



# Resort Village of Shields

## Fall Newsletter

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### *Message from the Mayor.....*

Good Day Everyone..... in fact it has been a unique summer . . . what is rain like ?

Our community has had a growth spurt over the past month and we welcome all those new to our community. We also send our best to those that, for whatever reason, have moved on to new adventures.

We're moving forward, however thoughtfully, with creations and re-creations of facilities for recreation and service to our community. Considerations and evaluations are to some simple; however, prove to be more complex to the community as a diverse entity.

We remain concerned about bylaw enforcement - the role of Council is to provide bylaws that may be enforced by those who are charged with the responsibility. However, the enforcement of established bylaws is a task of a select group with the reality of a high cost. Thus, we continue to evaluate alternatives and to investigate possibilities of cooperation with other jurisdictions to enable our residents the security of our bylaw framework.

Those of us that reside or own property in this resort community realize that the former years of volunteerism have changed significantly. At our recent volunteer and "Spirit of Shields" award event, we heard stories and laughter about how things got done "back in the day" . . . from caring folks that hauled garbage, cut the grass, dragged a leveling bar over the roads . . . to current day "Standard Operating Procedures" for full time and part time employees. We are thankful to be able to share this new maintenance reality with our neighbors in the Resort Village of Thode. We welcome Kiaja Edwards, a Shields resident, to our maintenance staff to assist Fred Fehr with his ever increasing duties.

Our golf course has had another successful year. It is important to recognize the dedication of our golf committee and staff to deal with the course enhancements that have taken place this year. This has allowed very successful tournaments and course rentals to satisfied patrons and seasons pass holders.

There have been several meetings and negotiations with our local RM regarding the roads used to access our community. The reality of scarce federal and/or provincial grant funding, has delayed our plans, however other opportunities have come forward, mostly to do with the competitive nature of road building contractors. At our recent Council meeting we have approved funding to have an Engineering Group evaluate, design and cost the alternatives. The reality of an access road built to "Pavement Ready Status" has become a questionable alternative allowing us, however to request logical, fiscally responsible options that we will consider in the near weeks. We expect that once the engineering report is available and reviewed by Council, we will call a community assembly to hear the report recommendations and hopefully have costs of same.

We have experienced the fact that dust control was not available to us in the normal way that we contract the service. The former product was not available and the search for alternatives took a long time to find and then to research in terms of correct application and maintenance of the product application. Our operations manager suggests that we will have an alternate plan for 2018.

This dry year has placed significant pressure on our very old, seasonal irrigation system. The problem with this system is that it is aging, experiencing higher demand than ever before, and that it cannot take the increased pressure required to maintain the increased distribution demands. More importantly, we must re-design and install a more

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reliable intake system as well as modernize our frequency drives that power the pumps. We continue to experience line breaks in various locations, which may be something we will always experience, however having a reliable contractor as we have, these occurrences may be minimized. Some thought has been given to doing a major air “blow out” of the water within the system prior to winter.

We trust that everyone will enjoy and travel safe this Fall ...

**Eldon Mackay, Mayor**

## **Time to Celebrate Volunteers**

Our community spirit is reflected in the commitment of our volunteers to create places and outdoor spaces, events and activities for the residents of our community. Council of the village values our volunteers and recognizes their contribution to the “Spirit of Shields”. Each year we host a volunteer appreciation event to allow Council to formally thank past, current and future volunteers. This celebration was held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall. Thank you to all those who have taken time out of their lives to volunteer!

### ***“The Spirit of Shields Award”***

This award is given to an individual nominated by the community for outstanding community service. The recipient for 2017 is **Gerry Paproski**. The award was presented to Gerry at the volunteer event. The community was able to recognize Gerry’s contributions and Gerry provided a glimpse into the past maintenance operations of the village and the changes that have occurred.



## **Notes From the Village Office**

**2017 Property Taxes** are now due. If you require a copy of your notice, please let Jessie know.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Utility Bills** will be sent out by the end of September. Payments are due upon receipt. A 2% penalty is added to all outstanding balances at the end of each month.

### **New Mailing Address**

If you are now receiving your mail at the mail boxes in Shields, please ensure that you have forwarded your new address to the municipal office. Addresses will not be changed unless notification is received.

### **Seasonal Water Meters**

The seasonal water meters (potable system) will be removed by staff as soon as the weather starts to turn cold. If you are closing up your cabin before this occurs and would like your meter removed, please contact Fred @ 306 492 7922.

## Parks Culture and Recreation Board (Rec Board)

### Month of July 2017 Celebration of Canada 150

Wow what a set of successful events! A Shields float in the July 1 Dundurn parade that made us all proud and showcased our community so well. July 8 Fireworks and Family Night under the Stars –s’mores and fire pits at the beach followed by stellar fireworks viewed by Shields’ residents, families and our neighbours. Viewed from the beach, in a boat or in a car across the lake, what could be better on a summer evening. To wind things up July 22 Dance with The Hit Men and Heidi Munro Band. Everyone, even those who don’t dance, had a lot of fun.

