

## Resort Village of Mistusinne

### Council Meeting Highlights

March 22, 2025

Council approved the minutes of the February 15, 2025 regular meeting of council. These are available on our website. The next regular meeting will be held **Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.** here at the Village Office. Items for the agenda must be received no later than 12:00 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2025.

Our Foreman Edward Stenko came back for the season at the beginning of March and has been ever busy! Lots of maintenance and preparations for the new season have begun! Edward's right-hand Man Shane Clark will return for the season on April 28, 2025.

Council wrapped up budget planning and approvals at the meeting. The 2025 Operating & Capital budget for 2025 has been approved. I will post this online a little later this week once all of the follow up work is done. Council approved the purchase of a 2014 Work Truck. This will cause a significant reduction in the mileage we have to pay out for use of personal vehicles. It shall also reduce the repair costs starting to burden the current truck. Repairs, enhancements to the boat dock, launch, and main beach will also continue in 2025. Council is purchasing a BBQ that can be rented when you rent a community space. The renter will bring their own propane.

Council approved partial funding for ATV access to the beaches as well as Disc Golf. Administration was approved to apply for grants pertaining to capital projects. There have been generous offers to help sponsor the Disc Golf in order to ensure we can make this happen this year. If you are interested in contributing please get it touch. One family has been assisting administration with getting this project off the ground and we are incredibly grateful!

Council approved repairs and maintenance to roads within the Village. This will take place later this spring/summer. Council will take a break from irrigation expansion. We will be focusing on the trees and areas that have already been planted. Councilor Coutts is organizing a Saturday in June for weeding and maintenance of existing trees and green spaces. Please keep a watch out for that day. The more help we have the more ground we can cover. We are still looking for families to adopt the smileys. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Mistusinne's 45 anniversary will be celebrated August long. There will be entertainment! Council is looking to hire a food truck for the event. Does anyone have any recommendations they would like to bring forward? This would be for the Sunday evening (August 3). Councilor Moffat has been busy working on the cookbook. We have 38 recipes and she would like 100. Get those recipes in please!

The assessment is rather high this year as it is a reassessment year therefore to keep the taxes from breaking the bank the mill rate will be 1.67 mills this year vs. the 2024 rate of 2.35 mills. The base tax will increase from \$600.00 to \$700.00 per property. The Education Property Tax Rate for residential properties will be going from 4.54 mills to 4.27 mills as per the Government of Saskatchewan Provincial Operating Budget.

## **NEW TAX DISCOUNT STRUCTURE FOR 2025, PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

### **New property tax discount structure for 2025:**

- **Pay BEFORE May 31**                      **15% discount**
- **Pay BEFORE Aug 31**                      **10% discount**
- **Pay AFTER Sept 1**                      **NO DISCOUNT**

Interested in the opportunity to win back a portion or all of the taxes you will pay this year? We have two different options for you to take advantage of should you wish too. Draw 1 gives you the chance to win 50% of the total you pay this year back. Draw 2 also gives you the chance to win 50% of the total taxes back this year. Take advantage of both options and you will have your name in both draws, therefore giving you the option to win all taxes paid in 2025 back!

1. **PAY YOUR TAXES ONLINE BEFORE MAY 17:** All Tax and Fees invoices will be emailed out at the beginning of May (after the assessment appeal period closes April 28). Pay those online prior to May 17 and you will be entered to win ½ of your taxes paid for that year back.

**This action gives you an entry in draw one – the Prize: reimbursement of 50% of the total payment you made for your taxes prior to May 17.**

2. **ATTEND MISTUSINNE MORNING** if you can! Just show up! Pick up your info package. Grab those golf passes, permits, water testing kit, speak to council and enjoy a donut.

**This action gives you an entry in draw two – the Prize: reimbursement of 50% of the total payment you make for your taxes in 2025.**

3. **PAY YOUR TAXES ONLINE BEFORE MAY 17 & ATTEND MISTUSINNE MORNING**

**This action gives you an entry in draw one & an entry into draw two – the Prize: reimbursement of 100% of the total payment you made for your taxes in 2025**

**If you do not Etransfer:** there are options available in ADVANCE. We can work with your bank to setup and EFT/in Bank/phone transfer. You would need to contact your bank between now and April 28 to discuss. Then you or your bank will need to contact the office to arrange. As long as the payment is received in the Resort Village bank account electronically prior to May 17 you will be entered in the contest. I do not need the taxes to be levied to set this up. I will not be able to assist with this after May 1, as the office will be busy!

We are not punishing people for paying by cheque but rather rewarding people for using ETransfer in advance! WHY?

1. Reduced administrative costs to process etransfer payments versus cheque deposits.
2. Paying in advance of Mistusinne morning will result in no waiting for receipts. All receipts will be done and emailed to rate payers prior to Mistusinne morning.

Beach maintenance plans are underway for the season. We have been approved for new permit from WSA for 2 years. However, did you know that a permit is not required to move rocks or harrow for weeds? Therefore, in order to keep our beach in tip top shape we will be harrowing once a week as part of operations and we will be removing rocks during our clean up day in June. Yes, of course we will be mindful of the Piping Plover. Staff and council appreciate nature and wild life as well!

Administration is busy working on taxes, fees, Mistusinne Morning and the rest of the work required in advance of the season open, and that was reported on to council. The assistant administrator has been working right long side of her. She is also very busy getting the newsletter going. The calendar of events is all her creative genius as are all of the posters you see online and in the Village. She has also been very busy getting our Civic Addressing completed. This one has been on the council books for many years before her arrival. It is tedious and time consuming and council truly appreciates her commitment to this project! As does administration.

The Mayor reported that he will be attending the annual SUMA Convention. He is also chairing the Water Wolf Planning AGM this week. Councilor Glubis is focused on beach and boat launch area projects. Councilor Coutts green spaces and trees. Councilor Moffat is busy with Mistusinne's anniversary plans and Councilor Summers will be working with Operations regarding the upcoming road maintenance in the next month or so.

The financials for Feb were approved and council authorized \$26,754.97 of expenditures. The correspondence was also approved via motion.

One of our own, Keenan Hoyseth, will be organizing a food drive for the community pantry at Central Butte through his life transition course at school. He will be taking donations May 1 to May 10. Residents can drop off non-perishable food items at 451 Mistusinne crescent or call or text 306-227-0734. He will be facilitating a pick-up May 10th from 10 a.m.to 12a.m. so arrange with him in advance and he will stop by and collect.

Have a wonderful month everyone. As always, if you have questions I am all ears. Please check your assessments for errors. There is no need to pay taxes on errors. Let us fix those now!

Kelly Dodd  
Administrator