



Shields News – Fall 2018

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Mayor's Message

It certainly is amazing how a season can change so quickly - of course the theories are varied as to the cause, but some of us hold out hope for a warm . . . November ?

Havoc has prevailed with many acres of crops still out - the geese have had their fill and have all but moved on. Not only has this caught all by surprise, we trust that most folks were able to complete blow outs of local irrigation sprinkler lines. We remain hopeful that the seasonal irrigation main lines can be blown out in order to reduce - as much as possible - the reoccurrence of main line ruptures that were of serious concern to both residences and village operations staff, not to mention the cost. Work had continued this past summer to address the intake system, the reduction of power consumption, and the overall operating efficiency of the seasonal system pump house. We certainly realize that the challenges of our aging irrigation distribution system require significant attention to repair reduction and, in some cases, complete line system improvements.

We appreciated the turnout to our meeting regarding access road(s) to our community. We remain in a holding pattern with the RM until their Council, perhaps after the upcoming election, will be able to establish what their position relating to a proposed access road directly to Shields from #211. In any case, Council has approved the engagement of engineering to determine the survey, construction proposals, and revised cost estimates for the roadway within the boundaries of the Resort Village, from the crossing at Outlaw's Ravine to the South access of Mawson Road. At a minimum this will enhance the access to the Canada Post Boxes, Maintenance Building, Truck dump site, the defined roadway and the drainage issues experienced along the noted section within Shields. Issues of road width, height, and amount of clay material to be hauled in will be determined by the Engineering staff at Woods in Saskatoon. The survey will also assist us in discussion with the Hillcrest Colony in order that we may clearly define the roadway boundaries. To many, the process of adequate readiness for paving in the future needs to be addressed. We will be updating on this process once we have received more detailed information.

We are pleased and supportive of the work proposed by the newly formed Communications Committee. This endeavour is welcomed as our community and many, many other communities, struggle at times with participation in community activities, recreational endeavours or community planning. Indeed, the task is daunting at times, for Council members to meet the implementation of regulations and increasing administrative duties combined under the regulation of our provincial Municipalities Act.

The continued cooperation and sharing arrangement with the Resort Village of Thode regarding operations management is working very well, however we are dealing with the challenges of providing an increased demand or expectation of services which must be balanced within the guidelines of labour standards legislation. Our joint Human Resources group is attempting to formulate a workable solution to provision of services throughout the seasons.

Development and Building permits continue to increase within our community – we welcome and wish success and safety with the increased creativity and scope of all projects.

Council seems to be dealing with a host of issues from at large dogs, to roadway encroachment, to speeding, to underage drivers of recreational vehicles, etc. We simply request that *“ since it is the carelessness of the minority that causes the rules for the majority ”*, please make every effort to maintain our village in a safe and respectful manner.

Enjoy the Fall – safe travels this holiday weekend!

Sincerely, Eldon Mackay

Upcoming and Past Events for 2018

Potlucks are Back!!!

What: No theme potlucks just a chance to socialize with your community and surrounding area

When: October - March (we will see about April because the third Saturday falls on Easter weekend and May is getting too nice to be inside)

Every third Saturday of the month
Doors open at 5:00 supper at 5:30

Who: Shields residents and surrounding area

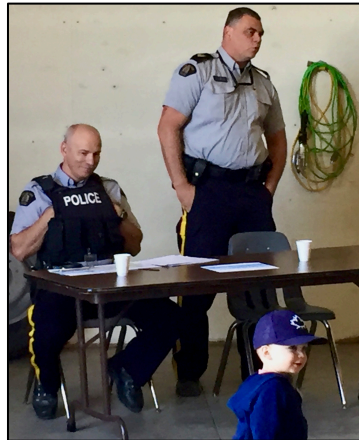
Bring: Potluck dish, serving utensils, own plates, bowls, utensils and your choice of beverage

Thanks to Crystal and Colton Reschny for hosting !!!



