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## **Larkspur Fall Newsletter – 2016**

Another summer has come and gone. Winter has made an attempt to take over from fall and at the time of writing this newsletter, snow covers the ground and it is early October.

At the Annual General Meeting of the summer village there were several issues raised and discussed. For those who were not able to attend the meeting, a copy of the minutes have been placed onto the website. One item that was at the forefront at the meeting was the need for communication between council, administration and ratepayers. Although these newsletters address some of the issues, they cannot be current and informative as the issues arise. The best method of keeping you up to speed is through the internet and a dedicated website. As such, Marion has taken it upon herself and has enlisted assistance to upgrade our website. We wish to thank her and her daughter who have spent much time ensuring all your concerns regarding the information you wished to have accessible on the web site have been met. This website is more interactive and can be a conduit to follow what is happening in the summer village and an avenue for you to ask questions to your administration and council. You will also be able to access the minutes from the council meetings and meeting dates. The new website is scheduled to come on line in December. We can also expedite getting the newsletters to you by way of emails. If you wish to get placed onto a distribution list to receive the newsletters by email, please advise Marion and provide her with your email address and future newsletters will get to you that much sooner.

### **Survey**

As most residents are aware, a land survey was done on two reserves at the North end of the summer village. The survey was conducted by Navland Geomatics Inc. on behalf of the Council of the Summer Village. Reserves R1 and R2 were done in 2016 while R3 and R4 will be done in 2017 with the remainder in 2018. The purpose of the survey was to identify the boundaries for the reserves, pathways and walkways. Posts and markers were put in by the surveyors to identify the boundaries. Attached on the last page is a map clearly showing the summer village boundaries, roads, walkways and property lines. A larger map can be viewed in the hall.

Some surprising results surfaced as a result of the survey, and we would like to bring some of these results to the ratepayers of the summer village. One must keep in mind that the reserves are the property of the summer village and for the enjoyment of all:

1. Some property development extends into reserves.
2. Gates, fences and restrictions have been placed across some walkways to prevent access.
3. Foreign material has been discarded onto the reserves.

#### 1. Property Development Extending onto Reserves

We wish to point out that each property owner is responsible to ensure any development conducted by them meets the requirements of the Land Use Bylaw. If a person is building or has already built, they must have a development permit and if they are unsure if they have one, they should check with the administrators. If they have not done so, now is the time to make an application. If you are unsure if the development on your property meets the bylaw requirements, you are encouraged to please contact administration. Their number and email address are on the logo on page 1.

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We fully trust that property owners are self-aware of any questionable practices or non-compliance situations and that you will take actions to rectify these on a voluntary basis as this is in your interest to do so. Property owners are reminded that failure, on the part of the Summer Village, to enforce bylaw infractions or other non-compliance situations does not constitute a waiver to the actions and does not condone the continuance of the activity or situation. Proper use of the reserve areas is everyone's responsibility and we owe this to our neighbors and to all residents.

## 2. Gates, Fences and Restrictions Preventing Access

Property owners that have placed barriers preventing access should remove those barriers. Remember **the reserves are for the enjoyment of all**. If the barrier is a tree or other natural barrier, rather than removing the tree, there may be alternative solutions. Please discuss this with your neighbors and hopefully come to an agreement so access can take place. This may require someone to give up some of their own property to let this happen. The access should then be marked with ribbons or something similar. If mutual agreement cannot be made then Administration and Council may need to take action.

## 3. Foreign Material on Reserves

If there is garbage on the reserves that is your, please have it removed.

Lastly, some markers and stakes have been removed. These stakes and markers were placed there at the time of the survey and removal of them is illegal. If they are removed, then surveyors will need to be called back to redo the work resulting in additional cost to every ratepayer.

## **Road Sealing**

As you probably noticed the roads were not sealed this fall as weather prevented the work to be done in a timely manner. Although the work was to be done around Thanksgiving the road base was very wet and cold. The contractor recommended the work be put over until spring when the sealing could be done much more effectively. We will try again in the spring once things dry out again.

## **Speed Bumps & Signage**

Speed Bumps have been ordered and will be installed in the spring after thaw. The speed bumps will be strategically placed on Sunrise Drive and Larkspur Drive. Two traffic control signs have gone missing from the summer village and new ones have been ordered and they will be replaced.

## **New RV Policy**

The RV policy has been changed and now property owners, whose principle residence is in the Summer Village of Larkspur, may store, and use, their RV on their property and they will not be charged the RV fee. This RV cannot be rented out or it will lose this status. The number of RVs stored in this manner is restricted to one. There will be a revision posted on the new website once everything is finalized.

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***In closing, since this will be our final newsletter for this year, Administration and Council wish to send to our fellow villagers a safe, happy and eventful holiday season.***