



Town of Imperial

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Spring Newsletter 2022

The wind told the grass
The grass told the trees
The trees told the bushes
The bushes told the bees
The bees told the robin
And the robin sang out clear
Wake up
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Spring is here

2022 Budget

With Spring around the corner and things opening up, let the community spirit and sun shine. Bring on the family bbqs, fundraisers, ball tournaments, and community events. The 2022 budget was passed at the March Council Meeting. After looking at this year's taxes council decided to increase the base tax which effects everyone equally. Everyone will see a \$75 increase on their taxes for 2022. Here is a listing of the budget items slated for 2022.

- Calcium chloride applied to Duke Street from Virginia Avenue to Saskatchewan Avenue and Prince Street from Virginia Avenue to the RM grid.
- \$50,000 allotted for gravel crushing for future road repairs and maintenance.
- Replace the pumps at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Tree trimming on Prince Street.

- Wheel chair accessible door at the Community Centre.
- Purchase a rural fire fighting truck with the cost shared with surrounding Rural Municipalities.
- Safety firefighting gear, masks, filters, and leaf blowers.
- Metric Greenhouse has been contracted to plant the flowers around town.
- Arena upgrade.
- Annual sewer line cleaning.
- Twenty new external read water meters.

Did you know? That a running toilet can waste 4070 gallons in less than a week! Please check your toilets.

Did you know? Pump replacements at the water treatment plant costs are \$13,000.

Loraas Garbage Disposal

We are currently 2 weeks into the current contract with Loraas Disposal for curbside garbage removal. The town was at a cross road as our contract was up and we needed a new garbage truck. The decision was made to go to curbside pickup. Garbage is never a fun topic nor is making decisions regarding it. We do have a wonderful program in town at Jack's place. Which

helps reduce waste in our Waste transfer station. Even with that the town was still losing a significant amount of money in garbage. So some changes were made, first being curbside pickup, second commercial businesses are now paying their own tipping fees based on their specific need and the last piece is the that fees at the waste transfer station needed to increase.

Waste Transfer Station Hours of Operations

April 1 – October 31: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - Noon – 5 p.m.

Waste Transfer Station Fees

5 or less bags of waste **\$10**

Small utility trailer **\$20**

½ ton truck load **\$30**

Large utility trailers **\$75 to \$100**

Mattress, box spring, couch, appliance

BBQ's, propane tank **\$20 per item**

Metal sheds **\$40 each**

Shingles by appointment only **\$7.50 per bundle**

Wood waste (untreated lumber, trees, shrubs, stumps, branches) **N/C dumped in the pit** Un-bagged yard waste (leaves, grass clippings and garden refuse) **N/C dumped in composting pile**

Just a reminder that tree branches and leaves are now picked up semiannually. The next scheduled pick up is after the May long weekend. The fall pick up will be after the Thanksgiving long weekend. Tree branches and leaves are free to take to the waste transfer station, if you are unable to do so and would like the town to take them before a scheduled pick up you can call the office and for \$10.00 you can have them picked up.

Reminder all leaves must be in a biodegradable bag for spring and fall pickup. Large biodegradable plastic leaf bags (35" x 55") are available at the town office for \$1.00 per bag.

Watering Days

Below is a schedule of the days when you can water your lawns and gardens: North side of Royal Street-Wed, Fri, & Sun South side of Royal Street-Tues, Thurs & Sat There is no watering on Mondays. Early morning and evenings are the most efficient watering times.

Permits

Permits are required for all new building construction; garages, carports, decks, mobile home; 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 **prior** to any work being undertaken. **A stop work order will be issued if permits are not in place before construction or renovations begin.** Please understand that even though it is an added cost to your renovation or addition however for your safety and insurance purposes a permit is a cheap precaution to take. And down the road if you are selling your home people interested in buying them are now asking to see the permits used when considering a sale. We would also like to let you know that the town does not make much money off the permit fees. They are \$70 which is just for the administrative work to submit the permits. Permits are **Not** required for fences; driveways & parking lots; sidewalks; painting, decorating, laying carpet & general maintenance; replacement using

the same materials & not affecting the 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. Permit application forms can be obtained at the Town Office. If you are unsure just call and ask. We are happy to assist you.

Reminders

Campground reservations are on a first come/first served basis.

Please keep your dogs on a leash or in a fenced in yard.

Please clean up after your pets.

Please check your trees and trim them back from the sidewalk & back alleys. It is your responsibility to not let your trees grow over the town's property.

Please keep your cats in your own yards.

Laminating services now offered at the Town office \$1.00 per page

Upcoming Community Events:

Imperial Library Mother's Day Tea & Craft sale May 5, 2022 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Imperial School Community Carnival May 13, 2022 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Hospital Auxiliary Bake Sale at Imperial Community Hall June 16 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Mayor, Ted Abrey

Councilors, Debbie VanDamme, Pat Joa, Ryan Kelly, Susan Parish, Les Sainsbury and Randy Shaw

Chief Administrative Officer, Joslin Freeman

**Assistant Administrator, Kerrie Sainsbury
Town Foreman, Kelvin Klenk**

A large thank you goes out to CIC Electric for the generous donation of the new led lights in the curling lobby this past winter.

Also a large thank you to the recent volunteers that have been helping with the arena upgrade. It is very much appreciated. The arena upgrades are making great progress. Go for a walk and stop in for a look. We know there were some people wanting to volunteer, no worries there are more people needed when the contractor mobilizes to site. If you would like to be on the volunteer list, please contact the town office.

