



Welcome to the Spring 2026 Newsletter. On behalf of the Summer Village Council, we would like to share some updates on the projects we've been working on over the past winter and our preparations for the summer season.

**Operating Budget**

As part of the process to develop our 2026 annual operating budget, the Summer Village was informed earlier this year that the Province of Alberta has advanced further rate increases relating to the Education Tax. The Education Tax is collected by the Summer Village (it appears on your property tax notice) and requisitioned by the Province of Alberta. The 2026 increase is substantial. The Education Tax collected already saw a 12% increase in 2024 and another 11% increase for 2025; it will now increase by a further 22% in 2026. This represents a 45% increase in just three years. In the table below, you can track the changes separately for the Municipal Tax (which we collect to support our Summer Village operations) and the Education Tax. Property tax notices, which include the sum of both the Municipal Tax and Education Tax, will be mailed by May 15, 2026.

Year	Municipal Tax Amount	Increase from Previous Year	School Tax Amount	Increase from Previous Year
2024	91,877.00	0%	88,668.37	12%
2025	91,877.00	0%	98,346.37	11%
2026	94,633.00	3%	119,836.60	22%

For your reference, the 2025 Tax Assessment information in which the tax notices are based on, is available on our [website](#)

**Road Maintenance**

You may recall that four years ago, we completed various road repairs throughout the Summer Village. While many of those repairs have held up well, another round of maintenance is being planned. To ensure the best possible outcome, we will complete road base repairs in some of these locations rather than just superficial pothole overlays. Ideally, these repairs will be completed during favorable weather conditions, which limits the available window. The Summer Village has hired a contractor for this work, and we are currently finalizing the schedule. Please stay tuned for further updates. Access to the Summer Village will be maintained at all times, and we anticipate the work occurring during the week to limit any impacts on residents.

## **Fire and Emergency Management**

Previously, we shared that the Summer Village was preparing plans for a dry hydrant as an important part of our fire response plan. Although we have completed the design work, we have placed the project on hold for the time being. We had anticipated construction this year; however, after receiving cost estimates, we decided to wait for potential dedicated grant funding to reduce the direct costs to ratepayers. Grants are not uncommon for this type of investment, so we are hopeful that pausing now will allow us to find the right opportunity to advance this critical work. The good news is that we have designs ready to proceed and make an informed application should the opportunity arise.

## **MCSNet**

Well, the secret is out. Through a combination of federal and provincial [funding](#), MCSnet is well underway in providing fibre optic services to the Summer Village this summer. The design as we understand has been finalized and we are waiting on further information on the timing of construction. If you have not received a notification at your property requesting your authorization please get in contact with MCSnet. For more information about the steps involved in this project, please visit their [website](#).

## **Drainage**

What an epic, snowy winter! For those who were not here to witness it, we experienced record snowfall. As spring arrives, albeit quite late, that snow is now melting, resulting in a significant amount of standing water. We anticipate that much of this water will dissipate once the ground thaws, but we are monitoring the situation closely. Please do what you can to ensure that surface water is able to drain effectively, while remaining considerate of downstream effects. In other words, please do not flood your neighbors and direct surface runoff toward the lake where possible.

## **Community Shelter**

We have purchased a pickleball net and rackets for residents to use during the summer. We ask that you respect the equipment and leave it for others to enjoy when you are finished playing. We hope this provides more opportunities for residents and guests to enjoy the shelter. We are also still exploring washroom options at or near the shelter; however, we have no further details at this time. More to come!

## **Land Use Bylaw**

Based on a recently completed review by the Province's Municipal Affairs ministry, it was identified that an update to the Summer Village's Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan is required. A Land Use Bylaw is how a municipality regulates the development, use, and design of land and buildings. To properly administer changes to this Bylaw, a public hearing process is required to ensure community feedback informs the final document. When available, we will share more information about the process and the anticipated dates for the public hearing.

## **Insurance**

The Summer Village is a member of the Alberta Summer Village Association (ASVA). As part of this membership, we often receive notifications and reminders about specific topics of interest. A recent bulletin highlighted important information regarding docks and related insurance. Please take a moment to confirm with your insurance provider that your dock is covered under your home insurance policy.

## **Community Events**

The Summer Village was successful in receiving a federal grant for our upcoming Canada Day festivities. We have also received a grant related to the upcoming World Cup being co-hosted by Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Additionally, we are pursuing a grant for Alberta Day celebrations closer to the Labour Day weekend. Please stay tuned for more details. We will be working closely with the Long Island Lake Natural Area Society (LILNAS) to provide more information about these and other events as the dates approach.

## **Annual Community Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for September 12, 2026, at 10 AM. Please save this date and time to hear the annual report from the Summer Village Council.

**If you have any comments or inquiries related to the information provided in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Councillors. Contact information is available on the Summer Village [website](#).**