

# Resort Village of Mistusinne

## Council Meeting Highlights

August 8, 2025 meeting.

Council approved the minutes of the July 11, 2025 regular meeting of council. These are available on our website. The next regular meeting will be held **Saturday, September 20, 2025** at **10:00 a.m.** here at the Village Office. Items for the agenda must be received no later than 12:00 p.m. Monday, September 15, 2025.

Bernie Volk attended as a delegate to the meeting. She expressed her concern regarding motorized traffic on green spaces. Green Space travel has reached an all-time high. We are respectfully requesting that ATV and Golf Cart travel stick to the pavement, and away from the Green Space, unfortunately, we are reaching the point where council feels that Bylaw Enforcement may be the next step. Enforcement is costly, and takes away from the overall feel of our community. Please do your part and follow the rules. If things do not improve immediately we will have no choice but to act.

There have been a lot of trees damaged this year. Volunteers work around the clock to maintain the trees in this Village. Please show your appreciation by slowing down, be mindful of vegetation and stay off the Green Spaces.

The South Bank was recently utilized to facilitate equipment down to the Beach to remove wire that was deemed a safety concern. This route is not for public access. Motorized travel is not allowed in this area. Please avoid motorized travel in this area. We are working towards restoring the vegetation to its natural state.

In the foreman's Report – The Beaches are very well utilized this year. The ATV access has been widely popular. This route is for ATV access only. Please no vehicles or Sail Boats etc.

The lake has continued to rise. The water has risen enough that the snow fence near the boat launch now has to be removed. Harrowing is happening on a regular basis when the weather allows.

There were discussions regarding the Boat Dock. The water is now high enough, however, there are three weeks left in August. The water is now rising so quickly we would need to move the Dock once a week. Council decided that the dock will stay out for the remainder of this season. We will start fresh next spring.

Disc Golf is coming to Mistusinne! We are preparing to build a Village wide walking Disc Golf course. The course will wind throughout the entire Village. There will be no ATV/Golf Cart use allowed. The course will be 9 Holes to begin with, the option to expand to 18 has been incorporated into the planning. Council discussed the possibility of offering Hole Sponsorship. This venture will be pursued further in the spring.

There was a discussion regarding the Mowing Speed utilized by employees. There was a concern presented to council, and council asked Operations to speak to this. Operations advised that we operate at the speed the machine is designed to run. The blades average a lifespan of 70 hours, this is considered optimal. We have a large mowing deck which is responsible for the occasional uneven mow. Moving at less than optimal speed would cost rate payers an extra \$1500.00 per season. Council was satisfied that Operations is operating efficiently and responsibly. There will be no changes to our current practices.

Evacuation routes out of the community were discussed. We currently have one exit route to the North suitable for all motorized vehicles. We have route to the South that is suitable for ATV's only. Council will obtain aerial footage so that further discussions may ensue. These routes are for emergency access only.

Council has observed a traffic concern at the Boat Launch. [One- way traffic] and [Do not enter] signs will need to be added in the near future. Please be mindful of traffic in this area and drive Safely.

The request for tree removal, and the damaged and dying tree concerns have reached an all-time high. A tree cutting, clean-up, and planting day will be held in the Spring. This will be an opportunity for those who have tree concerns and are willing to help to come on out with council and staff and address tree concerns. For every tree that is removed a new tree will need to be planted. Please review our correspondence for updates.

Operations noticed this week that the glass is broken on the Community Posting Board. We will need to replace the Plexi Glass. Operations will obtain quotes this week.

August Long Weekend was an overwhelming success. We estimate a couple hundred residents were in attendance. The entertainment was a great mix that appealed to different target audience. There were zero parking concerns this year. The concession was very popular. Our own Kendra Stewart thanks the community for their support. When locating a food truck became a lesson in frustration she offered to take the concession on as a fundraiser for the Central Butte Travel Group. Both her boys are participating this year. They are headed to Belgium, Amsterdam and France in the Spring. Happy Anniversary Mistusinne. Thank you everyone for coming out. A huge thank you goes to Councilor Jeannie Coutts for organizing the entertainment, and making sure the event runs so smoothly. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Cook Book Project. A HUGE Thank you goes to Councilor Lorrie Moffat for all of her hard work organizing the Anniversary portion of our event. When she first presented her idea to publish a cookbook she was definitely met with push back. I am the first to say, sorry Lorrie -we were wrong. We have sold over 90 cookbooks. If you submitted a recipe please stop in at the office and sign next to your recipe. We have extra copies if you did not order a book. If you ordered one come on down and pick it up.

