



Shields News – Fall 2020

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Message from the Mayor

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall weather. Morning walks have never been more enjoyable taking in the picturesque scenery as the beautiful colors of fall erupt. We are extremely fortunate to live in such a great community.

I am honoured to have been elected to serve this community as Mayor. I am boundlessly grateful for your support and very excited to take on this challenging opportunity.

I am grateful to have such an experienced well-rounded Council to work with and would like to congratulate Lorna Ledoux, Cameron Paulson, Carol Sarich and Noel Tomlenovich to their Council positions.

I would like to thank the outgoing Mayor, Eldon MacKay and Councillors, Grace Strasser, Dwayne Heidt and Ryan Pasitney for their contributions to the Village during their tenure.

Our first Council meeting was held on September 14, starting with the new Council being sworn in followed by a very full agenda. There are many outstanding items which require our attention. As we proceed, please be patient with us as in some cases, we have a lot of background information that is necessary to review to inform our decisions. I would like to thank the volunteers, employees of Shields and our various partners for being particularly helpful as they bring the new Council up to speed on the various outstanding items.

The following are some of the areas that Council will focus on over the next while: building strong relationships with our partners, review and update necessary agreements, develop a public consultation process, review services being offered and investigate and implement efficiencies, review and update bylaws, create a long-term strategic plan, create a plan for the lots on South Mawson – develop a strategy to promote sales and let's not forget the ongoing road improvements including continued talks with the RM of Dundurn regarding the road improvements to Highway 211. Many residents have expressed an interest in wanting to be heard. Over the next while, Council will be starting a public consultation process and reaching out asking for your participation in small focus groups ("tapping into others wisdom makes us stronger").

During these uncertain times dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, it can be really challenging for communities to continue operating in a safe manner. It is impressive the way our Village has come together to implement COVID-19 protocols, which has allowed us to safely continue to use the Golf Course and the Community Centre.

With Thanksgiving approaching, it is a time to be grateful for what we have, especially our community, a hidden gem, that I feel fortunate to belong to.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

Angela Larson

Introducing Shields Council

Angie Larson, Mayor



Portfolio Finance, Human Resources/Employee Relations, Dundurn & Area Waste Water Utility, Blackstrap Regional Development Council, Public Consultation, Animal Control Committee, Meet and Greet Committee, Bylaw Committee

My husband, Dave, and I moved to Shields 11 years ago and we have never looked back. We both are originally from small town Saskatchewan, close to many lakes and it has always been our dream to live close to the water. We feel fortunate to have found this piece of paradise with the many benefits of small-town living.

My education in Business Administration and Accounting from the University of Saskatchewan and 29 years of experience with Municipal Government working in various Management roles for the City of Saskatoon will certainly be helpful in my new role as Mayor.

I have met many residents in the Village and hopefully soon, will have the opportunity to get to know others that I have not had the pleasure to meet. I look forward to using my experience and passion to make a significant contribution towards the leadership of this community.

Noel Tomlenovich, Deputy Mayor/Councillor



*Portfolio: Human Resources and Employee Relations
Public Works Advisory
Roads and Maintenance
Dundurn and District Fire Commission*

Please feel free to contact me at any time with your concerns and questions. If I don't have the answer, I will do my best to find them and get back to you in a timely fashion. My phone number is 306-220-9603.

Lorna Ledoux, Councillor



Portfolio: Emergency Measures Organization, Communications Committee, Dundurn & District Fire Commission Alternate, Bylaw Committee

My name is Lorna Ledoux. I previously served on Council for The Resort Village of Shields for one year of the past term. I enjoyed this role very much and learned a lot from past council as well as staff and residents who have introduced themselves to me.

I currently work as a communications manager in the First Nations gaming industry. Prior to that I was finishing a law degree at the University of Saskatchewan after a career in working for the Metis Nation where I served as an elected leader and in upper management positions. I also taught some university classes and served on many management boards over the years in Saskatoon.

I am originally from the north. I was born in Cold Lake Alberta and have lived on the shore of Mudie Lake as well as at the Resort Village of Cochin. This background led me to enjoy Blackstrap. My husband Norman, who is from Muskeg Lake, and I decided to settle in Shields 9 years ago.

I decided to run for council because I really enjoy governance work and I like to contribute to the wellbeing of the people of the community I live in. I look forward to my term on council and meeting more of the Village residents.



All Councillors and Mayor on Finance and Economic Development

Carol Sarich, Councillor



Portfolio: Golf Committee, Spirit of Shields Award, Public Consultation

My name is Carol Sarich. I am proud to serve as councillor for the Resort Village of Shields. I have been a resident of our Village for the past 18 years and I genuinely enjoy the

opportunity and the gift of living in such a wonderful place. I am a full-time principal with the Greater Saskatoon School Division and serve in leadership capacities with the Saskatchewan School Based Leaders Association and the Canadian Association of Principals.

