



Shields News – Spring 2019

Mayor's Message

As we prepare this Spring edition of our newsletter it is windy and dry, an ominous start to 2019 with the need for fire bans in many areas of our province. Thus a word of care and caution, when travelling or considering a campfire or doing Spring clean up tasks.

The increased presence of RCMP patrols and/or visits to our community is welcomed as we continue to emphasize the bylaws with respect to traffic, fire works, and general respect for personal property. Please report directly to 310-RCMP for their assistance.

Over the past many months we have been working with our municipal partners to bring final agreement to our Waste Water Utility. From the Shields perspective, we have experienced higher maintenance costs due to the corrosive nature of wastewater from holding tanks and a stubborn frozen line issue all of which cause us to evaluate our reserves in order to adequately secure our systems. The freezing issue is due to traffic over an area with little snow cover, this will hopefully be rectified later this year.

Our 2019 budget process was successful. We are pleased to report that there is no mill rate or base tax increase this year, while being able to increase levels of service with highlights of dust control, irrigation system upgrades, and ongoing lake access upgrades. As conditions permit, the contractor will arrive in early May to apply dust control; please watch for notifications to have vehicles, etc. moved from the streets to provide clear access for this application.

The main road on our west boundary is now officially known as MEMORIAL DRIVE.

We will be upgrading the roadway from the ravine to the South Mawson entrance of the Village. Engineering plans are near completion, with the tender package going out soon. More information on this continuation of Memorial Drive project will be sent by special Council communiqué as we continue with this process.

This year we will be celebrating our 50TH ANNIVERSARY as a Blackstrap Village

To recognize this milestone: New Street Signs will be installed and on

July 6, 2019 we will have a “celebration event” please watch for upcoming details!

Our seasonal irrigation system has been under review . . . in the past we have upgraded pumps and controls. This year we will begin line improvements with the replacement of the lines in the back alley between McMillan and McCrimmon as this has been the source of problems for many years. There will be a disruption of access to this area while the equipment and workers are present, however the benefits will far out way the inconvenience of access for a few days. We will notify those affected directly. Included in the project is to locate isolation valves and “blow out” provisions while doing the work. Additionally, we expect to do discovery and repair work from the North side of the pump house to McCrimmon.

Based on our last water billings, the average water cost to 201 households is \$1.65 per day.

A medium cup of Tim Horton's coffee is \$1.79!

Have a great Summer – see you on Saturday, May 18 for our Annual Information Meeting

Eldon MacKay

Upcoming Events



Annual Information Session – May 18

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 18, 2019. The session will be held at the Community Centre.

Shields Roadside Swap – Saturday May 18

Roadside Swaps help us find items to reuse that are in good condition, reduces our community's environmental footprint and keeps items out of landfills. In the past, some residents have set up a "for sale table".

How it works Starting at 9:00 a.m. on the swap date, items to give away are placed on the curb, making sure they're clearly marked as "FREE." After that, all swap items are up for grabs by neighbours and other area residents. The swap ends by 6:00 p.m. when it's time to return any unclaimed items back to your home along with all your newfound treasures. Go to the Shields website to find out what items can be swapped, and guidelines for setting up your swap area.

RESORT VILLAGE OF SHIELDS
PARKS, CULTURE AND RECREATION

Calling all Kids 8 and under!



Learn to Play Soccer

Thursday'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, 2019 To: Carrie Hart 306-717-4356

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.

To commemorate this a celebration is planned for July 6th. Please save the date – more details about the event will be sent out closer to the date.



Village Administration and Operations

Councillor Member

Welcome to Lorna Ledoux as our new Councillor who was recently elected by acclamation through the by-election and will be sworn into office in June 2019. Also best wishes to Cam Paulson who stepped down from Shields Council due to other commitments. The commitment demonstrated by each of you to volunteer as a Councillor member for the Village is appreciated!

Operations Personnel

Council wishes to congratulate Linda Ellerington on her retirement. Thank you Linda for your service and contribution to the Village. An opportunity for residents to wish Linda well will occur at the Annual Meeting on May 18.

Along with Fred Fehr, Kaija Edwards and Ken Klassen, work is underway on all the activities needed to make the Village beautiful and ready for the summer season. Brian Cooke has been hired as Greens keeper for the golf course. Kohl Bayer will return as summer staff. Come out and meet our Operations staff who will be available at the annual meeting on May 18th.

Spirit of Shields Award

Do you know someone who is a sports coach, always volunteers for community events, always participants, is there to help their community and their surrounding area, is full of enthusiasm and excited about Shields?

If you know such a person then you know someone who could be nominated for the Spirit of Shields Award.

Council is seeking nominations for the Spirit of Shields Award to be presented to one of these special people in our community. Nominations open May 15, 2019 and close July 1, 2019. The award will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation event held in the fall. Description of the Award, eligibility criteria, nomination process and forms are available on www.shields.ca

2019 Property Taxes and 2018 Audited Financial Statement

Please be advised that the Property Tax notices are being sent out via email or by regular mail if you have not requested by email.

The 2018 Audited Financial Statement is now posted and available on the on www.shields.ca

Shields Communication Survey Results

The Shields Communication Survey that was completed in late 2018 has been very useful for the Council, Administration and the Communications Project Team to get a better understanding of what the residents of Shields are looking for in their communications with the municipality. The survey results will be released in the next few weeks. Using the research from the Project Team's interviews and the survey results, Council will be adopting a Strategic Communication Plan over the next while that will support them in their role of communications for the Village with a goal to focus on communication practices and tools that will enhance public awareness and engagement. Stay tuned!

