



The WAVE

News from the Resort Village of Candle Lake December 2022



FEEDBACK

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Season's Greetings from the Resort Village of Candle Lake

As the holiday season approaches and a new year is around the corner, it's time to look back and reflect on our work serving the residents of this wonderful community.

This past year was busy for everyone at the Resort Village. As COVID-19 began to wane, we were able to get back to more normal operations which was a blessing and relief for everyone! We know COVID continues to impact people who are at risk and we will always continue to support measures individuals feel they need to take to stay healthy.

Early in the new year, we welcomed a new management team who quickly dove in on projects that were in the works including the 20-Year Master Plan for Parks, Open Spaces and Trails. This Plan will be used to help guide the Village in its decision-making and policy-setting regarding existing and future recreation infrastructure, parks, trails, programs and services. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to engage with us on this important work.

In March we learned through the 2021 Census that since 2016, the permanent resident population of the Resort Village had increased from 840 to 1,160 – a 38% increase! When combined with seasonal residents and visitors, at times our population can exceed 12,000! Census data is important as grants and revenue sharing is based on population, and it helps us in our short and long-term planning for both policy and local services.

In spring we released our 2022 budget which focused on prioritizing capital projects that meet the needs of the community while managing costs. The budget included over \$3 million in capital projects including the landfill cell decommissioning, new garbage truck and CSO patrol vehicle, website, and numerous planning projects. Our administration was able to secure over \$500,000 in government grants to cover some of the costs of these projects.

A large focus this year was on continuing to look for funding opportunities to support our growing Village and infrastructure. We were so pleased to receive funding for a number of projects this year including an extension to our walking trail along Highway 265, flashing crosswalk lights along Main Street, upgrades to our Community Centre, and our Decommissioning the Landfill Cell project. Together this funding totalled well over \$2 million and we are so thankful to our partners in government for this support.

In summer we launched our new website, and in addition to providing organized information that is quick and easy to find, the website features images that truly showcase the beauty of our community.

We also kicked off public engagement on a Sustainability Plan. This action plan will provide a guide for decision making, particularly about important issues related to governance, economy, environment and society. Thank you to everyone who has participated in our engagement activities on this plan to date.

Season's Greetings **from the Resort Village of Candle Lake continued...**

In fall we hosted a housing information meeting to discuss changing housing needs and options to meet the needs of our community in the future. A Needs and Demand Assessment is currently underway to look at population trends, population age and characteristics, tenure preferences, dwelling types, support services, and affordability.

In closing, we wish to thank our Boards and Committees for all of their hard work this past year. Our Parks and Recreation Board worked with the Resort Village on several projects that continue to enhance the quality of life we enjoy in Candle Lake. This group helped to coordinate and organize events and activities that were enjoyed by many including the Winter Walk, Swimming Lessons, Mystical Forest, Bingo, Garden Fair, Volunteer Awards, and Canada Day celebrations to name a few.

Our Trails Advisory Board, who advises the Resort Village on all things related to the trails, did a fantastic job of ensuring residents and visitors can enjoy safe outdoor experiences in all seasons. The Candlelit Ski and Snowshoe event was as much fun as it was beautiful!

Communities in Bloom continued their work to actively support community beautification, heritage conservation and environmental responsibility through activities like Garden Fair, maintaining the Aschim Homestead Heritage Forest, and recycling and composting opportunities. We are so grateful for their efforts.

Finally, our quality of life is enhanced on a daily basis by the efforts of our Health Board and Clinic, our Library, our Curling and Seniors Clubs, the Fire Department, and all of the community organizations who give of their time and energy to help us keep our Resort Village a great place to live.

On behalf of everyone at the Resort Village of Candle Lake, best wishes to you and your family as we head into the new year together!

Sincerely,
Mayor Terry Kostyna on behalf of Village Council and Staff

News from the **Parks and Recreation Board**



Absolutely Brilliant - New Holiday Lights Brightening up our Village!

On Friday, November 18 new commercial grade holiday lights were installed on the evergreen tree adjacent to Highway 265. The new lights replace the existing Christmas lights that were installed in November 2017.

Thank you to the Resort Village Administration and Operations staff who planned and organized this project.

Special thanks to Scott Sumlic for leading the installation and placement of the new lights and to Dave Werrett who assisted Village staff with the installation.

The Candle Lake Parks and Recreation Board is pleased to see this 2022 funded project completed. Thanks again to everyone who assisted as needed!

