



Shields News – Spring 2018

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Mayor's Message

This Spring message is clouded by the event of earlier this month as we share our grief and heartbreak with the extended family of the Humboldt Broncos organization. Certainly, the priorities of our lives are brought into focus by such tragic events, shared by people and communities throughout the World. On behalf of our community, I have sent a message of condolence to the Humboldt community.

The recent event in Toronto has also brought forward thoughts of how lives can be instantly affected by seemingly senseless acts. To those folks we also share in our thoughts and prayers.

After the Spring of 2018 “stall mode”, the forces of Mother Nature seem to reveal that we can experience the clean up stage within our village. As a point of interest we are reminded that the ice left Blackstrap Lake on April 13 of 2017.

Our Council has been active in negotiations within our Region regarding roads, services, bylaw enforcement, and positions regarding planning for the future.

As many are aware, the Blackstrap Resort Villages have found strength in our joint infrastructure and maintenance efforts. This, in addition to the Councils of our communities sharing in common perspectives of providing effective leadership to our residents and property owners as we move forward with the growth of our respective villages. On April 12 we met with the RM of Dundurn Council in order to establish an access road maintenance agreement. Formulation of a pending agreement was on the agenda at the RV of Shields regular Council meeting and was sent to the RM Council for their meeting on May 8.

We are pleased to share in the excitement of new homes being built in Shields. Indeed, we welcome those who are new to our community. From last Fall we have greeted some 14 newcomers to our Resort Village.

As with every Spring in our community, there is excitement about the opening of our golf course. The staff and volunteers have uncovered the greens and prepared the course for the enjoyment of residents and avid golfers. We wish our course and golf committee much success for the 2018 season.

Council approved a number of “new and improved” services to our community in our 2018 budget. The plans for dust control and road surface enhancement have taken precedence.

Of critical importance is the seasonal irrigation system; the pumping system is being revamped and well as potential correction of the intake system. It is of concern that our consumption of lake water through the irrigation system and power bills have added a significant cost to our operations - **PLEASE PLAN TO CONSERVE IRRIGATION WATER THIS SUMMER.**

As always, our Council meetings are open to the community. We encourage all to enjoy the sights and sounds of Spring in and around our community. The village is humming with yard work and street clean up - enjoy Spring 2018. Please plan to attend our annual gathering on May 19 - Saturday morning. Announcements later in this letter and on the message board.

Sincerely,

Eldon Mackay

Upcoming Events



Annual Information Session – May 19

You are invited to attend Shields Annual Information Session. More details about the event will be sent out closer to the date.

Reserve the Date: Saturday May 19, 2018. The session will be held at the Maintenance Building in South Shields.

Shields Roadside Swap – May 19

Roadside Swaps help us find items to reuse that are in good condition, reduces our community's environmental footprint and keeps them out of landfills.

How it works

Starting at 9:00 a.m. on May 19th items to give away are placed on the curb, making sure they are clearly marked as 'FREE'. After that all swap items are up for grabs by neighbors and other area residents. The swap ends by 6:00 p.m. the same day when its time to return any unclaimed items back to your home along with all your newfound treasures.

GUIDELINES

- Clearly mark all items that you wish to swap as 'FREE' and remove items you wish to keep
- Do not block roads with items
- Obey all traffic laws and watch for children
- Do not drive/walk on other people's lawns
- Do not discard items on someone else's lawn/property

What items can be swapped?

Acceptable Items

Appliances
Bicycles
Books/movies/CD's
Clothes
Computers / electronics
Furniture
Musical instruments
Plants, potted trees, etc.
Sporting goods
Tools
Usable paint
Yard & garden equipment

Unacceptable Items

Baby gates & walkers
Car/booster seats
Chemicals of any kind
Cribs/cradles
Dangerous/illegal items
Food items
Garbage or recyclables
Mattresses
Weapons of any kind

Spirit of Shields Award

Do you know of someone who has made an exceptional contribution to our community?

Council is seeking nominations for the Spirit of Shields Award to be presented to one of those special people from our community. Nominations open on May 7, 2018 and close July 1, 2018.

