

Resort Village of Shields

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Mayor's Message

The Mayor and Councillors' 4-year terms were up at the end of July. This is a good time to summarize what Council has accomplished over the past 4 years.

A survey was sent out to residents shortly after our term started (2021) and the information from this survey informed many of the decisions that we have made over the last 4 years. Council has had a very, very busy and productive term including the following initiatives:

- Completion of the Sports court and participation in fundraisers for sports court furniture.
- Moved the Administration office into the Village to allow for better access to Administrator.
- Completion of Fibre optics in the village in order to provide high speed internet.
- Building of a Social Gathering Place - The HUB - which was 73.33% funded through grants. Such a great spot, buzzing with activity and a great seasonal food service provider.
- Support of a very active children's program, adult exercise program, many events - potlucks, Christmas party's, casino night, beer and burger night just to mention a few. Most of our programs and events have had a portion or 100% funded through various funding partners.
- Shields golf course continues to be a valuable and well-run asset of the village.
- Partnership between the RM and the village to build a new road providing a safe entrance/exit to our village connecting South Shields to highway 211. This project was 50% funded by a government grant.
- Development of a Marketing plan to promote the village and as a result the lots in south Mawson have started selling once again.(4 lots have sold).
- Updated the Official Community Plan and Zoning bylaw. Updated many other bylaws which were long overdue.
- Shields was the first municipality to get approval to use golf carts on municipal roads.
- Council has improved the working relationships with partners - developed and agreed upon a long overdue operating agreement with Sunterra Developments. Recently held a very, very successful 1st ever for Shields collaborative Community Canada Day Celebration! This included the Town of Dundurn, Village of Shields, Village of Thode, RM of Dundurn and PSP Dundurn.
- No tax increases in 2024 even though inflation is high.
- We have announced recently our successful application for a grant worth 4.2 M which will allow all residents in Shields to have sewer service to their properties.
- We have completed a test project on the South Mawson Memorial Drive Roadway, applying SB-90 a new longer lasting dust control application.

It takes a great team to accomplish all that we have over the past 4 years. Thanks for the involvement of the Council, volunteers and staff. A job well done!!! I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the present Council and while some of us will start a second term, two of our Councillors who have been instrumental in the above accomplishments, Noel Tomlenovich and Jillian Gauthier have decided not to run for the next term and will be missed. We do welcome our two new councillors that will replace them: Chad Schmidt and Vanessa Bomboir.

What projects are coming up over the next few months?

- Over the next 3 months the site surveys for the sewer project will be completed along with an informational meeting for residents.
- To protect the village assets, operations will be installing security cameras outside our civic buildings.

We will continue to look at the needs of this community and do our best to follow through to make Shields the best place to live while still keeping it affordable. Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay safe.

Angela Larson, Mayor

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Community Wide Canada Day

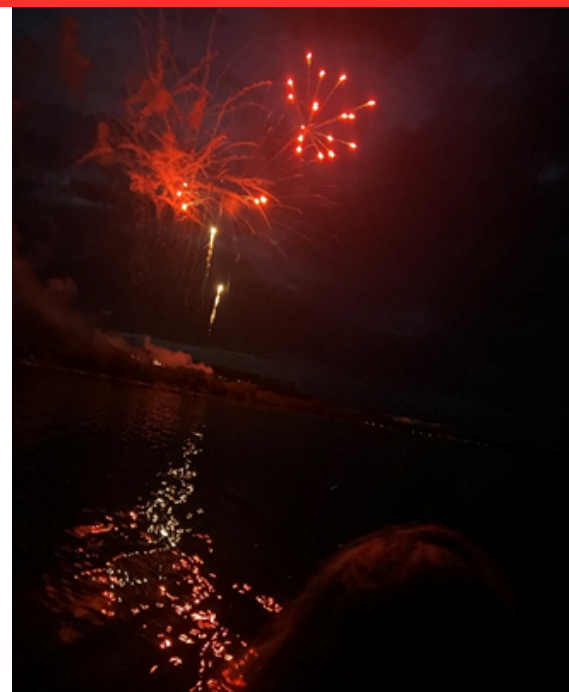


Thanks to our Canada Day Committee for organizing this event: Angie Larson , Carol Sarich, Jaclyn Sander, Glenn Cline, Curtis Boyes, Reachelle Higginbotham, Steve Schwenker, Cheryl Robson, Ryan McGinn and Jackie Stack

