

# Alberta Beach

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



# NEWSLETTER 2011

On behalf of Council & the Village Staff I would like to express our appreciation for your continued support & enthusiastic participation in our community during the past year. Should you have any concerns or comments please feel free to contact me personally or submit them in writing to the Village Office.

Last fall's election brought about several changes with myself, Lynn Ferland & Kevin Kliss being newly elected & joining re-elected council members Doug Ford & Don McNair to form the new Village Council. Councillor Kliss's unexpected resignation in early January necessitated the holding of a by-election in mid April resulting in the successful return of former Mayor Bill Love to council. I am confident that the new Council will continue to provide innovative & fiscally responsible leadership & I am hopeful that over the coming months we will be able to develop a long term vision & development plan. An integral part of long term planning is ensuring our residents have access to an abundant supply of clean water. Alberta Beach, as a member of the West Inter Lake District (WILD) Regional Water Services Commission, is confident that this will be achieved in the next 3-5 years. Negotiations are currently ongoing to obtain water from the Capital Region Parkland Water Services Commission with construction commencing in 2012-2015 it is anticipated that the transmission pipeline, reservoir & bulk water station will be operational at Alberta Beach prior to year end of 2015. The majority of us currently have wells & quality water however, with the rapid growth in the number of subdivisions within the County & the unknown impact it may have on our long term water supply, central water supply is paramount to ensure the continued prosperity of the Village.

A new Fireworks By-law has been en-acted, banning the sale of fireworks within the Village as well as prohibiting the discharge & possession of fireworks without a permit. Firework displays will continue to be part of our public celebrations however the risk of fires, injuries & property damage will be greatly reduced. In addition to the Fireworks By-law the Village has approved an additional position for the Patrol Department to work with Sgt. Brown as part of our enhanced public safety program.

Upon Alberta Beach acquiring ownership of the Federal Pier in April 2010 & upon the advice of our Legal Counsel & Insurance Company the pier was fenced off & closed to the public for safety reasons. In early April of this year, after months of negotiations & delays, Alberta Beach through the Ste. Anne Recreational Lake Use Committee (SARLUC) received authorization from the Province & Federal Government to remove the Federal Pier. I know for many of our long time residents & visitors the pier is a part of their childhood memories & its removal will be a personal loss. Unfortunately, the pier's condition was allowed to deteriorate to where it was unsalvageable & a costly liability leaving no other alternative other than removal. Council & the SARLUC Committee is currently considering all options for future development for the site.

The Boat Launch remains an integral part of the Village's infrastructure & as part of the SARLUC initiative; Alberta Beach has approached the Provincial Government to transfer ownership of the boat launch to the Village. However it was declined. We will continue to work with the province in developing plans for the revitalization & rehabilitation of our shoreline.

Plans continue for the relocation of Public Works to the Village property along Museum Road. This new Public Works shop will be built using Grant Funds.

In closing I would like to thank all the volunteers, service clubs & organizations that contribute to making Alberta Beach the vibrant & caring community that it is. Additionally I would like to acknowledge & thank our Public Works Department for their hard work & dedication during this past winter. Their snow removal program was second to none. On a personal note, I would also like to thank the Administration Staff & my fellow Councillors for their support.

Lou Hudon, Mayor

### **OFFICE HOURS & GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

**The Village Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday**

Mailing Address.....Box 278, Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

General Administration .....Phone: (780) 924-3181 Fax: (780) 924-3313

E-mail:.....aboffice@albertabeach.com

Website.....www.albertabeach.com

Public Works Supervisor.....(780) 924-3322

Patrol Department.....(780) 924-3434

RCMP Non-Emergency.....(780)424-4001





## TAX INFORMATION



### COMBINED TAX AND ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Tax & Assessment Notices are combined & mailed on June 10<sup>th</sup> of each year. Taxes are due August 9<sup>th</sup> of each year. A penalty of 18% will be applied on August 10<sup>th</sup> to all unpaid current year's taxes. In January of the following year an 18% penalty will be imposed on all outstanding taxes.

#### Please Note:

- A change in the Municipal Mill rate alone may not necessarily increase or decrease the total Municipal Taxes that one may owe from one year to the next.
- Prior to contacting the Village Office to discuss your Municipal Taxes, please review the value that your property has been assessed at (both land & improvements) since a significant change in this amount may not only have direct impact on your Municipal Taxes, but also the level of School Taxes.

