

Newsletter From Your Coteau Beach Council

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Welcome Back. Now that winter is over, we look forward to seeing everyone back at the lake for another summer of sun, fun, swimming, fishing, and partying. At the time of writing this note, the water is out and the sand is exposing itself. However, this will not last. Although the Rockies remain chucked full of snow and the crazies are still careening down the crevasses of Banff, the Alberta creeks that feed the South Saskatchewan are starting to swell. Water level is definitely up in the Sheep River as it passes through Okotoks. And when the mighty Sheep rises, the Prairies tremble. Soon the level of our lake will rise and fill our lives with fun once more.

This promises to be very busy summer at Coteau Beach. Council has applied for several grants - both federal and provincial (see below). If these are funded, the monies will be made available after June 30 and the work should be completed in July and August. We will also see our Community Club put on a variety of recreational activities. Finally, this is the summer to elect our new Council so be prepared for the early arrival of pollsters, the national media, and a few Wild Rose supporters looking for some place to hide.

Council met twice during the winter - once in the fall and again in April. The purpose of this Newsletter is to enlighten you on some of the developments that have taken place in our happy little community during this time.

Septic Disposal

As you are aware, Council has been trying to find a way for the community to dispose of its sewage. To date, we have not been able to find any group willing to take our waste - even when

we offered to pay. We understand the reticence of Outlook, Broderick, and Macrorie to receive that which we have already digested and processed. However, we are still investigating all possibilities and hope to have a resolution of this problem in the near future. So hold your breath!

Potty in the Park

The Council has applied to the provincial government for a grant to build new washroom facilities in the Village's main park. Separate facilities will be provided for men and women and each will include a rest station, change room, and toilet. If we are successful, our park should be a sweeter place in the future. The burden of compiling the information for this project and submitting the request fell mainly on the shoulders of Carol Frey and the four other members of Council would like to thank Carol. Council would also like to thank Kirk Kidd who assisted with the search for materials for this project. If our application for funding is successful, Kirk will be the supervisor of construction. Thanks again, Kirk. As in the past, volunteer support will also be requested to complete this project.

The Purchase of a Defibrillator

Council is also committed to the purchase of an AED (defibrillator). Carol Frey is planning a First Aid course on July 7 at the Clarke Pavilion. This course will be offered by a qualified instructor from Saskatoon and include six hours of practical training in CPR and the use of the AED. Interested participants must apply at an organization meeting planned for 10:00 a.m. on May 19 at the Clarke Pavilion. The goal of the May 19 meeting will be to establish community plans for responding to any medical emergency. This meeting will also provide an opportunity to discuss further the purchase of a first aid kit and the AED, as well as the training to be offered on July 7. Council would like to thank Carol for all the work she has put into this project.

Underground Watering System

The new summer water system will be in place by the time it is needed. The new pump has been purchased and once the calculations have been completed (again) on exactly how many meters (yards) of electrical cable are needed, it should be possible to plug it in.

Dust Control

Dust control on the streets will be carried out just before the long week end in May.

Permits to Use the Boat Launch

Council recognizes that many of the individuals who use the boat launch are not residents of Coteau Beach. At the same time, money will be needed in the future to maintain this facility. As a result, Council will be selling annual permits to all for the use of the boat launch at a price of \$20 per ticket. All users must purchase a \$20 pass.

Coteau Beach Has a New Administrator and a New Address

For the past 9 years, Linda Van Den Bosch has served as the administrator of Coteau Beach and operated out of the RM office in Birsay. Linda resigned her position, effective April 30, and we wish her all the best in the future. Council has been most fortunate in retaining the services of Mr. Lorne Arthur whose previous experience includes managing the Macrorie Credit Union and serving several years as the Mayor of Macrorie. For the immediate future, Lorne Arthur will work out of his home in Macrorie. Council is exploring the possibility of constructing an office in Coteau Beach as an addition to the Clarke Pavilion. For the time being, the mailing address of Coteau Beach is Box 195, Macrorie, SK, S0L 2E0.

Hire-a-Student Program

Council has applied for federal and provincial funds to hire one or two students for summer work as assistant grounds keepers. These students would be expected to work 40 hours a week doing assigned duties in the community, such as cutting grass, painting, trimming trees, collecting garbage, etc. Any local residents/students interested can contact members of Council for further information. Local students will be given preference.

Community Garden

Those in the community who were able to attend our annual meeting last year will remember the warmth of the discussion around the issue of private gardens on Crown land. These gardens have now been removed. Council did recognize, however, the need of residents to have a place in which they could grow food. Therefore, Council requested and received permission from the Province to establish a community garden on Crown land. Accordingly, Coteau Beach will have a community garden on the site so lovingly prepared by John Nerland. Residents who wish to have a plot in this garden should contact Darwin McDonald. May your corn grow high!

Thanks to Edie

Council would like to thank Edie Thompson and her gaggle of girls who enrich our life so much. They organize all our fun things and make living at Coteau Beach so great. Edie also serves as a constant burr under our saddles when it comes to applying for provincial monies. Thanks, Edie. We love you. You have turned life around here. Give our best to the girls!

Important Dates and Information for Booking the Clarke Pavilion

- June 23 - Final date for submission of nominations for the positions of Mayor and Councillors. **Don't miss this golden opportunity - it could be your last chance for three years to get rid of some (or all) of us.**
- June 24 - Annual meeting for the Resort Village of Coteau Beach at 12:00 noon in the Clarke Pavilion.
- July 28 - Election of Mayor and 4 Councillors.

- Coteau Beach residents wishing to book the Clarke Pavilion should contact Roy Jennett at (306) 573-2005.

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