



Shields News – Summer 2019

Village Project Updates

Memorial Drive – South Extension

At the recent Annual Information meeting Council presented the summary of costs regarding the Memorial Drive South Extension. The project presented included the road build from Outlaws Ravine to the southern boundary of the resort village. The road has a design, which will aid in drainage and minimize snow removal issues. Clay will be hauled into place for the purpose of securing a good quality road cap with gravel integrated to the surface. Wood Engineering has designed the roadway and has prepared a document to which a tender has been established.

The approved 2019 budget for this roadway is \$144,000. Construction of the road will begin in early July. There will be road closures in place while the construction is in process, however signage and other safety measures will be communicated once equipment is brought into the village to begin construction. We trust that residents and visitors will stay clear of the construction site as the heavy equipment is operating.

We want your ideas.....

As part of the upgrade to south Memorial Drive, Council is seeking ideas for speed/traffic-calming techniques. Traffic calming is the use of different techniques to slow drivers down and reduce vehicle speeds. Please send your thoughts and ideas to Jessie Williams, Administrator.

Irrigation System Upgrade Project

The irrigation system in Shields is a very important and rare commodity that we are fortunate to have. As with anything, as time passes, infrastructure needs maintenance and replacement as it breaks down or wears out. Your Council and Maintenance Dept. have made a decision to upgrade this system to keep it working in good order for years to come. Last year a new pump was installed in the pump house. This year we have identified one set of lines that causes the Maintenance Dept. a lot of work with freezing and breaks. The line that runs through the alley of McMillan/McCrimmon will be replaced this year. As we do work to the system in phases, we will also be adding shut off valve boxes to segregate these areas. This will help keep the system running smoothly if we have a leak in a certain area as we will be able to just shut down that area to work on it while keeping the rest of the village pressurized. Councillor Pasitney is working with the Maintenance Dept. on this project. Feel free to contact him if you have any further questions on the future planning in this area.

**The partial fire ban has been lifted in the Village of Shields.
*Lets continue to be safe and responsible with our fire pits and fireworks!***

Upcoming Events

50th Anniversary Celebration – July 6, 2019

Lets all be part of celebrating our special community in the Spirit of Shields. It has been 50 years since Shields became a recognized Village in the Province of Saskatchewan.

The day's activities will focus on games, challenges, cheering and lots of fun! And of course a bouncy castle at Aden's Park!

Kid's Soccer	10:00 a.m.	Soccer Field	All children welcome to play – meet in the park at 9:45 to meet with Coach Carrie who will lead the fun!
Golf Cart Agility Races	11:00 a.m.	Friendship Field	Register 2 person team between 10:30 and 10:50 at Friendship Park. Golf cart driver must be at least 16 years of age – 2 nd team member any age
Barbeque	12:15 p.m.	Aden's Park	Come join us for burgers and hotdogs!
50 Year Recognition	1:00 p.m.	Aden's Park	Special guests
Minute to Win it Games	1:30 p.m.	Aden's Park	Register 5 person team with Alice MacKay at 306-227-3100 by Thursday July 4 th . Register early as limited number of teams.
Volleyball	3:15 p.m.	The Beach	Join the fun
Flotilla	9:00 p.m.	Meet on the Lake	Bring your boat and neighbors and meet on the lake at the sound end of the village to start the parade – Decorated Boats are encouraged!
Fireworks	10:00 p.m.	From the Golf Course	

In the beginning



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Years

Golf Tournie before the Hall



Our Parks



The Addition



CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HALL



Village Administration and Operations

Administration

Resort Village of Shields Office will be closed July 23 – 29 inclusive.

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 only**.

Decomposed material is located north of the maintenance shop area. This compost is ready and we encourage residents to take what they need for their properties.

Other materials located south of the maintenance shop area are for use by Operations staff only.

Shields Community Centre

Just a reminder to everyone the Community Centre is available to rent. You can find rental information at www.shields.ca under Amenities and Services/Facilities. Contact Judy Rathie, (Community Centre Chair) at 492-4955 for more information.

Municipal Invoices

Tax notices were sent by email or regular mail at the end of April. If you have not received your notice, please contact the office.

Utility bills are issued quarterly. They are sent out by email or regular mail at the end of March, June, September and December. If you do not receive your utility bill in a timely manner, please contact the office.

There have been some issues with mail being returned. Returned mail is resent and if it does not come back, the expectation is that it has been received.

Boat Docks and Lifts on the Shoreline

As the deadline for moving lifts and docks off the shoreline has passed, Operations will be removing any remaining equipment left at the shoreline to the Maintenance shed for retrieval by owners. All equipment must be marked with owners name and contact information.

You Asked Us

Question: What do I do if someone is flying a drone over my property unsafely or intruding on my space and making me uncomfortable?

Answer: Contact the RCMP to report the incident, providing as much information as you can to them.

Transport Canada is responsible for drones. If you would like more information on flying drones safely and legally go to Transport Canada website: www.tc.gc.ca

Question: Will Council consider a by-law to prohibit pot smoking in the Resort Village?

Answer: Council does not have the legislative authority to prohibit pot smoking in the Resort Village by enacting a by-law. Federal and provincial Cannabis legislation provide the legal framework for cannabis. Under this legislation, a municipality can ban the sale of cannabis within their jurisdiction; it cannot ban the consumption of cannabis, the non-commercial production of cannabis (i.e. growing cannabis plants in a private home) or the delivery of cannabis within its jurisdiction.

Village Administration and Operations

Potable Water System

Lets keep our water safe

A review of household water usage indicates there may be some residents who are using the seasonal irrigation system for household use. If this is the case you are putting the municipal potable water system at risk of cross contamination. This could cause the Village to loose access to the lake water for irrigation purposes. It is prohibited to use non-potable water in any dwelling in Shields.

