future endeavours. All requests for curb stop opening/closing, storage site access, etc will be coordinated by Jessie.

## COUNCIL APPOINTS FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

The Council for the Resort Village of Thode is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Grant to the position of Facilities and Operations Coordinator for the Resort Village of Thode, effective November 3, 2011. Mr Grant resides in Dundurn and retired from the Department of National Defence in early October. He brings extensive experience in numerous key areas relevant to the position in our Village. Please join us in welcoming Mike to our community.

## MANY HANDS MAKES FOR LIGHT LIFTING AND MANY THANK YOU'S

Council would be remiss if it didn't take the time to recognize the volunteer contributions of so many of you but particularly, Tim Reid and Tom Heddeman who stepped up in so many ways over the last six months or so to ensure that roads were maintained, our park space and buildings were maintained and our Community was able to continue operating effectively. Thank you also to the team that stepped up again to help with the installation of the snow fence and to Earl Kotlar for coordinating the meal for the crew.

Council also would like to recognize Renee Adam for her efforts in serving as our Certified Water Operator for the last several months and also to Lisa Pierce for agreeing to take Certified Water Operator training and for serving as our Back-up Operator. Council extends sincere thanks and please know that the entire community appreciates all your efforts to date that have helped to keep our water system functioning properly.

## SEWER COLLECTION LINE

We are pleased to report that after numerous delays, several properties are utilizing the sewer collection line. While it certainly has taken more time than promised by the Dundurn Area Waste Water Utility and there are still issues with the lift station to be rectified, we are hopeful to see more of the community connecting in the near future. If you are still in the process of connecting to the line, please call Jessie to arrange for your curb stop to be opened when the work is completed.

## **BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY TOGETHER**

### **– SPORT COURT AND ANGEL PARK FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES**

Updating our last report residents continue to donate generously with time and money to improve our community and enhance the services for our residents to enjoy. We have nearly \$35,000 and also are striving to raise another \$20,000 to the Community Building Fund. With some more help there is an opportunity to have a multi-use outdoor tennis court, basketball court and skating and hockey rink, facility upgrades and enhancements to Angel Park.

The goal is to raise \$50,000 by the next summer and \$100,000 over the next three years and apply for matching funds have a total of \$100,000 in the near term (\$200,000 by 2014) to bring more improvements to our public spaces and improved facilities for the enjoyment of our youth and families. If there are residents interested in helping this community initiative with labour or financially please call our Village office at 492-2259. Council is establishing a Facilities Planning Committee and is seeking your support to grow the Community Building Fund and build better facilities for families and our community.

**A 2011 TAX DEDUCTION IS STILL POSSIBLE. DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPTS PROVIDED**

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# **Speed Limit!**

## **20 KPH**

### **DRIVE CAREFULLY**

***WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN, STOP FOR THE  
SCHOOL BUS AND ALL PEDESTRIANS,  
REMEMBER TO TAKE EXTRA CARE WITH WINTER  
ROAD CONDITIONS NOW UPON US.***

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, JESSIE WILLIAMS

Dear Property Owners:

This is an update of a previous memo regarding the Waste Water Project. It appears that many in our village are still frustrated by the inability to get connected to our collection line. Many seem to feel that it is the Council's responsibility to secure contractors for this service. I can understand your frustration, but it is not the responsibility of the Mayor or Council to arrange for the line connections. The emails that I send out are updates on information only that is provided to me by the Utility, residents or contractors, and are not an effort to coordinate services.

The main line was the Village driven project under the past Council) and property owners had the option of petitioning against it. There was no petition against continuing with the sewage collection line. It was suggested in the summer of 2009 that the Village might assist in coordinating the line installs, but the consensus was that this was a property owner responsibility since it involved work on private property beyond the scope of the Local Improvement Project.

I have been advised by M&L that they would be interested in doing some of the installs, the quotes that they gave last fall were not acceptable to most of those who received them, but as many are learning a cheaper quote doesn't mean much if you can't get the work done. This Council did in fact ask M&L as the contractor doing the collection line to quote individual connections at the request of several residents. M&L did provide quotes but many including the former Mayor didn't like the quotes and sought another option. Mayor Thomarat recommended asking M&L since they were already in the Village and they wouldn't incur costs driving here to quote jobs. In the meantime, M&L has completed some connections and the final costs in many cases are nearly \$2,200 less than original quotes due to a reduction in the cost of the pumps required.