**For Assessment Concerns Contact the Assessor:  
Dan Kanuka at 780-939-3310**

### 2011 MILL RATES AND TAXATION

#### Municipal Mill Rate:

Residential/Farm – 4.2977

Commercial/Power & Pipe/Machinery & Equipment – 8.2977

#### ASFF (School) Mill Rate:

Residential/Farm – 2.28476

Commercial/Power & Pipe/Machinery & Equipment – 3.22265

#### Municipal Services Tax:

**\$600.00** per property – Includes costs for:

(Assessment, Fire Services, Patrol Services, Senior's Foundation, Street Lights, Sewer Commission)

#### Library Levy:

**\$15.85** per property – Includes costs for:

(Yellowhead Regional Library & Alberta Beach Municipal Library)

### PAYING TAXES

Payment of taxes can be made directly at the Village Office (4935 – 50<sup>th</sup> Ave) with cheque, money order, cash or debit card. There is a mail slot located beside the front door of the office for those who can not make business hours. Payment may also be mailed to

Box 278 Alberta Beach, Alberta T0E 0A0.

**If payment is mailed, it must be postmarked stamped no later than August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to avoid the penalty.**

### ALBERTA SENIOR'S & COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

Like past years, the Education Property Tax Assistance Program pays for any increase from the education tax portion of seniors' taxes. For more information, contact the Seniors Services Division in Edmonton at 1-800-642-3853 or 780-427-7876

### TAX PAYMENT PLAN

The monthly Tax Payment Plan option allows you to make regular payments and avoid penalties. All prior years taxes must be paid in full by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Please contact the Village Office for more information.

### FILING A PROPERTY ASSESSMENT COMPLAINT

You have 60 days from the date of mailing of your combined Tax Statement & Assessment Notice to file an assessment complaint. The assessment complaint deadline is August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. To officially file a valid complaint the following is required:

- Complete the prescribed form available at the Village Office along with the applicable filing fee of \$50.00 for single family residential & farmland properties & \$150.00 for non-residential properties & multi-family residential properties with more than three dwelling units.

Please mail or drop off completed form and filing fee to:

Village of Alberta Beach (4935 – 50<sup>th</sup> Ave)

Box 278 Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

**For more detailed information please see enclosure.**

**REMINDER: You can appeal your assessment only NOT your taxes and you must have grounds for your appeal.**

### What is PROPERTY ASSESSMENT?

Property assessment is the process of estimating the market value of your property for municipal & education taxation purposes. Assessment is simply a distribution mechanism. The property taxes that you pay are calculated in proportion to the value of the real estate you own. A qualified assessor prepares annual assessments for all property within Alberta Beach. Our assessment representative is dedicated to providing a fair & accurate assessment for Alberta Beach taxpayers.

### What is MARKET VALUE?

Market value is the valuation standard set by provincial legislation & is the basis for property valuation across Alberta. Market value is the probable price your property could sell for in a competitive & open market, as of a given date. Market value is recognized as the most understandable, transparent & objective measure of a property's worth. The market value as shown on your 2011 Assessment & Taxation notice is based on a legislated valuation date of July 1, 2010 & reflects the physical condition of your property as of Dec 31, 2010.

### How is Market VALUE DETERMINED?

Market value assessments are prepared using mass appraisal. This is the process of valuing a group of properties at a given date, using standard methods and allowing for statistical testing. For residential property, assessors compile, review & analyze information from all legitimate real estate sale transactions that have occurred in Alberta Beach over the 12-month period prior to the valuation date. This process results in the estimated value of your property as of July 1, 2010.

**PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

# NOTICES, NEWS & REMINDERS



## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are open to the public and are held the third Tuesday of each month in the Village Office Council Chambers at 7:00pm.

Have you heard the term 'In Camera' and wondered what it meant?

An "in camera" session may be held at the beginning and or the end of the public meeting. It is a private meeting held by Council. The Municipal Government Act requires that municipalities hold in camera sessions for topics regarding the three L's Land, Labour, and Legal, The three L's summarize the exceptions to disclosure listed in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). No decisions may be made during an in camera meeting, except a decision to revert back to a public meeting.

## Reminder: Lake Access Weed Pick-Up

Lake weeds from waterfront lots are the only item permitted for disposal at lake access points for Organic Waste pick up on Tuesday's! **Tree branches, foliage and other composting materials are not to be placed at the lake access point for pick up & will not be picked up.**

**ILLEGAL DUMPING COULD RESULT IN FINES!!!!**

## DEVELOPMENT & DEMOLITION PERMITS

All construction, including renovations, development and demolition, **must** have the required permits.

