



Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life

SHIELDS NEWS - Spring 2022

Mayor's Message



SPRING IS HERE!!! This year more than ever we are ready for spring by putting the long cold winter behind us. Welcome back to any of the folks that have been south for the winter.

The 2021 Census is now available and indicates that Shields is in fact a growing community with the population rate increasing to 351 residents. This is a growth rate of 21.9% in the 5-year period from 2016 to 2021. Growth is expected to continue as new homes are coming up either as infills, or in SunTerra or South Mawson Subdivisions. We welcome all newcomers to our community.

Community Initiatives:

- The fibre optics project is just finishing up with many residents reporting positive results with their upgraded internet service and the ability to download and upload at a much faster speed. Along with any project comes the clean up, and we have noted the damage to some of the roadways caused by the installation of the fibre cable. Maintenance will be addressing this in collaboration with Redbird as soon as it is dry enough to do so.
- The village video has been published and is available for viewing on our website and on YouTube [here](#). We are very proud as we have had an overwhelming amount of positive feedback about our village as people watch the video. As we continue to market our community and provide more exposure, Shields may no longer be the best kept "secret". To assist with selling the South Mawson lots, the village will be using the professional real estate services of Philippe Chagnon and Sheri Willick, Coldwell Bankers.
- It has been a long wait, but we are finally going to get an all-weather road exiting the south side of the village. The construction of the connector road between south Memorial Drive and Highway 211 will begin this spring.
- Just in time for fall programming, Zak's building Group will be starting the construction of the sports court amenities building in May with completion planned for August 2022.

For more updates on Projects please attend the Annual General Meeting for the Village Date to be announced - More details to come.

Thanks to all the volunteers who currently help out in the village. For those who would like to participate on village committees or events, please fill out the survey about [Volunteer Opportunities](#) in the Village. We are currently looking for a chair person for the Parks, Beaches and Playgrounds Committee, and we always appreciate volunteers who are interested in any of our committees.

Thanks to the staff, Jessica for her support and Fred and Kaija for their contributions in maintaining the village.

Wishing you a Very Happy Easter

Sincerely,

Angie Larson, Mayor



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Committee Updates and Messages:

Events Committee

Greetings From the Events Committee -Spring is in the air, and everyone is eager to get outdoors. Spring is also the time when people get out to go Garage Sale browsing. We are encouraging people who were considering having a Garage Sale this Spring to host it on a common date in our community. Please set your calendar for Saturday, May 28th in the morning. If you send in your plan to be part of this event, we will communicate your address to our community.

Some other plans in the works include a community-wide Canada Day celebration, Old Fashioned Family Day in the Park in September as well as a Volunteer Brunch in October. More information to follow.

Enjoy the beautiful days of Spring!!

Fish Derby Event

Thanks to the volunteers, sponsors, and participants for making the 2022 Fish Derby such an enormous success. The event started with a delicious pancake breakfast and registration. There were 203 registered holes 123 pre-registered and 80 registering at the door. Prize money paid out totaled \$2,735.50. The event netted \$6,163.50 in profits to fund Sports court equipment and furnishings. Bravo everyone!!!

This is the 3rd annual Fish Derby. The total for the 3 years is \$17,228.66 in net profit!! Amazing!!

This fishing derby gives the village extra revenue for recreation projects, but also just as important is a great community builder.





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Horticulture Committee

This is the time of year when us gardeners cannot wait to get our fingers dirty digging in the dirt. The horticulture committee did an excellent job last summer planting and tending to the flower barrels, so we plan to run this program again this year.

Why do we want to participate?

- Foster Community development, civic pride, environmental responsibility, and beautification through community participation.
- Build a "tight-knit" community through public involvement.
- Shine a positive light on parks and greenspaces in our community.
- Create a community that everyone is proud of.
- As Group learn gardening tips and tricks.
- Physical aspect of gardening and tending to the assigned plants.

If you are interested in participating, please call the Village Administration Office.

Golf Committee

We are all looking forward to the course opening which is expected near the end of April but of course this depends on the weather being favorable.

The green fees and trackage rates have been increased this year, and please note all seasonal rates will now be subject to GST.

Hole #6 will see continued construction and is expected to be open for play early in 2023.

The Jack & Jill tournament is tentatively scheduled for June 11 – be sure to save the date for this fun event.

Scott Coulson has stepped down as Chair of the Golf Committee; we extend a sincere thank you to Scott for his service to the golf course! Lothar Josephs will serve as Golf Committee Chair, with Todd MacEwan helping as Co-chair.

