



THE CESSNA SCOOP

Northern Village of Air Ronge Newsletter

Summer Quarter

Where Have We Been?

Since last sharing a newsletter, your Village Council has been busy implementing the strategic plan that many of you contributed to through your involvement last year. Council has been committed to making decisions and measuring outcomes using the strategic plan as the guide.

Infrastructure

Recognizing the need for adequate services in the community as well as housing diversity and capacity, the Village has been an active participant at the table at the Long Term Care meetings as the members of the Tri-Community seek to address these issues in innovative ways.

Council determined that the mill rate did not require an increase to meet the needs in this year's budget and voted in favour of keeping the mill rate at 5.

Council was invited to take part in Engagement meetings with the Department of Highways to discuss the Highways 2 and 102 Corridor Expansion.

Safety

Though initial options for security cameras have fallen through, the Village has been made aware of new options for providers and we are still actively moving forward with the desire to see our community benefit from this added security measure.

SaskPower began installing a number of new lights throughout the community over the past weeks. Thank you to our residents for your patience as the installation has brought about inconvenient power disruptions.

Wellbeing

Council is excited at the announcement of the bridge expansion included in this year's Provincial budget. An official re-naming ceremony is being planned in the near future so stay tuned.

Council recognized the important role that the Woodlands & Waterways Regional Visitor Centre has and will continue to play in providing a space for tourism and cultural heritage to co-exist, and took the step of providing an interest-free loan to keep the Centre afloat while they worked on restructuring. Council is happy to hear reports of the Centre moving towards stability once again.

Community Wellness

Recreation and park spaces are an indication of our community's wellness. We are actively evaluating the spaces and considering improvements to areas such as the Marina and Heritage park.

Counselor Hardcastle continues to facilitate the communication with Trans Canada Trail regarding accessibility improvements for Heritage trail. He has been instrumental in coordinating the maintenance for the trail as well as advocating for funding.

Community Engagement

Council endeavours to take part in events and activities that highlight the vibrancy of our community and surrounding area. Council also represents our community at a provincial level to raise awareness of the needs of our municipality. Here's a recap of this year so far:

January: Mayor Baschuk attended the groundbreaking and blessings ceremony on the 12th for the new Long Term Care facility. On the 16th, Mayor Baschuk received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for her contributions to our community.

February: On the 13th, Deputy Mayor McDougall participated in the Skate-a-thon in honour of Jacob Leicht, and hosted by the La Ronge Ice Wolves. Mayor Baschuk and Counselor Burr attended the presentation of the findings from the Healthy Dogs, Healthy Communities Research Project on the 16th.

March: Mayor Baschuk, Deputy Mayor McCougall, and Counselor Hardcastle attended on behalf of the Village at the SJHL Game 4 play-off game between the La Ronge Ice Wolves and the Melfort Mustangs. On the 25th, Counselor Burr spoke on behalf of the Village of Air Ronge and also performed at the Tri-Community Celebration Community Concert.

April: On the 16th-19th, Mayor Baschuk, Deputy Mayor McDougall, and Counselor Burr along with CAO Willins, attended the SUMA Convention in Saskatoon. From the 19th-22nd, Counselor Desroches played a role in the Annual Peanut Productions play where they celebrated their 30th anniversary.

June: Elder Tom Roberts, Mayor Baschuk, Deputy Mayor McDougall, Counselor Desroches, and Counselor Burr attended the Pride Flag Raising on the 1st at the Village office. On the 17th, Mayor Baschuk brought greetings to the 2023 CCHS grads. Elder Tom Roberts, Deputy Mayor McDougall, and Counselor Burr attended the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations on the 21st. On the 24th, Deputy Mayor McDougall, Counselor Desroches, and Counselor Burr attended the Pride Celebrations where Counselor Burr also brought greetings from the Village.

Your Council

Mayor Julie Baschuk
Deputy Mayor Kristy McDougall
Elder Tom Roberts

Counselor Terry Desroches
Counselor Corey Hardcastle
Counselor Tabitha Burr



Summer Quarter Issue

Bylaw Reminder

ATV operators (Quads, dirt bikes, and tracked ATVs are all examples)

- may only use a street, avenue or crescent within the Village of Air Ronge as the most direct route from their home to the limits of the Village of Air Ronge.
- Use of sidewalks is prohibited.
- shall not exceed a speed of 20 km/hr
- shall not engage in any manner of stunting or creating excessive noise
- use within designated municipal parks is prohibited.
- may be operated only between the hours of 8 am and 10 pm
- must be at least 16 and hold a valid drivers license, OR be at least 12 and pass an approved ATV training course, OR be supervised by someone who has had a valid drivers license for the last 365 days.
- Always wear an approved motorcycle helmet and appropriate eye wear/gloves.

Annual Air Ronge Picnic

Wednesday, July 12th
@ 5:00 pm
behind the Village office

Everyone is welcome

See you there!

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