



News from the Resort Village of Candle Lake

February 2024



We'd love to hear what you think of The WAVE. If you have any comments or questions, please contact us at info@candlelake.ca



News from the Sport, Culture and Recreation Board

BINGO News

The January 19th BINGO was attended by 63 people. We are pleased to confirm there were two winners of the \$300.00 Loonie Pot: Jenna Gordon and Carol Mitchell. Congratulations Jenna and Carol!



The next Sport, Culture and Recreation Board BINGO is Friday February 16th. The January

Jackpot amount of \$635.50 will be carried forward to the February BINGO.

Thank you everyone for your continued interest and support!

All BINGOS begin at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Concession items, bingo dabbers and cards are available for purchase on site at each BINGO.

January 20th **Community Pancake Breakfast a Huge Success!**

Building a healthy community with positive social support networks was one of the objectives of the Pancake Breakfast. Over 90 people joined us for delicious food and stimulating conversation. An added bonus, the weather was unseasonably balmy!

A great big THANK-YOU to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success! These volunteers assisted with arranging the tables and chairs, selling tickets at the door, preparing the pancakes, sausage and haskap syrup, as well as all the clean-up afterwards.















Feature Photo: Illuminate Candle Lake Photography Contest

This photo taken by **Shelley Empey** is our February contest winner. Congratulations Shelley!

Candle Lake Winter Bird Watching 101

Two years ago, in January while driving along Highway 265 near the airstrip I spotted a bird roosting in a leafless tree. I slowed my vehicle to watch the bird as it swooped from the tree and suddenly dove through the air. It was unlike any movement I'd ever seen from a bird before. I was so fascinated by the bird that I pulled my vehicle over, put it in park and watched it more intently. While sitting there I quickly got out my phone to do a Google search. It didn't take me long to determine that the bird was a Northern Hawk Owl. It remained in the area most of the winter and could be seen during the day quite regularly. Maybe you saw it...?

Through my previous work as a teacher in outdoor education settings, I have gained pretty sound knowledge of the birds that live in this part of the country. With time and commitment, I've become able to tell the difference between a Downy, Hairy and even American Three-Toed Woodpecker. Luckily living in and around Candle Lake has provided ample opportunity to bird watch.

If you are interested in getting to know the birds in the area, I recommend you take it slowly, really watch the bird(s) and allow the necessary time to really 'see' the bird before attempting to identify it. Although field guides are an important tool in birdwatching, I recommend the G.I.S.S.T method as a way to observe the bird before truly identifying the species. When you break it down, the G.I.S.S.T method looks like this:

G.I. = GENERAL IMPRESSIONS

· What did it look like/remind you of? (a hawk, a duck, a sparrow, etc.)

S.S. = SHAPE & SIZE

- · Characteristics (slender, long, chunky, small, plump etc.)
- · It was as big as a ____ or as small as a _ (fill in the blanks with birds you already know)

T = TRAITS

- · Movements (bobs it's head/tail, strong swimmer, soaring in a circle etc.)
- · Physical appearance (broad wings, hooked beak, specific colour patterns, etc.)





Once the general impression of the bird has been established, a field guide can be used to determine the specific species of the bird. If you're too quick to open your guide without fully absorbing the bird's behaviour or appearance, chances are it will have moved on by the time a second look is required.

Field guides are important tools in any birdwatcher's arsenal. In today's technologically advanced world there are now birdwatching apps available for cell phones and tablets. In addition to the field guide a pair of binoculars is a great investment. The standard magnification for birding is 8×42, but others, such as 10×42, 10×50, or even 12×50 can be handy for seeing details in smaller species. The first number refers to the strength of magnification, so an 8 would mean the subject would be 8 times closer to the viewer. The second number is the diameter of the objective lens. The bigger the number, the bigger the lens, meaning the amount of light the binoculars can obtain increases with size, translating to a brighter image for the viewer.

There are 436 different species of birds recorded in Saskatchewan; however numbers will fluctuate with changing seasons as many bird species migrate. Luckily, your chance of spotting a few birds any season is pretty good. Winter bird feeders filled with black oil sunflower seed will see visiting blackcapped and boreal chickadees, whitebreasted and red-breasted nuthatches, juncos, waxwings, grosbeaks, blue jays, whisky jacks (grey/Canada jays) and even magpies.

