

November 5, 2013

To: Lake Lot Owners in the Laurier Lake area

Re: Increased crime in the area

It has been brought to the County's attention that there has been increased crime in the Laurier Lake area. The County has been in contact with the Elk Point RCMP to discuss the concern. The RCMP have indicated that they are well aware of the situation and have increased surveillance of the area. They also informed the County that they believe they have identified suspects that are responsible for some of the theft that has occurred in this area, but they are still working on bringing them before the courts.

The County would be interested in hosting a meeting in the spring of 2014 for lot owners to speak with the RCMP and representatives from Rural Crime Watch regarding their concerns. At this meeting the RCMP and Rural Crime Watch will review some of the actions residents should be taking to safeguard their property. Additionally the RCMP would be looking to have updated contact phone numbers for lot owners in the area. This way owners could be contacted should an incident occur at their property during the season when they are not regularly attending their property. The County can collect and retain this information on our financial system. Feel free to call the County to provide us with your home number and/or cell number for our files. Please ask for either Linda Meger or Carolyn Kwiatkowski at (780) 645-3301.

Some of the tips that RCMP have indicated for lot owners to do at the end of the "season" include:

- Remove alcohol the property
- Remove big screen TV's or expensive electronics
- Remove firearms
- Remove Quads and other ATV's
- Notify any permanent residents/neighbours that you may have that you are gone for the season and request they watch/check your property
- Alarm your property – or at least post tags indicating it is alarmed
- Leave your blinds open and have fridge door left open – if they see there is nothing to take, then they may not bother to break in

We look forward to meeting with you in the Spring and helping to safeguard your community.

Sincerely,

Sheila Kitz, CLGM
Chief Administrative Officer