It takes a lot of dedication and substantial effort to organize and deliver this many events during one month. Thank you to the Canada 150 Celebration Committee members John Hill, Tamara Kaminski, Alice MacKay, and Cheryl Robson for their efforts beginning in April 2016 ending with events in July 2017. A special thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to each event. Well done everyone!

Thank you to our Canada 150 event sponsors –

Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation

Back Roads Septic

Big Mur’s Tavern

Clarke Construction

D & H Plumbing

MacKay Equipment

LP Tent Rentals





**Parks, Culture and Recreation Board**

Interested in becoming a volunteer? We have some opportunities for you to consider:

***Parks, Culture and Recreation Board******Two positions***

- Chairperson
- Secretary

**Children's Christmas Party**

A number of people are needed to plan, organize and deliver this event in December. This is a very fun and joyful event, which allows you to share in the wonder of the season.

To find out more please phone or email:

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**Blackstrap Minnows Soccer**

As the blackstrap minnows soccer season comes to an end I would like to thank everyone for making it a successful season. I would like to thank my junior coach Trinity Pasitney for all of her hard work keeping the really little minnows on track. Our season consisted of 23 little minnows learning soccer drills, a lot of time playing at the park, and even a couple visits from Judy with some popsicles on a hot day. Thank you to all the little minnows for letting me coach you the past 3 years. Watching you guys grow and develop friendships with your teammates is so rewarding.

I also wanted to send out a special thank you to Scott Coulson for organizing T ball. It was held on Monday nights during May and June. There were approximately 20 children that participated. Scott did extremely well making sure that all the children were participating and learning skills accordingly.

Lastly I would like to thank John Hill for organizing all of our Tim Horton's Jerseys. Have a great winter and I look forward to seeing everyone again in the spring.

*Coach Carrie*

**ATV / Golf Carts Bylaw**

The Resort Village of Shields has enacted bylaws allowing residents with driver's licenses to operate ATVs and Golf Carts on our village streets. Unfortunately, there is a growing number of children who are too young to have a driver's license that have been observed driving these vehicles and sometimes not in a safe manner. If an accident should occur, it is possible that our bylaws may be in jeopardy. The RCMP has the power to disallow the use of these vehicles on village streets.

Remember this is a privilege – not a right. Please do not allow your children or grandchildren who do not have driver's licenses to operate ATVs or golf carts on municipal roads and green spaces.

Your cooperation is appreciated – nobody wants to have to trailer their golf cart to the course or worse yet have a child injured while operating a motorized vehicle. Lets keep our children safe!

### **Parks, Beaches and Playground Committee**

What an exciting and productive season our committee has had and we hope to continue having! These are some of the highlights of what our committee, along with other volunteers, maintenance and council have accomplished.

- sand added to playground
- berm removal, volleyball set up, power and sand added to pioneer point beach
- outhouse removal

We are also excited to let our community know that a member of the Thode village is organizing a volleyball rec night for all Shields and Thode residents interested. For information check-out Facebook group: Beach Volleyballers or contact Allison Whittington (from Thode) email: [boehrail@gmail.com](mailto:boehrail@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Community Information Meeting – Sunday, October 15, 2017**

And lastly wouldn't it be a dream to have somewhere our kids/grandkids could ride a tricycle? Play basketball? Play ball hockey? Or the most popular racket sport of all..... Pickleball! Oh wait, it can happen! Please come to this meeting if you want to support this project happening, learn more about it or object it.

Enjoy your fall and if anyone has any question or ideas please feel free to contact Amanda Thiessen 306 361 7478

## **Resort Village of Shields Multi-Sport Court**

**What is a Multi-Sport Court?**  
An outdoor multi-sport athletic space for basketball, volleyball, ball hockey, badminton, tennis & pickleball.

**Provide input and support  
to the planning committee  
October 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Community Information Night**

**7:00pm October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Shields Community Centre**

Questions? Call Amanda @306.361.7478

Council contact Angela Larson @306.371.4633



## **Installation of Safety Fences on Shields Golf Course**

This is to provide information on the installation of safety fences at Shields Golf Course happening this fall. The north south safety fence adjacent to Ladies' #8 Tee will have poles and hardware installed in 2017 and netting in Spring 2018. A deflector fence adjacent to Men's #8 Tee will be installed in Spring 2018.

The installation of safety fences is required to mitigate risks of errant golf balls for existing three residents along the west boundary of the golf course, for golfers and golf course staff. The cost of the safety fences is \$40,000. The funds to pay for the fencing will be taken from Golf Course Reserve (25%) and Off Site Fees Reserve (75%). Source of Golf Course Reserve is from profitable operation of the Golf Course. Source of Off Site Fees Reserve is from lot sales.

Council selected a solution considering, safety concerns of residents and golfers, risk of liability to the Village, financial considerations, input provided by Village residents, protection of golf course asset and future issues that may arise from more lot development. Fred Fehr, Operations Manager will work with contractors and oversee the project with an overall goal of full implementation prior to start of 2018 golf season.