May 2018 Meeting

The Annual Information Meeting was held on May 19th at the Maintenance Building and included guest speakers from the RCMP and Sask Water. The meeting was well attended by residents; with many children playing outside in the sand having their own fun! Following the event hot dogs were served and all had a chance to view our Fire Department's equipment and some even got a ride with Fred, our Operations Manager.



Canada Day Celebrations

Canada Day weather did not co-operate, and the fireworks and children's bouncy castle were moved to another day.

However, many children were able to enjoy some fun time in the shelter of the Hall with Canada Day cupcakes and goodies



Community Barbecue and Celebration of Volunteers

September 21, 2018

Even though the weather was nasty, our community came together to have some fun and recognize the contributions of all of our volunteers. Members of Council “volunteered” to do the work for the event so volunteers could be the guests. And based on the comments on the souvlaki burgers, we know how to barbecue!

John Hill, a 10 year member of our Parks, Culture and Recreation Board whose term ends this year, shared some observations on being a Board member and volunteer, the value to the community of our “Rec Board” and Committees and the benefits for an individual. Thank you John for your service to the community! Project Lead, Amanda Thiessen, provided an update on Sports Court project. (see update next page)

On behalf of our community, we would like to thank Committees and their members for their outstanding contribution to our village, those who volunteer, and those who support our volunteers, and everyone who makes Shields the community it is. Thank you to our event sponsors:



Parks, Culture & Recreation Board

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

Council Rep:
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

Green Spaces Council
Representative:
Cam Paulsen
306-230-5950

Co-Chair & Secretary:
Terry Pasitney

Green Space Committee

As summer begins to transition into fall we begin to settle into the annual events of removing docks and boats, putting our patio furniture away and cleaning up the leaves in our yards.

This fall, we plan on taking a tour of the village and conducting an assessment of areas that might benefit from trees and shrubbery. As some of our giant poplar trees are nearing their life expectancy, perhaps it's time to think about replacing them. Coniferous trees are an excellent species option and also gives you that “lake” effect. Species such as White Pine, Blue Spruce, Fir and Larch grow quite well in our area. If anyone in the village wants to offer input as to what they would like to see, it's always welcomed and valued.

We're also planning to do a work bee in the early spring in Outlaws Ravine. The plan is to remove all the deadfall and any problematic dead trees, process it with a wood chipper and use the mulch for our future trees. Of course we will rely on volunteers within the village to help this project succeed. There will also be a barbeque during the work bee.

We're still looking for a few volunteers to join the Green Space Committee. If you want to build upon an already beautiful community, and be able to look back and remember how different the village looked like, join us. You can contact Cam Paulsen at 306-230-5950 or checkmate_1992@hotmail.com for more information.

Parks, Beach.... Committee



Summer has flown by and sad to see it leave. Our committee was happy to see so many smiling faces utilizing the playground and beach this year.

Our fundraising for the Sport Court has had a great start and currently we have raised:

\$5,000 (grants)

\$3,978.15 (personal donations)

\$2,419 (steak night fundraiser)

Total: \$11,397.15

We have also received service-in-kind donations from companies to help construct or supply when build begins. This is a great start and stay tuned for some exciting future fundraisers that are sure to bring some excitement into the

village. And a big thank you to all who came to steak night to support. If anyone has interest in helping with fundraising or has any questions please don't hesitate to call.

Amanda Thiessen

Parks, Playground and Beach Chair / Sport Court Lead (306-361-7478)

Golf Committee

We have had another successful year with our golf course with a record 241 season passes being sold. We had one major project that is now near completion with the expansion of the green on hole #2. We hope to have this in playing condition by mid summer next year.

Golf lessons for kids was held on July 18 with 13 boys & girls participating. Thank you to Murray McArthur for coaching the kids and to the volunteers who helped out as well.

Our fundraiser tournament was held on August 11 with close to 80 golfers entered. The weather cooperated again this year and we raised \$4600. The club championship tournament was held on September 8, and congratulations to Linda Ellerington for winning the women's and to Les Winteringham for winning the men's.