Friendly reminder that not everyone is as comfortable with your pets as you are. Please leave your friendly companions at home when you can.

Our new Mistusinne Clothing displayed and given out as prizes at the event. This clothing has our new logo, and the black hoodies look sharp. Council had placed an order in the spring in order to preview the clothing. This order has arrived. We completed an order for our residents in July. We expect that to arrive by the end of August. I will let everyone know when it does. For those who did not order in July, we will do one more order before the end of the year. We will put out a call closer to the end of the season.

Speaking of clothing; Friendly reminder to please wear visible clothing if you are out walking or riding after dark. It is very hard to see at night and we would hate to see an accident happen.

Considering a building project? Friendly reminder that all development in the Village requires an approved development permit. Cloth covered structures require permits as well. This information is available on our website. Paper copies of permits are available in the Recycle Room (Red and White circus tent).

We would like to send a huge thank you to our residents who are committed to the beauty and success of this Village endlessly. We have so many citizens caring for the smiles, trimming and pruning, cutting grass this is not their responsibility and watering plants and flowers simply because they are able. Residents remove trash and litter and dangerous items any chance they can. We cannot thank everyone, there is simply too many people to list. This does not go unnoticed. We appreciate each, and every one of you.

Use of ATV'S and Golf Carts – The close calls are starting to add up. Please have a conversation with anyone who utilizes your cabin and remind them of the importance of safety, and education when operating ATV's. There has been a lot of honking, and angry encounters. A lot of this is met with confused looks. Perhaps a better approach would be to take a moment, and explain what the concern is. It may be uncomfortable to discuss this with someone else's child; however, the alternative is just unthinkable. If someone approaches you with concerns about your child's driving please be open minded and listen. With that being said please be appropriate.

The Ombudsman sent correspondence to council outlining some of the services available to Municipalities. Administration will touch base. One of the biggest issues I see as your administrator is what I call "Fear Mongering". There are a lot of situations when residents take things that are said out of context, and share that in manner that truly affects another resident. The message is misleading, however, by the time I get to sort that out the damage is done. This council is not out to get anyone. No one is being targeted. We wish for everyone to enjoy their time at Mistusinne. Rules are rules, designed to help achieve this goal, sometimes they have to be enforced.

In 2022 we passed an Official Community Plan, a Water Wolf District Community Plan and a Zoning Bylaw. There were a few glitches with the Regional OCP and all members are required to complete part of the process. Therefore, we will hold a public meeting Saturday, Sept 20 at 10:00 here at the office to hear any submissions related to any of the three documents. All three documents are on our website for your review. We will accept written submissions in advance as well.

Municipal legislation, Council Procedures, and our Code of ethics outlines council meeting procedures. Those in attendance in the gallery are to observe. Participation in council conversation is not allowed. Nor is conversation in the gallery. The space is small. It is warm in here. It is very hard to hear. Any extra conversation is very distracting. Please be respectful of process.

Clean – Up days! Wow Mistusinne.

When all was said and done 28, 431.6 pounds of Garbage was disposed of.

38, 740 pounds of steel was discarded.

In total 67,171.60 pounds of rubbish was removed from the community.

Thank you so very much for those who utilized the bins, and those who assisted with bins, and to council for making it happen. A huge thank you goes to our Operations Manager for always committing to these projects 200%.

The total cost of the bins for the weekend were \$6,561.98, we had the bins crushed for optimal efficiency and that was an additional cost of \$600.00. We received a return of \$189.69 for our scrap metal for a grand total of \$6,972.29. That number may sound high, all garbage related ventures are, however, that number is less than the cost of facilitating the Elbow Transfer Station user agreement. See you next year Mistusinne. In the survey we will ask you Spring (May), Summer (July) or Fall (Sept) for next year. Cast your vote!

Is there anything you would like to see done in the community? Send [administrator@mistusinne.com](mailto:administrator@mistusinne.com) an email. Your wish list item just might not be on our radar yet.

Have a wonderful week Mistusinne!

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