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**VICTORIA DAY LONG WEEKEND
(AND SUN) IS FINALLY HERE!**

Is sun and fun finally here? We hope so!

Enforcement and Protective Services (EPS) wishes to welcome you to this Special Edition Newsletter. As the long weekend is just days away, we want you to be aware of some information.

DRIVE TO ARRIVE

We are encouraging people to take extra time when planning their trip to, or through, the Lakeland area. We anticipate an increase in traffic flow in the area.

INCREASE LAW ENFORCEMENT

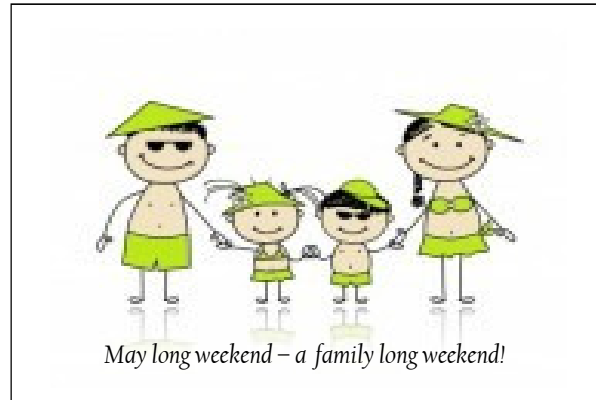
EPS wants the public to be aware that there will be a significant increase in law enforcement personnel this Victoria Day long weekend. Supervising Officer for the Department, S/Constable Jarett Taylor, stated that they will be working closely with RCMP, Ministry of Environment Conservation Officers and other partners in ensuring that everyone can have a safe enjoyable weekend. "RCMP will be the primary agency patrolling our area," stated Taylor, "there will be 24 hour police availability to service the entire municipality."

You can expect to see random check stops and a greater traffic enforcement presence. The RCMP can be contacted from anywhere in Saskatchewan at **310-RCMP**.

EPS - WHO WE ARE

Enforcement and Protective Services is the municipal department that is mandated to provide enforcement, support and protection to persons and property. Our department deals with matters affecting public safety and compliance of laws and bylaws within the municipality. We are not a police service. We are a law enforcement agency that has sworn peace officers pursuant to *The Police Act, 1990*. These special constables have authorities entrusted to them to be able to attend to a variety of matters. Policing in Lakeland is provided by the RCMP. EPS is proud to be able to support the RCMP efforts, and add to public safety and well-being of our community.

Our staff are not bylaw enforcement officers. Our officers have legal authorities to provide traffic enforcement, seize vehicles, respond to alcohol related



ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENCES

EPS wants to remind everyone planning to have any drinks this weekend to ensure that they plan in advance for safe rides, respect their neighbours and be responsible. "We have zero tolerance for persons driving impaired. Alcohol or drug use when operating a motor vehicle will be dealt with accordingly," commented Taylor.

PARKING AND NOISE

EPS wants to remind persons that parking in prohibited areas will result in vehicles being towed away at your expense. Please be respectful and considerate for your neighbours and keep the noise to a minimum.

violations, as well as enforce municipal bylaws. Bylaw enforcement officers are not legally authorized to stop vehicles and enforce alcohol laws.

Officers are also a resource to Council, residents, the municipality and visitors to the area. We can provide information to you on a wide array of topics affecting the Lakeland area. From boating and booze, to parking and fireworks, we are a resource to answer your questions.

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WHAT DO I DO IF I AM STOPPED?

If you are driving your vehicle and see an emergency vehicle, slow down and pull over to the right. If your vehicle is being stopped the police or EPS, will come to your vehicle. Stay seated inside your vehicle; an officer will come to your vehicle to speak with you. The officer may take several minutes to get to your vehicle. Don't panic or worry, this may be caused by the officer alerting their command centre of their location.

The officer may ask to see your driver licence or vehicle registration. The officer may also check the vehicle to ensure that is safe to be operated on a highway.

If you are issued a ticket or notice you will be provided with information where you can contest that charge. Arguing or yelling at the officer will not cause the ticket to be removed.



Slow down - speed limits are enforced!

Officers are tasked with patrolling all highways within the area, and enforcing *The Traffic Safety Act*. We want our roads to be safe for both pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Later this summer officers will be partnering with other law enforcement agencies to patrol our waterways.

HOW DO I MAKE A COMPLAINT?

Persons can call EPS to file a complaint against a violation. Common complaints we receive include:

- Animals at large;
- ATV and golf cart use on municipal property;
- Drinking and driving; and
- Parking and driving (speed) complaints.

All calls that are made to our office are held internally by our department. They are not disclosed to the municipality or the public. In order for an officer to follow up on a complaint we require your name and a call back number. If this is not provided your complaint will be closed.

If a person calls and wants to initiate a complaint an officer will contact them and explain the process. If, for example, there is a complaint of an animal at large. If the EPS officer is not present to witness the violation we require the complainant to provide the details of the violation. If a statement of the event is not provided, officers are unable to take action against the person who committed the violation.

We can understand that the public may not want to report their neighbour or friend, however if the officer is not witness to or find a person committing a violation, we

cannot take action.

We need the public eyes and ears to be able to properly do our job!

Matters we have investigated include;

- Driving offences
- Building without permits
- Illegal dumping
- Illegal septic / grey water dumping
- Alcohol offences

UPCOMING PLANS FOR THE SUMMER

EPS is finalizing our summer schedules. We are planning to have an officer available in the Administration Office for at least one half day a week to specifically deal with any questions or complaints. These pre-scheduled dates will be specific for people to just drop in. Persons can always call our office to arrange a time to speak to an officer about any matter.

More information will be made available.

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