

Highlights, September 18, 2024 - Council Meeting

(Full minutes will be approved at the October 16th, 2024, Council Meeting)

New Council Assignments

Council approved the following Council members to represent Committees as per below:

Finance – All

Strategic Planning - All

Human Resources & Spirit of Shields – Larson, Bomboir

Operations & Maintenance – Hovland, Schmidt

Human Resources – Larson, Bomboir

Special Projects – Larson, Pysden

Bylaw Review – Hovland, Larson

Communications/Marketing – Bomboir, Larson

Animal Control - Schmidt

Emergency Measures - Schmidt

RCMP - Hovland

Dundurn & District Fire Commission - Bomboir

Dundurn Rural Water Utility - Pysden

Dundurn & Area Wastewater Utility - Larson

Docks & Storage - Hovland

Newcomer Welcome – Larson, Bomboir

Library – Helen Gress

Saskatchewan Regional Watershed Authority - All

Parks, Culture & Recreation Board – Larson

Golf Committee – Bomboir

Greenspaces – Pysden

Horticulture – Larson

Recreation Facilities & Spaces – Chad Schmidt

Social Programming - Larson

Full Fire Ban

Council agreed that the Resort Village of Shields will lift the fire ban.

Bylaw Enforcement

The commissioner has been out patrolling and has identified and spoke to residents regarding parking issues and golf cart infractions.

The new building bylaw and the building rates bylaw had its last 2 reading and was approved. This bylaw will be online.

Administration

- There will be some touch ups done to the paint in the Community Centre.

- There is an all-day on-line Council training course available for Council at a reduced bulk rate from George Cuff on October 9, 2024.
- There will be letters going out to some property owners with unsightly properties as identified by Council.
- Council will be applying for an SGI grant with proceeds going toward a portable speed sign to alert drivers of their speed on Memorial Drive.
- Council agreed to send notices to all unsightly properties within the village providing 2 weeks to clean up grass, weeds and unsightly items or the properties will be rectified, and associated costs invoiced to the property owner, and added to the tax roll at year-end.

Project Committee

Low-Pressure Sewer system

The Survey notice has been distributed and the survey process will start Sept 23, 2024. Doug Thomson from Associated Engineering (AE) is taking the lead.

Email sent to residents:

Administrator:

Please find a detailed notice from Associated Engineering attached regarding the Survey Process which will begin Sept 23. This notice includes a schedule.

If you have questions, concerns, or notes please send them to me via email. Please include your full name, civic address, email address and cell phone number with your correspondence.

Associated Engineering:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Village of Shields with a preliminary outline of the survey schedule for the upcoming Lower Pressure Sewer Extension. The survey is scheduled to begin on Monday September 23 and is estimated to take 3-4 days. AE will have staff conducting survey work in your area. Our team will be driving and walking along each road to collect the necessary data for designing the sewer line installation. This will include documenting important site-specific features, such as structures and retaining walls, to ensure minimal disruption during construction. As part of this process, AE staff will also be photographing the area surrounding septic tanks, up to the roadway, and using a GNSS rover to accurately map the location of each tank.

We kindly request access to your property to survey and photograph these areas to aid in this work.

See Table 1 below for a list of the addresses associated with each day of survey.

Figure 1.

Date Street

Monday September 23 Mawson Dr.

Tuesday September 24 McMillan Cres.

Tuesday September 24 McCrimmon Cres.

Wednesday September 25 Proctor Dr.

Wednesday September 25 McCordick St.

Wednesday September 25 Hordern St.
Wednesday September 25 Waters Ave.

Note: dates are approximate, subject to change due to weather and wet conditions, as well as being dependent on progress.

Additional updates will be provided if and when warranted.

Future Work – It is also our intent to obtain aerial imagery of the entire community via drone and will be planning for that work to take place later in September or early October once the trees have lost most of their foliage. The images will be used to supplement the design of the on-lot construction and determining the best alignments of the new piping in the public roadways. Residents should be aware of this planned event that is part of the project and we will provide advance notice of the drone flight when we have the date(s) confirmed.

