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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTEPAD

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Summer is finally here. I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer days.

Everyone seemed to enjoy our Fun Days, with the Family Barbeque and Dance Friday night (proceeds went to Wabamun Minor Hockey), Pancake Breakfast (proceeds to Wabamun & District Museum Society), Parade, Show and Shine, and Fireworks. Thanks to all the volunteers and Village staff for making this event successful.

The Waterfront Park is under heavy use with the Spray Park and Boat Launch. Upgrades to the launch ramp have been completed. Both parking areas are in their final stages of completion, thus giving more parking area. Both areas will be graveled.

The Council has been working for the past year upgrading our Village

Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw and Waterfront Area Structure Plan. First reading has been passed and with our Public Hearing held July 14th, the second and third readings are pending.

51st Avenue upgrade for water and sewer has been completed, except for a water leak that had to be repaired and additional patching required. The main lift will occur later this year, including additional paving in the Village.

This fall elections will be held for Village councillors. I will be stepping down as a councillor and your Mayor. Thanks to all the residents who supported me for the last six years.

Please consider letting your name stand for Council in September.

Grant W. Kulak
Mayor

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Several meetings have taken place with the regulators concerning the Village's Waterfront Development Plan. Significant progress has been made in terms of the possibility of leaving the inlet and outlet canals in place as well as transferring the License of Occupation from TransAlta Utilities to the Village of Wabamun. The License of Occupation allows the applicant to utilize the bed and shore of the lake for the purposes of maintaining the canal system. The inlet and outlet canals are an integral part of the Waterfront Development Plan.

The Village has also made significant progress in obtaining the balance of the lands

from TransAlta. The lands have been evaluated for their market value and environmental assessments are taking place on a number of the parcels.

The Area Structure Plan and Municipal Development Plan Bylaws were given first reading by the Village Council and advertisements were placed in the local newspaper advising of a Public Hearing at the Jubilee Hall on Wednesday, July 14th, 2010. The Village Council will review the public's input and make any changes to the Bylaws that are necessary.

2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Every three years there is an election for all Municipalities in the Province. Nomination day for potential candidates is September 20th, 2010 and the election, if required, will take place on October 18th, 2010.

Alberta Municipal Affairs and Transitional Solutions Inc. support a website to assist citizen, potential candidates and official agents prepare for the upcoming local government elections. The website address is www.elections2010.info.

What do potential candidates need to know before the election? The website design helps to provide an understanding of the election process and the obligations and rights that are associated with local governments and municipal election activities.

There will be a number of interactive sessions for potential candidates and official agents throughout the province.

Dates and Locations:

Evening sessions - 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm at each location.

August 25	Morinville	September 8	Grande Prairie
August 31	Red Deer	September 9	Peace River
September 1	Lethbridge		


Registration Details:

Fee - There is no cost to attend the candidate sessions. Participants must register prior to attendance as space is limited. Register at www.elections2010.info or by contacting Kevin Robins or Donna Tona at 780-288-4223, Jeff Bazinet at 780-264-5333. With your workshop confirmation you will receive directions to the workshop location in your area.

The Village of Wabamun has produced an information guide for potential candidates and it is available at the Village Office. The guide outlines the duties, qualifications, and eligibility of becoming a councillor. There is information about campaigning and procedures during the voting on election day. The Village has a number of Boards and Committees and the mandate and meeting times of these Committees are provided in order to give the potential candidate an indication of the time commitment required to be a councillor for the Village of Wabamun.

The new Council will be challenged with the immediate task of formulating a new five year and ten year Capital Plan and will have to ensure that the Waterfront Development Plan is successful to ensure the future sustainability of the Village. Good Luck to all of the potential candidates in the upcoming election.

FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT STIMULUS FUNDING	WATERFRONT PARK PARKING AREA AND BOAT LAUNCH
<p>The Village of Wabamun took advantage of the stimulus funding from the two major levels of Government and applied for a \$675,000 project. 51st Avenue between 50th Street and 53rd Street received new water and sewer services and a complete pavement overlay will occur shortly. 52nd Street between 54th Avenue and Westview Estates will also receive a pavement overlay and 50th Street between 52nd Avenue north to the dead end road will also be overlaid within the next few weeks, weather depending. We apologize for any inconvenience the construction may cause to residents, however the Village Council intends to take advantage of any grant program available to reduce the costs to the residents of Wabamun.</p>	<p>The Waterfront Park parking lot is almost complete. The fill material from the construction project on 51st Avenue was deposited on the parking lot and final grading took place in early July. The parking lot and walking trail will receive six inches of compacted gravel to complete the project. The Waterfront Park has been heavily used this year and the boat launch received major repairs and was expanded to the east. \$50,000 worth of E-Z Dock material was ordered and will be installed on the east side of the launch area to relieve the congestion of boats being loaded and unloaded at the boat launch. Council is considering a charge to launch boats or park at the Waterfront Park for 2011.</p>

 Office Hours	 Council Meetings	 Water Bill Payments	 CLUB NEWS	 Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Bonanza pre-call starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by 2 Earlybirds. Regular games start at 7:00 pm Satellite Bingo, 2 Bonanzas.
<p>Monday to Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (Closed for lunch from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.) Drop Box Available to right of Office door</p>	<p>First & Third Tuesday of Each Month - 8:30 A.M. CIVIC CENTRE - Council Chambers - 5217 - 52 Street (Only one meeting per month/July & August - Dates are posted at Civic Centre)</p>	<p>Water bills can be paid by Auto Debit (forms at the Village Office) or at the Village Office using Debit, Visa, MC, cash or cheque, Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon & 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. or be put in the drop box to the right of the door or at the Wabamun Credit Union or through Telpay.</p>	<p>To find out about community events and programs that are being offered for kids and adults, pick up a copy of the Club News. Available at the Village Office. Please note that submissions are due by the second last Friday of each month.</p>	<p>WABAMUN LIONS BINGO</p> <p>Added \$500.00 Bonanza 1st Thursday of: January, March, May, July, September & November</p> <p>THURSDAYS JUBILEE HALL</p> 