I am likely as frustrated by this process as you are as I am the one that fields the numerous phone calls and emails. That is my job, but I take exception to the suggestion that the current Mayor and Council should be dealing with this situation. The local area improvement ends with the installation of the collection line to the point of individual curb stops.

### **TO RECAP THE LAST FEW YEARS:**

1. The current Mayor, while neither, opposed to or supportive of the collection line (phase two), made a commitment to residents that they would not be forced to connect their homes to the line if it indeed proceeded. He personally was committed to supporting the new lagoon, which in my view was an essential phase of the proposal. This phase (phase one) would have a limit in cost to our community of approximately \$1,800 per property. Phase two has come in at approximately \$3,000 per property, hence the \$4,800 Local Improvement Levy
2. It was also made clear in newsletters and at the meeting at Shields Hall last August 2010 that if the Village was to be involved in coordinating of any kind with respect to the connection of individual residences then there would be an administration cost incurred and then a fee charged to residents receiving this service from our administration. This would be in addition to the individual connection cost and local improvement levy. Individual line connection is considered to be outside of the scope of the Waste Water (Local

Improvement) Project and therefore was not eligible for grant consideration and also is not the responsibility of the municipality.

3. Since it was clear that a majority of residents would not be connecting it would not be fair to expect all tax payers to subsidize the cost through the mill rate of the individual connecting costs for a few. Options left us with two choices; 1. If we coordinate we would implement a service fee per participating resident of at least \$200 per connection or 2. Leave the connection matter as the responsibility of the individual property owners. We opted for the latter so that residents could save money and hopefully expedite the connection process.

4. We also advised the community in August of 2010 that Mr. Stevens had arranged for another contractor to handle individual connections and if they wanted to be contacted they should call or email Mr. Stevens directly. Residents were also reminded that they could engage their own contractors.

5. M&L is the contractor that installed the collection line and is the most familiar with the engineering issues. While some suggest there were issues with quotes, we feel certain that M&L will review all for any mistakes and revise the quotes accordingly. In the year since quoting no one it seems has asked for a review from M&L Backhoe. Given that this year is coming to a close residents don't have much time if they wish to have connections done this year.

I trust that the above will help set the record straight again and put the rumor mill to rest. There might not be enough time to connect at this point in the year if you haven't already contacted a contractor.

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**THE THODE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE HELD SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26.  
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

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## NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION NOVEMBER 19, 2010

At the most recent meeting of Council in October 2011, it was determined that a By-Election for a vacant position of Councillor for the Municipality of the Resort Village of Thode would be held November 19, 2011. Advance polls and the primary poll will be held at the Village Centre in the Resort Village of Thode.

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### NOTICE OF POLL

➤ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011  
VILLAGE CENTRE, THODE - 9:00AM TO 8:00 PM, *and*

### NOTICE OF ADVANCE POLLS

➤ SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2011  
VILLAGE CENTRE, THODE – 1:00PM TO 4:00PM, *and*

➤ MONDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2011  
Village Centre, Thode – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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## 2010 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Included with this mailing is a synopsis of the 2010 financial statement. The statement took longer than expected due to delays associated obtaining the 2010 audited financial statements from the DRWU and the DAWWU. As we are directly involved with these two utilities, their financial statements have an impact on our reports. Despite that our audit was completed in January, the statement was not available until the October Council meeting. A full version of the statement is available on our website or you can request a copy from the office.

