

# Life at the Lake

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The Quarterly Newsletter for Lake McGregor Country Estates



## SUMMER 2020

### COVID-19 Updates

To ensure the safety of our residents LMCECA will be aligning to the provincial government standards for re-opening. As the province releases restrictions the resort will align and adjust accordingly. **(see last page for full details on protocol residents will be required to follow when amenities open).**



#### General:

- Use of any common property or facilities is at users own risk
- It is not recommended that persons at higher risk, such as those with underlying health conditions, attend the beach or outdoor recreational facilities areas
- Alberta's Guidelines gathering restrictions now state no more than 15 people in one indoor location and no more than 50 people in one outdoor location.
- All gatherings under these limits must occur in a space that allows for mandated physical distancing of at least 2 meters from each other.
- Avoid high-risk activities - don't shake hands, or share food and utensils.
- Be mindful of all residents in the community and ensure your choices and actions are not putting others at risk.

### Yard Maintenance Program

The summer yard maintenance program will resume shortly. Owners can sign up by emailing [admin@lakemcgregorresort.com](mailto:admin@lakemcgregorresort.com).

- \$20 for weed control on regular sized gravel driveways or the front of RV/Park Model lots.\*
- \$30 for empty lot maintenance

We had huge success last year with close to 20 residents taking advantage of these services whether they were able to be onsite or not.

Properties that are not maintained according to guidelines will be cleaned up by the resort and owners will be invoiced at established rates.

\*Oversized lots or driveways may require additional pricing and will be quoted at the time of sign up

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# BEACH REVITALIZATION PROJECT

We want to thank everyone for your continued support in improving our beach. We have raised enough funds to complete Phase 1 and Phase 2! In addition **the beach will have fresh sand for this summer season!**

## *Phase One & Phase Two:*

COMPLETE! This was the addition of 9 foot blue spruce trees that act as a windbreak and have been planted on the north side of the beach.

## *Donations:*

If you are interested in donating to help continue with revitalizing our beach are please take a look at our **[Go Fund Me Page](#)**.

We're happy to provide recognition to all donors. Initial recognition will be posted on LMCE website with our future plans to include a donor board posted in the clubhouse.



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Unfortunately due to the pandemic we were not able to host our Annual General Meeting over the May long weekend. The Board has prepared the reports that we would share with you and uploaded them to the website for your review:

- Managers Report [[link](#)]
- Financial Report [coming soon]
- Community Rules [[link](#)]

Please take a moment to review the latest Community Rules as the link above as updates have been made to align with the recent updates and changes of the resort.

# LOOKING TO SELL?

Please remember to let the Board know when you are listing your property for sale. We will post your listing on the resort's website free of charge which will increase exposure and hopefully help sell your property quickly. As sad as we are to see you go we want to support you get ready for your next adventure!



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## Facilities Update:

*Indoor Pool & Hot Tub\**

Indoor Pool - **TBC** (see COVID Updates)

Hot Tub - **CLOSED** until Phase 3

*Clubhouse\**

**TBC** - (see COVID Updates)

*Outdoor Pool*

**TBC** - (see COVID Updates)

*Beach*

Pets are allowed on the sand between Seadoo and boat docks on south end of the beach.

*Dock Installation*

Installation of Swim dock will not be completed this season due to COVID-19

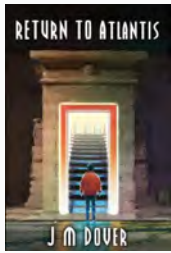
*\*All rules and restrictions related to re-opening are detailed on page 4 onwards..*

***It is the responsibility of the residents to understand and follow these regulations.***



## WHATS HAPPENING THIS SUMMER!

Despit COVID19 there are still exciting things happening in the area and in our community. We encourage you to continuously check the [Vulcan County website](#) for up to date information in events happening within the community of Vulcan this summer.



One of our very own residents has recently published their second book which is available to buy online now! Check out the website [here](#).



Vulcan County is still hosting a local Pig Roast on July 3/4th. checkout the post on our [LMCE Facebook page](#) to get all the details!

## CANADA DAY!

Our Canada Day celebration will be on [Saturday July 4, 2020 with the parade!](#) Should you wish to participate meet at the clubhouse at 10am - Parade route will start at the end of White Pelican Way (by outdoor pool) and proceed through Cormorant Crescent ending at the clubhouse for a social distancing photo. Prizes will be available.

*Unfortunately due to government restrictions the Beach Party will be postponed until we can safely facilitate the event and follow proper Government Guidelines.*



## HALLOWEEN

**Postponed.** Unfortunately due to COVID 19 and Government Guidelines Halloween will be postponed at the lake until we can safely facilitate the party at the clubhouse and follow proper Government Guidelines.

We are still looking for Halloween ideas for the kids to take part in. Date and details will be shared at a later date.

## Waterski Wakeboard Alberta (WSWA)

WSWA is still planning on hosting their event at our resort this summer. As the event is outdoors, proper social distancing will be required and residents wanting to participate or watch will be asked to follow those guidelines.