In working on council, leadership skills are essential for collaborative and dynamic innovation, as we move forward. My portfolio on council includes working with the following committees and projects: golf committee, public consultation, volunteer recognition including the Spirit of Shields Award, along with other actions that require the participation of all council members and our mayor. I acknowledge that there will be a steep learning curve, but with the support of the great committee volunteers, members of our community and other council members, I am optimistic of the growth and possibilities for our future.



Cam Paulson, Councillor



Portfolio: Recreation Board, Docks, Greenspaces, Bylaw Committee

Hello everyone,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to vote on election

day despite our current COVID challenges that we face today. Secondly, I would like to thank our former Mayor & Council for the hard work they've put into our village over the past years. We've seen some pretty amazing advancements in the RV of Shields. New roadways, upgrades to our maintenance shop and fun public events – to name a few.

I have volunteered to take on the tasks of Green Spaces, Dock Allocation and Recreation Board. I'm passionate about outdoor activities, so for me this was a natural decision. I will also be assisting in the review of our Village bylaws, making sure they are current and relevant to the times.

Our current Green Space Committee has some plans in place for tree planting & maintenance for Fall 2020 & Spring of 2021. A cleanup of deadfall in Outlaws Ravine in the Spring is also planned. We will also be working with Fred Fehr in installing some irrigation lines for newly transplanted trees.

Once Outlaws Ravine is cleaned up it will lead to more dock space real estate, so more spots will be available next year. I will also be reviewing our master copy shoreline map for dock spaces and making sure it's current. I won't know 100% until the spring once everyone starts to put their docks in. I will reach out to those of you that have applications in.

Amanda Thiessen and the Sport Court Committee have been working hard on the sport court. Soon we will see the addition of fencing, lighting and paint on the asphalt surface. There have also been talks of the landscaping that will be performed around the sport court.

If you've got any questions, concerns or comments, don't hesitate to reach out!"

Upcoming Events for 2020



Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Please Join Us for a Volunteer Appreciation Walk!!

When: Saturday, October 17th

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 (Noon)

Walk: We will start at the Maintenance building, walk along Memorial Drive to Waters Avenue, travel East to Procter Drive and end at our Community Centre.

2020 Spirit of Shields Award winner Garry Hovland will also be in attendance.

**Due to social distancing measures we will not be gathering as a large group, and strongly encourage everyone to wear masks.

**A small token of our appreciation will be handed out to our volunteers at the Community Centre.

**Please forward all questions to councilcs07@gmail.com

Village Project Updates

Shields Water Plant Back-up Generator

The backup generator for the water plant will be operational within the next few weeks. This should eliminate any 'Boil Water Advisories' for the Village that were the result of reduced pressure in the lines.

Shields Signs Refreshed

The Village signs have been replaced after 17 years. They have been showing their wear over the last number of years and it was time for a refreshed look. They have been provided by Waylyn Signs (originally from Dundurn), the same company that made the original ones. The new material is weather resistant and will have a long life. Operations will be retaining the posts to add to the fresh look! Drive by and see for yourself. However, our Community Centre sign is covered with the COVID-19 sign, so hopefully in the near future we will be able to display the refreshed sign!



Shields Communications

The Communications Committee strives to ensure that villagers are informed of all crucial projects and developments at Shields. Council feels that transparency and two-way communication leads to good governance. In this connection, we welcome input from the community and offer the following communications tools:

- This quarterly Newsletter – **Shields News**
- Resort Village of Shields website at www.shields.ca where you will find valuable information on living in the community, forms, minutes, notices, calendar of events, newsletters, etc.
- Monthly Council Highlights that provide brief high-level updates on items discussed at the last council meeting
- As required, Council Communiques on current important issues
- [Shields Text Messaging](#) to quickly disseminate important operational information to residents
- Village of Shields Community *Facebook Page*
- Emails from the Village Office

Councillor, Lorna Ledoux

Village Administration and Operations

Preparing for Fall and Winter

- ❖ **Irrigation Water:** The irrigation will be shut down as soon as overnight temperatures start to stay in the minus range.
- ❖ **Seasonal Water Meters:** A reminder to seasonal residents who need their meters removed for the winter to contact Fred at 306-492-7922 to arrange for the Village to pull your meter and shut off the curb stop.
- ❖ **Winter Storage of Boat Docks and Lifts on the Shoreline**
 - When removing your docks and lifts, please ensure your name and phone number are attached to your items so we may notify you should they need to be moved.
 - Please ensure equipment does not hinder residents walking along the shoreline.