Development Officer; Tony Sonnleitner **MUST** be contacted prior to commencing any project.

He can be contacted at 780-718-5479.



## BUILDING/ELECTRICAL/GAS/PLUMBING PERMITS

Alberta Beach is not accredited to one inspection agency. Compliance monitoring now falls under Alberta Municipal Affairs in non-accredited Municipalities. Please contact the Village Office for a listing of agencies.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited 2010 financial statements and the 2011 approved budget are available upon request at the Village Office.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that dumping of garbage on public roadways (ditches, road allowances etc) is illegal. Any person caught doing this will be charged under the Environmental Protection Act, Section 179 (1) and fined up to \$250.00, Section 228(3)(a).

Message from the Highway 43 East Waste Commission

## Keeping in Touch

Alberta Beach uses the information supplied by the Land Titles office on the existing certificate of title for each property within its boundaries. All ownership changes including land transfers, marital name changes either by marriage or divorce, and survival of joint tenancy **must first be registered with the Land Titles Office** at Box 2380, Edmonton, AB T5J 2T3. The Land Titles Office is then obligated to forward the registered change that must be recorded in the municipality's records to the municipal jurisdiction where the property is located.

Address changes are accepted and recorded upon verbal or written request to the Village Office; however, an address change request with Alberta Beach does not automatically update the records held by the Land Titles Office. A formal written request for an address change on their forms is the only method accepted by the Land Titles Office. The forms are available at [www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca](http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca). Registering an address change with the Land Titles Office is not mandatory, however, we encourage all landowners to update their mailing address with the Registrar if their current address is different from the one recorded on their certificate of title. This small step will help to avoid the risk of not receiving notification of liens, caveats & other encumbrances that could or may be registered on your certificate of title held by the Registrar.

## MUNICIPAL ADDRESSING

A reminder that every building occupied as a business or residence shall have its house/business number clearly displayed. Please Note: Your **CORRECT** address is located on your tax notice. This is the address that is to be displayed on your residence. This is the address that is used by the Municipality and given to emergency and utility services.

## Snow Removal

Please be advised that Alberta Beach Council is reviewing the current Handicapped Driveway Snow Clearing Policy. They are considering dis-continuing the service due to lack of resources, cost and civil liability.

## Alberta Beach Council Members

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Lou Hudon</b>
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	<b>Doug Ford</b>
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Don McNair</b>
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Lynn Ferland</b>
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Bill Love</b>

### 2010 Election Results October 18, 2010

✓Lou Hudon – 234	Bill Love – 136
✓Lynn Ferland – 190	Clarence Doucette – 112
✓Kevin Kliss – 184	Tara Elwood – 106
✓Don McNair – 148	Russ Taylor – 87
✓Doug Ford – 140	

### 2011 By-Election Results April 18, 2011

✓ Bill Love – 121
Ronnie Marks 51
Debbie Durocher - 17
Tara Elwood - 15

**REGIONAL LANDFILL SITE –  
Operated by the HWY 43 East Waste Commission**

Alberta Beach Residents must use the Regional Landfill Site located 5km past Gunn on Hwy 43 (just past Ross Haven).

The Landfill site is Open Mon – Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. & closed Sundays.

For more information, please contact the Regional Site at 780-967-3466.

**Catch the Wave Souvenirs**

Souvenirs are available at the Village Office.  
We have Caps ~ T-Shirts ~ New Golf Shirts ~ Hoodies ~ Sweatshirts ~ Cards ~ Playing Cards ~ Pocket Knives ~ Travel Mugs ~ Coffee Cups ~ and more!!

**Alberta Beach Family  
R.V. Park & Campground**

Seasonal Sites NOW available!  
Seasonal Rate - \$2,400.00 + GST

Please contact the Campground Manager at (780) 924-2333 for details!



**PATROL/BYLAW  
ENFORCMENT/ANIMAL  
CONTROL NEWS**

**PATROL**

Alberta Beach patrol is responsible for the enforcement of our local Traffic, Animal Control and Municipal Bylaws. Our goal is to have a greater presence of law enforcement in order to help keep our community a safe place to live and visit.

