



# Merry Christmas



*Mayor, council and staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We would like to thank our volunteer fire fighters, ambulance attendants & community volunteers. Your time and commitment are inspiring. A large shout out to the many generous community members we have making monetary donations as well as donation of time within our community. Thank you!*

## 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 30**. Late payments will incur a **15%** interest charge. The Town office will be closing to the public at **NOON** on December 30 to allow for a bank deposit. Please have your taxes in by noon on December 30, 2022 to avoid an interest penalty.*

## Water & Sewer Rates

*Effective, January 1, 2023 the quarterly rates for water increases to **\$114**; sewer to **\$43**; and the garbage will be **\$60**. Quarterly bills will be **\$217** assuming no overages on water.*

## New & Exciting News

*Access Communications will be assuming our cable system as of February 1, 2023. Nothing will change as far as price until later in the year. In June they will be offering up all the programming they have to offer as a preview. Then Access will be calling each resident to customize their cable tv needs. They will also be bringing in faster internet for whoever may want that as well. A community channel will also be back to advertise community events on.*

## Imperial Community Rink

*All the upgrades are done at the rink. The final walk through occurred on Tuesday December 13, 2022. We are happy to report that the project came in just under budget given all the challenges of the supply chains and inflation this is a bonus. It could not have been possible without all*

the volunteers that spent countless hours, painting, putting up tin, laying pipe, pulling pipe, tying rebar, making coffee, baking cookies, the list is endless. An extra special thank you goes out to Kelvin, he may have spent many town hours at the arena but he also went above and beyond with his volunteer time as well. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! The Imperial Oilers will be hosting their annual Rec hockey tournament and Vegas night January 13 & 14 2023. Public skating fees are as follows; individual \$5 per skate, annual individual \$125 or annual family rate \$330. The curling plant is up and running, they will be making ice over the next week or two. Council would like to remind everyone 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.

#### Waste Transfer Station

There will be a change in Waste Transfer Station Hours Effective January 1, 2023. The day and hours at the waste transfer station from November 1 to March 31 will be **Saturday 10 am to 4 pm**. Council will review the summer hours in March. For now, the April 1 to October 31 days and hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 12 noon to 5 pm.

#### Last Minute Christmas Gifts

The Town of Imperial shirts with the new designs ARE FINALLY IN!!! We had ordered extra hoodies, and  $\frac{3}{4}$  baseball shirts to have extra for Christmas. We were hoping they would have been here sooner, however Little Town had supply chain issues on their end for shirts. Stop in for some last minute Christmas gifts. New colours new designs.



### 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.*

### Holiday Store Hours

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

Town Office – Closed Dec. 23 – Dec. 27 Closed Dec. 30 @ Noon Closed Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

Imperial Garage Closed Dec. 24 – 26

Imperial Family Restaurant – see poster at restaurant

Imperial Co-Op (Store/Bulk) – Open Dec. 24 9 - 2 pm Dec. 31 9 – 2 pm Closed Jan. 2

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

Lewis Agencies – Closed Dec. 23

Imperial Post Office – See Poster at Office

Long Lake Insurance- Closed Dec. 27 & Jan. 2.

Grain and Pulse Bakery Café – Closed January & February inclusive Open for Valentines Supper Feb. 14

Imperial Market Square – Closed Dec. 28 and Jan. 4

Richardson Pioneer – Closed Dec. 27 & Jan. 2

Lab & X-Ray – Closed Dec. 27 – 30 inclusive

Waste Transfer Station will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

### Coming Events

December 18 2:30 pm Harmony Suite Concert @ Imperial Community Centre

Imperial School Christmas Concert December 21 @ 7:00 pm

January 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> - Annual Rec Hockey tourney & Vegas Night

Watch for Ladies Bonspiel Date

March 25 - Duelling Pianos at Imperial Community Centre





*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!**



IT'S NOT WHAT'S  
under the tree  
THAT MATTERS  
it's who's gathered  
AROUND IT