Town of Imperial

From the Mayor's desk

Well, a year has come and gone since a new Mayor and council were put into place and I wonder where the time has gone. A lot has taken place since that time and several things have occurred since my last report to you. I would just like to take a little time to point a few of these out.

We were successful in lobbying to get the entrance into town repaved. It seemed to only make sense to get it done while there was a crew parked only meters away doing the highway. Not everyone agreed that that was the case but fortunately the Minister of Highways did. We are now, however, responsible for the maintenance of that stretch of road but I have spoken to the Department of Highways and they have agreed to continue to help with it.

The town water is nice again, back to its quality of a few years ago thanks to a new set of filters similar to the original ones along with a regular maintenance schedule and a regular monitoring report to council.

We have had some concerns expressed about the driving practices on main street and in the school zone – in front of and near the school. On main street please use the intersections to make a u-turn as it is dangerous to turn across the street to park or back across the street when leaving. Please slow down when driving through the school zone – our students are in short supply as it is. The RCMP is monitoring both of these concerns and if they continue to happen the RCMP will be forced to take action.

We have seen the construction of two more houses in town this fall and we have sold property to a couple more people who plan on building or moving new homes in. This not only helps build a bigger tax base but helps with children for the school and provides more people to support our local businesses.

The community housing project is progressing nicely. Luckily we were able to get it closed in just in time. It will hopefully be completed early this winter. We still have a few shares to sell or if you wish a donation could result in a 42% tax saving.

Once again this winter the Richardson's will be cleaning the snow off the sidewalks on main street while the RM will be blading the snow on our streets. The town no longer has a grader as it is deemed unsafe to operate. The grader has been sold to Bob Lewis.

Thanks to all of you who help to keep our town clean and attractive. It is great as well to drive around at this time of year and see all the decorations and lights that adorn our yards and homes.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of our council, to wish everyone a very joyous and happy Christmas.

Holiday Store Hours

Note – all businesses are closed December 25 and 26 and January 1 unless otherwise noted.

Town Office	Closed Dec 23, 24, 27, 28 & Jan 3
Royal Bank	Closed Dec 24 & 31 @ 3; Dec 27, 28 & Jan 3
Doctor's Office	Closed Dec 27, 28 & 31
Imperial Garage	Dec 24 & 31 at noon; Open Dec 27 & 28
Post Office	Closed Dec 24 & 31 at 4; Dec 27 & 28
Imperial Library	Closed Dec 28, 29 & 30. Reopens Jan 4
Kelly's Store	Closed Dec 24 @ 3:30; Open Dec 27 & 28
Imperial Co-Op	Closed Dec 24 @ 3; Dec 27 & 28; Dec 31 @ 4; Jan 3
Imperial Family Restaurant	See posters at restaurant
One-On-One Hair Salon	Closed Dec 24 & 31@ 2; Dec 27 & 28; Jan 3
Long Lake Insurance	Closed Dec 24 & 27; Dec 31 @ 2; Jan 3
Bourassa & Associates	Closed Dec 24 & 27; Dec 31 @ 3; Jan 3
Lewis Agencies	Closed Dec 24; Dec 31 @ 2; Jan 3; Open Dec 27 & 28
Pritchard's Fuel Services	Closed Dec 24 & 31 @ noon; Dec 27 & Jan 3
Imperial Pharmacy	Open regular hours
Imperial Hotel	Close Dec 24 @ 7; Dec 26 open @ noon until late; Dec 31 – supper & party; Jan 1-regular hours