

Town of Imperial

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Newsletter
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2017 Budget

Council has passed the 2017 budget. With the passing of the provincial budget the Town lost approximately \$3,500 from the Revenue Sharing grant; \$5,000 from the Rink Affordability grant; plus 6% PST has been added to such things as repairs to streets and sidewalks, insurance and food sales at the rink. Council has been forced to make some very tough decisions in this budget. One of these decisions was the removal of the recycling bin which will reduce expenses by \$4,300 per year. A decision has also been made to reduce one day a week at the Waste Transfer Station from November 1 to March 31 which will save \$2,000 per year. The dumping fees at the Waste Transfer Station have also been increased.

Council has decreased the mill rate from 3 to 1 but have made increases to the base taxes. A residential property with a building will increase \$180 and a commercial property with a building will increase \$210. With these increases we are still able to continue improving our streets and sidewalks and give \$10,000 to our ambulance.

Waste Transfer Station Hours of Operations

April 1 – October 31:

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - Noon – 5 p.m.

November 1 – March 31:

Tuesday & Saturday - Noon – 5 p.m.

Waste Transfer Station Fees

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| 5 or less bags of waste | N/C |
| Utility trailer, ½ ton truck or smaller | \$10 |
| ½ ton trucks – extra-large load | \$25 |
| 1 ton or large utility trailers | \$50 to \$75 |
| 2 & 3 ton & larger trucks | \$100 |
| Semi-trailer/tractor trucks | \$250 |
| Shingles | \$.05/ft ² |
| Mattress, box springs, couches, appliances | |
| BBQ's/propane tanks | \$10 per item |
| Metal sheds | \$20 each |
| Unbagged yard waste (untreated lumber, trees, shrubs, Stumps, branches, leaves, grass & garden refuse | |
| | No charge – in pit |

Watering Days

Below is a schedule of the days when you can water your lawns and gardens:

North side of Royal Street-Wed, Fri, & Sun

South side of Royal Street-Tues, Thurs & Sat

There is no watering on Mondays.

Early morning and evenings are the most efficient watering times.

Trees over the Sidewalks

There are several locations around Town where the property owner's trees/shrubs have overgrown the Town's sidewalks which make the sidewalk unusable. Please check your trees and trim them back from the sidewalk. It is your responsibility to not let your trees grow over the sidewalks.

Back Alleys

The Town Foreman would like to be able to grade the back alleys but is unable to get the grader down some of them because of branches hanging over the alley. So if you would like to see the alleys graded we ask that you please trim the branches from your trees.

Permits

Permits are required for all new building construction; garages, carports, decks, mobile home; relocation of an existing building; demolition of an existing building; fireplaces, wood stoves & heaters; retaining walls; temporary buildings; renovations, alterations & additions to an existing building; & basement development in a dwelling unit **prior** to any work being undertaken.

Permits are not required for fences; driveways & parking lots; sidewalks; painting, decorating, laying carpet & general maintenance; replacement using the same materials & not affecting the structural, electrical or mechanical systems (roofing, siding, windows not including required egress windows); accessory buildings (garden sheds, tool sheds) not greater than 10m² in area; & swimming pools & hot tubs less than 600 mm in depth.

Permit application forms can be obtained at the Town Office.

Population

In the 2016 census the Town of Imperial's population increased 3% from 349 to 360.

Campground

Campground reservations are on a first come/first served basis

Upcoming Community Events

Sat, May 20 – “Free” dump day at the Waste Transfer Station.

Fri, May 12 – “Mother’s Day Tea” at the Imperial Library from 11 – 4.

Sat, May 13 – Imperial Dance Club’s dance recital at the Imperial Community Centre.

Fri, June 9 – Imperial School’s Grad.

Tues, June 20 – Imperial & District Service Club’s “Community Barbeque” fund raiser for the Imperial & District Ambulance