Registration will be open for residents to join in the competition with lots of divisions for both skim and surf style plus wakeboard divisions.

Spectators will be able to enjoy from the water on their personal boats or on the beach. ***Please understand this event may still be cancelled pending COVID19.***

**Date: Saturday August 15, 2020**

## CAMPGROUND

**Open.** Seasonal Campground Rentals are sold out! Regular campground rentals are open for booking online at our website [www.lakemcgregorresort.com](http://www.lakemcgregorresort.com). Please make sure all your guests are aware of the latest updates from LMCECA on COVID 19 restrictions and guidelines before they come to our resort. Our staff is working hard to maintain the campground to the standards required by the government in order to remain open.

**Please note: should Government Restrictions change LMCECA will be required to follow suit and reservations may be cancelled if required.**



Make sure to join the [Lake McGregor Country Estates Facebook Page](#) to get the latest updates on the potluck dinners and other activities happening in the community this year!



# COVID-19:

## Facility Details:

We know everyone is anxious to for this major facility to open within the community. The board is currently doing a thorough audit of all regulations and government requirements to ensure the safety of all residents. When the facilities re-open, all residents need to respect that this communal space will only be available if residents are responsible and take to the necessary rules and recommendations seriously. **Failure to follow the rules will result in individual loss of privilege to the facilities and, if necessary, closure of the facility to all.**

Thank you for your understanding and diligence in this matter.

## LMCECA Staff & Board

### Clubhouse & Pools

- **Anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, had close contact with anyone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days or has travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days cannot enter the facility and MUST isolate at home.**
- All users of the facility must sign in either via Mandatory Medical Screening Forms or via sign in sheets.
  - Use of this information will only be used to support public health in the event an attendee tests positive or an outbreak is identified. Records will be kept for 2 weeks and then be responsibly disposed of.
- Anyone under 18 years of age MUST be accompanied by an adult at all times while using the clubhouse, pools, or court yard area.
- Follow all one-way traffic signage for entrance and exit of the facilities as posted.
- Physical distancing of a min 2 meters should be maintained by users at all times, unless from the same households or cohort family.
- Hand Sanitizer will be provided at entry and exit points, but users are encouraged to bring their own and use prior to entering the building, after using the any of the facilities including the changeroom/washroom areas, and after time spent in the pool area.
- Additional Steps Staff are taking to prevent the risk of transmission:
  - Lights will be left on and where applicable
  - Doors will be propped open to minimize surfaces touched
  - Additional cleaning and sanitizing will take place each morning prior to opening
  - High touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day as needed - **Please note, it is not feasible for our staff to clean and disinfect between all users.**
  - Use of facilities and personal protection is the responsibility of the residents and use is at your own risk understanding the details and regulations outlined in communication from LMCECA.
- **Rapid Response to Symptomatic Individuals** - There will be mask & glove kits with signage stationed throughout the clubhouse areas.
  - If anyone themselves or anyone you see has symptoms of Covid-19, including staff, that person must immediately put on a mask and gloves and directly proceed home to self isolate.
  - The manager must be called (David at 587-678-2278)
  - All users of that time slot must leave and contact AHS's 811 Health Line.
  - Future time slots will be cancelled until all areas can be cleaned and disinfected.
- **Phased Opening:**
  - As recommended by AHS, the facility will open in stages to allow time for staff and users to become familiar with the new rules and regulations:
  - **Laundry Room - Sunday June 28th**
    - Weekly Sign Up Schedule will be posted on Sundays for the following week
    - Residents can sign up for Maximum 3 consecutive x 1 hour time slots at a time.
    - Max 1 household per time slot to maintain proper distancing
    - Staff will wipe down and sanitize once per day
    - Disinfectant will be available and **it is the responsibility of the residents to wipe down all touched surfaces after each use**
    - Hand Sanitizer will be provided but residents are encouraged to bring their own and use prior to and after using the facility.
    - Masks and Disposable Gloves are recommended and facility is to be used at residents own risk