We are planning to relocate the storage/equipment sheds near the 9th green to an alternate location.

We are looking forward to another great season on the Course!



Online Registration

Registration for Golf Course Season Passes will all be done online moving forward. Please see the website [HERE](#) for more information about how to register.

2022 Season Prices:

Family membership - \$375.00 +GST = \$393.75

Adult Membership (18+) - \$175.00 +GST = \$183.75

Youth Membership (10-17) - \$40.00 +GST = \$42.00

Power Cart Pass - \$40.00 +GST = \$42.00





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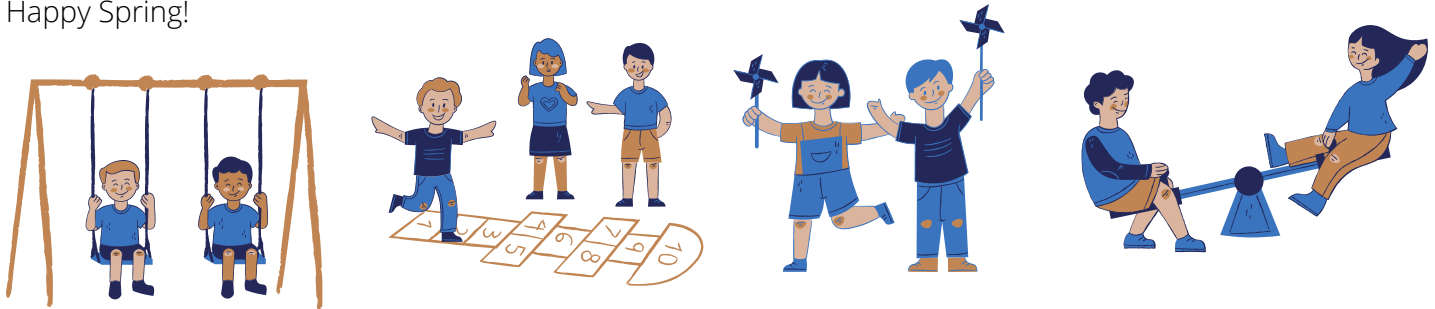
Parks, Playgrounds, and Beaches

It's that wonderful time of year at the lake when the signs of spring are all around us. People are out for walks, kids are biking around town, and neighbors are enjoying visits in the street. People are already enjoying spring at the sport court and the playground, and before you know it, we'll be making our way to the beach!

As you begin to use the sport court, playground, walking paths, green spaces, and beach please do your part to care for our community. Always ensure all garbage is picked up, equipment is cared for and returned to the black bins, and we all do our part to keep our community looking it's best. With spring comes the annual spring-cleaning bee. More information on this will be coming soon.

The Parks, Playgrounds, and Beaches committee would like to acknowledge and thank Amanda Thiessen for her dedication and contributions as chair of the committee for the past number of years. Amanda has decided to step down as chair, leaving a vacancy to be filled. If you are interested in chairing this committee please contact Cam Paulson, counselor.

Happy Spring!



Greenspaces

Spring is finally here in Shields! The Greenspaces Committee has some exciting things planned for 2022. There were some good initiatives completed last year with new planting around the village. This year we plan to do a more Maintenance / Upkeep approach.

We plan on working with Village Operations on upgrading the irrigation system for Songbird Lane. We will also be exploring the options of planting fruit & berry species to create a natural orchard for residents to pick over.

Outlaws Ravine needs some attention as well this year. There are 4 giant poplar trees that we would like to come down. They're posing a safety concern as they are dead / dying. There are also smaller trees in the ravine that will need to come down as well. We still plan on hosting another work bee to deal with all the deadfall on the ravine floor. This will likely be towards the fall, so watch for that communication if you're interested in volunteering for that initiative.

If anyone has any questions regarding Greenspaces or would like to join, contact Coun. Cam Paulson at checkmate_1992@hotmail.com

Have an enjoyable spring!





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Blackstrap Minnows Soccer

We are excited for another Blackstrap Minnows soccer season to begin. Thank you to Melissa Thurlow and Cody Morrell for coaching last year. This year we welcome new coach, Chad Gauthier. Chad, his partner Jill, and their 2-year-old moved to Shields in December. He's a plumber by day and a handyman and outdoorsman by night. He always has a project on the go around the house or in the yard, and likes to get out fishing and golfing. Chad and his family are looking forward to getting to know people in the community, so thought coaching soccer would be a great opportunity! He's played soccer his whole life, and is excited to teach the kids of Shields the fundamentals of the game and to have fun. This year soccer will take place Sunday mornings. Watch for more information on how to sign up coming soon!

