**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF BIRCH COVE**

**LAND USE BYLAW 165-2025**

May 19th, 2025

Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M26*, the Council of the Summer Village of Birch Cove hereby gives notice that the Summer Village is considering the adoption of a new Land Use Bylaw 165-2025. Council gave first reading to this Bylaw at their regular meeting April 17th, 2025.

The current Bylaw dates back to 2010. Besides a general clean up and reconfiguration of Sections, there is an important change proposed for this document and we value your input. The proposed amendment includes, but is not limited to:

* New sections on use specific standards for:

Short-term Rentals (tourist homes)

As part of the public review process, a formal hearing is to be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, June 19th, 2025

Time: 4:05 p.m.

Place: Administration Office, Wildwillow Enterprises Inc., 2317 – Twp. Rd 545, Lac Ste. Anne County

The Public Hearing is your opportunity to provide final input for the Land Use Bylaw prior to second, and final readings. A copy of the new proposed Land Use Bylaw is available at the Summer Village Office located at 2317 – Township Road 545, Lac Ste. Anne County, Alberta between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or by accessing the municipal website at [www.birchcove.ca](http://www.birchcove.ca).

**Hearing Procedure**

This is a formal Public Hearing and Council will hear verbal and written presentations from those who wish to speak to the proposed Bylaw. Written submissions will be received up until June 12th, 2025 via email to [cao@birchcove.ca](mailto:cao@birchcove.ca). Those written submissions which have been received before the designated time will be discussed at the Public Hearing before verbal presentations will be received or written submissions received after the designated time.

You may contact Tony Sonnleitner, Development Officer, for further information at [pcm1@telusplanet.net](mailto:pcm1@telusplanet.net) or (780)718-5479.

**Public Hearing Information**

This public hearing is for Council to hear testimony related to the matter at hand.

All those wishing to be heard at the public hearing will be asked to sign in (in person or virtually).

Those who do not sign in will be given the opportunity to speak only after all those who signed in have given their testimony.

**Presentation Guidelines**

The following rules of conduct will be followed during the public hearing as everyone present will be given an opportunity to be heard.

* Presentations are to be brief and to the point.
* Only one person may speak at a time. Each person will be allowed 5 minutes maximum to present to allow time for everyone to be heard. This is the time for presentation of testimony. No debate is allowed.
* Applause, cheering, clapping or associated noises after speakers have spoken must be kept to yourself as this is a time for Council to hear and carefully consider all testimony given. All members of the public are to feel safe in expressing their thoughts.

**Hearing Ground Rules & Order of Presentations**

1. Entry of written submissions into the record,
2. Late written submissions will be read into the record,
3. Comments/presentation from Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner
4. Those who have signed in will be given the opportunity to speak in the order they have signed in,
5. Any other person deemed to be affected by the Bylaw will be given the opportunity to speak,
6. Anyone else who did not sign in will be given the opportunity to speak,
7. The Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner will be given the opportunity to present closing remarks or address any of the issues presented,
8. Councillors will be given the opportunity to ask questions,
9. Council will then end the Hearing and retire to consider the information received at the public hearing,
10. Council will only consider matters raised at the Hearing
11. Only Councillors may ask questions of speakers during the Hearing. If any persons wish to ask questions of a speaker, they must ask Council to ask the question on their behalf during the presentation and Council will only ask the question if it feels it wishes to have an answer in order to undertake its consideration.