- **Indoor Pool – Tuesday June 30th** (pending AHS approval)
  - Regular Pool Rules Apply (residents need to ensure themselves, and their family members are familiar with from the 2020 Community Rules),
  - Hours: 10 am – 8 pm with closure between 3 – 4 pm for staff to disinfect high touch areas
  - Max 10 Person Capacity in the pool area – includes spectators on the deck area
  - Daily Sign Up Schedule will be posted each morning in the covered area by the Youth Lounge.
    - Residents are allowed to PREBOOK 1 hour for that day once the pool opens.
    - If there is availability during subsequent times still remaining at 5min to the hour, residents may sign up for an additional time period, or fill drop in spots if available.
    - Spontaneous pool closures may be necessary for chemical testing or additional cleaning as needed.
  - **EVERY PERSON USING THE POOL MUST COMPLETE A MANDATORY HEALTH SCREENING FORM**
    - This **MUST** be done for each family each day/time the pool is used. One adult can complete the form per family by listing all children using the pool on the same form.
      - The form must be signed by the supervising adult.
      - The supervising adult must remain onsite throughout the entire duration of children using the pool.
    - Blank Forms – Will be by the schedule outside the clubhouse in the covered area by the Youth Lounge. Bring your own pen.
    - When In the Pool – Forms must be placed in the designated file clearly marked “Pool In Use”.
      - Staff will be checking these folders to ensure everyone using the pool has completed the form.
        - If you are found in the pool, without filling out the Medical Screening form, you will be asked to leave and your usage privileged revoked
    - When you leave – You are responsible to remove the form and file in the “Done Using Pool” folder.
      - These will be kept for 2 weeks as per AHS standards.
  - Limit the use of pool toys to flotation aids only (i.e. lifejackets, etc)
  - Attendees should not share uncleaned towels, goggles, or any other equipment other than with family members.
  - Masks may be worn on the deck area if you choose but should not be worn while in the pool as they present a safety risk
  - No food and beverages of any kind are permitted in the pool area.
- **Washrooms & Changeroom – Tuesday June 30th** (pending AHS approval)
  - All existing AHS Pool Rules Apply
  - Maximum 2 people in the Washroom Area
  - Maximum 4 people in the Shower/Changeroom Area
  - Residents are encouraged to come and leave in their swimsuits and shower and change at their residence
  - Everyone must still shower prior to entering the pool area
  - Lockers will be restricted to every 3rd one to maintain physical distancing
- **Gym – TBC** (will be confirmed after AHS approval)
  - Equipment will be limited – no free weights or mats
  - Sign up sheet required to book time with Mandatory Medical Screening form filled out before each use.
  - Max Capacity – 1 household per time slot
  - Disinfectant will be available and is the responsibility of the residents to wipe down all touched surfaces after each use
- **Outdoor Pool – TBC** (will be confirmed after AHS approval)
  - Unfortunately as the staff was working hard to get the outdoor pool open, a significant leak was found. All parts have been ordered and process for repair has started but this will delay the opening until Beg to Mid July pending repair, recommissioning, and then water testing and inspection.
  - LMCECA will let you know when this is scheduled to open and any subsequent information pertaining specifically to the outdoor pool.
- **Lounge Rooms, Kitchen & Auditorium – TBC** (will be confirmed after AHS approval)
  - These areas will be phased once we see success in the initial openings.
  - Decisions are based on cost and efficiency of staffing and supplies to ensure all AHS regulations are met and how responsible residents are with following health protocols and rules.
- **Hot Tub, Sauna & Kids Playroom – CLOSED**
  - We are not able to open these facilities until Alberta’s Phase 3 Relaunch

**All persons using the outdoor facilities are asked to return to their residence to use washrooms.**

- **Playgrounds**

- Playgrounds will be open and available to residents as of June 1
- Use of the facilities is at your own risk
- Personal hand washing and sanitizer are the responsibility of the parents

- **Other Rec Areas:**

- Basketball hoops, tennis/pickleball courts, horseshoe pits, baseball diamond, beach volleyball, etc are open with personal equipment with members of the same household.
- Guidance for outdoor recreation can be found at: Alberta Government Link

- **Beach Area:**

- Beach area will remain open under the following guidelines:
- Max 50 people allowed in main beach area
- Different households should maintain 6' separation and residents should attempt to spread out onto the grass and beach shore areas
- Bring your own lawn chairs as picnic tables are not available for use at this time.
- Water play spray devices (i.e. water guns are not recommended)
- Children playing in sand and building sand castles is not prohibited, however the risk of COVID-19 transmission in sand is unknown, therefore it is encouraged that persons follow all hygiene recommendations.
- Everyone is encouraged to bring your own hand sanitizer for frequent hand hygiene.
- Floating swim dock will not yet be installed

- **BBQ enclosure, communal fire pit** - closed

- Parents, please ensure ALL family members are aware and adhering to this closure

- **Boat Launch & Docks:**

- Overnight mooring is now allowed if it follows our normal community rules and residents are on-site within the community when boats are moored.
- Seadoo or personal watercraft users are asked to use shallower spots closer to the shore, leaving deeper spots for boats
- NO WAKE ZONE - the area in front of and full surrounding of the beach, launch and dock area is considered a no wake zone.
- Physical Distancing **MUST** be adhered to on the docks - Meaning only one family unit on the docks at any time.
- In order for this area to remain safe for all, please ensure you are giving others adequate space and be patient as others are utilizing the docks for loading and unloading purposes



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## **To Our Residents:**

This year, I believe your community association Board of Directors has moved forward to ensure there are clear expectations and guidelines for procedures and the delegation of responsibilities among members of the Board. We have examined our operational procedures and have been successful at working collaboratively when making important decisions regarding the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the resort. This is not always easy. We remain strong, diligent and continue to strive to be patient as we work with legal counsel and the County of Vulcan.

We appreciate the support we have received from Lake McGregor Country Estates owners. This is clearly evident with the beach rejuvenation project and the overall look and feel of the resort.

As we move forward together, we are confident Lake McGregor Country Estates will continue to be the best kept secret of Southern Alberta!

Dale Erickson

**Chair**

**Lake McGregor Country Estates Community Association**