Community Centre and COVID-19

Due to information from our insurance provider that the Resort Village does not have liability insurance to cover us for a potential COVID-19 issue, the Council has decided that until relaxation of provincial guidelines occurs, the Community Centre is not available for rent for private functions.

Development Permits

A development permit is required for all development on your property – including landscaping. There is no fee for this permit. See shields.ca for the [Development Form](#).

Hall Cleaning Contract

Shields is looking for someone to clean the Community Centre on an ongoing basis. If you are interested in the contract, please see shields.ca for details.

Outstanding Property Taxes Payment Reminder

Outstanding property taxes are accumulating a penalty at the end of each month until they are paid in full.

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:

Cam Paulson
306-230-5950

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

Cam Paulson
306-230-5950

Member at Large:

Judy Rathie
306-492-4955

Co-Chair and Secretary:

Terri Pasitney

Beach, Playgrounds & Sport Court Committee

Shields Sport Court Update

We are happy to let the community know that the asphalt base for the sport court is finished. In the next 2-4 weeks the fence company is to start and lines will be painted on the court. Once the fence is completed, we hope to get electrical work done and lights installed also this year. Weather will be a factor in this.

We are asking kindly that community keep off court till lines have been painted on. If we track mud and dirt onto court it has to be cleaned off. This could be an issue once the irrigation lines are turned off. And the company will charge us for cleaning.

Sorry to anyone who was wanting to get out there and play this fall. We will let you know the moment the court is ready to be played on.

Shields Sport Court Committee
Contact Amanda Thiessen with any questions
306 361 7478
amoseson@yahoo.com

We would like to acknowledge and thank Sask. Lotteries for their grant funds that will be used to purchase the basketball nets for the sport court.

Golf Committee

Hi everyone, fall is here and we're getting ready to wind down our season. Thanks to everyone for the tremendous support this year, we've had one of our best seasons to date.



We hosted the 2020 Member Championship on September 12th. Our men's and ladies' champions are Kam Barteski and Linda Ellerington, congratulations!

We don't have a definite closure date yet; this is weather dependent and it looks like we have some good weather for the next few weeks. Please pay attention to course signage regarding frost if you're golfing in the mornings.

We have several maintenance and improvement projects ongoing. We will be top dressing the greens the first week of October. We have planted several trees along the hole 8 fence to fulfill our safety obligations and we've got ongoing work happening with our new hole 6 project in the north west corner of the course. Thanks to our volunteers and maintenance staff for all their hard work!

Thanks again for the support!

Golf Committee
Co-Chairs Scott Coulson / Todd MacEwan

Emergency Measures Organization - EMO



LET'S BE PREPARED

Being prepared for an emergency in the Village could save lives!

Update from the EMO Planning Committee:

Garry Hovland, Block Captain Co-ordinator is pleased to report that a number of full-time residents have volunteered to act as Block Captains for the Village.

It is important that residents are familiar with the Block Captain for their area as they will be the EMO resource that will assist in the notification process during an emergency. Their role is to:

- Contact everyone in their assigned block during an emergency
- Keep track of those notified
- Assist the EM Organization as needed and
- Collect resident information for the purposes of Shields EMO Resident List – this assists EMO if there is an emergency in the Village and residents need to be notified of the actions required during the emergency – i.e. evacuate, shelter in place, etc.

The Block Captains are currently updating our EMO Resident information and may be attending your residence to update our records. We appreciate your co-operation in providing this information to the Team so we have the information needed during an emergency. This information is solely for the purposes of EMO and is not used for any other purposes for the Village.

Emergency Response Plan – Resident Handout

[Shields Emergency Plan](#) for residents can be found on Shields [website](#) and all residents should be familiar with this information. The document contains:

- Shields Emergency Contact List
- Block Captain Names and Assigned Blocks
- Resident Emergency Processes and Evacuation Sites
- EMO Block Maps

If you have any questions on Shields EMO, please contact Debbie Heidt, EMO Co-ordinator at dheidt1@gmail.com or 306-371-0900.

Remembering A Past '*Spirit of Shields*' Recipient

Our community respectfully remembers Ron Evans, a past resident of Shields and the second recipient of the Spirit of Shields award in 2015 who passed away last week in Saskatoon. Proof of Ron's green thumb is throughout our Village. Ron, along with the many dedicated Tree Committee volunteers, designed and beautified our parks with trees, bushes and irrigation systems to ensure their longevity. Ron is also remembered for his poetry and storytelling as well as his famous Greek Night Fundraisers and artisan bread! Ron your legacy lives on in Shields greenspaces. Our thoughts go out to his wife Norma and all of the Evans family.

