

# News Update - Summer Village of Val Quentin - June 2, 2020



## May Showers bring ... June Flowers (and Floods)

The high lake levels at Lac Ste Anne continue to create a strain on properties and the Tri Village Regional Sewer System.

In response to recent flooding, we give a **HUGE SHOUT OUT** to:

The Summer Village of Sunset Point Council for working together with Val Quentin Council, and our Director of Emergency Management to coordinate the ability to provide sandbags for impacted residents in our Summer Villages!

**Special Thank You** to Tim Hay for providing the sand for the project!

**THANK YOU** to the employees from SANG, and ALL Volunteers who helped to make this a successful and collaborative Community Project! Your assistance is truly appreciated!

**Residents requiring sandbags to protect their property are welcome to stop by The Sunset Village Office at 4719 Sunset Drive on Saturday, June 6, 2020 starting at 10 AM to pick up free sandbags and sand. Volunteers are appreciated!**



Residents can anticipate an increase in standing water in low lying and flood prone areas.

Protect as much of your property as you can from damage. For example, move items from crawl spaces to a higher level.

In the event flooding has occurred, take photos and contact your Insurance Broker immediately.



## Is Flooding covered under home insurance?

Flooding is not always covered under home insurance if the policyholder has not purchased the additional coverage. Typically, flood insurance is not part of the standard homeowner policy. Check your insurance policy and if in doubt, please contact your insurance provider to confirm your coverage.

For additional information:

<https://www.alberta.ca/flood-recovery.aspx>

The Government of Canada also has a list of things to do after a flood

[www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/hzd/flds-ftr-eng.aspx](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/hzd/flds-ftr-eng.aspx)

## Sewer Line Connections

In recent years and most noticeably this year, the Tri Village Regional Sewer Services Commission (TVRSSC) experienced extremely high flows throughout the system during rain fall events.

In several of these instances the system was running at full capacity to keep up and in some cases additional trucks were required to haul from lift stations out to the lagoon in order to keep up and prevent backups. This causes additional wear and tear on the system, roads and other infrastructure as well as additional expenses to the commission for the additional maintenance and repairs required as a result. These expenses are then passed along to the end users via taxes and utility rates via the member municipality that you reside in. We have seen an average cost for trucks to haul from the lift stations to the lagoon come in, in excess of \$40,000 depending on the duration and then addition costs related to mechanical and electrical repairs. Seeing extremely high increases to flows during rain events identifies that we have some infiltration issues, as well as the possibility that some properties may have tied in their sump pumps, eavestroughs, floor drains in garages and patios.

Under our bylaws it is prohibited to tie in any sumps, eavestroughs and yard drains. The only permitted connection is for a sanitary sewer connection - all other connections - if identified, are subject to a \$2,500 penalty under the bylaw.

In the near future the TVRSSC may have a testing agency perform smoke testing throughout the system. This is a non toxic, non evasive means of testing for leaks and identifying potential non compliant connections. In the mean time, if you are aware of any connections to sumps, eavestroughs, etc. we ask that you disconnect them if they are yours, or notify us with locations of possible non compliant connections.

If you are unsure if you have non permitted/ non-compliant connections, you can call a plumber to check for you. Remember it is a portion of the tax dollars and utility rate collected for each property within Alberta Beach, Sunset Point and Val Quentin that helps pay for the operation, maintenance and repairs to the TVRSSC sewer system so it is everyone's responsibility to help keep the system running efficiently and thus the costs down.

Any questions: Please contact: Dennis Evans - 780 446-1426  
Tri Village Regional Sewer Services Commission



## Val Quentin Playgrounds

For the health and safety of children and our residents, the Summer Village Playground Structures remain closed. At the Council meeting on June 17, 2020, playground re-openings will be discussed and a decision will be made if re-opening will proceed.

## Action for Healthy Communities

AHC is a dynamic, community-based agency that serves people of all ages and backgrounds, including families, children, youth, adults and seniors. Their community capacity building efforts – including programs and supports – are tailored to facilitate community development and boost the capacity of individuals, families and communities. They offer supports in Greater Edmonton and some northern Alberta locations.

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