I hope this has been helpful for those of you looking to get into birdwatching. I hope you head outside this weekend, but don't forget your binoculars and field guide, as there are some truly spectacular sights in and around Candle Lake you won't want to miss!

Happy Birding Everyone!

~Andrea Crowdis, Manager of Recreation and Community Development

Will You Need Child Care in the 2023-2024 Year?



The Meath Park Before & After School Program is becoming a vital part of helping our school and community thrive. By providing childcare before and after school we are giving parents a great option for their children to attend their local school and become rooted in this wonderful community.

Visit our website at http://sites.google.com/view/ mpbasp/home and register early to get the best rates and ensure our program thrives next year.

We're always looking for sponsorship and donations. If you are interested in helping this wonderful community program please visit our website http:// sites.google.com/view/mpbasp/home or contact Kristen Taylor-Wall mpbefore_ after@gmail.com or 1-306-981-2705. You can also reach us by visiting the Meath Park School website https://mp.srsd119.ca/





News from the Trails Advisory Board

JOIN IN OUR ANNUAL EVENTS COMING UP IN FEBRUARY!

Ski/Curl Day - February 15, 2024

Students from Grade 6 and 7 Meath Park School will be coming to Candle Lake to enjoy a day learning to curl from active Candle Lake Curling Club members. The Curling Club also provides a venue and lunch for students. Cross Country Saskatchewan coaches will provide instruction for cross-country skiing using equipment from Fresh Air Experience.

Ski/Snowshoe Night - February 23, 2024 form 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Bring your cross-country skis and/or snowshoes to enjoy an evening on the trail at Sandy Bay Campground. Bonfire and hot chocolate will be provided. Headlamps are recommended. Everyone is welcome!





February 2024 Recreation Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Candle Lake Primary Health Care Centre - Feb. 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
5 Clinic 8:00-4:30pm	6 Clinic 8:00-4:30pm Dr. Jordan Wingate 9:00 – 3:30 pm	7 Clinic/LAB 8:00-4:30pm	
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26 Clinic 8:00-4:30pm	27 Clinic 8:00-4:30pm No Dr.	28	

Dr Jordan Wingate – Tuesday Nurse Practitioner (Casual) Claudia Pearson

Clinic is Closed for Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Lab Assistant – Wednesday Shelley Empey

Medical Office Assistant/Reception Rhonda Fairburn

Check Candle Lake Website for Updates www.candlelake.ca

Please direct questions and inquiries regarding Health Care Service at

Candle Lake to:

Tyness Meadows – Manager Primary Health Care Services Work: 306-747-5945

Email: Tyness.Meadows@saskhealthauthority.ca

Laboratory inquiries to: Betty Drewes, Temporary Manager Laboratory Medicine North Central

Email: <u>betty.drewes@saskhealthauthority.ca</u>

Need an Appointment? Call 306-929-2414 Leave a message to book appointment. It will be returned that day or on the next clinic date.









Candle Lake Seniors Club February Events

February 13 – Seniors' Potluck Supper

Happy Hour - 5:30 pm, Supper at 6:00 pm followed by games and cards. Members of our Seniors Club and guests are welcome to attend.

February 24 - Texas Hold'em Tournament starts at 7:00 pm. Buy In - \$10.00 All adults are welcome!



News from the Library

After School Program: Wednesdays - February 7, 14, and 28

February Theme: Imagination and Storybook Inspiration!

Please ensure bus drivers have permission to drop children off at the library after school. Pick up time is 5:00 pm. New to this program? Please register at least one week in advance to ensure we have enough supplies on hand. Thank you to the Community Initiatives Fund for their generous support of this program!

Adult Book Club: Banned Books! - Tuesday, February 20 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

February 18-24 is Freedom to Read Week! Join us on February 20th for a discussion on books that have been banned (many will surprise you), and whether or not books should ever be banned. Please bring your own ideas and experiences as we hope this will be a lively discussion!

Prince Albert Regional KidsFirst! - Thursday, February 22 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Chantelle will be visiting with an early learning program ideal for ages 0 to 6 years. Join us for some songs, dancing, crafts, and many other fun activities!

Help Wanted!

The Library is looking for a substitute librarian on a casual basis. Applicants should have basic computer skills, ability to work independently, excellent customer service skills, and a love of reading! If you are interested, please send your resume to Valerie at <u>manton@sasktel.net</u> by February 29, 2024.