Security System

Council agreed to install a security system at the HUB at a cost of \$4,550.00

Community Centre

That the Project Committee and Administrator create and send out an expression of interest on proposed plans for additions to the Community Centre, to extend the office and also have room for storage. The information will be used to apply for grants as they become available.

Operations

- Some of our seasonal staff have now finished. This truly was a great year with such a good staff. They were all great independent workers. Best of all they were mindful of all our safety guidelines, and we did not have a single incident.
- With the continued power bumps creating many after hour call outs for operations. The majority of these call outs have been in the middle of the night.
- The irrigation has been running well. We have spent a little more time back flushing the lake lines. This seems to have helped from losing prime which can cause difficult restart times. We had two leaks to repair.
- Both golf mowers have caused us the most repair time this month. A few other equipment issues have been, chainsaw tune up, repair throttle cable on town mower, charging system on the water plant generator, water plant chemical injection pump repair, and a flat tire on the skid steer.
- We have added gravel and graded some alleys.
- Cameras were installed throughout some of our buildings.
- Some extra work at the course that maintenance staff helped out with was the aeration and top dressing of sand on the course. Operations also assisted with some leveling along the course and Sunterra fence line and grading of paths.
- Some of the extra maintenance tasks that staff worked on was, spraying weeds through the village rock ways and parking areas, pruning trees, cut out all the dead caragana's along the storage lot, weeded inside the fence of the lift stations, and of course all the regular maintenance.

DAWWU

The village will be covering its share of the manhole repairs that will be completed by the DAWWU. (\$4,144.00) as per the agreement.

Development on Public Reserve

Application to 'Place a Development on Public Reserve Lands', specifically the Public Reserve located in front of Lot 05, Block 1, Plan 68-S-14781 (9 Procter Drive) subject to the successful application of an aquatic habitat protection permit from the Water Security Agency.

Financial Report:

- There is a new Municipal Funding agreement with the Canadian Community Building Fund which Council agreed to sign. (formerly gas tax) This funding in the amount of 112,390 over 5 years will provide the village with resources to complete some of its capital projects.
- The village credit card will be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to allow for purchases by operations and not getting a charge for going over limit.
- That the list of account payments for \$124,685.74 which includes payroll was approved.

Parks, Culture and Recreation Board

Golf Committee Report

The Golf Course is winding down and is not looking at any other improvements for the year mostly due to weather and the availability of the contractors.

2024 has been a successful year for the Golf Course. Congratulations to Barry Reinhardt who won the golf Course 50/50 which was \$860. The \$860 of proceeds will go towards Golf Course improvements along with the SLGA grant which will give the Golf Course another 25% of the \$860. Stay tuned for a date for the covering of the green on the course. (volunteers are needed)

Social Programming

Upcoming events

Oct 5 - Harvest Potluck

Oct 26 - Casino Night - Stay tuned for registration information

Dec 14 - Children's Christmas Party. We look forward to seeing the Balloon Man and Santa once again this year. The Committee is also looking into a horse wagon/sled ride for the children. The village applied for a grant from Dakota Dunes to cover the cost.

Programming

The programming committee is still looking for a Christmas craft for community members to participate in (possibly a Christmas wreath) The kids craft program is ongoing throughout the year. Every Tuesday and Thursday Morning at 10:00 an exercise class is held in the Community Centre. Come join in!

Storage Lots

- A new fence will go up in September, was originally scheduled for August but delay from Nordic.
- Grass has been cut on majority of the lots

Docks

- The numbering system for docks continues as takes time to identify each location and is about half complete. I will be measuring out space at the south end to allow for future lakefront development.
- Work continues at Outlaws Ravine, excavation started on Sept. 11. As it is so shallow in this area, they will be looking at buying 100' of dock and that only gets them into 30" of water.