

## Mayor's Message



**April 6, 2020**

For those of you in the Village who are essential workers - truck drivers, delivery people, grocery and pharmacy employees, hospital staff, and first responders - thank you for your service in keeping us all safe, fed and protected. If you are maintaining contact with your neighbours by phone or face time, and assisting in delivering needed food and medical supplies, let me offer a very big thank you. And to those who are simply staying at home, avoiding contact with others, thank you for keeping us safe.

Being isolated from others and out of our regular daily routines is difficult to accept and challenges us to develop new, novel and useful coping strategies. If you are experiencing real difficulty, contact one of the many agencies/services. There is the Province wide mental health line at 1-877-303.2642, or contact Anxiety Canada, and now in Edmonton you can contact at the University of Alberta the Centre for Online Mental Health Support.

We all need to be apart for now so that down the road we can get together. Be patient, be healthy, take care of yourselves and your families.

Gordon Drybrough, **Mayor**

**March 30, 2020**

For Albertans and indeed for Canadians, the current COVID-19 pandemic means this is not business as usual.

For those residents who have experienced a recent job loss or reduction in hours, I am sorry for your situation. Both the federal and provincial governments have issued information on financial assistance available to employees who have suffered a job loss as well as for small and medium size businesses. For assistance in paying monthly rent or mortgage payments, check with your financial institution and your landlord. Again, some provincial assistance may be available and includes deferral on utility payments (interest free) and low or no interest charge bank loans.

Thank you for respecting contacting the Summer Village only by phone, fax or email. Council will be meeting electronically and information on how members of the public can join those meetings will be published once we have confirmed a viable method for electronic meetings.

In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy. Stay at home, but do take time to be outdoors in your yard for some fresh air and sunshine. If you do venture out, maintain physical distancing (2 hockey stick lengths) from others. Wash your hands often, and wash with soap and warm water after 5 applications of hand sanitizer (it builds up on your hands and becomes ineffective). You can visit Alberta Health Services website and complete a diagnostic test. If you are experiencing any symptoms of the covid-19 virus, contact 811, provide your information and follow their instructions.

Be patient as government services, call centres and websites, are extremely busy.

Again, if you or a neighbour needs assistance in obtaining groceries or medicines and are without friend, family or neighbour support, contact the Summer Village office and we will attempt to connect you with the necessary assistance.

As Albertans we have experience in managing through tough times. We are in this together. Be patient, be cooperative and above all, be kind to each other.

Gordon Drybrough, **Mayor**