Library Hours

- Tuesdays: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
- · Wednesdays: 2:00 to 7:00 pm
- · Thursdays: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- · Fridays: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

For more information on the library please call (306) 960-9775 and follow us on Facebook at Candle Lake Library to keep up with library information and events!



News from the Resort Village

Keeping Saskatchewan's Brightest Light Shining: Enriching Our Quality of Life

Community centres are important hubs that provide people with opportunities to socialize, learn, and access key services. They provide a space to connect with others who share common interests, create a sense of belonging, develop cultural vibrancy, and promote volunteerism, all resulting in happiness and well-being. Quality public places also support the local economy by attracting business investments and tourism. All in all, great public places can enrich the lives of residents and enhance the community.

The Resort Village of Candle Lake Community Hall is one such place. The Hall is a cornerstone of our community. The Community Hall provides:

A PLACE TO PLAY....

Activities like pickleball, Forever in Motion, the Walkers group, badminton, parent and tot gym time, and zumba dance workouts are held at the Hall. The Hall supports games and fun by hosting Family Fun Nights and the popular RVCL Bingo.



SUPPORTING ART AND CULTURE....

The Hall provides space for cardmaking and guilting and is the home to the Art Club.

A PLACE TO ENRICH OUR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our Health Centre is located in the Hall. Here, our team of health care providers, including our part-time physician and casual Nurse Practitioners, provide health care and lab services.



A PLACE FOR LEARNING...

The Candle Lake Public Library hosts monthly learning events for children and adults through events and author visits. The library also runs an After School Program.







A PLACE TO CELEBRATE...

Almost every weekend from May to September, a special event is taking place at the Hall. Couples are saying "I do," families are reuniting or saying goodbye to a loved one, or a special event like a concert or other gathering is taking place. The Resort Village also hosts events like pancake breakfasts and our annual Christmas Dinner at the Hall.

SERVING OUR SENIORS...

The Community Hall includes a Senior's Citizen Centre, where the Candle Lake Seniors Club gathers for potluck dinners, dance lessons, and card tournaments.

A PLACE FOR PLANNING AND WORK....

The Resort Village holds Committee of the Whole Meetings and Regular Council Meetings at the Hall. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

The Community Hall Renovation Project

Built in the late 1970's, our Community Hall has hosted hundreds of events and activities, but it is beginning to show its age. A feasibility study conducted in 2016 determined that while the building is in fair condition, it does not meet several building, safety, and accessibility codes.

A Community Hall Renovation Project was identified in the Major Projects Capital Asset Budget Plan. Various user groups have since provided feedback on the improvements they would like to see.

The Resort Village estimated the total cost of the renovation project to be \$1,256,636 and in 2022, applied for an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) grant to complete the work. The Village was successful in receiving \$921,491 in funds from the ICIP grant. Along with \$100,000 in funding through the Canada Community Building Fund (the former Gas Tax Fund), and the balance of the project being financed through budget reserves, work could be substantially complete by the end of 2024.

This project will help attract more visitors and residents, extend the life of extend the life of the building, and make the space more usable for a wider variety of activities.

The full extent of improvements is yet to be finalized, but our wish list includes:

ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS

- · A new HVAC system to provide more energy efficient occupant comfort with improved airflow and air exchange in the building.
- · Updated audio/visual equipment.



INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

· Doorways and hardware designed for individuals with accessibility and mobility restrictions will be installed. Fully accessible washrooms will be installed on the second floor.

EXTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS

- · Upgraded siding, and the roof will be replaced.
- · Improvements will be made to the front parking area including a handicapped parking pad. The entry will be more accessible with ramps added to support those with mobility issues.

RENOVATIONS TO THE SENIOR'S ROOM

- · Functionality and accessibility will benefit both the Seniors Group and multiple user groups.
- · Fully accessible washrooms on the second floor and storage solutions added to accommodate numerous other cultural, recreational, and social groups in the community.

The Resort Village has contracted Rempel Engineering & Management to prepare final plans and the scope of work. They will also oversee the procurement of all aspects of the project. Preliminary drawings have been prepared and once confirmed, they will be shared.

If you have any questions on this project, please contact Jason Campbell, Operations Managers at (306) 929-2236 or by email at publicworks@candlelake.ca.







PLANNING TO BUILD IN THE RESORT VILLAGE OF CANDLE LAKE THIS YEAR?

