



Resort Village of Manitou Beach

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Around the Beach!

As we welcome the new year, I wish everyone in Manitou Beach a happy, healthy and hopeful year ahead. Manitou Beach is more than a place we live – it's a community built on connection and kindness. Even through challenges, we continue to move forward together.

Following are a few updates from our most recent Council meeting in December:

- Council has adopted the priority setting document, which is a very light form of strategic planning and sets direction for the coming year. This document will be available on our website in the very near future and it will guide the development of our three-year operating and five-year capital budgets that Administration is developing during the month of January.
- Council will be reviewing the service delivery of snow removal to develop a consistent approach to snow removal throughout Manitou Beach. With the acquisition a new loader recently, snow removal operations are improving and it is now time to develop policies and standard operating procedures that will enhance this service.
- Financial matters are now up to date and preparation begins for the 2025 financial audit process, which is booked with our auditor for March 2026.
- The last communication in mid December advised that 2026 Council meetings would be held on the third Monday of each month; however, Council decided at the December 16 meeting that 2026 Council meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month.

The first regular Council meeting in 2026 is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th at 5:30 PM, and then the third Tuesday of each month thereafter.

As winter settles in, I hope you enjoy the quieter moments of lake life and watch for our February Winter Festival – a great chance to gather, celebrate, and enjoy the season together!

Warm regards,
Mayor Cheryl Hanson
Resort Village of Manitou Beach