



Shields News – Summer 2020

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Village Project Updates

The following is a mid-year update on the Village projects that were communicated in the Spring Newsletter.

Completed Projects for 2020:

Dust Control: completed throughout the Village and all along Memorial Drive in June

New Website: launched in May. Check it out to obtain up-to-date Village information.

New Recycle Centre: by the Maintenance Shop along with a new Bulletin Board completed in July.

Seasonal Irrigation: McCrimmon Alley replacement of lines and installation of shut off valves to correct problems with lines freezing and leaks. Ongoing upgrades to our seasonal irrigation system will continue as required.

Ongoing Projects for 2020:

Road Treatment: To harden the surface and suppress dust, the GRAVELOCK product is currently being applied to South Memorial Drive and will be completed by August 28th. The product is used for new roads to bind the clay content resulting in long term surface retention and considerably reduced maintenance. The application of this durable product will eliminate the annual application of normal dust control product at a fraction of the cost. The results of the treatment will be evaluated as we move forward with our access road development.



Road Drainage:

Plan being developed to address issues with water pooling softening road and restricting access to properties along McCordick Road.

South Memorial Drive

Mawson Alley: New irrigation lines to be installed in September and will be followed by tree planting later in the month.

Golf Course Irrigation

And Tree Nursery: New irrigation lines have been installed at the golf course to cover a number of the holes and to feed the new tree nursery being developed in the fall at the north end.

Employee Washroom: The project is almost complete and now provides employees with proper facilities in case of a hazardous material spill and helps to address Occupational Health and Safety requirements.

Street Sign Project: Majority of traffic signs have been installed. Neighborhood Watch and refreshed Community Centre and Village entrance signs to be installed by October.

Potable Water

Standby Generator: In order to eliminate Potable Water Advisories that are caused by loss of pressure due to loss of power, a standby generator is being installed at Shields Water Building in early October. Majority of costs were covered by Grant Funding.



Safety: Solar Caution lights to be installed on Maintenance Building in September

Sport Court Build: The sports pad was installed in July and redone in August. We are currently working with the contractor as there are issues with the pad that must be resolved before we can move to the next steps in the project.

Bylaw Enforcement: HR Committee met with experienced Bylaw Officer to identify the requirements and processes needed to proceed with this initiative. Along with this program, consideration will be given to surveillance camera sites in order to assist in bylaw enforcement. Council to determine next steps after election.

Upcoming Events for 2020

Due to COVID-19 and the current limits for public gatherings (30 inside and 30 outside) the Public Hearing on the Official Community Plan, Annual Information Meeting, Shields Street Sign Auction and the Volunteer Appreciation Celebrations are postponed until further notice. We look forward to a better time when we can return to safe gatherings and celebrating our Village together as a community.

Shields Response to COVID-19

In accordance with the Government of Saskatchewan COVID-19 restrictions, the Village opened the parks, beaches and golf course earlier this summer. As required, increased sanitation practices are in place for washroom facilities, Community Centre and Maintenance Shop.

The parks, our beach and the golf course have been very busy this year. It is very nice to see our residents enjoying these facilities especially during this time! For everyone's safety and to comply with Government Directives, residents are asked to wash hands before and after attending the playground, park and beach areas. Please avoid overcrowding and to maintain a distance of 2 metres between you and others outside your group. Specific COVID-19 rules applicable to the Golf Course are posted at the Community Centre.

Village Administration and Operations

ELECTION DAY PROCESS

Election Day is **Saturday, August 29, 2020**. The Polling Place is the **Shields Community Centre**.

The Poll will be open from **8 am until 9 pm**.

Plans for keeping the voting process safe from COVID-19 for staff & voters includes:

1. Entrance to the poll will be from the south door of the hall (parking lot access), a hand sanitization station will be set up at the entrance – masks are optional, but encouraged.
2. Physical distancing is required – depending on the number of voters in the Poll, you may be asked to wait outside.
3. Election Officials will be on site to guide voters to the registration desk – everyone must complete a Voter's Registration Form. You will need identification – One piece of government issued ID or two pieces of ID, one with address.
4. You will be called to the Poll Desk to receive your ballot after you have completed your Voter's Registration Form.
5. You will be directed to the kitchen area of the hall to mark your ballot.
6. After you mark your ballot, you will be encouraged to insert your folded ballot into the ballot box after you have shown it to the Deputy Returning Officer.
7. Voters will exit through the east door of the Community Centre.
8. Election Officials will be on site to sanitize through-out the day.

If you have any questions, please call the Village Office at 306 492-2259.