**Alberta Beach Patrol Department 780-924-3434**

**DIRECT NUMBER TO NON EMERGENCY  
RCMP 780-424-4001**

**SPRUCE GROVE/STONY PLAIN RCMP DRUG  
TIP LINE: 780-968-7212**

**REMINDER - SPEED LIMIT**

The speed limit in Alberta Beach is **40 km/hour** unless otherwise posted. This is for the safety of everyone. Please buckle up and drive with care.

**FIREWORKS REMINDER**

**As of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**No person shall:**

Display for sale, offer for sale, sell, purchase, possess to sell, transport, store, obtain, give, discharge, or otherwise possess fireworks within the Village.

The Village of Alberta Beach would still like to promote organized professional Firework's displays at celebrations. Permits may be issued to an individual who has a valid Federal Fireworks Operator Certificate & meets the requirements of Bylaw #232-11.

Permits will only be granted for:

- New years: 20:00 hours (8:00 PM) December 31 – 01:00 hours (1:00 AM) January 1
- Canada Day: 20:00 hours (8:00 PM) – 23:59 hours (11:59 PM) July 1
- Labour Day: 20:00 hours (8:00 PM) – 23:59 HOURS (11:59 PM) on the first Monday of September
- Special Events specifically approved by a motion of Council

Permits from another municipality are not valid in the Village of Alberta Beach. \*\*\* Permits issued in any other municipality may be used to transport any fireworks through the Village directly out of the Village without stopping only.

An individual who is convicted of an offence pursuant to this bylaw for which no specific penalty has been provided is liable to a fine of not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$10,000.00 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding Sixty (60) Days unless such fine & cost including the cost of committal are sooner paid.

**Specified Penalties:**

Discharge / Possess Fireworks	\$250.00
Selling Fireworks	\$1000.00
Set up, operate or discharge a pyrotechnic display	\$500.00
Obstructs, interferes with, hinders, an Enforcement Officer	\$500.00
Offer fireworks for sale	\$500.00
Transport fireworks	\$250.00

\*Be aware that Parkland County & Lac Ste Anne County also have new Fireworks Bylaws.



**DOG LICENSES**



**Have you purchased your 2011 Dog License???**

All dogs that reside in Alberta Beach require a valid Dog License. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Dog Licenses are required to be renewed annually from January to December. You can purchase your dog License at the Village Office.

**Reminders:**

- Dogs are NOT allowed on the main public beach area or in parks; however they can be taken to the beach access points (Beach Access Roads).
- Please keep your dog on a leash whenever you are not on your own private property.
- **No more than two dogs per residence.**

**Dog License Fee's**

1. Male or Female unaltered dogs	\$20.00
2. Neutered Male or spayed Female dogs	\$10.00
3. Replacement Tag	\$5.00

## Ⓡ PARKING Ⓡ

Due to the overwhelming need for parking, there is an overflow parking lot located east of 50<sup>th</sup> Street (adjacent to the Heritage Park and Ball Diamonds) and located behind the Alberta Beach Senior's Centre. Our goal is to alleviate some of the congestion in the summer due to the high volume of recreational traffic.

**REMINDER:** There is no parking permitted on the boat launch or on Lake Access Roads. Tow-away zones will be enforced!!!!

### \*\*NEW\*\*

#### Hawkers, Peddlers & Hucksters License

All Hawklers, Peddlers, & Hucksters require a license. You **MUST** apply for a license at the Village Office. For further information please contact the Village Office.

Fee - \$50.00 per day or \$250.00 per week.

#### BYLAW RESTRICTIONS

As a reminder, there are restrictions for the use and storage of Recreational Vehicles on residential property.

Recreational vehicles, holiday trailers, motor homes, campers or tent trailers may be situated on a residential parcel provided that they:

- (a.) are occupied for no longer than seventy-two (72) hours total with a thirty (30) day period; and
- (b.) are located with a required parking stall or on the site in a manner satisfactory to the Development Officer.

For the purpose of storage of the vehicle:

- (a) a maximum of one unoccupied recreational vehicle, holiday trailer, motor home, camper or tent trailer may be situated on a residential parcel that is developed with a single family dwelling.

For Further information please contact the Village office.



## TAKE PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY!



Please be advised that we will be issuing notices to remedy unsightly premises under the Municipal Government Act & all amendments thereto. These will be issued to any or all premises deemed to be unsightly and untidy. We are striving to enhance the image of our Village.