Kids Club Kickoff and New Schedule

Parents and families with children are invited to come out to the kickoff of the Kids Club on December 1st from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Starting in December, the gym at the Recreation Hall will be available every Thursday evening from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. to support youth activities and play as well as parent social networking. Toys and games are available so come out and enjoy an hour of fun! Kids of all ages are encouraged to attend with their parent(s)/guardian(s).



Charlie Brown's Great Pumpkin Patch

Pumpkin carving at the 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat Halloween Spooktacular was a huge success this year! The Candle Lake Community Garden Partnership wishes to thank everyone who carved a pumpkin and congratulations to the pumpkin carving winners Brook and Kenna in the children's age group and Dani, Regan and Debbie in the adult age group. Thank you to Candle Lake Pharmasave for the generous donation of chips and drinks for the Trick or Treaters.

Bingo News

The last Parks and Recreation Board Bingo of the year will be held Friday, December 16 starting at 7:30 until 10:30 p.m.

The Jackpot currently sits at \$921.00 (plus an additional amount) and is being carried forward from November. The Loonie Pot will be \$300.00. Additional prize items will be provided for each game!

Thank you to Catherine Wilks for calling our Bingo games on an ongoing basis.

Season's Greetings everyone and thank you for your continued support of this fun community activity!



Hey Kids!

Join us at the Angry Beaver Coffee Shop (Candle Lake Golf Resort) on Saturday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m. for a Gingerbread House Craft event. Please register by phone or text to Michelle Lozej at (306) 981-3777. Space is limited to 20.

Save the Date!

A Chamber of Commerce Supper Meeting will be held January 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Candle Lake Golf Resort.

Special Guest Speaker: Steve McLellan, former head of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. Steve will provide us with information on Chambers in Saskatchewan; this will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Cost: \$35.00 per person (approximately). Collection will be at the event. RSVP to Wally Levertson at 1(306)-812-8800.

We hope to see you there!



DECEMBER 2022 Recreation Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 Walkers 1:00 Pickleball 1:00 Quilting 5:00 Kids Club Kickoff 7:30pm Badminton	2 9:00 Walkers 10:00 Forever in Motion 7:00pm Seniors Turkey Shoot	3 Fire Department Christmas Party
4	5 9:00 Walkers 1:00 Pickleball 1:00 Cardmaking	6 9:00 Walkers 10:00 Forever in Motion 1:00 Quilting 7:30pm Badminton	7 9:00 Walkers 9:15 Parks and Recreation Meeting 12:30 Art Club 1:00 Pickleball	8 9:00 Walkers 9:00 Library Board Meeting 10:00 Seniors Directors Meeting 1:00 Pickleball 1:00 Quilting 5:00 Kids Club 7:30pm Badminton	9 9:00 Walkers 10:00 Forever in Motion 1:00 Committee of the Whole Meeting	10 7:00pm Seniors Texas Hold'm
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Please note the Resort Village is closed for the holiday season.						

Senior Center ■

Hall Second Floor meeting Room ■

Library ■

Note: Power Hour Fitness classes have been cancelled for the month of December



Candle Lake Primary Health Care Centre - December 2022

Note: Due to COVID-19 all appointments are by phone and/or screened by phone prior to visits.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Clinic 8:00-4:30pm NP –Holly Young 9:30 – 3:30 pm	6 Clinic 8:00-4:30pm NP –Holly Young 9:30 – 3:30 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12 Clinic 8:00-4:30pm NP –Holly Young 9:30 – 3:30 pm	13 Clinic 8:00-4:30pm NP –Holly Young 9:30 – 3:30 pm	14 Clinic 8:00-4:30pm NP –Holly Young 9:30 – 2:30 pm	15	16	17
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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.

Nurse Practitioner – Holly Young
 Medical Office Assistant/Reception – Rhonda Fairburn
 Casual MOA/Reception – Jocelyn Seibert

Check Candle Lake Website for Updates www.candlelakeresort.ca

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

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: betty.drewes@saskhealthauthority.ca

CANDLE LAKE TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

Affinity Credit Union Grant Fall 2022 – Thank You

The Candle Lake Trails Advisory Board is honoured to be the recipient of the Affinity Credit Union Community Development Funding for the fall of 2022. We are very fortunate to be awarded this funding from Affinity's Member Council for a fourth year.