You must have a development permit in place prior to beginning any work such as clearing a lot. You will also require a permit to build within the RVCL. Learn more here: https://candlelake.ca/p/building-developmentpermits-1

TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF THEFT

Our Community Safety Officers encourage the public to be proactive in preventing theft by locking property and vehicle doors, lighting areas around your buildings, storing items securely indoors, not leaving valuables inside vehicles, etc. Please report theft and any suspicious activities in your neighborhood to our 24 hr CSO Dispatch Line at 306-929-1855.

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT MAY CAUSE DELAYS

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways is current replacing the short-span bridge structure on Highway No. 120 over White Gull Creek, north of Candle Lake. The total length of the bridge is 12 metres. The Ministry is completing this work internally with its Bridge Crew. The public can expect minor delays and disruptions to their normal schedules. Work on this project is expected to be completed by March 15th, 2024. To learn more, please contact the Ministry of Highways at

www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/transportation/highways/

SNOW CLEARING REMINDERS

The new grader and gate purchased by the Resort Village last year is helping to cut down on the amount of snow that collects at the base of driveways as snow is cleared (called windrows). However, residents are reminded that operators still need at least 5 feet of space from the side of the roadway to work most effectively.

Please ensure garbage cans and personal property like vehicles, boats, construction materials, etc. is kept at least 5 feet from your roadway.

We know this is not ideal on days where your garbage is scheduled for pick up. While we may try to send the garbage truck ahead of the grader, this is not always possible. No one is to blame, except maybe Mother Nature!

Placing your garbage can on your driveway after you drive out of your yard is one easy solution that can help us ensure snow removal is as efficient as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to keep our roads safe and passable.





THINKING OF MAKING A DONATION THIS YEAR?

With our new Charitable Tax Receipt Policy, the Resort Village will issue a tax receipt for donations of \$100 and greater to the following:

- · Candle Lake Communities in Bloom
- · Candle Lake Curling Club
- · Candle Lake Sno'Drifters
- · Candle Lake Emergency Services (Emergency Services Committee, Fire Department, First Responders, & CSO program)
- · COPP (Citizens on Patrol Program)

- · Candle Lake Health Clinic
- · Harbour Golf Estates Corporation
- · Candle Lake Wapiti Regional Library
- · Sport, Culture and Recreation Board
- · Trails Advisory Board
- · Candle Lake Seniors Group
- · Community Garden

Donations can be made directly to the organization or at the Village Office. If you wish to enquire about whether or not your group may be included, please contact us at info@candlelake.ca.

BUDGET PLANNING UNDERWAY

Like all Saskatchewan municipalities, the Resort Village must follow provincial legislation when developing and approving its operating and capital budget. Work on our budget starts in the fall. Administration gathers information for the past year and planning sessions are held to discuss potential projects. Council identifies priority projects and a preliminary draft budget is created and presented to Council. Additional discussions are held as required, and a final budget is then prepared and presented to Council. The budget is typically approved by late March of each year.

Learn about our capital and operating budgets











SHOUT OUTS TO OUR STAFF

A resident of Candle Lake for over 15 years, Chris Barber has been working with the Resort Village since 2011.

Our most experienced grader operator, when Chris is on the job, it's done extra well!

Chris has a four-year old daughter named Eve. When he's not working or spending time with Eve, Chris enjoys the outdoors and living in nature with all of the amenities close by. He particularly likes fishing, hunting, walking, having fires, the beautiful Candle Lake sky and the northern lights. He also enjoys tennis, golf and poker.

Chris feels the best thing about working for the Resort Village is being able to be around nature while operating the equipment. He enjoys the challenge of working to continually improve operations and make operations more efficient.







Church Services



Candle Lake Community Church

Worship Services – Everyone is Welcome *Sundays at 10 am

Worship Leaders for February

February 4- Archdeacon Andrew Hoskin

Februaryll - Pastor Brian Unruh

February 18 - Mark and Cheryl Sorell

February 25 – Pastor Dan Haugen

Church Contact - Valerie Manton 306-960-0693

Please note: Valerie is the contact for the Community Church only.

Roman Catholic Service

- · Held at the Community Church
- · Mass is held Saturday's at 5:00 pm.
- · Father Manh Nguyen serves the Candle Lake congregation.
- · Confessions are heard before Mass.
- The Rosary is said before all Masses at 4:40 pm.

Weekday Masses:

- · Wednesdays at St. James Albertville at 7:00 pm.
- · Thursdays at St. Mary's Christopher Lake at 3:00 pm.

