



Merry Christmas



As 2021 draws to a close the Mayor, council and staff would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday season. We would like to thank our volunteer fire fighters, ambulance attendants & community volunteers your time and commitment are inspiring, also a shout out to the many generous community members we have making monetary donations within the community. Thank you!

As most of you are or should be aware of by now either through word of mouth or your letter in the mail from RBC, they are closing our branch at the end of June 2022. We know fighting big business is not easy but as a community we must rally together to see if this decision can be reversed. Losing this service in our community is detrimental for future growth, council will be seeking out options, but would also like to hear from community members. We need to work together to maintain and improve the services that we have. Share your ideas.

Year End

The Town of Imperial's year end is December 31. Please have all accounts paid in full. Tax payments are due by **December 31**. Late payments will incur a **15%** interest charge.

Water & Sewer Rates

Effective, January 1, 2022 the quarterly rates for water increases to **\$111**; sewer to **\$40**; and the garbage will be **\$60**. Quarterly bills will be **\$211** assuming no overages on water.

New & Exciting News

After the Municipal Bi-election on November 24, 2021 we welcome new councillor Debbie Van Damme. She will be replacing Jonathon King who moved back to Ontario.

Imperial Community Rink

The Imperial Oilers will be hosting their annual Rec hockey tournament January 14 & 15 2022. You can stay up to date on plans for that on Facebook search up Imperial Oilers Rec Tourney and Casino Night. Public skating fees are as follows; individual **\$5** per skate, annual individual **\$115** or annual family rate **\$300**.

The curling plant is up and running, they will be painting white in the next day or two. There are few ideas floating around, one is the seniors would like anyone interested in stick curling during the day to please reach out, as well council would like to express that the ice is there to use, so similar to a golf game if you can get 6 or 8 people together for a game on any given day feel free to pay your fees and get together for a game or have a family curling night. We will have a calendar up on the curling side just write down a time. They will also be organizing a regular curling night(s). Call Ryan @ 963-7766 or Gordy 540-7652 for details.

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. Permits **MUST** be in place prior to any work starting.

Garbage Collection

Christmas garbage collection will be on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 and Tuesday January 4, 2022. The Recycling bins will be emptied on December 21 and will be ready for all the Christmas cardboard. Please remember to break down your boxes, and only clear plastic bags with shredded paper are allowed in the recycling bins.

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.

Last Minute Christmas Needs

The Town office will have Town of Imperial bunny hugs on hand as well $\frac{3}{4}$ length baseball shirts. Various sizes and colours. Stop by for some last minute shopping. New baseball shirts are same price as t-shirts \$25+ tax.

Did you Know

Insurance seems to be taking a large jump, the Town's insurance policy is increasing by 20% for the 2022 year. The premium will be over \$50,000.

Holiday Store Hours

Note - All businesses are closed December 25, 26 and January 1 unless otherwise noted

Town Office – Closed Dec. 24 – Dec. 28 Closed Dec. 31 @ Noon Closed Jan. 3rd - 5th

Imperial Garage – Closed at noon Dec. 24. Closed Dec. 27 & Jan. 3

Imperial Family Restaurant – see poster at restaurant

Imperial Co-Op (Store/Bulk) – Closed Dec. 24 & 31 at 3:30pm

Rite Way – Closed Dec. 24 to Jan. 2 inclusive

Lewis Agencies – Closed Dec. 24 & 27

Imperial Post Office – Closed at 4pm Dec. 24 & 31. Closed Dec 27, 28 & Jan 3

Long Lake Insurance- Closed Dec. 24, 27 & Jan 3. Closed at noon Dec 31

Grain and Pulse Bakery Café - Closed Dec. 25 – Jan. 25 inclusive

Imperial Market Square – Closed Dec. 29

Royal Bank – Closed at 3pm Dec. 24 & 31. Closed Dec. 27, 28 & Jan 3

Richardson Pioneer – Closed Dec. 27, 28 & Jan 3

Lab & X-Ray – Closed Dec. 28 – 30 inclusive

Mayor Ted Abrey

Councillors Debbie Van Damme, Pat Joa, Ryan Kelly, Susan Parish, Les Sainsbury & Randy Shaw

Administrator Joslin Freeman

Assistant Administrator Kerrie Sainsbury

Foreman Kelvin Klenk

Assistant Tim Baker

Waste Transfer Station Attendant Shirley Flostrand

Mayor, councillors, and staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