You will note on Statement 2 – the Consolidated Statement of Operations, that we experienced an overall Deficit of Revenues over Expenses for 2010 in the amount of \$12,422. You will also note on page 18 that there is a Tangible Capital Asset Loss of \$11,599 which was the loss on the sale of the Septic Truck (sold in 2010 for \$50,000), and an expense of \$3,821 under Utility Services, attributed to our share of the operating loss for the Dundurn and Area Waste Water Utility. **These amounts are not actual cash expenses, so in fact our cash income over the cash expenses was a surplus of \$2,999 for fiscal 2010.**

New legislative requirements have caused your Council to include (non cash) amortization of \$25,553 in the expenses when considering the mill rate. These amounts are also included in the expenses, but are not actual cash expenses. It is the intention of Council to allocate these funds to reserve accounts so that when our capital assets need to be replaced, a funded reserve is available and the annual mill rate will not need to be increased to accommodate the purchase of replacement assets. The rationale for the new reserve allocations was explained in the last newsletter which is posted on our website.

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**The Animal Control Bylaw** has been amended and now includes a requirement to register your pet. Please contact 492-2259 or see our website to access a registration form.

## HOLDING TANK PUMP OUTS

**As of December 31, 2011, the Village Office will no longer be coordinating the Septic pump out service for the Resort Village of Thode.** It will be the responsibility of every property not connected to the collection line to contact a septic hauler to empty their holding tanks. You may choose to continue to hire Big T Septic Service or you may choose to hire another company.

There are many haulers listed in the “Yellow Pages” of the phone book, but if you find someone willing to offer this service in Thode, please ensure that they have a permit from the Resort Village of Thode to operate within our municipality. Our Bylaw #2/2005 states that “No person shall provide a sewage transporting service within the Resort Village of Thode without a current permit to do so from Sask Environment and written approval from the local governing authority (the Resort Village of Thode)”.

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## SEPTIC HAULING CONTRACTORS

The following companies have entered into agreements previously with the Resort Village of Thode and are permitted to provide sewage hauling services within the Village of Thode upon completion of a new agreement to operate effective January 1, 2012:

Big T Septic Services	222-1110
K&A Septic Services	384-7402
EnviroTech Services Inc.	244-9500

If you contact one of the companies below or others listed in the Yellow Pages please advise them to contact the Village Office to arrange for permission to operate within Thode and enter into a new agreement to do so.

Sew Kleen Septic Services	283-4406
McGill's Plumbing	664-2220
Ter-Ray Services	257-3288

## Council Meetings

Village Centre at 7:00 pm the  
Second Thursday of each month unless  
otherwise notified pursuant to bylaws

Next Meeting November 24, 2011

## Council Members

Mayor:	Alan Thomarat	492-4637
Deputy:	Cheryl Reid	492-2235
Councillor:	Julie Pineault	492-4941
Councillor:	Vacant	
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### **Administration:**

Jessie Williams 492-2259

### **Facilities & Operations:**

Michael Grant 492-2205  
Mobile 717-3271

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## VILLAGE CENTRE RENTAL INFORMATION:

**Resident Rental Fee - \$100**

**Plus - \$250 damage deposit.**

Damage deposit will be refunded if the Centre is  
cleaned after use.

**FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT 492-2259.**

## GET YOUR VILLAGE NEWS FASTER

*Currently over 70% of the village is registered to  
receive Council minutes, updates and info via  
email. If you would like to receive this  
information and your newsletter electronically,  
please forward your email address to Jessie at*

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**OFFICE HOURS – PART TIME**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY**

*Please call Jessie to make an appointment*

## Council Assignments

### **Finance and Administration**

Mayor Thomarat

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

Deputy Mayor Reid

- \* Planning and development
- \* Bylaw Review
- \* Water and DRWU representative
- \* Committee liaison and recruitment

### **Community Relations**

Councillor Pineault

- \* Public Relations (internal)
- \* Social Committee
- \* Fire Department

### **Parks and Facilities**

Facilities and Administration

- \* Village Centre and Playground
- \* Road Maintenance/Parking
- \* Snow Fence/Ice Rink
- \* Park and Village Maintenance (Greenscape Committee)
- \* Dock Management/Fishing huts

### **Utility Services and Environment**

Facilities and Administration

- \* Garbage and Recycling
- \* Shore line preservation
- \* Animal Control
- \* Emergency Measures

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Council meetings and minutes please visit our  
website at [www.resortvillageofthode.ca](http://www.resortvillageofthode.ca)*