



THE CESSNA SCOOP

Northern Village of Air Ronge Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2023

Air Ronge is 40 Years Young

Forty years is a lot of time for change and Air Ronge has seen its fair share. What began as a subdivision associated with the airfield before the move to its present location just North of La Ronge, has become a vibrant community with a healthy business sector, its own elementary school, and a wide range of residential properties - the community we call "home."

From its inception to now, Air Ronge Council has never seen the diversity around the table that it now boasts. Throughout Air Ronge's history, including before incorporation as a Village, there have only been 8 women who have served on Council and this current term has been the first to see multiple women serving at the same time. Mayor Julie Baschuk is the first woman to hold that office, with Deputy Mayor, Kristy McDougall, and Councilor Tabitha Burr also at the table. By far the most valued and significant addition to the Council table has been that of the Elder Advisor, a position currently held by Elder Tom Roberts, who brings his unique perspective as a knowledge keeper, a residential school survivor, and a long-time resident of Air Ronge.



Aerial photograph of original airfield in the 1950s

The movement towards an a more inclusive and reconciliatory form of governance can be seen this Council's commitment to understanding and honouring the history that has shaped our community. We strive daily to create safe, inclusive, and beautiful spaces for our community to enjoy and feel proud of. We have taken the feedback provided by the residents of Air Ronge and have chosen to let them guide us at the table in all our decisions, both for the present day and for the future. Naming the bridge that serves as an uninterrupted gateway between the North and South, Reconciliation Bridge, at the suggestion of Elder Tom Roberts, only further demonstrates the desire of Council and our community to pursue working together and walking together, the evidence of reconciliation in action.

Mitho Wechewitowin National Day of Truth and Reconciliation 2023



We all walk together

Photo by Daniel Despina



Photo courtesy of Julie Baschuk - Facebook

Walking in remembrance and Reconciliation Mayor Julie Baschuk, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, LLRIB Chief Tammy Cook-Searson, MLC Chief Joyce Mcleod walk together from the LLRIB Band Office to the Lac La Ronge Indian Band urban Reserve



Photo by Jim Burr

National Truth and Reconciliation Day, on the Lac La Ronge Indian Band urban reserve. FSIN Vice Chief Aly Bear, LLRIB Chief Tammy Cook-Searson, PBCN Chief Karen Bird, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Fourth FSIN Vice Chief Heather Bear, MLC Chief Joyce Mcleod

Staffing

This summer saw significant changes to the faces we all see in the Village office.

- We would like to extend our congratulations to **Taylor Bousahmine** as she and her husband welcomed twins to their growing family at the end of August.
- We would like to welcome **Jade McCallum** to the community and to the office as our Accounts Clerk
- We said our farewells to **Gavin Willins** as he moved on to join Community Futures Visions North as their new General Manager. Gavin's leadership in the office and conscientious attention to detail as he planned for every eventuality has left us in a very secure place as we seek a new Chief Administrative Officer
- With Gavin's departure, **Eldon Morin** has very capably stepped into the role of Acting Administrator. He hasn't skipped a beat and has handled the challenge with great poise

Community Safety

Council is in active talks to bring CCTV cameras to the community to assist with safety initiatives. We are excited to continue to pursue this option for increased safety within our community and we hope to see cameras being installed in early 2024.

We are still offering rebates for safety related purchases through the Village office.

Outdoor Motion Sensor Light Rebate

- 1/2 the purchase price up to a maximum of \$50 per household with proof of purchase

Home Security Camera Rebate

- 1/3 of the purchase price of any outdoor security camera or system up to a maximum of \$100 per household with proof of purchase

See the next page for more safety tips

Snow Removal Tips

- Keep sight lines open when clearing your driveway
- Be courteous and don't blow snow or debris onto a neighbour's property
- Don't push your snow into the street
- Keep areas around fire hydrants free of snow in case of emergency
- Do not dump snow from your property onto any other property that you do not own or pay taxes on
- If you require assistance moving snow off of your property, please contact the Village office

New Years Eve Family Fireworks

Where:

- Air Ronge Marina

When:

- Sunday, December 31,

Time:

- 6:00 pm
 - Bonfires and hot chocolate for everyone
- 7:30 pm
 - Fireworks

Your Council

Mayor Julie Baschuk

Deputy Mayor Kristy McDougall

Elder Tom Roberts

Councilor Terry Desroches

Councilor Corey Hardcastle

Councilor Tabitha Burr



Village Office Christmas Closure

Last day open for the year 2023 will be

Friday, December 22

Regular Office hours will resume on

Tuesday, January 2

Don't forget to pay your taxes before December 22!



Safety tips for your home

- We strongly encourage you turn on your outdoor lighting, and LIGHT UP THE NIGHT
- Use home alarm systems
- Keep valuables locked up and out of sight
- Access our rebate programs & install security cameras /motion sensor lights on your property
- Talk with your neighbours and exchange contact information
- Report any suspicious activity to RCMP
- Be extra eyes and ears on your street
- Keep your residence looking 'lived in' (lights inside/out, if away have neighbours shovel/check in)

These are just a few deterrents to consider implementing into your daily routines.

Let's all work together to keep our community safe.