

**Resort Village of Shields
Monthly Council Highlights
August 16, 2023, Regular Council Meeting and
August 30, 2023, Special Council Meeting**

Note: Minutes will be reviewed at the September 20, 2023, Council Meeting and posted upon approval.

Administration

- Student Mackenzie Wassill was a great asset to the administration team.
- Council agreed that Mayor Larson will attend the PARCS Annual Convention on October 13-14, 2023, as the Shields' representative.
- Jessica Arguin will be returning from her maternity leave in October. Jessica will spend a few days in the office in September to assist with the transition back to the office full time.
- Invoices have been sent out for the 2023 year for the storage lot rentals along with the rent increases for 2024 and the new storage policy.

Maintenance

- The deadfall in Outlaws Ravine was cleaned up by volunteers and the Culture Club. They completed a good portion of the work but there is more work to be done later in the fall.
- There have been ongoing troubles with the irrigation system over the summer as the lake weeds have been clogging the intake lines. Maintenance has repaired several irrigation line breaks over the summer.
- Seasonal operations and golf course staff have been doing a great job keeping the village tidy and the course in great shape. Their last day of work was August 29, 2023.
- The sign at the playground was replaced. The hall door and signboard at the hall have been painted.
- Maintenance and Administration has assisted the Dock Committee with dock identification and permits.
- With the support of SGI Grant, additional speed bumps have been added to the village roads.
- All fire extinguishers have been recertified over the summer.
- A box scraper has been purchased to allow maintenance personnel to grade the alleys.
- Red Bird has agreed to provide fiber optics installation to the maintenance shop and the Hub at no charge.

Development Permits

- The village approved development permit for 27 Mawson Drive to renovate.
- Development permit was approved to develop the Municipal Reserve land between 49 and 51 Mawson Drive.

Nuisance Orders

- Council, according to The Nuisance Bylaw, declared two properties a nuisance in that they have overgrown vegetation and are in an untidy and unsightly condition. Orders to remedy have been issued.

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Financial Report

Accounts

- Approved payment of accounts for \$111,917.63 which includes payroll.

Village Committee Reports

Library

- The Wheatland Library will be moving from current location in the Dundurn Town Office building to the basement of the Dundurn Community Hall. This will accommodate mobility and accessibility concerns.
- The move will be followed by a Grand Opening and a fundraiser.

EMO Committee

- Dundurn Fire Department conducted training at 27 Procter Drive on August 3, and August 7 as part of their rescue training.
- EMO Training is being planned for Council and Block Captains.
- EMO continues to look for a Block Captain Coordinator.

Parks, Culture and Recreation Board

Social Programming Committee

- **Events**
 - The August 26, 2023, Corn Roast was a success with over 100 attendees. Most of the corn was grown at Hiebert's community garden and tended to by volunteers.
 - Coming Events include:
 - October 20 - Volunteer Appreciation night. (Liquor Permit approved)
 - November 4 - Casino Night (Liquor Permit approved) (Raffle permit approved)
 - December 2 - Adult Christmas Potluck (Liquor Permit approved)
 - December 9 - Children's Christmas Party
- **Programming**
 - August 26th the Children's Programming Coordinator organized an end of the year party including a bouncy castle for the kids and a movie night that was enjoyed by many.
 - Children's craft nights at the HUB have also been very popular. The Craft nights will move to the hall over the winter. Dates to be announced soon.
 - Council agreed to apply for the Prairie Central Community Engagement & Development Program FIA Grant through the Saskatchewan Park and Recreation Association to cover the cost of an instructor for Line Dancing Lessons with the date to be announced soon.
 - Two adult game nights were planned over the summer.

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Recreation Facilities and Outdoor Spaces Committee

- Beach area was weeded by Hags Service with volunteers assisting in the weed removal. Removing the weeds made a huge improvement to the beach area.
- New balls have been purchased for the Sports Court. Pickleballs and paddles have been purchased. The equipment will be stored with the nets and signed out as needed.
- Council accepted the written resignation from Judy Dunn to close the Hub Concession as of August 23, 2023.
- Council approved that the area around the concrete at the HUB to be paved.

Golf Committee

- The August 12 Golf Tournament was a success. The Golf Committee recognized a net profit of \$7,981.13 from this event.

Council's next meeting will be held on **Wednesday September 20, 2023**, at 7:00 p.m.