

Town of Imperial

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Power Outages

We have experienced several lengthy power outages in the last few months. These outages put the water and sewer systems in jeopardy. In the event of an outage we are asking you to discontinue any outside watering and restrict your inside usage.

Building Bylaw

The Town of Imperial has entered into a contract with Municode Services Ltd. to do a complete review of all plans and specifications for all permit applications for compliance with *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act* and regulations, The National Building Code of Canada, and its reference standards. They will complete on-site inspections to determine if the construction complies with the approved plans and all regulations.

Building permits **are** required for all of the following projects:

- new building construction
- garages & carports
- decks
- mobile homes
- 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

Building permits **are not** required for the following projects:

- fences
- driveways & parking lots
- sidewalks
- painting, decorating, laying carpet & general maintenance
- replacement using the same materials & not affecting 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

The permit fee for construction, erection, placement, alteration, repair, renovation or reconstruction of a building shall be based on the following:

- permit administration fee of \$50.00 for processing, handling & issuance of a building permit; plus
- the service fees for plan review, field inspection of construction & enforcement services; plus
- maintenance fee charged by SAMA

All fees will be collected prior to the permit being issued.

Failure to comply with the bylaw could result in an order being issued and failure to comply with an order could result in fines of up to \$5,000 per day for each day of non-compliance.

Custom Work

All requests for custom work must be placed with the Town Office prior to any work being completed. Your request will be placed on a list and dealt with as soon as possible. All town work will be completed before any custom work requests are dealt with.

In the case of an emergency (sewer blockage; frozen water line; etc.), after regular office hours, contact the Town Foreman.

Water, Sewer & Garbage Collection Rates

The Town has received approval from the Municipal Board to increase the quarterly water and sewer rates over the next three years as follows:

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
2017	\$94.00	\$30.00
2018	\$98.00	\$32.00
2119	\$102.00	\$34.00

Effective, January 1, 2017, the garbage collection rate will increase to \$50.00 per quarter.

Cable

Please call the Town Office if you're experiencing any cable problems.

Flowers

Thank you to the Royal Bank for the generous donation of \$1,000 to purchase the flowers for the planters on main street. Also, thank you to all the ladies

who helped to plant the flowers and to Teri Danyluk for the donation of extra flowers.

E-Mail Addresses:

If you are interested in receiving the Town newsletters or notifications by e-mail (water emergencies, etc.) please fill out the e-mail consent form below and return it to the Town Office.

Land Line/Cell Numbers

Please provide the Town Office with your current phone numbers – both your land line and cell number. In order to reach people during water breaks and other disruptions to services we need this information on file.

E-Mail Consent Form

The Town of Imperial now offers residents the opportunity to receive specific municipal notices as attachments in an email rather than by regular mail.

Transmitting information by e-mail has a number of risks that residents should be aware of. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- E-mail can be circulated, forwarded, and stored in numerous paper and electronic files.
- E-mail can be immediately broadcast worldwide and be received by many intended and unintended recipients.
- E-mail senders can easily misaddress an email.
- E-mail is easier to falsify than handwritten or signed documents.
- Backup copies of e-mail may exist even after the sender or the recipient has deleted their copy.
- E-mail can be intercepted, altered, forwarded, or used without authorization or detection.
- E-mail can be used to introduce viruses into computer systems.
- E-mail can be used as evidence in court.

The Town of Imperial will use reasonable means to protect the security and confidentiality of e-mail information sent and received. However, because of the risks outlined above, the municipality cannot guarantee the security and confidentiality of e-mail communication, and will not be liable for improper disclosure of confidential information. For this reason, the customer must consent to the use of e-mail for delivery of municipal notices.

Consent to the use of e-mail for the delivery of municipal notices includes agreement with the following:

1. Failure to receive an e-mailed municipal notice does not release me from my responsibility to pay any charges specified on the notice, or any penalties which may be incurred by late payment.
2. I will inform the Town of Imperial of any change in my e-mail address as soon as possible, to prevent the misdirection of notices and reduce the risk of my not receiving a notice.
3. I may withdraw from e-mail delivery at any time. To do so I will inform the Town of Imperial, and all notices which were previously e-mailed to me will be sent by regular mail.

Customer Acknowledgement and Consent

(original document must be signed and returned to the Town Office)

Customer name _____

Customer mailing address _____

Customer e-mail address _____

I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this document, and consent to the delivery of specific municipal notices from the Town of Imperial to me by e-mail.

Customer signature _____ **Date** _____