Follow good maintenance practices for your potable water lines. Periodically check along your potable water line on your property to ensure there are no problems, if you do repairs ensure you or your contractor do not introduce contaminates into your water lines, and if you are going to be away for an extended period have your property checked. If you are not going to use water in the winter it is not recommended to treat the lines with any chemicals to prevent freezing. This could introduce contaminates resulting a boil water advisor or worst case shut down of potable water system.

Save some Money, Help Operations Staff

It is very important that your curb stop is easy to locate and is protected from the winter elements. Please mark it to avoid a delay if your water needs to be shut off. There have been instances where an outside curbstops shut off was required to prevent flooding. **If your curbstops is not easily accessible charges apply for staff to locate it.**

Waste Water System

Preventing Problems in Waste Water Pipes

Recent work on the wastewater system identified we have a problem. People are flushing items down the toilet causing problems for our wastewater system.

What can't be flushed and why?

Put these items in your garbage even if they say they are flushable.

- Paper towels, tampons, condoms, hair, wipes, floss

These items don't break down quickly enough in the wastewater system (or at all) and can end up clogging our wastewater system and your pipes. If you have a wastewater holding tank that you pump out, these products will settle in the bottom of your tank or be picked up by the waste hauler and pumped into the truck dump and then enter village wastewater system.

It costs the village money to de-clog pipes and pumping stations and in the worse case to replace damaged equipment.

What if the label says 'Flushable'?

Products that say they're flushable – like tampons and wipes – may make it down your toilet, but they might not make it through the sewer. There are currently no regulations to specify which products can be labeled "flushable". Cities around the world are developing standards to more accurately label whether or not products are truly flushable. For now, put them in the trash.

What can be flushed: Toilet paper, Poo, Pee

One more thing – Don't pour grease down the sink

This also contributes to clogging of pipes in your sewer or those of the village.

How do I dispose of the grease?

- Collect the grease in a container and put it in your garbage. Many oils and grease harden making disposal easier.
- When using deep fryers that use large quantities of oil, let the oil cool and pour back into the original container for disposal in your garbage.

Following these guidelines will prevent problems in the pipes, saving you money and preventing down time in the wastewater system.

Parks, Culture & Recreation Board

Thank you volunteers.... You Make it Happen!

June is Parks and Recreation Month. While Shields celebrates volunteers in the fall of every year, we did not want to miss an opportunity to say thank you to our many volunteers. You strengthen our community, you lend a helping hand and you contribute to the fun of living in Shields.

Our newsletters tell you of the work done by committees on behalf of the Village, but you may not know that our Committees work together for improvements in the Village as well. Some examples are:

- Men's Night Golf donates money to the Hall Committee to assist in adding equipment at the hall;
- former 50+ Committee donated funds to the Hall and to Multisport Court fundraiser;
- and the Hall Committee was instrumental in putting into place a policy/process to allow community groups to apply for a waiver of hall rental fees for events/programs offered to residents.

We are proud of the caring and sharing community of Shields.

Beach, Playgrounds & Sport Court Committee

Shields Multi-Sport Court Update

Amanda Thiessen Committee Chair presented a Community Update at the Shields Annual meeting held May 18, 2019. The report highlights included:

- Thanks to community for support and Committee volunteers for their work and commitment to the project
- Site Layout of the court in Friendship Field
- Detailed breakdown of budget for \$90,215
- Progress of capital campaign (\$60,415 which includes 'service in kind' and Shields reserve funds)
- Request for community support and sponsorship opportunities

The full presentation and details of the Sponsorship Campaign is available at shields.ca

Learn to Play Pickleball

- Who: Anyone!
- What: Learn to play pickleball (equipment supplied)
- Where: Thode Sport Court
- When: July 9 630-830 pm 8 spots per day
- Why: it's free! And is a great team sport to play locally!
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Just bring water bottle, running shoes and good attitude

Please RSVP your spot ASAP Amanda Thiessen
306 361-7478



Golf Committee

On June 26th the Shields Golf Course once again hosted the Dundurn grade 6 class for 3 hours of golf. This year we had 16 kids participating and we managed to fit in some golf in between the rain. Thank you to Ernie Strasser for helping to cook hotdogs and to the volunteers from Dundurn for taking the kids around the course.



The registration for Kids Golf Lessons scheduled for July 10th is full this year and should be a great opportunity for our up and coming golfers.

The recent rains have greatly improved the condition of the course with greens and T-boxes filling in nicely.

Sodding of the fringe area around #2 green should have been completed by the time this newsletter goes out, so thank you to the volunteers, Fred, Brian & Kaija for making this happen.

Our next tournament is the annual fundraiser, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 10th so please keep that date open and come out in support of our golf course.

Member's tournament is Saturday, September 7th – watch for further details prior to the event.

Also as a reminder, we have all scheduled events at the course on our Shields web site (shields.ca). On Saturday, July 20th we have 2 private events happening from 10:00 a.m. to noon and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. so the course will be closed during those hours.

Garry Hovland, Committee Chair

EMO STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Block Captains for Emergency Measures Organization

We have a number of volunteer Block Captains for the village however we are in need of more to ensure the village is fully represented and all areas are covered effectively.

The role of the Block Captain is to:

- Contact everyone in their assigned block during an emergency
- Keep track of those notified and assist where needed

If you are interested in being involved in anyway with EMO, please contact Debbie Heidt, EMO Coordinator at 306-492-2218 or dheidt1@gmail.com.

Help us keep our community safe in the event of an emergency!