The first Community wide collaborative July 1st celebration held in Shields received many accolades on how well organized and planned the event was. Thanks to our amazing volunteers this event was very successful, and everyone had a great time.



The Blackstrap Covenant Church did an amazing job serving 412 pancake breakfasts in 2 hours. The church group raised \$2,455. with proceeds going to the food pantry. The parade was well attended with a variety of floats etc. The programming was excellent and enjoyed by all. The Beer garden raised \$1,490, which will be used to purchase a new sound system for meetings and events. Mustard's Last Stand was kept very busy serving great food. The fireworks ended the day with a beautiful light show.



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Horticulture Committee



We would like to recognize the efforts of the Horticulture Committee that make the village vibrant with their beautiful flower arrangements. The planting and tending to the flowers takes time and it is greatly appreciated.

Golf Committee



On August 10, the golf committee hosted their annual fundraiser Scramble Tournament. The tournament was a great success which raised over \$11,000 for the course. We would like to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers which included the following presenting sponsors:

- Meraki Contracting
- Mountainview Food & Fuel
- BPR Mobile
- Cando Rail & Terminals
- Korre Mechanical
- Gibbon Heating & Air Conditioning
- Backroads Septic Services

Congratulations to the winners of the tournament, Preston Thomson, Brett Wood, Will Ferguson and Derek Crossman.

We are still in the early stages of planning a night golf tournament / supper / social in September if there is enough interest. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to us at golf@shields.ca.

Jaclyn Sander
On behalf of The Golf Committee

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Parks and Beaches



What an incredible summer we are having - how lucky are we to be enjoying the lake life? It's been perfect weather for boat days, relaxing at the beach, playing at the sport court, and all that our little resort community has to offer.

The Parks and Beaches committee would like to say a huge thank you to those that have come to our work bees to tidy up the playground, clean up weeds at the beach, and generally keep our community looking it's best for all to use. A special weed cutter was purchased for the beach and a group of people, including numerous kids, came out to cut and clear weeds. It has really helped to keep our beach area in great shape for swimming and playing, such a great place to hang out in the summer.

Unfortunately, our committee has made the decision to stop purchasing equipment and materials for the sport court and beach. While we tried to keep equipment available for all to enjoy there has been a lack of care including leaving equipment laying around the sport court, throwing it on top of the Hub roof, pergola at the beach, and into the road, leaving the bin open, and generally not using it appropriately. The budget simply doesn't allow for continued replacement. We love to see people at the sport court playing pickle ball, tennis, and basketball and enjoying volleyball and playing with sand toys at the beach. However, people will have to bring their own equipment from now on. Please remind your children not to throw things on the roof or hit the sport court fence with bats or other materials. Thank you for your understanding.

On behalf of the Parks and Beach committee, we wish you a wonderful rest of your summer and all the best as we roll into fall.

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Friendly reminder to all residents to
please be respectful
of equipment and property .

Green Space Committees

Just a reminder that we have a lot of elms in the village, both in our parks and on residents' property. There is a provincial pruning ban from April 1 to August 31 to reduce the spread of Dutch elm disease.

If you're planting new trees on your property, please consider only small to medium sized trees (NOT poplars or elms!), ideally species native to Saskatchewan (check with a local garden centre for advice). The many poplars in the community are ageing, and large branches are dying due to the droughts of the past few years - there is risk of them breaking off and hurting someone or damaging property. The massive roots cause damage to septic tanks, foundations and other underground infrastructure. The millions of elm seeds released each spring are not only annoying but take root wherever they can, often where they shouldn't grow (next to foundations, among trees and shrubs you planted, in eavestroughs, etc.).

