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• Community Newsletter •

Village of Shell Lake

Office Hours for Fall/Winter: Tuesday to Thursday – 8am-4pm

Please note the office will be closed for the week of October 5-9, 2026. For anything urgent please contact Greg Ardagh at the number posted on the office door.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and kindness as I learn my new position as the Acting Chief Administrative Officer with the Village of Shell Lake! I am in the process of taking the Local Government Certificate through the University of Regina. (Once I have completed this certificate, my title will have the 'Acting' removed).
I appreciate your understanding, as there have been days the office doors have been closed due to various training sessions ongoing. I am making changes in the office and updating various systems. As I do so, I may need more information from our residents. I would appreciate if you could email me with name, street address (in Shell Lake) and mailing address. As well as telephone numbers and email addresses you would like to have on file. It is important we have mailbox numbers on file (if applicable), as the post office will return mail that only has a street address in Shell Lake. Please email the office (cao@villageofshelllake.ca) with your mailbox number – as some of these are not on file and the post office will return mail that does not have a post office box.

A few reminders:
-garbage must be placed in a garbage can;
-dog and cat licenses are due every year;
-business licenses are due every year – this is not a one-time fee; and
-you must apply for a building or development permit PRIOR TO starting any building project.

The results of the Election are in – please welcome Stephan Cornelissen as our new Council Member!
We look forward to working with you!
Thank you to everyone who came out and voted!

Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy MacSymetz

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Shell Lake Museum

We wish to acknowledge the volunteer help that Bernie Noble did for the museum. He did a few odd jobs that we just had never gotten around to doing and it was much appreciated.

At our September meeting we held discussion on how we can further develop our museum and attract visitors. There could be some interesting new developments in the works. We will keep you posted when we learn more.

Shell Lake Legion

The winner of the September lottery was Meagan Panchuk. We hope you enjoy your luck!
Don't forget to remember our 100th anniversary celebration of both the Royal Canadian Legion and the Shell Lake Br#15 of the Legion. We will be celebrating with soup and sandwiches at 12noon, followed by a short program and then cake and coffee.
Bring a friend with you and step out for lunch. It's on us!

Our Lady of Smiles

Mass will be at 4pm on Saturday, October 3rd and October 10th. We will change to the winter schedule on October 18th with mass at 2pm on Sundays.

Shell Lake Lions Club

If you have any used **eyeglasses** or/and **hearing aids** that are no longer being used, Shell Lake Lions Club has a drop off box at the Shell Lake Market Store.
These glasses and hearing aids are sent to a central depot in Calgary where they are sorted and distributed to third world countries.

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Village of Shell Lake - Mayors Report

As we enter the month of October, I would like to wish all our summer residents and visitors the very best as they transition to their winter destinations. We look forward to seeing you back in spring.

This past month has once again demonstrated the importance of community involvement. I appreciate the many volunteers, organizations, businesses and residents who give their time and energy to support local activities and community initiatives. Some of the events that I am aware of that have been held, the 2nd annual Joy Ardagh Memorial Golf Tourney, Shell Lake Lions Septemberfest, the Plant and Décor Fall Cleanup, Farmers Market last day. Upcoming Events, Aurora Skies Resorts Pumpkins for Pups, Legion's 100th anniversary celebration, Group Fitness(Noreen Reed), The Senior Centre's Activities. (Sorry if I miss some). Much of what makes our community successful happens because people are willing to step forward and help. Greatly appreciated!

Council continues to work on the day-to-day business of the Village, including reviewing community needs, maintaining our infrastructure and services and ensuring that municipal decisions are made with the long-term interests of our residents in mind. Not every decision is easy, but Council remains committed to listening to residents and working together to address the many challenges and opportunities before us.

The By-election held on September 30th will result in a new Council member. This was the first time that mail in ballots where part of the election process. In that regard, I apologize for the short notice. This was added after a few residents inquired. It was not originally planned to be part of the election process, which resulted in the short notice. Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in the election process. Having residents put their names forward to serve on Council and also those that took the time to cast their ballots is important for strong local government. I look forward to working with our Council as we continue serving our community to the best of our abilities.

At the September Council meeting, Casa Boldt, our community planner shared the community engagement information compiled from the online survey and the Hey Day's Open House. This information was presented for review and input to assist in the formation of the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw. These two documents will assist in providing Council and administration clear and consistent guidelines when making decisions and carrying out good municipal governance in the future.

As we move into the fall season, I encourage our residents to take the opportunity to enjoy the many things our community has to offer. Whether it is attending a local event, supporting a community organization or simply visiting a neighbor, these connections are what help keep our community strong.

In closing I would like to thank Council, our municipal staff and the many volunteers who continue to contribute their time and effort to our community. There is always work happening behind the scenes. Your involvement makes a difference, and Council is grateful for all that your do!

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Wendy

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Next Deadline: October 30th