Men's night hosted the ladies night golfers to a steak dinner on September 11, and the men held their own steak dinner on September 13. Tuesday & Thursday nights have become quite popular for local & area golfers, so if you need more information on this please let me know.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who help with work bees on the course and to Linda Ellerington for keeping the course in beautiful condition year after year.

Garry Hovland, Committee Chair

A big thank you also goes out to Del Davies for all his dedication and hard work on our new and improved No. 3 Men's Tee Box! It is now our signature spot on the course.



The beautiful flowers that were planted in our rock garden between No. 2 & 3 Greens were provided by Holland Garden & Greenhouse located in Hanley (306-203-9856)

Policy Change - Charges for Non-Municipal Work

Council realizes that it is necessary to contact our municipal staff on occasion if you have an issue. The number of non – municipal issues that Fred and Kaija are being contacted to address is increasing. These calls interrupt work schedules and when the calls are outside employees work hours, cause the municipality to incur overtime charges.

To address this situation Council has developed a policy to cover what is billable for seasonal meters (install and removal), after hours work for curb stops and call outs for water related issues of residents.

At the July Council meeting Council adopted the following policy:

“That if a resident contacts municipal staff they will be advised that if the matter is not a municipal issue they will be billed for time expended. A minimum call out of \$120 will apply with overtime if after hours. A work order will be signed prior to the issue being investigated detailing costs to the resident if the matter is not municipal in nature. If the work order is not signed, municipal staff will not address the situation.”

The service work order that will be used by Fred or Kaija, has been designed to record work to be done, to obtain approval for work from resident and to provide information that would be used by Administration to bill for work if needed. We anticipate the form and new procedures to be in place in October.

Village Administration and Operations

Potable Water System Disconnections

If you require your water curb stop shut off or your meter removed, Bylaw #6/07 addresses the fee for this service:

- If you are having your water shut off or turned on, a \$10 per event fee is charged if during normal work hours.
- If you require your meter removed and stored, other than a seasonal service, a \$25 charge for removal or install will apply.

It is very important that your curb stop is easy to locate. Please mark it to avoid a delay if your water needs to be shut off. There have been instances where the outside shut off was required to prevent flooding.

A reminder to seasonal residents who need their meters removed for the winter to contact Fred at 306-492-7922 to arrange for the village to pull your meter and shut off your curb stop. If your meter is exposed it will freeze if the overnight temperatures hold to forecast. If the meter or other components freeze, you will be billed for the replacement parts.

Irrigation System

Due to the freezing night temperatures the irrigation water was shut down on Thursday, September 27-. To help drain the lines it is a good idea to open your outside irrigation taps, but remember to CLOSE them before next spring BEFORE the irrigation water is turned on again!

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. Please ensure that the equipment is stored so that it does not hinder residents walking along the shoreline. 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.

Village Compost

The Village compost continues to be located by the beach area. As always, no branches are allowed, the compost area is for grass clippings and leaves.

In September the decomposed material was moved to the Maintenance Shop area as a temporary measure to assist in the drying of the material. This compost is now ready and we encourage residents to take what they need for their properties.

Help

Loraas Garbage bin #2798 has been allocated but not recorded. If you have this bin, please let Jessie know. (306-492-2259)

Back Alleys and Road Allowances

Reminder to everyone that parking on road allowances and alleys in the Village is prohibited.

Our Traffic Bylaw defines 'street' as a road or alley so that means the speed limit is 30 km on all driving surfaces in the Village.

Did you know.....

The **Dundurn Library Branch** services the surrounding area including our Village and is a great resource that has books, videos, large print books, audiobooks and ebooks that are accessible through the Saskatchewan Integrated Library System catalogue.

The Library is located at 300 – 3rd Avenue in Dundurn.

Phone 306-492-2366

Hours of Operation –

Tuesday	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Storytime @ 11 a.m. on Fridays

R.M. of Dundurn Transfer Station



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)
 - 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
 - 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
 - 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

