

# Town of Imperial

## To the Residents of Imperial

Once again the volunteers in our community have successfully completed another event. Despite the cool rainy weather the Relay for Life has raised \$27,586. Without that volunteer spirit this would never be possible, so, a huge thank you to all the volunteers and participants.

With the longest day of the year and the first day of summer less than a week away, our thoughts turn to mowing grass and weeding gardens. Along with the lawns and gardens goes the thought of watering. Once again this year the town will ask that you only water on certain days. Now with it being so wet we would wonder why we need to water or why we would want to ration water. The problem is not that we are short of water, in fact, we have a very stable supply of water. The problem is simply keeping the water tower at a level to handle an emergency such as a fire if one should occur. So, by allowing one side of the town to water one day and the other side another day this helps us to maintain an adequate level in the tower. List of designated watering days on back of sheet.

Also, at this time of year as summer arrives so do our tax notices. You will have noticed by now that our property taxes have risen. The reason for the increase is to help the health foundation cover the costs of keeping a doctor in town plus other costs to run Long Lake Valley that the health district downloads onto our community.

The town has had to cut back in other areas as well, such as street surfacing to help balance the budget as costs have risen substantially for everything over the last few years. We are going to be keeping the back alleys better maintained using our own grader. But to do that we need your help. In some alleys the trees have grown out making it impossible to get down them with the grader. The town's right-of-way is 20 feet across starting from the power poles. If you have a tree that has grown across this path we would ask that you have it trimmed back a bit. If you are unable to do it or get someone to do it please call us at the town office and we will try and help.

Our community housing project will be started within the next two weeks. To date we have raised \$67,000 in donations and shares plus six more shares totalling \$30,000 committed. We still have a few shares left to sell so please give us a call if you would be interested in one.

New channels are now on the cable system. CTV Newsnet on channel 7; National Geographic on 46; American Movie Classics on 47; Maximum Party music channel on 48 and Easy Listening music on 49. The rate increases will take effect August 1, 2010. We apologize for the delays and thank you for your patience.

Harvey McLane  
Mayor

Below is a list of your designated watering days:

North side of Royal (Main) Street – Wednesday, Friday & Sunday

South side of Royal (Main) Street – Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

Please note, there is no watering on Mondays and the most efficient times to water are early mornings and evenings.