



# Resort Village of Shields Spring Newsletter

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## Message from the Mayor

With this first newsletter of 2011 we may pause to reflect upon those whose energy and vision has given rise to an incredible community, a community defined simply as *'The Spirit of Shields'*. Recently, we have lost one of the originals – Dr. Harold Baker, a founding member of the Shields Cottage Owners Association. To Harold's wife Phyllis and their three children and families, we extend our heartfelt condolence.

The Resort Village of Shields was nominated and won the *"Saskatchewan Waste Minimization Award"*, an award under the 'municipalities section'. Ron Evans, our nominator, and a representative from Council will attend the presentation from the Minister of the Environment, the Honorable Dustin Duncan and the award sponsor SaskPower. A special 'thank you' to Ron for his leadership in many of our compost, recycle, and tree projects within our village. The way that we can best thank Ron is to assist him and carry on the great work that he has begun.

This Spring we will launch the construction of the new area to the South of the current Village. The construction tender will be awarded at a meeting of Council on April 2, 2011. The construction of the Mawson Drive extension of the new road "Shortt Road" (named after a local pioneer) and the commencement of home building will create a lot of activity this year. There is no doubt that such activity will result in the sale of more lots in the South Shields area. Negotiations are ongoing for the new access road to the South of our village in cooperation with Hillcrest Colony and the RM of Dundurn.

In early April the community is invited to hear a proposal, participate in discussion, and assist in an Intergenerational Recreation Project at Generations Park. We encourage and welcome all in the community to share the energy, enthusiasm and ambition of Ruth Glatt, the project manager.

As many are aware, the South Shields lift station, a part of the Dundurn and Area Waste Water Utility, is near completion. This week, construction will begin on the North Shields lift station located near the South end of the Golf Course in the Sunterra Development. During the construction phase for the South Shields area, a truck dump station will be installed, in addition to adding services to the maintenance building. Completion of the waste water utility, as it affects the Resort Village of Shields, will be complete during the summer. Our current, permitted, holding tank haulers will continue service to existing properties, using the new Shields facility while the new homes in the new developments will utilize the new gravity system. The capital construction costs for the Resort Village of Shields participation in the new waste water project will not be an overhead to the current property owners of our village, in large part to the benefits received through the Building Canada Fund, communities component.

The city water service to our community is functioning very well. Thanks to the stewardship of our certified water operator, Renee Adam and her assistant Ken Klassen, RV Maintenance employee. We will have a slight increase in our water rate this year as we put in place our capital asset reserve and accommodate the pending water price increase from Sask Water. The effect of the increase will be about .25 / day for the average household in Shields.

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Ken, our maintenance employee has been busy trimming trees, sanding/graveling roadways, taking and recording village inventory, and making ready our equipment for the Spring and Summer season. Apparently Ken has a plan to invite all of us for a coffee and hot dog some Saturday morning in April – he would like a report on how well cleaned and polished our village equipment is!

Dave Duff has done a great job of keeping the snow blower and tractor working well this winter – to date. Council has received many positive reports on how well the streets have been cleared of snow. This winter has been one which has taken more road time than many years previous.

There will be increased activity in and around our community this year, please use caution, awareness and patience in your daily activity. Please have a safe and enjoyable Spring.

**Special Mention:** On behalf of our Council and of Councils previous

*“Thank you to Jessie Williams for 25 years of excellent service as our Administrator.”*

*Sincerely,  
Eldon Mackay*

**Playground Town-hall Meeting -  
April 9th - 10am at Shields Community Hall**

All residents are welcome to attend a town-hall meeting to find out about the proposed new playground and walking path with adult fitness circuit stations at Generations Park. Inter-Generation Park info sharing, requirements gathering, sponsorship discussion and focus group volunteers. Input is welcomed, questions will be answered.

Email [intergenerationpark@shields.ca](mailto:intergenerationpark@shields.ca) or call Ruth Glatt, Project Manager @ 220-9855 if more information is needed.

**Monthly Potluck**

Last potluck of the season will be **April 16<sup>th</sup>** with an Easter theme – please come out and join us in this celebration of spring. Also Shields clothing blow out is still on and will be available at the potluck.

*No Winter lasts forever,  
no Spring skips its turn.  
April is a promise  
that May is bound to keep!  
Hal Borland*



**A note from Town Administrator:**

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find several documents.

