

The District of Lakeland No. 521

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2015 Information



Are you planning on doing construction projects this summer?

- Building a new cabin
- Constructing an addition on the old cabin
- New foundation under the cabin
- Replacing a rotting deck
- Building a garage or storage shed
- Erecting a coverall storage structure
- Need sand for the beach
- Doing large yard renovation
- Putting up a fence

These are a few examples of projects that require a permit before you begin construction. Applications are available at the District office or on our web site www.lakeland521.ca.

The District of Lakeland has reviewed their Building and Development permit process. In order to expedite

the approval process and reduce wait times for ratepayers, Planning and Development will be implementing the following commencing in 2015:

In order to ensure all pertinent information is submitted with the application and all relevant information is relayed when the permit is picked up, Ratepayers are required to make an appointment by contacting the Development department at 306-982-2039 or the main office at 306-982-2010.

1. Appointments can be scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
2. Wednesday's have now been reserved for required follow up physical site inspections.

COUNCIL VACANCY/BY-ELECTION

The District of Lakeland has accepted a resignation from Councillor Gren Smith-Windsor and as a result has a vacancy on Council for Division 5 that includes Anglin and McPhee Lakes, Elk Ridge and Timber Cove. The Council will be holding a by-election for this Council position on Saturday, July 4, 2015. Notices of call for nominations will be advertised in the coming months in the local newspapers, District website and Vacationland News.

MUNICIPAL TAX DISCOUNTS & PENALTIES

Commencing in 2015 property taxes are due by August 31, 2015. Your tax payment must be IN our office by the 31st of the month. After August 31, 2015 your taxes will be in arrears and interest will be added to your tax account monthly at a rate of 1% monthly. You may prepay your estimated 2015 taxes and receive a discount. Discounts started in January 2015 at 6% on the Municipal portion only. This discount drops 1% monthly until July 2015 - 0% discount. Taxes can be paid by cheque, postdated cheques, e-transfers, debit in our office, cash, and if you bank at BMO, Scotia Bank, or a Credit Union you can pay on line. Tax notices will be sent out in late June or early July. Please make sure we have your correct mailing address. If you prepaid your taxes please make sure to check your balance on the tax notice. You may still owe an amount as the prepayment amount is only an estimate. Please call our office at 306 982-2010 if you do not receive your tax notice by the end of July.



MUNICIPAL MAPS ARE HERE!

The District is pleased to announce that map books are now available for purchase at the office during regular business hours for \$25. The map books have a map for each area on individual pages, lists the new civic addresses and contains an index at the back. We are finalizing the draft for the double sided subdivision map, similar to a road map, showing each area, which will be available at a cost of \$20 once we receive a shipment. We will also have the District Municipal Map, which is a map showing the entire District on one page (very similar to the Municipal Map in the past) available for \$15.



REFUSE COLLECTION

As we prepare for another summer season, the District of Lakeland has been meeting with officials from Saskatchewan Environment to review and discuss options to cope with the bear population that was prevalent in 2014. Preliminary indications are that we will experience similar conditions in 2015. While there are many factors that can be attributed to the increased bear presence, nevertheless some of the discussions centered around the issue of the ratepayer refuse containers that are subject to the weekly door to door pickup and the easy access to refuse for the bears in the area. Similar discussions in this regard have also been held with our refuse collection contractor Greenland Waste. In an effort to reduce the potential bear problem and to provide our ratepayers with an alternative option, the District will be adding several additional metal dumpsters for household refuse only at strategic locations throughout the municipalities to provide additional opportunities for ratepayers to dispose of their refuse. More information will be provided once the locations are finalized. This new initiative will provide our ratepayers with the following options:

1. Utilize the door to door weekly pickup as before (Mondays)
2. When necessary- utilize the additional refuse containers that will be located throughout the municipality.
3. Take the refuse with you if you are leaving the area after the weekend
4. Access the municipal landfill for your refuse (appropriate fee will be charged)
5. Make arrangements with your neighbor to attend to your refuse container in your absence.
6. Please note that when refuse containers are not in use, please pull them back well from the road. This allows the Contractor to carry on to the next container without having to stop for an empty container. This will help in reducing costs to the municipality and assist the Public Works department while doing road maintenance. Your cooperation is appreciated.



With the availability of the aforementioned options, ratepayers are advised that they will be responsible for any refuse that has been scattered. Enforcement and Protective Services and Public Works will be monitoring the municipality and appropriate fines and charges will be assessed to the property owner responsible should any scattered refuse not be cleaned up. The District respectfully requests your cooperation in this regard.

Watch for our Annual Mailout in April !!

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306-982-4466**

**Please provide all information
requested by dispatch when calling.**

Frequently Called Numbers

EMERGENCY REQUIRING AMBULANCE/FIRE/POLICE.....911

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

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