Description of the Award, eligibility criteria, nomination process and nomination form are available on the website – www.Shields.ca This is an important part of community – lets celebrate that special someone that has contributed to our community.



Shields Volunteerism in 1994 –
Hall is built

Parks, Culture & Recreation Board

Planned Events

Soccer starts May 2nd at 6:15 p.m.

Calling all Kids 8 and under!



Learn to Play Soccer

Wednesday's from 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Throughout May and June at the generations park.
(beside the playground)

Come join us for some fun exercise and simple soccer drills...
(groups will be split into older and younger kids to maximize learning experience)
(Also a great way to get to know your neighbors)
its Free

Sign up by: April 30th, 2018 To: Carrie Hart 306-717-4356

July 1 Canada Day 2018 Celebration

Afternoon of games and activities on the beach, evening Canada Day cake/ice cream and fireworks.



Parks Culture and Recreation Board would love to hear from you and encourages you to contact any of the following:

- Council Representatives: Grace Strasser (306-492-3665)
- Golf Committee Chair Garry Hovland (306-492-2600)
- Community Centre Committee: Chair – Judy Rathie (306-492-4955)
- Parks, Beach, Playground and Ball Diamond Committee: Chair Amanda Thiessen (306-361-7478)
- Greenspaces: Council Representative Ryan Pasitney (306-716-0987)

Call for Volunteers

Volunteer for **Sport Park Project** – This project is actively involved in fundraising and would like some volunteers who could assist. If you enjoy meeting people, have ideas/experience with fundraising or just like to contribute to this project contact Amanda Thiessen at amoseson@yahoo.com.

Volunteers to assist with **Parade Float for Dundurn** parade on July 1 – Have a boat/trailer you would like to show off, want to ride in a parade, good at organizing and want to have some fun? Contact Grace Strasser by May 5 at g.strasser@sasktel.net or 306-492-3665.

Volunteer for Community Centre Committee – This committee maintains the hall so it is an efficient resource/facility for the village and oversees the running of the hall. For more information contact Judy Rathie at jrathie@sasktel.net or 306 492-4955.

Hall Committee

We would like to remind residents of Shields and surrounding area that the hall is available for rent. Check the website shield.ca for details.

The Hall committee is looking for new members. Our main focus is to oversee the operations of the community hall and recommend policy for hall use and rentals. We meet about six times a year. If you are interested please contact any member of our committee or myself at jrathie@sasktel.net or 306 492-4955.

July Rathie, Committee Chair

Parks, Beach.... Committee



Welcome Spring!

Time to put all our winter gear away and get ready for some epic summer time fun. Our committee is happy to update our growing community with the following items.

1. Pioneer Point Beach has had a bit of a makeover since last year. Take a stroll down and see the expanded beach and feel the sand between your toes. Below is info on the beach volleyball and we hope to see more people out using it this year.

Allison Whittington (from Thode) is organizing a Facebook and email group to get Shields and Thode residents out playing Beach Volleyball.

Sundays at 7 p.m. drop in for all ages
Facebook group: Beach Volleyballers
Email: boehrali@gmail.com
Please email Alison with any questions.

2. Shields Sport Court fundraising is underway! Our committee has been planning out details for our future court in the Friendship Field location. Fundraising, sponsorships and grant applications are underway. If anyone has services that could be of help or wanting to help with fundraising please contact us.

3. The Playground will have a black storage box (same as above picture) located by basketball net. Balls and pump will be located inside for easy access. Lock code will be MOUSE.

If anyone has any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call at any time at 306 361 7478.

Amanda Thiessen, Committee Chair

Golf Committee

The course officially opened on Saturday, April 28 which is the same date as last year! Rates for 2018 season have not changed and remain the same as 2017 – Season Pass

- \$150 – Adult (18 years plus)
- \$25 – Youth Ages 10-17
- Free under the age of 10
- \$325 – Family - Parents and children ages 10-17
- Golf Cart Fees
- \$5.00 per day
- \$25.00 per power cart per season
- Daily Rate – per person per day
- \$20.00 Adult / \$5.00 Youth (Ages 10-17)

We have a couple of new events coming up in June to keep in mind. Saturday, June 2 is the date set for our first annual Jack and Jill 2 person tournament and Sunday June 17 we have set aside as free golf day. Both dates are open to everyone to participate in and we hope to see some new faces on our golf course. Other dates to keep in mind are August 11 for our annual fund raiser tournament (4 person scramble) and September 8 is our Men's and Women's Club Championship.