We invite residents to join our committee. Please contact Belinda (306-270-7312) for information.

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Social Programming Committee

I hope everyone is keeping cool while having a great summer !

The Social Programming Committee are taking a break after that OUTSTANDING July 1 celebration thank you to SHIELDS as a whole ! Job well done !

“Save the date “ update for upcoming events

October 5
October Feast Potluck

October 27,
Second Annual Casino night

December 14
Annual Children's Christmas Party

Stay tuned for more information on each event !



Our Social Programming Committee would like to support the FOOD PANTRY at each of our events. We are encouraging everyone to participate to help out families in need, especially with the increase cost of groceries here in our province.

Jaclyn Sander is our village contact for this and she has sent a short introduction to their needs at the food pantry:

We accept all cash donations. Etransfers can be sent to thefoodpantry20@gmail.com.

We also accept all dry goods that aren't expired. Staple items in our emergency hampers include pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, soup, and canned meats but we utilize everything that is donated.

We offer up to 4 emergency food hampers per year per household as well as holiday hampers for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Eligible applicants must reside in Hanley, Dundurn, Shields, Thode, or the surrounding RM.

Another reminder !!

Our committee is still seeking new members. We welcomed Janice Sander to our committee recently and are wanting to add your name!

If you have new ideas on how we can come together to meet your neighbours ,join our committee by contacting myself, cherbear_19@hotmail.com

Thank you

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Docks and Storage Lots

Thank you to everyone who got their docks & lifts in the water before the June 30 deadline and to those who have marked their property with their names and phone numbers. Marking your docks & lifts saves time for Fred & myself when trying to track people down and ultimately saves money for the taxpayers. Docks & lifts that are still not in the water have been marked & recorded and owners have been notified for resolution. Fred, and the Green Space Committee have done an exceptionally good job in clearing and cleaning up Outlaws Ravine for new docks to be placed there. We currently have 4 residents planning & working in this area for one main dock to be placed with slips being added which greatly helps with shoreline space and availability. We continue to plan for the future realizing there are still a considerable number of lots still to be sold and a limited amount of shoreline to work with.

As a reminder to those that have storage lots in the north end to make sure that grass needs to be cut on your lot. We just want this area to be kept up and looking nice for the summer.

Saskatchewan Watershed

The Environment Ministry is working hard monitoring & preventing zebra mussels from entering Saskatchewan waters. To date none have been found. Prior to transporting your watercraft between lakes or provinces, please ensure your boat & trailer have been washed & drained. Drain plug must be removed while the watercraft is being transported. Failure to remove the drain plug & not stopping at a watercraft inspection station could result in a \$500 fine.

Important things to remember regarding zebra mussels as follows:

- extremely invasive
- once established they are nearly impossible to get rid of
- can survive up to 18 days out of the water
- can take over habitat for spawning fish, beaches, clog intake lines, and reduce water quality
- they are about the size of your fingernail
- yellowish in colour with brown zigzag lines across the upper shell
- one mature female mussel can lay up to 1 million eggs in one year



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Shields Emergency Measures Organization

The EMO Planning Committee would like to recognize Sue Davison, who recently stepped down from her Block Captain role and to thank her for multiple years serving as the Block Captain for part of McCrimmon Crescent. Sue's commitment and support of Shields EMO is greatly appreciated and will be missed!

With Sue's resignation we are now looking for a Block Captain replacement to cover part of McCrimmon Crescent area. If you are interested in becoming part of the team, please contact Debbie Heidt at 306-371-0900 or Tim Black, Block Captain Co-ordinator at 306-227-5222.

The annual EMO training will occur this fall and will include the full organization inclusive of Council, Block Captains, Administration, Operations and EMO Planning Committee.

If you want more information about Shields EMO Plan and who the Block Captains are in the Village and specifically in your area, please refer to Shields Website. If you have any questions about the Plan, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Planning Committee.