Library

The Dundurn Library Board is holding a Steak Night and Raffle! The funds will help to pay the library operating expenses. Steak Night will be held June 15th at Big Murs, and will include a 50/50 draw and the Raffle draw. Raffle tickets enter you to win the Chill and Grill Prize values at more than \$600 - A cooler filled with items for a BBQ (PITBOSS BBQ, BBQ Tools, and Apron, Cooler, Gift Cards, Sauces and Spices, Blanket, Refreshments, and more!) No attendance necessary to win raffle!

Ticket Prices: 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 10 for \$20



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PARKS, CULTURE AND RECREATION

Calling all Kids 8 and Under!



Learn to Play Soccer

Sundays from:

9:30am-10:00am Kids under 4

10:00am-11:00am Kids 4-8

Throughout May 1 and June 19 at the generations park (beside the playground)

Sign up by: April 24th, 2022

To: Jill and Chad Gauthier 306-292-9475

Tickets can be purchased:

- Dundurn Library
- Dundurn Office
- RM Office
- Kuts by Karen
- Big Murs Tavern
- Dundurn Rural Water Utility
- Library Board Members





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Operations, Maintenance and Other Information:

Hopefully Spring is here. Happy Easter everyone. I would like to thank our Maintenance staff, Fred and Kaija for the excellent job of snow removal and all around service that went on during one of the most interesting winters we have had out here in many years. Redbird Fiber Optics is still being installed throughout the village, and the burial of the cable to individual homes will continue into the spring. Growth and development can lead to some challenges, and we are aware of the problems that spring melt and Redbird digging have caused, but the upgraded internet service is well- worth it. Our maintenance team and Redbird are monitoring the situation and fixing issues as they arise. Any Questions or Problems, don't hesitate to call 306-220-9603

Noel Tomlenovich

By-Election Information

We would like to pass on a big thank-you to Carol for the time she has dedicated to council over the past two years.

Please watch for more information about the call for nominations, and the upcoming by-election to fill the vacancy on the Resort Village of Shields Council.



Maintenance Message

Irrigation will be turned on later this year than it has been other years. We may have more irrigation line breaks due to the Fibre installation completed this fall and winter. Please be prepared for delays and regular interruptions in the irrigation service as our maintenance team repairs damaged irrigation lines.

A Special Thank You

As many already know, I have resigned from my position of Counsellor for the Resort Village of Shields, effective March 31st. I just wanted to thank the community of Shields and the Council for their support during my time in office. I hope to continue my involvement in our community through volunteerism.

Carol Sarich





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Administrative Office Notices

2022 First Quarter utility bills have now been sent out, thank you to everyone for your patience as this utility bill was delayed. Residents will have until May 10th to pay these bills, rather than the end of April like usual.

The Resort Village Assessment Roll is now open. It is open for appeals from April 1st - April 30th, please contact the Board of Revision Secretary with any appeals request. Her information will be found on the printed assessments that were mailed out at the beginning of April.

The Resort Village Office hours continue to be Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-4pm. If you come by at those times, I will be happy to help you in any way I can.



Health and Safety

Speed Limit Reminder

You may have noticed that the Resort Village of Shields has decreased the speed limit within the Resort Village to 20km/hr. Please respect this new posted speed limit, drive with caution and help to keep our community safe

Update from the EMO Planning Committee:

Shields Emergency Measures continues to test communication processes with members to help the team prepare should there be an emergency in the Village. This year EMO will complete the annual test of the Village Emergency Plan with all members and will look to involve some residents in the 'test scenario' to enhance the Plan by getting input from others. If you are interested in being part of the testing, please let us know. Shields EMO involves many volunteers who will support our Village if there is an emergency. Due to COVID, the entire team has not been able to get together, however this year we are hoping to have an EMO Day dedicated to testing, discussion as well as some socializing. If you would like to be part of Shields EMO or have any questions, please contact Debbie Heidt, EMO Co-ordinator at dheidt1@gmail.com or 306-371-0900, Garry Hovland 306-280-7652 or Tracey Zarn 306-321-4437.

Debbie Heidt, EMO Co-ordinator





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2022 Garbage/ Recycle Calendar



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Recycle Pick-up Date

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