Letter to Property Owners – Non-Potable Water Use

Shields works hard to protect the safety of our potable water system. In addition, ensuring untreated and unsafe irrigation water is not used in dwellings is required for public safety. In the next coming weeks you will receive a letter via Canada Post containing detailed information on consequences and risks of improper connection of non-potable irrigation water in Shields.

To update our records, you are requested to sign and return the letter to Resort Village of Shields Administration, Box 81 Dundurn, Sask S0K 1K0 or by email to admin@shields.ca.

We thank you for your co-operation with this and your continued commitment to keep our Village safe and to use non-potable water only for irrigation of our greenspaces.

2020 Property Tax Notices and Utility Bills

Property Tax notices went out at the end of April. If you did not receive your 2020 tax notice, please contact the Municipal Office at 306-492-2259.

Utility bills are sent out quarterly – March 31, June 30, Sept 30 and December 31. If you do not receive your utility bill shortly after these dates, please contact the Office.

Shields Text Messaging

Are you receiving a 'text message' from the Village on operational notices such as irrigation off, road closures and other information of interest to residents? If you aren't, you are missing out on helpful information!

To subscribe to Shield's Text Messaging to receive Operational Notices via text, simply text the word **shields** to 306-400-5594 (do not include a 1) and follow the prompts to complete the sign-up process.

This new service implemented at the end of 2019 was part of Council's commitment to get timely information to residents. The texting service now has 133 subscribers! Please share with your neighbors when they ask that question, "how do I find out when the irrigation water is down?"

Pictures for the Website

We are looking for pictures for the Shields Photo Gallery on the website. Thanks to Judy King and Joel Brossart for sharing some of their talents with us. If you have Village pictures you would like to share for the website, please email to dheidt1@gmail.com.



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:

Scott Coulson/Todd McEwan
golf@shields.ca

Parks, Beach, Playground and Ball Diamond Committee & Sport Court Chair:

Amanda Thiessen
306-361-7478

Green Spaces: Council Rep

Ryan Pasitney
306-230-5950

Member at Large:

Judy Rathie
306-492-4955

Co-Chair and Secretary:

Terri Pasitney

Annual Shields Volunteer Celebration and Spirit of Shields Award Presentation *(event postponed in accordance with COVID 19 Guidelines)*

Each year Council hosts an event to show appreciation to our many volunteers and to present the Spirit of Shields award. The award is given to an individual nominated by the community for outstanding community service. Details of award are on Shields.ca website.

The 2020 Spirit of Shields recipient is Garry Hovland. Garry will formally receive his award at the volunteer celebration when it occurs. Until then congratulate Garry when you see him!

Thanks for volunteering!

Beach, Playgrounds & Sport Court Committee

When you have to spend time at home this is the place to be! What a wonderful season it has been and great to see so many people using the park and beach this year.

The sport court build is underway! Currently the base is being worked on and once that is finished phase 2 will begin. Phase 2 will consist of fencing, lighting, nets and line painting. We will notify public when court can start to be used. If anyone has any questions about the court please don't hesitate to ask. We are also still accepting donations for anyone wanting to donate.

Have a wonderful fall.

*Amanda Thiessen
Parks, Beach and Playground Chair*



Golf Committee

We've been having a great year so far, thanks to everyone for following the required COVID-19 protocols. Annual memberships and daily passes have increased which is great to see!

We hosted the annual Scramble Championship fundraiser which was very successful as we were full and had several teams on the waiting list. Thanks to everyone for their hard work!

There are ongoing irrigation upgrades on the course; we are very excited for these to be completed.

The Ladies and Men's Member Championship is on September 12. If you have an annual golf pass and wish to sign up for the tournament please contact Garry Hovland (306-280-7652), Murray McArthur (306-222-3726) or Dwayne Heidt (306-230-2026) no later than Thursday, September 10th. Cost is \$20.00 per person and must be paid by registration deadline. More details to follow as we get closer to the event.

Thank you everyone for your support!

*Todd MacEwan / Scott Coulson
Golf Committee Co-Chairs*

Emergency Measures Organization - EMO



EMO Planning Committee

We are pleased to welcome Garry Hovland and Tracey Zarn as members of Shields EMO Planning Committee to assist in the ongoing emergency preparedness planning for the Village.

Garry is taking on the role of Block Captain Co-ordinator and has been recruiting Block Captains. The Planning Team is currently updating documentation and plan to have an EMO Meeting with Block Captains in late September.

If you are interested in being involved in any way with EMO, please contact Debbie Heidt, EMO Coordinator at 306-371-0900 or dheidt1@gmail.com. Thank you!



And finally,

Thanks goes out to Fred Fehr and his Village Operations Team of Kaija, Ken and summer support from Kohl and Maggie for helping to keep Shields the best place to live! A shout out also goes to Brian, Shields greenskeeper who continues to keep our course in great shape!