Debbie Heidt, EMO Co-ordinator

Operations Updates



Security Cameras have been installed at: The Hub, and the maintenance shop.

SB-90 has been applied along Memorial Drive! This endeavor is part of a pilot project to determine if SB-90 is a good fit for other locations throughout the Resort Village.

We have been using Slicktext to communicate disruptions in operations. Please be sure to subscribe if you have not already.

Our summer staff will be departing for the season soon. We would like thank them all for an incredible summer. The course has never looked better.

Lake access routes have been created along McCrimmon and Procter.

A main water shut off valve is being installed in the community to ensure efficiency during necessary line repairs.

Work is underway at the lift stations. Please be mindful of the items you flush. These choices can be costly when repairs are needed.

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Welcome to Council



Vanessa Bomboir

Born and raised in Saskatoon, SK, Vanessa Bomboir and her family relocated to Shields in August 2022. Vanessa's professional background includes 20+ years in Communications & Marketing, specifically in radio media and emergency health services. She is employed full-time by a group of Ambulance Manufacturers. She works remotely from her home office, leading the U.S. division of their company in Marketing ambulances to EMS/Fire & Hospital departments across America. When Vanessa isn't working, you'll find her spending time with her favorite people - her husband Jason, son Ari, and bonus kids, Joe and Drew. Her favorite hobbies include golfing, walking their greyhound dogs, watching her son play sports, and socializing with family & friends.

Inspired by the heart of the Shields Community, Vanessa was inspired to join the Shields Village Council because she understands the importance of giving back and building a strong community. Being relatively new to the community brings a new perspective and fresh eyes to help strengthen existing programs & initiatives and help generate new ideas to enhance this beautiful lake community for all to enjoy. Vanessa is eager to apply her business background and down-to-earth personality to help residents of Shields thrive and enjoy the community to its fullest.

Chad Schmidt

My wife and I moved to Shields in May of 2020. I currently work for Brandt Tractor as a Field Heavy Equipment Mechanic.

Before becoming a mechanic I was a truck driver for approximately 11 years, hauling all sizes of equipment over western Canada and the US.

I am also a member of the Dundurn Fire Department. I joined the department in fall of 2022, and completed the Medical First Responder course in March of 2024.

My wife Brandi and I love to spend as much time outdoors as we can. Whether that be camping, boating or fishing in the summer, to snowmobiling or ice fishing in the winter.

Being on council is a new adventure for me, and I look forward to meeting new people and contributing ideas for our community.

Current Council

Mayor - Angela Larson

Deputy Mayor - Chad Pysden

Councilor - Vanessa Bomboir

Councilor - Garry Hovland

Councilor - Chad Schmidt

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Bylaw Enforcement

The village has entered into an agreement with The Commissionaires regarding bylaw enforcement. We have received some complaints which relate to bylaw infractions, safety issues and as a village we are responsible for ensuring that bylaws are enforced. The commissionaires have been patrolling and reported that some of the most common violations are non licensed drivers on the roadways. Please be advised that drivers who do not hold a Class 7 learners license cannot operate golf carts on roadways. Please refer to the Golf Cart bylaw.

Please ensure all grass and weeds are cut in preparation for winter and that yards are neat and tidy as per the bylaw.

The animal control bylaw states that all pets must remain on leashes at all times. You may know that your pet is not a danger to anyone, but those unfamiliar with your pet may not be as confident. Please be mindful of your neighbors.

Please ensure that all rec vehicles and other items are located on your own property, and that nothing is impeding anyone's ability to navigate the roadways.

The speed on all village roads as per posted signage is 20 km per hour with the exception of Memorial Drive which is 30 km per hour.

Now that SB-90 has been applied along Memorial Drive please be mindful of your speed. Accidents can happen in a blink of an eye.

Thank you everyone. It has been a great summer season. As we approach fall I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer here at the Resort Village. The next issue of this newsletter will be published in December. Please continue to check our website for upcoming events.