We are recruiting for a new Golf Committee member, if you are interested please contact myself or anyone of the Golf Committee members.

Golf Saskatchewan has also approached us to see if our members as well as our golf course would like to join Golf Saskatchewan. Benefits for members include insurance for lost equipment and damage for broken glass, etc. plus other benefits listed on their website at goldsaskatchewan.org. A membership with Golf Saskatchewan is \$30.00. If 60 members of Shields Golf Course sign up for a membership with Golf Saskatchewan they will waive the \$750 membership fee for our golf course to be part of their program. Some of the benefits for our course include access to MAP (membership assistance programs), advertising our course, rules and etiquette seminars all free of charge. Murray McArthur attended a Community Golf Coach 2 day workshop in April. This course targets junior golf and helps introduce kids to the game of golf. If we hit our 60 member requirement and our course becomes a member of Golf Saskatchewan, we can apply to them for reimbursement to cover the cost of this workshop. Please call or email myself if you need more information on joining Golf Saskatchewan.

If you would like to be added to the golf information e-mail list please let me know. My contact information is 306-280-7652, email ghovland99@gmail.com.

Garry Hovland, Committee Chair

May Council Meeting

May's council meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION SCHOOL YEAR 2018 -19 Dundurn Elementary School

We are accepting registration from Kindergarten students (Born in 2013) for the 2018-19 school year.

Please contact the school to register/or for more information.

Phone # 306-492-2050 or email: connie.lenard@spiritsd.ca



PRE-KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS SCHOOL YEAR 2018-19

Dundurn Elementary School

Application forms for children (Born in 2014 or 2015) can be picked up at the school office.

Use of Irrigation Water and Water Conservation

With Spring on the way, and thoughts turning to getting yards ready for summer, we want to remind you to ensure all taps connected to the seasonal irrigation are turned off. This will assist Operations staff as they complete the annual process of turning on the seasonal water system. With the late thaw this year, it is expected activities will be delayed for a while yet.

We ask for your assistance in using irrigation water wisely because water conservation is a good thing to do and it helps lower the amount all residents pay for irrigation water. You do not pay directly for seasonal water, but it is part of your taxes and the power to operate the seasonal system is expensive.



TIPS for Watering

- Maintain your irrigation system so it operates properly and without leaks.
- Sprinklers should water landscape areas and not spray buildings, fences, or non-landscaped areas.
- Watering should not be done during the heat of the day to reduce evaporation loss.
- Turf areas, planters, trees, and shrubs should be watered separately to meet varying water needs.
- Never turn your irrigation system on and let it run continuously for several days.
- Residents should consider watering during the week to ensure good pressure for seasonal residents on the weekends.

There are times when our average daily consumption of water for the seasonal system is 100,000 gallons. It is possible that we may need to establish a system of alternate days for watering to avoid excess pressure on the system.

Village Administration

Property Taxes

Due to assessment appeals, the tax notices will be delayed. Target date is end of May. The 15% discount has been extended to July 31 for the 2018 tax year.

Asset Management

The Asset Management Policy has been posted to the website – shields.ca. The Village Asset listing is available upon request.

Change of Address

Please advise the Village office of your new mailing address if you are now receiving your mail at the Shields mailboxes, as the address will not be changed until notification is received from the residents.

Pet Owners

Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on the golf course in the summer or winter.

Please be considerate of others and pickup after your pets! Animal feces is unsightly, unpleasant and can carry disease. In addition, failure to pick it up can result in fines. Bylaw #311 states the following:

If an animal defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall remove such defecation immediately. This applies to dogs and cats. Failure to pick up the defecation could result in the following fines:

Defecation and Litter Clean Up:

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| - 1st Offense | \$ 50.00 |
| - 2nd Offense | \$100.00 |
| - 3rd Offense | \$150.00 |
| - additional non-compliance in increments of | |
| \$50.00 commencing at \$200.00 | |



Be a responsible pet owner and help keep our village clean.