The \$1000 grant was awarded to our Board in October, to be used for tree and stump removal necessary to extend the Simon Lehne Trail from Hayes Drive to Earl Street, connecting to the Northview Trail and Nobles Point. This project was identified as a Trails short-term goal in 2022 and is to be completed in 2023. Candle Lake has an intricate system of trails that incorporate safety, connectivity and natural habitat appreciation. Ongoing sponsorship from our local Affinity Credit Union is very much appreciated and we thank them for being such a committed community partner.

Affinity is firmly rooted in community and committed to serving the needs of members across Saskatchewan. Its vision, "to build a better world for everyone, every day" and mission, "to enable members and communities to invest in one another" are clearly demonstrated in their actions.

Thank you Affinity Credit Union!



Upcoming Candle Lake Seniors Club Events

Turkey Shoot - December 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Admission - \$5.00

Includes a chance to win a turkey.

A light lunch will follow the turkey shoot.

Everyone is welcome!

Texas Hold'em Tournament - December 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Buy In - \$10.00

All adults are welcome.

Seniors' Christmas Supper - December 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Happy Hour – 5:00 p.m., Supper – 6:00 p.m., followed by entertainment.

Advance tickets are required.

Please contact Shirley at 306-220-8521 or

Ed at 306-960-1666 to purchase a ticket.



News from the Candle Lake Curling Club

Jingle Bell Rock Funspiel

Join us Tuesday, December 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the Jingle Bell Rock Funspiel!

- 4 end games
- A prize for everyone
- Entry fee is \$25/team
- 14 team limit
- Entry deadline is December 22

This is family friendly fun day! Grandparents bring your grandkids out to play a couple games and wear off some turkey. Please contact Valerie at (306) 960-0693 or Colleen at (306) 961-7001.

Registration for January – March Curling

- 12 weeks of curling starting Monday, January 2, 2023
 - Fees are \$144.30 per person
 - Practice time is available Monday, January 2 at 1:00 p.m.
 - Registration deadline is Dec. 20.
- Contact Colleen at (306) 961-7001 to enter your team.

31 Days of Curling for Cash

\$3,750.00 TOTAL PRIZE MONEY · ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD

Tickets are \$25.00 each and draws are daily!

31 chances to WIN – DAILY DRAWS - winning tickets will be returned to draw drum.

Get your tickets now from any Curling Club member, they will sell out fast!

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 \$100	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$200
8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$50	13 \$50	14 \$300
15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50	18 \$50	19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$400
22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50	27 \$50	28 \$500
29 \$50	30 \$50	31 \$1000	\$100 - Jan 1st - \$200 - Jan 7th - \$300 - Jan 14th \$400 - Jan 21st - \$500 - Jan 28th \$50 - Daily Draws Major Prize: \$1000.00 - Jan 31st			

Rentals Available!

Please contact our rental coordinator about space for your upcoming meeting or family get together. With our reasonable rates, why not rent the ice for a couple hours for some family curling over the Christmas holidays! Visit the website at Candle Lake leaguelineup.com for rental rates or contact a Board member for information. Deb Hunter is the contact for rentals at (306) 981-6616.

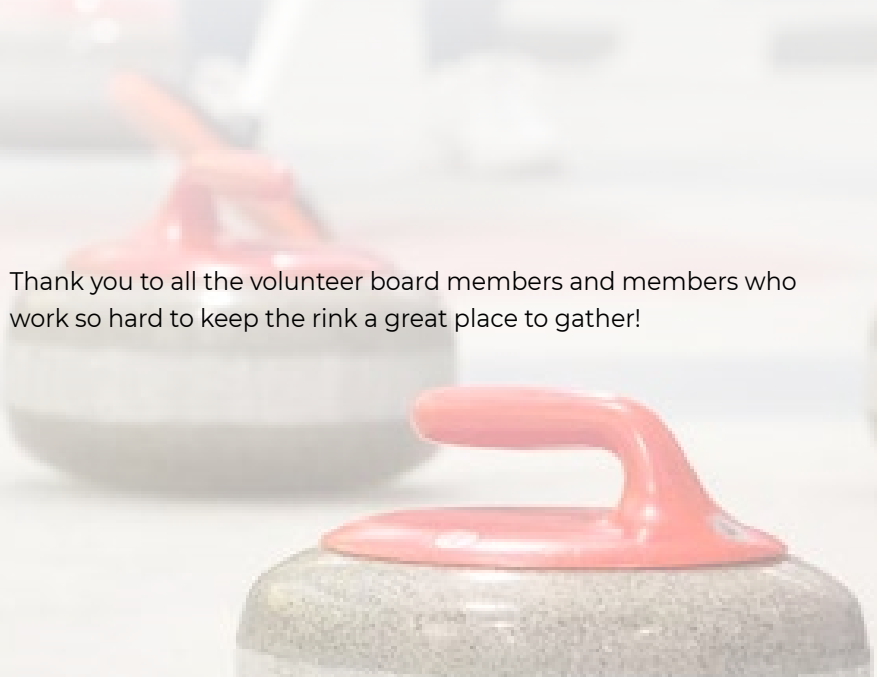
Candle Lake Curling Club Board of Directors