Boat Docks and Lifts on the Shoreline

Just a reminder to everyone as of June 3, 2019 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. Operations 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 Fred Fehr, Operations or Councillor 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.

Parks, Culture & Recreation Board

Have an idea for a future project or activity for the Village:

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 & Sport Court Chair:
Amanda Thiessen
306-361-7478

Green Spaces Interim Council Representative:
Ryan Pasitney
306-230-5950

Co-Chair and Secretary:
Terri Pastiney

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Thank you to all volunteers who planned and delivered winter activities – Sport Court Project fundraisers, flooding and maintaining ice rink on the pond, and Winterfest. You are appreciated by our community!

Special thank you to all the members of the Parks, Culture and Recreation Board who provide direction and our Board committees who lead activities. Your efforts reflect the Spirit of Shields.

And thank you, to unseen volunteers for the good things you do because you are part of this community.

Opportunities for Volunteers

Join our Parks, Culture and Recreation Board. The Board works with Operations to manage municipal facilities and encourages and develops Parks, Culture and Recreation activities within Shields. As Board member you contribute to your community, and provide input on the needs of the Village. The Board meets three times per year. Contact Grace Strasser 306-492-3665 for more information.

Shields Sports Court Project would like you to join them on this exciting project. As this initiative progresses they are looking for additional volunteers. Contact Amanda Thiessen 306-361-7478 if you are interested.

Beach, Playgrounds & Sport Court Committee

Shields Sport Court Update

We have had a very busy and successful fall and winter fundraising for the Shields Sport Court. Firstly a big thank you to the Blackstrap Fish Derby volunteers for fundraising done in support of the Sport Court. It was a great success and will be an amazing annual event for our community. Secondly, congratulations to everyone for achieving second place and the award of \$5,000 in the Go Out and Play Challenge. Quite amazing for a little Village like ours – that is commitment and demonstrates the Spirit of Shields! Stay tuned for a few more up coming events.

Our **Sport Court** fundraising has had a great first year. To date funds raised are...

Fundraisers	\$ 8,887.09
Cash Donations	\$ 4,528.75
Grants	\$ 5,000.00
Go Out and Play Reward	\$ 5,000.00
Service-In-kind value (engineering and electrical)	\$ 8,000.00
Shields Recreational Reserve Funds	\$30,000.00

Total: \$61,415.84

So you can see we are in the final stretch of fundraising and would appreciate any help!! If you have a fundraising idea let us know.

Parks, Beaches and Playground Update

Thanks to everyone who helped on the clean up day this spring! A few reminders for everyone:

- Black boxes are located at the beach, ball diamond and playground. There are no locks on them anymore and there is sports equipment and pumps for everyone to use. Please return items and if anything is broken contact me to have replaced.
- The volleyball net is to be left up all season and once done using the net please loosen as this will help to maintain its shape longer.

If anyone sees anything needing attention please do not hesitate to contact me. Or if you have any questions or want to help out with the Sport Court fundraising give me a shout. Enjoy the sun and soak it up in the coming months!

Amanda Thiessen
Parks, Beaches and Playground Chair
306 361 7478 amoseson@yahoo.com

Golf Committee

Our Golf Course opened on April 18, 2019, ten days earlier than last year. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with taking tarps off; very much appreciated. Considering the cold weather we had this winter the course is in fairly good condition for this time of the year.

Costs for annual golf passes (\$150) and cart trackage (\$25) are the same as last year. For a full list of fees please refer to the website at www.shields.ca.

The dates for our 3 annual golf tournaments have been set as follows:

Jack & Jill Tournament	June 1, 2019
Fundraiser Tournament	August 10, 2019
Men and Women Club Championship	September 7, 2019

To register for any of the tournaments please call Garry at 306-492-2600.

We were planning on starting Men's night on Thursday April 25th but due to inclement weather our first night was cancelled and we will hopefully start on Thursday May 2nd. The ladies are planning to start on April 30th.

All tournament dates, golf course closures for private bookings as well as Men's & Ladies night golf is all posted on the Shields website, Community Calendar page. Tournament and private booking dates have also been posted on the north wall of the Shields Hall.

As most of you probably know Linda Ellerington our Greenskeeper has decided to retire. Linda's dedication to our Golf Course is well known and the improvements we have seen over the past several years is due to her involvement and we are extremely sorry to see her go. Linda worked at our course for over 16 years, and her passion for the game of golf flowed through to the condition she kept our course in. We wish Linda all the best in her retirement!

Brian Cooke has been hired to replace Linda and we wish Brian much success in his new position as Greenskeeper.

Happy Golfing from your Golf Committee
Garry Hovland, Committee Chair

EMO UPDATE



LET'S BE PREPARED

Being prepared for an emergency in the Village could save lives! The Emergency Response Plan for the Village is currently being reviewed and updated and we need your help.

Block Captains

We have a number of volunteer Block Captains for the Village however we are 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 the EMO Coordinator as needed.

EMO Planning Committee Members

We are looking for members to join the EMO Planning Committee to assist in the ongoing emergency preparedness planning for the Village.

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. Thank you!

PARTIAL FIRE BAN IN PLACE IN THE VILLAGE OF SHIELDS

This year is starting off very dry and as many other municipalities have done, the Village currently has a Partial Fire Ban where fires are only allowed in approved fire pits with screens. No fireworks are allowed during this ban.

Lets keep our neighborhood safe by prudently managing our outdoor spaces and activities during this time of high risk for the potential of grassfires.