



The Rochon Wave

Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year in 2022!

SV OF ROCHON SANDS COUNCIL AND STAFF

Welcome to our quarterly municipal newsletter! First off, we need to make a shout-out to all the community volunteers! Without citizen volunteers, we would not have the great amenities, attractions, or events such as fireworks, ice rink, disc-golf, Hall and Rec board, x-country skiing, beautification of the village, the Tail Creek Snowbirds,... just to name a few! The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its citizens, so we thank you again!

This year has been another year in the books for the municipality with changes to staff, an election year, and of course, maneuvering in a pandemic. Some of the changes are:

- The office went under some health and safety renovations, which were completed in the 2020-2021 budgets.
- New municipal office hours are:
 - Tuesday to Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
 - *We are still following COVID regulations, and out-of-office meetings will hamper the posted hours.*
- The Provincial Park was very busy this year, and we saw approximately a 30% increase in revenue. With that, the office had much-needed renovations like tinning the roof, new flooring to remove the carpet, and we painted the inside and outside of the building.
- New municipal software that is helping us streamline and track the work in the municipality.
- Website updates (including but not limited to):
 - We have a by-law complaint form
 - Public advertising policy
 - Emergency preparedness link

Council hopes everyone has been doing well during the year! We like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year!

Newsletter Highlights

WELCOME/HAPPY HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM ROCHON SANDS COUNCIL AND STAFF

YOU HAVE A VOICE!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT BY-LAW

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

- JANUARY 11/22
- FEBRUARY 8/22
- MARCH 8/22

THEY ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND A ZOOM LINK IS FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE. BUDGET DELIBERATION DATES: TBA

You have a voice!

In 2022, the council will be reviewing the current strategic plan, and they are looking for some feedback from residents. A strategic plan guides us along a path and provides focus and purpose to all that we do. It is our most important plan as it shapes our organization, the municipal programs, and the services we provide to the residents. Please review the document then go to the following link to fill out a quick survey.

Strategic Plan:

http://www.rochonsands.net/uploads/4/4/6/0/44608173/the_summer_village_of_rochon_sands_strategic_plan_review_for_2020-2023.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1SdszGcgBcp2gIa5r-nHenOcn9ImL57Fh0XJDKdyCRkZvAe68oJ7LXAdc

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LNG6CHW>



Photo from "What's Up at Rochon Sands" Facebook Group

Important Reminders

A friendly reminder...

As of Dec 31st there will be an additional 12% penalty added on all outstanding accounts.

The Summer Village of Rochon Sands



Tax Installment Payment Plan Option

If you would like to start your taxes on a monthly plan, January is a great time to start! You must have all your taxes paid already, fill out the form that can be found on the website, and send in all required documents to the municipal office via email or drop off.

Development Permit By-Law

If you are considering any development changes on your property, please read the Land-Use By-Law on the website. You can also find the application and fees there. If you have any questions, please contact the municipal office.

New Years Eve Fireworks

FRIDAY DECEMBER 31st 2021 – 6:00 PM

Donation cheques can be made out to “Buffalo Lake Fireworks Society” and can be left with Peter Wood, Jessie Walker, Dan Hiller, Scott Ball, or Joy Wood. They can also be mailed to 23 Sands Street, Rochon Sands, AB. T0C 3B0 or E-Transferred to Buffalo Lake Fireworks Society at buffalolakefireworks@gmail.com.



Did you know...

... that we have an outdoor ice rink at the Marina Bay?? Some awesome community members keep it up and maintain it for everyone to use!

We also have some great trails for snowshoeing and x-country skiing around the village and provincial park!

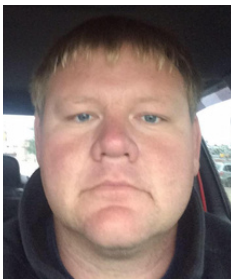


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