- President: Colleen Lavoie (306) 961-7001
- Vice-President: Robert Schultz (306) 519-2569
- Treasurer: Bev Huziek (306) 341-1760
- Secretary: Deb Hunter (306) 981-6616

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- Morley Mitchell (306) 270-2696
- Dwain Daniel (306) 314-5644
- Gerald Kopperud (306) 960-3592
- Shawna Colpitts (306) 227-5114
- Mike Soulier (306) 921-7200
- Bert Lavoie (306) 961-6238
- Linda Stevenson (306) 229-1800
- Karen Gartner-Johb (306) 380-7150

Thank you to all the volunteer board members and members who work so hard to keep the rink a great place to gather!





Candle Lake Public Library: December Events

Library Fundraiser: Saturday, December 10 - Library staff will be at the Candle Lake Golf Resort Christmas Market selling raffle tickets to raise money for programming. Prizes include two baskets filled with beautifully knitted items and treats, and a homemade afghan blanket. All money raised will go directly to programs within our local library. Tickets are 1 for \$2, and 3 for \$5. A very special thank you to Debbie Hunter for all of the beautiful handmade items! We thank you in advance for your support!

Teddy Bear Sleepover: Wednesday, December 14 (6:00 p.m.) - Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffy with them for a Christmas story. The stuffies may be left at the library for a sleepover, with pick up Thursday morning. Staff will send photos of what your little friends are up to throughout the evening!
Please note: The library will be closed Saturday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 27 for Christmas.

We hope you all have a safe and wonderful time over the holidays!

Did you know? Library cards are free for residents of the province of Saskatchewan. Also, if you are visiting Candle Lake, and you have a card from your local Saskatchewan library, you can use your card that to take out books here! Drop by for some summer reading adventures!

Library Hours

- Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Church Services

Roman Catholic

Community Church:

- Mass is held Saturday's at 5:00 p.m.
- Father Manh Nguyen serves the Candle Lake congregation.
- Confessions are said before Mass.
- The Rosary is said before all Masses at 4:40 p.m.

Chapel (#4 Main Street)

- The Chapel will be closed from November 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023.

Weekday Masses:

- Wednesdays at St. James – Albertville at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursdays at St. Mary's – Christopher Lake at 3:00 p.m.

Candle Lake Community Church

Worship Services – Everyone is Welcome

* Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

* Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.

Worship Leaders for December

December 4 – Archdeacon Andrew Hoskin

December 11 – Pastor Brian Unruh

December 18 – Mark and Cheryl Sorell

December 24 – Pastor Dan Haugen

Christmas Hampers - We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods and/or cash on Friday, December 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church. Cash donations are eligible for an income tax receipt.

Community Christmas Carol Sing Along – Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Donations for the Christmas hampers will be accepted this evening as well. All are welcome to join this musical celebration of Christmas.

Church Contact – Valerie Manton 306-960-0693

News from the **Resort Village**

Resort Village Receives Grant Funding for Community Centre Upgrades

The Resort Village is pleased to announce it will receive \$921,482 for upgrades to the Community Centre through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). The ICIP Program is designed to improve access to and/or increase quality of community, cultural and recreational infrastructure for Canadians. Through the program, the federal government provides at least 40% of project costs, the provincial government provides up to 33.3%, and municipalities provide the remainder.

In 2019, a study found that a number of components of the Community Centre do not meet current building, safety and accessibility codes. The funding will be used to complete phases 3 and 4 of rehabilitation work that was previously been identified in a Feasibility Study completed in 2016.

The total cost of the upgrades will be approximately \$1.2 million dollars. The Resort Village will receive \$502,645 from the federal government, and \$418,837 from the provincial government; the balance of the costs will be paid by the Resort Village.

