

The District of Lakeland No.521

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2013 District Operating Budget

The District of Lakeland No. 521 has completed their 2013 operating budget deliberations and have set their annual mill rate at 3.1 mills. The Province has also set their education mill rates for the various property classes as follows: Agriculture – 2.67 mills; Residential – 5.03 mills; Commercial/Industrial – 8.28 mills and Resource – 11.04 mills. Assessment appeals has now been completed and the District will be working towards having the Tax Notices mailed out in the latter part of June this year.

Boat Docks & Lifts

Another season of boating and recreation on our lakes is almost upon us despite Mother Nature's attempt to keep us in winter's grasp. Ratepayers are reminded that any storage of docks or boat lifts on municipal or public property requires approval from the District. Inspections conducted throughout the winter and early spring has revealed some non-compliance in this regard and has prompted the District to advise ratepayers and residents of the District of their non-compliance. It should also be noted the Public areas are considered as such and are still available for public use and enjoyment. Personal items are not to be left scattered or stored on public property that would inhibit the use and enjoyment of the area by the general public.

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.
~James Dent



Public Hearing – Zoning Bylaw & Official Community Plan Amendments

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The District of Lakeland has established a date of Saturday, June 22, 2013 as the date for a public hearing to review and discuss several amendments to the District Zoning bylaw and Official Community Plan. In addition, the municipality is in receipt of a request for a 9 lot residential subdivision at Birch Bay. Full particulars of the amendments and proposed rezoning will be mailed to all ratepayers, as well as being placed in the Vacationland News, District Website and advertised in the Prince Albert Daily Herald. The meeting will be held in the Legion Hall in Christopher Lake from 10AM to 12PM.

Annual Information Meeting

The District will once again be participating with ECLA and the Lakeland Volunteer Fire Cooperative in their annual informational meetings. The meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, July 6, 2013 with the District meeting commencing at 11:00 A.M. Ratepayers are invited to attend to learn and discuss current issues in the municipality.

Strategic Planning - District of Lakeland

The District of Lakeland No. 521 has engaged the services of our Planning Consultant – Crosby, Hanna & Associates to prepare a Strategic Plan for the municipality. Strategic Plans are based on a community vision and a set of ideals or goals developed by community members through a stakeholder workshop exercise. Strategic Plans contain initiatives, objectives, timelines and responsibilities for each of the central ideals or goals. The District has now received the first draft of the document as developed by our consultant, municipal staff and Council members. The document will be reviewed by the Council and Staff to arrive at a final draft that will be presented to the community at large for their comments, input and discussion. We look forward to your input on setting the priorities and goals for the municipality into the future.

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FLOODING & DRAINAGE

At the time of this newsletter, most of the snow in the area has melted and the runoff is almost complete. In preparation this spring, the District purchased some sandbags as well as a culvert steamer to ensure that the runoff and drainage water would flow properly through our culverts and avoid flooding of private property. The Province initiated a Flood Damage Control Program and the District has taken advantage of the grant money available to assist in the above noted purchases. To date, our Public Works Manager has indicated that the worst is over and with proper care and attention we should not encounter any further problems than we have had so far. Weather permitting, we believe we have managed to escape some of the major flooding issues being anticipated in other parts of the Province.





Frequently Called Numbers

EMERGENCY REQUIRING AMBULANCE / FIRE / POLICE . . . 9-1-1

District of Lakeland General Inquiries	982-2010
Planning and Development (<i>development and building permits</i>)	982-2039
Royal Canadian Mounted Police.(<i>anywhere in Saskatchewan</i>).	310-RCMP
. Prince Albert RCMP	765-5500
. Waskesiu Lake RCMP	663-4400

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