## **Golf Committee**

Our annual fundraiser tournament was held on August 12 with the maximum 80 golfers registered this year. We managed to raise \$4,700 with proceeds going towards running the golf course. The annual club championship tournament was held on September 9 and congratulations to Cory Dieno for winning the men's and to Linda Ellerington for winning the women's. A total of 45 golfers participated in this tournament. We are also planning on a third tournament for next year which would be a co-ed 2 person scramble which would be held early in the year and open to everyone.

We have laid new sod as well as created a turnaround on #9 T-box which has greatly improved this hole. New signs have also been put up on the #9 T-box (Freddies Lane) and on #2 cart path (Lindas Lane).

Numerous projects are underway for the fall period including top dressing greens, building up green #2, and we are also looking at putting in a bridge going down #1 cart path. So far 2017 is shaping up to be a successful year both financially and with the nice weather for golfers as well. Linda has done an exceptional job this year considering the lack of rain with the greens looking as good as ever. Thank you to all the volunteers who keep coming out to our work B's, we could not do what we do without you.



*Garry Hovland,  
Chair, Golf  
Committee*



***DUNDURN FIRE DEPARTMENT***

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***SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES***

The Board of Directors and the Dundurn Fire Department are excited to share with all the communities, residents and businesses that we serve that our team is extremely excited about our future as a Department. We also want to let everyone know that we will be touring throughout the region this fall to meet you in your communities, subdivisions and at various events being held across the region.

We are proud of our recent upgrades at the Fire Hall and invite all of you to stop by to visit when you come to Town. We hope to establish regular visiting times so that we can demonstrate the high quality equipment that the Municipal Partners and Firefighters Team have worked to provide for the safety of our communities. We are especially anxious for all of you to see the newest Fire Truck that has been added to the Fire Fighting and First Responder fleet along with the other key vehicles that we have to Keep your Communities Safe

Recently, the Board committed to working towards a planning and growth strategy to address the needs of our communities in this very large and fast growing region. We have determined that, in conjunction, with our Community Partners we must establish short and long term plans to identify the growing needs in the region and seek continuous improvement in resources and best practices. We must also improve and maintain our support for our volunteer Fire Fighters and First Responders. To achieve these ends we have clarified the duties and responsibilities of the Chief and invited applications from the the entire membership for that newly defined position. Watch for the exciting news in the coming weeks as a new Chief is appointed.

Two valued and long serving members have decided to look for other opportunities in their future and resigned their positions and memberships in the Dundurn Fire Department. Past Chief Laura Friesen and former Captain Terry Benson have served all of us selflessly and with passion for our communities for decades and we ask that you please join us in offering our sincerest thanks for their time and their contributions to the Dundurn Fire Department.

Sincerely

Your Board of Directors

Werner Falk  
Rural Municipality of Dundurn

Dwayne Heidt,  
Resort Village of Shields

Alan Thomarat  
Resort Village of Thode

Fred Wilson  
Town of Dundurn

## **New Fire Equipment for our Communities**



## **Boat Docks and Lifts on the Shoreline**

It is that time of year again to bring out the boats and lifts. It is a requirement that all docks and lifts stored on the shoreline for the winter months must be tagged with owner name and contact number.

Village management will perform a walk about of the shoreline in late fall to identify any material without identification that may be deemed abandoned and would be removed from the shoreline. If you know of any lifts or docks that have been abandoned please advise Fred Fehr, Operations Manager or Council Member Dwayne Heidt so they can be dealt with. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our shorelines clear of debris and help to maintain the beauty of our Village.



## **A Note About Our Irrigation System**

We are fortunate to have this system operating within our village so we do not have to use the potable system to water out trees, green spaces, gardens & golf course.

Please remember this water is not free, the cost of the water, line repair and pump house operation are a part of your tax contribution, so we appreciate your mindful use of the irrigation water – do not let taps run at length just because it is not metered at your residence. The irrigation water is metered and the village pays for the water and the power to pump it.

We have experienced irrigation system breaks this year resulting in shut downs. We understand these are annoying and an inconvenience for all. When the system must be shut down to repair a leak, please do not call our Operations Manager to ask when the water will be turned on. We work to get the system up and running as soon as possible. Timing for line locates and contractor availability plays a large roll in the duration of the shut down. You still have access to water – either from the potable system or the lake. If it will be off for a few days, an email notice is usually sent out.

We know there are still a few properties with the irrigation water plumbed into dwelling units. Please redirect your lines so that the irrigation water is only being used outside of your residence or cabin to protect our potable and irrigation systems.

Thank you for your patience when the water is shut down, your cooperation in conserving water and your attention to removing non potable lines from your dwelling.

An email notice will be sent out before the system is shut down this year for the winter months.

## **South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards**

Watershed stewardship organizations across Saskatchewan work with local residents to protect ground and surface water.

Shields, working with South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards, will distribute a survey to residents in October/November timeframe. The purpose of the survey will be to gather information on holding tanks within the village. This information will be used to determine if a project to help fund inspection and/or replacement of this type of infrastructure should be established.