The Community Centre project will enhance the quality of the building by replacing and repairing major building systems to extend its useful life. Exterior upgrades will focus on the metal siding and roof deck. Interior upgrades will enhance indoor air quality, audio/visual enhancements, electrical upgrades like a backup generator, and renovations to the second floor to better accommodate the many cultural, recreation and social groups that use the space. Accessibility will be improved through a handicapped parking pad and entrance ramps, doorways and hardware designed for individuals with accessibility and mobility restrictions, and washrooms that are more accessible.

The rehabilitation of the Community Centre will also result in operational savings for Resort Village.

Funding Received to Decommission the Historic Landfill (Cell)

The Resort Village also recently received \$446,873 for the Decommissioning of Historic Landfill project. This \$609,400 project will see the historical non-engineered landfill cell decommissioned, and an impermeable liner to prevent rainfall infiltration into the landfill cell added. The total area of land to be remediated is 12,000 square meters. A surface water drainage plan will be established to redirect runoff into a separate settlement pond. After the landfill cell closure, water quality monitoring, landfill gas monitoring, and regular inspection and maintenance will continue. The post closure monitoring will likely continue for a minimum of 25 years. Infrastructure Canada will not pay for any costs associated with this monitoring.

In addition, security gates at the landfill cell will be decommissioned and access road improvements will be made to the newly constructed and commissioned engineered landfill cell to prevent unauthorized dumping at the cell being decommissioned. Piezometers will be installed to confirm the flow of groundwater throughout the site and to monitor any contamination of groundwater caused by the landfill.

The project includes the completion of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and a Closure Plan consistent with the requirements of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment. The Project also contributes to the increased capacity to reduce and/or remediate soil and/or air pollutants.



News from the **Resort Village**



Governance

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CandleLakeGov



Economy

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CandleLakeEcon



Environment

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CandleLakeEnviro



Society

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CandleLakeSociety

Sustainability Plan Update

The Plan to guide decisions at Candle Lake about important issues related to economic opportunities, quality of life, relationship with nature, and matters of governance and engagement will enter a new phase in the new year. The current surveys on the Plan's four pillars: Governance, Economy, Environment and Society will close on December 31st.

From survey results and a review of existing studies and plans, a set of proposed actions will be developed. Stay tuned for opportunities to join in on conversations about priorities! To learn more about the Plan and the planning process, visit the project webpage at <https://candlelake.ca/p/sustainability-plan->

