

Mayor, council and staff for the Town of Imperial extend Season's Greetings to the residents of Imperial and the surrounding community. Council would like to thank the volunteer fire fighters and all other volunteers who give their time to the numerous boards, committees and organizations in our community.

2017 was another busy year for the town. Sand sealant and calcium chloride was applied to several streets. Portions of sidewalks were removed and replaced making them safer to walk on. Rubber stone was applied to some sidewalks on main street. Trees were trimmed. Several trees were removed and will be replaced in 2018. A new backhoe was purchased. The town will be selling the old backhoe in the near future.

We would like to welcome Hayley Howard from Norquay who has been hired as the Assistant Administrator. She is being trained to take over the Administrator position from our current Administrator who will be retiring June 1. Hayley is currently enrolled in the Local Government Authority classes. She will complete the first two classes in December and the last two in April.

Water & Sewer Rates

Effective, January 1, 2018 the quarterly rates for water increase to \$98; sewer to \$32; garbage remains the same at \$50.

Waste Transfer Station

The days and hours at the waste transfer station from November 1 to March 31 are Tuesday and Saturday 12 noon to 5 pm. From April 1 to October 31 the days and hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 12 noon to 5 pm.

Following Christmas, garbage collection will be Wednesday, December 27.

Cable Rates

Effective, January 1, 2018 the monthly basic cable rate will increase to \$58 plus taxes. The fee for an additional box will increase to \$1.50 plus taxes. The movie package will remain the same at \$16.50 plus taxes.

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Building Permits

A building permit is required for new construction; renovations, alterations and additions to existing buildings; basement development; garages and carports; decks; mobile homes; fireplaces, wood stoves and heaters; retaining walls; temporary buildings; moving a building; and demolition of a building. Please contact the Town Office If you have any questions. Permits <u>must</u> be in place prior to any work being undertaken.

Taxes

Tax payments are due by December 31. Outstanding amounts will incur a 15% interest charge on January 1.

Town Website

Check out the Town of Imperial's website at http://www.imperial.ca. Listed under the Town Council tab you can find several useful bylaws and policies.

Snowmobiles, ATV's, Motor Bikes

The Town has a bylaw which permits the operation of snowmobiles between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. on all streets and lanes with the exception of Royal Street, between Railway Avenue and Prairie Avenue (from the Hotel to the Catholic Church). The bylaw prohibits the use of snowmobiles, at any time, within the park areas (around the tennis court and the park and the RV campground at the west end of Royal Street). All-terrain vehicles are prohibited on any municipal land. Please stay out of the parks and off private land with your snowmobile, ATV or motor bikes. They are noisy and they also destroy the trees.

Mayor Ted Abrey Councillors Brent Ingram, Pat Joa, Ryan Kelly, Susan Parish, Les Sainsbury & Randy Shaw Chief Administrative Officer Sheila Newlove Assistant Administrator Hayley Howard Foreman Kelvin Klenk

Imperial Community Rink 2017/2018 Newsletter

A New rink season is once again upon us! As we come up on this season we put to rest the 2016/2017 season. Some of the major fundraisers held at the rink were:

Imperial Rec Tournament
Ladies Bonspiel

Blues Spiel

Minor Hockey Fundraiser

\$17,950 profit
\$3,536 profit
\$1,942 profit
\$3,060 profit

The above amounts do not include the profits generated by the bar (\$9,365) and the kitchen (\$10,291). Without these fundraisers the rink would not be able to operate. We ask that people continue to support fundraisers like the Rec Hockey Tourney, the Blues Spiel, Ladies Bonspiel and Minor Hockey Day.

Keep January 19 and 20 open for the Rec Hockey Tournament and Casino nights. Minor Hockey day will be held January 27. The Imperial Sabres are once again active at the rink. Be sure to come out and support the Senior Hockey team.

Keith Busche has been hired to look after the curling ice. Thank you to Keith and everyone who has volunteered to get the curling ice up and running. Curling begins December 6. Please register your team with Keith at 963-2754. The Ladies Bonspiel will be held March 2, 3 & 4 and the Blues Spiel on January 27. Watch for posters for other upcoming bonspiels.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to flood the ice, paint the lines and paint the upstairs.

Thank you to Daryl Lewis for donating a TV and the town for providing cable to the rink. We are looking for one more TV for the main floor of the rink. If anyone has one that they would be willing to donate please contact Ryan or Sharla.

Thank you to Kelvin Klenk and Randy VanDamme for donating their time for the repairs to the rink.

The rink is run primarily on a volunteer basis for a lot of things such as flooding early in the season, work nights and kitchen shifts. Like any small town, without people donating their time we would not be able to operate. We strongly encourage you to help out when needed. When you are scheduled for a rink kitchen shift either work it yourself or find a student to work it for you. Remember you will only have to work a maximum of two kitchen shifts per rink season. As you can see above, the rink kitchen is a vital source of revenue for the rink and we need to continue with the volunteer kitchen workers. To those of you who volunteer and help out, we thank you.

This year, the Imperial Rink Committee is offering a recreational hockey program for boys and girls 12 & up. The program runs on Tuesday nights at 7:30. Players wear full equipment, and the programs consists of a 30 minute practice/warm-up followed by three 20 minute periods. A referee officiates the game. There is a \$5.00 per night fee. If you have a youth that is interested in participating, please contact Ken Vanthuyne at 306-917-7979 or Ryan Kelly at 306-963-7766.

Our rink is busier this year as the Simpson Demon rec hockey team and the Hockey Bags are playing games here.

Frank and Mary Martens are once again the caretakers for the rink and Sharla Taylor will be stocking and cleaning the kitchen.

With the new rink season there have been some changes to the Imperial Community Rink Committee:

Ryan Kelly Chairman/Council Rep Vice Chairman/Curling Keith Busche Secretary/Member-at-Large Christa McLane Rink Kitchen Sharla Taylor Senior Hockey David Baade Minor Hockey Denny Freeman Kathy Williams Learn to Skate **Rec Hockey Daryl Lewis**

Member-at-Large Spencer Crittenden

<u>Single skates</u> are to be paid <u>every time</u> you skate. It is \$5.00 per person per skate. There is a box located by the skating ice. Envelopes are available for you to place your money in and deposit in the box. Write your name on the front of the envelope.

All rink fees are due December 15. A 15% penalty will be added after this date. Fees can be mailed to or dropped off at the Town Office. If anyone has questions regarding the fees please contact the following people:

Ryan Kelly 306-963-7766 (cell) Sharla Taylor 306-963-2264 (home) 306-963-7902 (cell)

Rink Schedule

Monday:

4:00 – 7:00 Public Skating 7:30 Demons

Tuesday:

4:00 – 7:00 Public Skating 7:30 – 9:00 Youth Rec Hockey/ Hockey Bags

Wednesday:

4:00 – 7:45 6 & Under Hockey Practice

8:15 – 11:00 Rec Hockey

Thursday:

4:00 – 6:00 Learn to Skate 7:00 – 9:00 Public Skating

Friday:

4:00 – 7:15 Public Skating 7:30 – 11:00 Senior Hockey

Saturday:

9:00 – 12:00 Public Skating 1:00 – 7:00 Public Skating 7:30 – 11:00 Senior Hockey

Sunday:

12:00 – 6:00 Public Skating 7:30 – 11:00 Rec Hockey

If there is something scheduled, it will be marked on the calendar at the rink. If there is nothing scheduled then that time turns into public skating.

