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THE RESORT VILLAGE OF THODE - A BRIEF OVERVIEW

Thode Village is named honoring the Thode family, farming pioneers of the local area.

The Blackstrap Valley, according to Sask. people/places historian Bill Barry, is named because "From atop its steep banks it resembled nothing so much as a long, black strap."

The Valley was flooded summer of 1967 forming Blackstrap Lake (reservoir). Dirt work (dams, control structures and feeder canal), of course, pre-dated the lake formation.

Blackstrap Lake reservoir is the third of six on the lake Diefenbaker to Dellwood reservoir canal and storage system.

The first lots in Thode Village were sold 1968 - July.

The community was administered by the RM of Dundurn as an organized Hamlet.

1968-July-20, Rhode Cottage Owners Association was formed.

1975, Dave and his Neudorf were the first year around residents of Rhode Hamlet and, as of this writing, continue to reside in the Village.

1981-Jan-01, the Hamlet obtained Village status administered by a Mayor and two Councillors.

Some "old timers" memories are:

- Water source initially a questionable well and pump.
- Pressured water discontinued from Thanksgiving long week-end to about May-24 long week-end.
- Not any reliable snow plowing.

- School bus came only to the top of the hill with the small brick sided building being a student shelter.
- Sometimes, in the winter, vehicles were left at what is now Bayer's home or at the top of the hill.

1996, Natural Gas arrived for Village residents.

An additional 14 lots named Pelican Pass were available for sale in 1999.

2005-Fall, a water pipeline from Saskatoon was completed to the top of the Village entrance hill.

2006-Fall, reservoir, pumps and tie-in to the Village distribution system completed.

2006-Oct-14, first of two line cleansing flushes accomplished on the water distribution system.

2007-Spring, final waterline flush. Shortly thereafter water selectively sampled and declared potable.

An engineering proposal was recently completed concerning a sewage treatment plant South of Dundurn.

The treatment plant is designed to accommodate surrounding interested entities which includes Thode Village.

Thode Village consists of 106 residences with about $\frac{2}{3}$ considered year around, permanent, homes.

The Village has a resident boat launch, playground and a Village Centre.