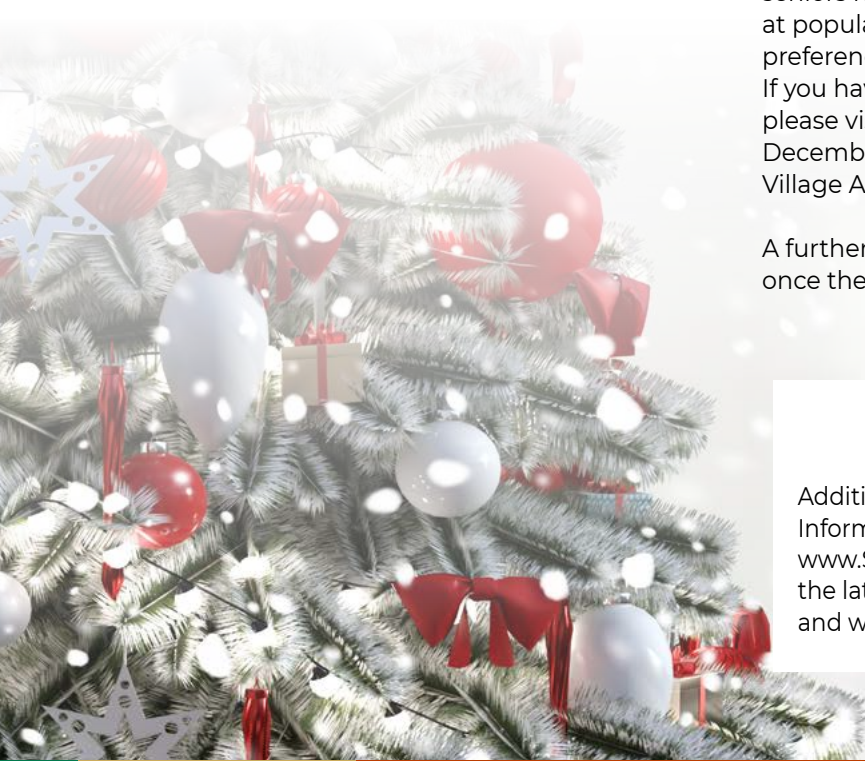
55+ Housing Update

As you may have heard, the RVCL Sustainability Planning process identified a need for housing that supports residents as they transition from early retirement to a stage of life where housing maintenance becomes an issue. Thank you again to the residents who attended a Housing Information Meeting in October to discuss changing housing needs and options to meet the needs of our community. A Needs and Demand Assessment is currently underway to measure whether there is sufficient need for housing different than what is available today to warrant a seniors housing project at Candle Lake. This assessment will look at population trends, population age and characteristics, tenure preferences, dwelling types, support services, and affordability. If you have not yet completed the public survey on this project, please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/CandleLakeHousing before December 7th or pick up a print copy of the survey at the Resort Village Administration Office.

A further update on this initiative will be provided in the new year once the survey results are in.

COVID-19 Reminders

Additional brands of COVID-19 boosters are now available! Information on new vaccines and eligibility can be found at www.Saskatchewan.ca. Enter COVID-19 in the search to find the latest updates on the virus, information on new vaccines and where you can get your vaccination.



News from the **Resort Village**

Public Consultations Open for North Central Lakelands Planning District Official Community Plan Update

The Resort Village of Candle Lake is a member in the North Central Lakelands Planning District. Growth and change in the region means it is time to seek input from property owners and other stakeholders to update the District Official Community Plan (DOCP).

A DOCP is created to comply with The Planning and Development Act, 2007 and contains policies to guide land use and community development based on community-identified priorities and goals. The DOCP enables communities, property owners, businesses and developers to make informed decisions and contribute positively to vibrancy, safety, self-reliance and sustainability. Topics covered by the updated DOCP will speak to growth management, for example, residential, commercial, agricultural, etc., community services and amenities, transportation, public works, environmental assets and opportunities, and risk management.

Planning District members, including the RM of Paddockwood, District of Lakeland, Resort Village of Candle Lake, Resort Village of Elk Ridge and Village of Christopher Lake, have engaged Crosby Hanna & Associates and Wallace Insights to update the DOCP. Work began this summer with the collection of background information and analysis of societal trends likely to affect the region over the next 25 years.

The preliminary analysis for background information has been compiled into an informative video posted to the project webpage at www.wallaceinsights.com/NCLakelandsDOCP. This 'Virtual Open House' provides visitors an opportunity to share their thoughts through a brief survey or email their questions and ideas directly to the consultant team.

Several phases of public input are anticipated over the next nine months and will include additional surveys, stakeholder interviews and public meetings. The first survey on trends and opportunities is now open and can be accessed from the project webpage or by using the QR code below.



Resort Village of Canada Lake **Need to Reach Us?**

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Snow Zone Safety Reminders

Saskatchewan's winter climate can be extreme – frigid cold, severe changes in temperature, strong winds and heavy snowfall. This weather can wreak havoc on roads and keep snowplow crews moving to clear snow and ice from Saskatchewan's 26,000 km highway network.

Ministry of Highways snow removal equipment now features blue and amber flashing lights to increase their visibility and to improve the safety of their operators and all motorists.

How to safely pass snow plows

- Treat snow plows the same as you would an emergency vehicle. If they are pulled over and have their lights flashing, slow to 60 km/h and pass with caution.
- If a snow plow is driving and has their light flashing, pass them whenever safe to do so.
- Snow plows pull over every 10 to 15 km to let vehicles pass. Take your time, be patient and safe.
- The blue lights are on whenever the plow is engaged in winter activity. This can include surveying, sanding, salting, plowing, etc.

Things to know about the Snow Zone

- Blading snow off the road creates a “mini blizzard” next to and behind the snow plow, especially in windy conditions. This is referred to as the Snow Zone.
- It can be difficult to see snow removal equipment within the Snow Zone. Watch for the black and yellow checkerboard, wind scoop, and flashing amber and red lights – called wig wag lights – on the rear of the snow plow truck. Slow down and drive with caution.
- Snow plows must travel slower than regular traffic when pushing snow and spreading salt and sand. Give the snow plow operator room to do their job.
- Snow plows stop at all railway crossings to ensure it is safe to cross and the plow blade will clear the track.
- Snow plow operators are often out in treacherous conditions to make the highways as safe as possible for you; not to get in your way.
- Every winter, snow plows are hit by motorists that don't see them or see them too late. The vast majority of these accidents are rear-end collision incidents where motorists have not driven with caution in the snow.



Candle lake village plow truck warming up for the first snowfall of the season.