Boat Docks and Lifts on the Shoreline

It is a requirement that all docks and lifts stored on the shoreline for the winter months be tagged with owner name and contact number. Just a reminder to everyone as of May 31st all docks and lifts must be in the water or removed from the beach front/shore line area. This public reserve land is not to be used for storage in the summer, it is a privilege to be able to have our docks and lifts in the water so please everyone lets keep the beach area clean of debris.

Village management will perform a walk about of the shoreline 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 Council Member Dwayne Heidt (306-492-2218) 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.

Blue Recycling Container - Allowable Items

- **Containers** – please rinse and remove all caps and lids, place into the bin loose – do not bag or tie (except for plastic bags and shredded paper – they should be tied inside a clear plastic bag)
 - o **Includes:** water bottles, soft drink cans and bottles, beer cans, milk jugs and cartons, detergent bottles, plastic bags and clean food wrap (place inside another bag and tie closed), windshield washer fluid bottles, tetra-pak boxes, tin cans, juice containers, yogurt and margarine containers
 - o Plastic containers must have the recycling arrows and a number inside, as shown below.



- **Items Not Allowed:** motor oil jugs, plastic toys, outdoor lawn furniture, contaminated food wrap, plastic or wire clothes hangers, hazardous chemicals, glass cups or dishes, ashtrays, window glass, auto parts and scrap metals, Styrofoam, plastic pipe, light bulbs, batteries, plastic containers without the recycling arrow and a number inside
- **Paper and Cardboard** – please do not bag or tie
 - o **Includes:** newspapers, magazines, catalogues, office paper, envelopes with or without windows, junk mail, cardboard, cereal boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel cores, bathroom tissue cores, paper bags, gift wrap, telephone books, hardcover books with covers and spine removed
 - **Items Not Allowed:** soiled tissues, napkins or paper towel, Styrofoam, waxed paper, food contaminated paper or cardboard, garbage, organics, confetti paper

**for more info on specific items, go to www.loraas.ca or call us at 242-2300

Public Reserve Land

Spring has arrived and with it, we will once again have residents strolling along the shoreline. Those with cottages along the shoreline will be out surveying what needs to be done after the long winter. Others will take advantage of the nice weather to greet our neighbors and enjoy the lake's natural beauty.

For the most part, Shields has Public Reserve area between the surveyed lots and the lake. These reserves are intended to provide recreation space or public access for all residents. Most of these areas are very wide but erosion has narrowed some areas.

Shields Council, under the Saskatchewan *The Planning and Development Act*, has the responsibility to provide public shoreline access and to manage shoreline development. Some lakefront residents have requested permission from Council to undertake landscaping on the reserves. Council has entered into agreements with some property owners to locate fire pits and lawn furniture, flowerbeds, birdhouse poles, etc. in these areas. These agreements do not prohibit residents from walking through these areas and has the added benefit of adding points of interest along the way.

We ask everyone who uses the public reserves to be respectful of your neighbours who live next to them. We ask those who have property next to the lake to know where your property line is and consider your neighbours "from the back rows" when planning improvements or landscaping.

The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Act in Saskatchewan

On any block and in any neighbourhood, it only takes one house that is harbouring illegal activities to undermine the safety of all residents of that community and affect the property values throughout that neighbourhood.

The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act is intended to empower residents to take back their neighbourhoods by reporting problem residences or businesses that are habitually used for illegal activities. These activities could include drugs, prostitution, gang or criminal activities, child sexual abuse or the unlawful sale or consumption of alcohol.

To find out more about the Saskatchewan Act and signs of illegal activity and reporting to SCAN follow this link www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/justice-crime-and-the-law/your-rights-and-the-law/keeping-your-neighbourhood-safe

Waste Water

Why it is important?

We “live at the lake” to enjoy activities beside and on the lake, the beauty around the lake, and nature in our backyard. We are aware of our responsibility to protect Blackstrap Lake from harmful things. Each resident and the village share this responsibility.