- **A revised dock application** which contains a clause regarding winter storage and liability. All dock owners are required to complete this form and submit to the office for the file.
- **An application to place a development on Public Reserve Lands** – all personal items located on public reserve lands must be approved by Council – even if they have been there for years. The application contains a list of items which may be permitted. If you have items located on Public lands that are not on the list, you have until June 30, 2011 to remove them or the municipality may cause them to be removed.
- **Dog Bylaw** – the Council has posted the revised Animal Control Bylaw on the website for comment prior to adoption. If you have comments, please forward them by the end of June.
- **“Dial before you Dig”** - Council has adopted a policy to address issues which arise as a result of contractors & property owners excavating on municipal and private lands without locating the seasonal and potable water lines which may be located therein. You need to call SaskPower, SaskEnergy, SaskTel & the Resort Village of Shields prior to digging.
- **Water bills and Garbage bills** for the period of October 1, 2010 to April 1, 2011 are also included in this mailing. The water bill is the \$200 annual fee plus consumption for October to March. You will note an increase in the fee for your garbage service – the collection charge has increased to \$11.65/month effective February 1/11. Please be advised that your water cost will increase with the next billing. The rate will increase to \$5.50 per cubic meter or \$25/1000 gallons.
- **Information regarding the Generations Park Project** – a public meeting to receive and review the development and special sponsorship for the Inter Generations playground proposal.

**Drinking Water Notice:**

- Please be advised that the 2010 Drinking Water Quality and Compliance notice has been prepared and is available for inspection at the municipal office or on our website at [www.shields.ca](http://www.shields.ca).
- Other Water information such as 2011 Water works rate policy, Capital Investment Strategy, 2010 Financial Overview, Quality Assurance/Quality Control Policy and Waterwork's Emergency Response Plan are also available by contacting Jessie at 492-2259 or by email at [shields@xplornet.ca](mailto:shields@xplornet.ca).

**Email Listing – Periodic Notices**

Many of our periodic notices are being distributed by email only. If you are not on the list, please forward your email address to Jessie at [shields@xplornet.ca](mailto:shields@xplornet.ca) to ensure you are kept informed on important notices regarding our village.

**Boat Docks**

Hi everyone I know it has been a very long winter and we are all getting ready for the chance to get our boats and toys in the water again. This is just a reminder to anyone looking for a spot for their boat dock. We all must go through the same process and that is to apply to the Village for a spot through our Town Administrator. Jessie has the applications that **must** be filled out and **approved by council** before any new docks go in the water. Please remember it is a privilege to have a spot and not a right as property owners. So wherever possible we will be asking all residents to share the spot they have with a friend or neighbour who resides in the Village. If you have any questions at all please feel free to give Dwayne a call at 492-2218.

**Rental Spots**

Just a reminder to all residents who have a Rental Spot in the boat house area to please ensure that you have your spot ready for your item to be placed and if you are planning to make changes to the spot please contact Dwayne as soon as possible. ***There will be no items what so ever left in the middle of this turn around area at any time.*** If you have questions, please contact Dwayne at 492-2218. If you wish to get on the waiting list for a spot, please contact Jessie at 492-2259.

**2011 Golf Fees**

Adult	\$100
Youth (10 - 15 years)	\$25
Family (parents and youth)	\$225

**Emergency Measures Planning  
(2<sup>nd</sup> request)**

Emergency Measures planning for Shields is in the process of being updated. Thanks to Coordinator Evelyn Campbell and group for their work over the past years. We are now looking for people in the community to take on the tasks of gathering updated information that would help implement the plan should there be an emergency such as disaster, missing persons or other calamity. We will be in contact with residents in the coming months to gather your names and contact information so that a “Fan Out Neighbourhood Contact” or search could be implemented. Due to privacy laws, we are not able to get this information from the village tax rolls, so you will be asked by a committee member to fill out a questionnaire for use by the Resort Village of Shields Emergency Measures Group. We will also be asking you to share any helpful information including availability of snow machines, boats, and vehicles, along with any specialized skill you have for emergency measures (you may be a nurse or you may be a trained Search and Rescue personnel, etc.). Please give your consideration to helping out – it is a plan that we all hope never has to be implemented, but needs to be in place in urgent crises. Several community members have stepped up and said that they will assist with information gathering. If you have not yet been approached to help, but are willing to assist with planning, please contact councillor Kristine Larson at [k.m.larson@sasktel.net](mailto:k.m.larson@sasktel.net). Your help is needed!!