It is your responsibility to cut grass in ditches, destroy noxious weeds, haul away derelict vehicles, remove: car parts, old fridges, stoves, scrap building materials, etc. Your full co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## 🔥 RECREATIONAL CAMP FIRES 🔥

In Alberta Beach recreational fires are for the purpose of cooking, obtaining warmth, or viewing for pleasure. Permitted burning materials are seasoned wood, pulp products (paper or cardboard) and dry refuse from vegetation. Please adhere to all the rules & regulations for safe recreational fires on your property.

When a **FIRE BAN** is in effect, notices will be posted at the Lion's Park (50<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 47<sup>th</sup> Street), on the Community Channel (Cable 4), and on the website at [www.albertabeach.com](http://www.albertabeach.com) & at the Village Office. **FIRE BANS** must be adhered to. For further information, the "Burning Bylaw" is available for viewing or copies can be obtained at the Village Office



## GARBAGE, ORGANICS & RECYCLING



### ♻️ Recycling Depot! ♻️

**"Do your part to help eliminate the amount of Solid Waste that enters our environment & Recycle!"**

Located at the Alberta Beach Public Works Shop  
5000 - 49 Ave. (Behind the Village Office)  
**Village offers Cardboard & Paper Recycling:**

1. Cardboard Includes: cereal boxes, shoe boxes, board boxes, corrugated cardboard boxes.  
**Boxes must be flattened!**
2. Paper Includes: Newspaper print, colored & white paper, Magazines, & old phone books.

Residents **must not** dispose of non-approved recyclable items in the recycling bins located at the Recycling Depot at the Public Works yard.

**THESE ITEMS RESULT IN  
CONTAMINATION LEADING TO HIGHER  
RECYCLING COSTS, HELP US KEEP  
OUR RECYCLABLES FREE OF  
CONTAMINATION!**

## Important Reminders About Garbage & Organic Pick Up:

- Each residential property in Alberta Beach is issued two carts, a Solid Waste Cart as well as an Organic Cart.
- These carts are the property of the Village of Alberta Beach and must remain with the property they are issued to. They are not to be removed!
- It will be the responsibility of the property owner to bare the replacement costs if lost or stolen. (\$100.00 per cart)
- Please remove your carts from the pick-up point **as soon as possible** after collection. Do not leave them sitting on the side of the street or alley.
- Place Garbage Cart out by 8:00 a.m. every Monday and place Organic Cart out by 8:00 a.m. every Tuesday!!!!
- Please do not dispose in the garbage: used oil filters and containers, propane cylinders, paint cans (unless the paint can is empty with lid removed).



## **Waste & Organic Collection**



- **Garbage Pickup is weekly every Monday (unless the Monday is a holiday then Garbage will be moved to Tuesday).**
- **Organic Waste Pickup is weekly every Tuesday (May to October), unless Monday is a STAT holiday then Organic Pickup will be moved to Wednesday.**

**Note:** All garbage **MUST** fit in the Solid Waste Cart (Grey) and Organic yard waste **MUST** fit in the Organic Cart (Green) in order to be picked up.

**If you require an additional cart, there is a deposit fee per cart of \$100.00.** Please contact the Village Office at (780) 924-3181.

The Organic Yard Waste Cart (Green) **does not** require the organics to be placed in a clear bag; you are to put the organics (grass clippings, tree trimmings, leaves, weeds, and garden foliage) **directly into the cart without a bag.**

## Appliance Pick Up

**When:** June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**What it Includes:** Any Metal Appliances, such as fridges, freezers, stoves, washer & dryers, dishwashers, etc.

**Cost:** No Charge; except for refrigerated units, there is a \$25.00 Freon discharge fee.

**Important Information:** Please contact the Village Office prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to be put on a list for pick up at 780-924-3181.



## Large Bin Clean Up

**When:** June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Place:** Agliplex Parking Lot (4811-46A Avenue).

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**What it Includes:** A Bin for Wood Products; a Bin for Metal Products; and a Bin for General Waste.

**Please Note:** These Bins will not accept toxic waste such as paint or batteries or any e-waste such as computers or televisions.

## Toxic Waste Roundup

This years Onoway Toxic Waste Round-Up will be held in the fall of 2011.

Did you know?

The Onoway UFA will take your used motor oil for recycling.

Mon-Fri 8-5pm

And Sat 9-2pm

You can dispose of your e-waste at the main landfill site at no charge.

## **HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AND**



## **SAFE SUMMER!**