Wastewater management is important on all properties in the village, especially those on the lakefront because of the proximity to the lake. Wastewater that escapes from holding tanks could contaminate the underground water. It could enter the lake reducing water quality and encouraging the growth of weeds and algae.

What have we been doing?

We have joined South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards (SSRWS) to assist us. Last year we worked with them to complete an inventory of the shoreline. This resulted in a “love Your Lake Report” being sent to lake front properties identifying any issues that were observed during the inventory of the shoreline. A few months ago we sent out a Waste Water survey to collect information on holding tanks and to obtain your views on the health of Blackstrap Lake.

Results of the Shields Waste Water Survey

- 115 responses from the 180 surveys sent out
 - 41% have property on the shoreline
 - 87% have holding tanks
 - 4% have other waste water systems
- 10% indicated regular holding tank inspections were extremely important while almost 13% indicated not at all important
- Issues identified as very important on impacting the health of Blackstrap Lake
 - Water Quality, Potential for Aquatic Invasive Species, Water Levels, Fish populations
- Overall quality of Blackstrap Lake
 - 2% excellent, 22% good, fair 38%, poor 34%, unsure 5%
- 40% of respondents indicated an interest in learning more about how property owners can affect water quality, wildlife habitat and the overall health of Blackstrap Lake.

Want more information on overall survey go here: <http://www.southsaskriverstewards.ca/blog/wastewater-surveys/>

Next Actions

South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards

Compile information from similar surveys across the province to get a larger picture of how wastewater inspections are being managed. Review the survey data from Shields and will advise if there are programs to assist with tank inspections.

Shields Residents are encouraged to find out more about their system, and learn more about how they can affect water quality of their lake. If you are among the 4% of residents who identified “other” as their waste water system, it is critical you find out more and take action to ensure proper disposal of waste water. If you have never had your holding tank pumped out perhaps it is time to investigate your infrastructure - leaking tanks affect the quality of Blackstrap Lake.

Shields Council has information regarding holding tank pump outs and water consumption. Our spreadsheets indicate where there may be issues. Consideration is being given to how to address properties where there may be concerns.

Shields Waste Water Facts

- New subdivisions -gravity lines connected to waste water system
- Rest of village -holding tanks. All effluent that goes into a tank must be “held” until it is pumped out by a truck. Waste water is then hauled to village truck dump connected to waste water system
- More information on related Shields Bylaws go to Shields website

Annual Water Works Information

As per Section 55 of the Municipalities Act, the following information is available on Municipalities website at www.shields.ca

2017 Drinking Water Annual Notice

ANNUAL FINANCIAL OVERVIEW (of the previous calendar year)

Total Waterworks Revenue \$125,637.43

Total Waterworks Expenditures \$124,499.04

Total Deb Payments on Waterworks Infrastructure Loans \$0

Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt payments, expressed as a ratio:

$\frac{\$125,637.43}{\$124,499.04} = 1.00$ (for 2017, the waterworks revenues covered 100% of the waterworks expenditures)

**A loan for the sewer system is being repaid at \$36,735.19 per year which includes interest at 4.3%.

The following waterworks information is available at the municipal office for public viewing:

- The March 2017 waterworks rate policy and capital investment strategy
- The above financial information, plus the transfer of funds to and from the waterworks
- Waterworks reserves
- The 2015 Water System Assessment
- The Agreement with the Dundurn Rural Water Utility for supply of water

Dundurn Fire Department News

Our Fire Department has shared the following news with the Village and community partners.....

The members of the Dundurn Fire Department have voted to create a committee named the “Dundurn Fire Fighter’s Association”. The goal of this committee is to collect and manage a portion of their paid reimbursement, which will be held in an account further called “Fire Fighter’s Fund”.

This committee will be chaired and ran by the members, excluding chief officers, of the Dundurn Fire Department. Purposes of the funds collected include, but are not limited to, future community development and support with examples such as our recent donation to Telemiracle 2018.

A big thank you to these special volunteers that help to keep our community safe!!!