

RESORT VILLAGE OF TURTLE VIEW

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Greetings from your Mayor and Council.

We have now completed our fourth year as a resort village and would like to give you an update on some of the past and current activities along with some future items we are planning for.

This past year was again very busy and, at the same time, very successful. We were able to operate without increasing our property taxes and again ending with a budget surplus. The budgetary surplus will significantly add to our funded reserves for future capital costs. Some of the main ones are lagoon, transfer station and main access roads.

We are planning to do a review of all the access roads. This will be to analyze the roadbed structure which is needed to properly do a cost estimate on future upgrades to the surface as well as the roadbed. This review will help us in preparation to update our 5-year road capital plan. We will be putting a significant amount into this reserve this year adding to the amount previously designated.

We are also planning to do a study of the lagoon to assess the future capacity and life span. This will guide council on the allocation of capital funds that need to be in place for when the time comes for maintenance or expansion.

Both the roads and lagoon may require that council reaches out for professional assistance in completing these studies.

Our volunteer Fire Brigade is fully operational with added assets, training and personnel. We now have a main pumper truck and two support vehicles as well as a mobile water tank. Also, a fully equipped support trailer with water pond and pumps along with other equipment needed for a ready water supply to supply the fire trucks. We have a lot of resources at our disposal both in personnel and equipment considering our Fire Brigade operates as a first response to the Meadow Lake Fire Department.

Our Fire Brigade is funded within the budgetary process. Also, it has been enhanced by numerous generous donors, the latest being a 2015 HD truck from Plains Midstream Canada.

Some of the other generous donations are monetary, work in kind, equipment, materials supplied and office furniture all which have greatly added to our final touches on the new fire hall and village office. Council greatly recognizes and thanks our donors for their generosity. We have also placed a donor contribution board in the office on which names of donors will be displayed being an entry level of one thousand dollars.

Council would like to take this opportunity to thank our many volunteers who greatly attributed to the operation of the Resort Village. On that note, the mayor and council have again elected to volunteer their time as elected officials for the coming year.

SaskPower has marked trees along the power grid throughout the Resort Village. These are trees that have potential of causing problems to the power grid as well as safety concerns to property owners. This will save the Resort Village thousands of dollars along with benefiting some property owners. Also, it will greatly decrease the

risk of fire as well as property damage from falling lines and trees. The plan is to do the tree removal this coming year.

This past summer, Sask. Emergency Services did a survey and assessment on rejuvenating the forest fire guard that runs from the DNR road north on the east side to the end of Sandy Beach Drive. This creates a fire break for protection of property north/east of Turtle Lake Lodge subdivision. The plan was to remove some spruce trees along with dead fall. The project is now completed. Some trees were cut to lengths and are free to anyone to use as firewood.

We added new flashing speed notification signs which were fully funded through an SGI Grant. Also planned is the installation of grid road identification signs as well as additions or up-grades to other signage throughout the resort village.

We also completed some grid road culvert replacement to enhance drainage and several areas of brush removal for traffic safety and aesthetic reasons.

The two major drainage projects, one being from the playground to the south end of the subdivision of Turtle Lake Lodge and the other one around the area of the boat launch in the subdivision of Golden Sands, have proven to be a great asset to drainage in these areas.

This past summer the residents of the subdivision of Sandy Beach upgraded the power supply to underground services and installed new streetlights. This project is now complete and paid for by the residents of this area.

Also, this past summer, we added some clay along with gravel to our grid roads to enhance the driving surface and plan on doing more this year.

Administration has had another busy year involving bylaw updates and changes required along with grant applications and subdivision requests.

Our transfer station has proven to be a great asset in terms of containing and control of waste items. This is significantly noticeable not only at the transfer station but also throughout the Resort Village.

Council is also working with other municipalities in the areas on a mutual aid plan and an updated study of Turtle Lake.

We are also engaged in discussions with Sunset View Beach researching common ground on cost sharing of municipal services and what this may look like going forward into the future.

Wishing everyone all the best for 2024.

Sincerely,

Your Mayor and Council