

# Town of Imperial

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Newsletter  
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## 2015 Budget

Council passed the 2015 budget at their April 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Due to increased spending council had to make a very tough decision, but felt it was necessary, to make a small increase to taxes. The mill rate will increase from 2.86 to 3 plus the base tax on a residential property with buildings will increase \$55 and the base tax on a commercial property with buildings will increase \$60. Some of the items included in the budget are:

- re-roofing the Town Office
- condenser at the skating rink
- applying sand sealant to Queen St. from Forest Ave. to Prairie; Prairie and Forest Ave. from Royal St. to Queen St; Prince St. from Railway Ave. to Prairie Ave.
- sidewalk replacement/repairs
- purchase of replacement trees
- purchase of Christmas decorations
- equipment for Fire Department
- donation to the Ambulance
- street lights at the corners of Queen St. and the east municipal road and Duke St. and Virginia Ave.

## Rink Condenser

On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> the Imperial & District Service Club held a very successful evening with around 160 people packing the Community Centre to enjoy the entertaining "Travelling Mabels". All proceeds from the evening are for the condenser at the rink. The Service Club has already made a donation to this project of \$5,000 and feel the fundraiser will net an additional \$4,000. The Royal Bank has also made a donation of \$1,000 and the Imperial Family Restaurant \$500. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile fundraiser. The rink is a very vital part of our community. The Town of Imperial will accept donations to this project and will issue tax deductible receipts.

## 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.

## Community Centre

Community Centre bookings are done through the Town Office. Prior to renting the Community Centre a rental agreement must be completed and signed. A 50% deposit is required when booking to secure the room.

An interesting note – the heating bills at the Community Centre since we installed the new roof and insulation:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
January	3,210.41	418.99
February	1,267.52	454.95
March	<u>828.88</u>	<u>1,576.29</u>
Total	5,306.81	2,450.23

## Party Tent & Picnic Tables

The Town has available for rent a 20' x 20' solid wall tent for local functions. The tent is rented for \$200 for the first day and \$50 for each subsequent day. The rent includes the set-up and take-down of the tent.

The Town also has twenty 8' picnic tables which can be rented for local functions. These tables can be rented for \$25 per table which includes a \$10 refundable damage deposit, if the tables are returned undamaged.

Prior to renting the tent or the picnic tables a rental agreement must be completed and signed at the Town Office.

## Trees & Shrubs on Town Property

All requests to plant or remove a tree or shrub on town property must be in writing and approved by council. Any tree removed is to be replaced by the property owner paying the cost of the replacement tree. Also, cost of the tree removal is the responsibility of the property owner.

## Traffic Bylaw

There are a few items in the Town's Traffic bylaw (#4-2012) that need to be pointed out:

- i) Vehicles cannot be parked on the streets in one place for any period of time for longer than 24 hours.
- ii) Vehicles cannot be parked on any streets with a weight of more than 5,500 kg.
- iii) Bicycles cannot be ridden on the sidewalks.
- iv) It is illegal to drive across a street or avenue other than at an intersection or lane.
- v) All-terrain vehicles are prohibited on any municipal land, which includes the streets.

**Trees over the Sidewalks**

There are several locations around Town where the property owner’s trees/shrubs have overgrown the Town’s sidewalks which make the sidewalk unusable. Please check your trees and trim them back from the sidewalk. It is your responsibility to not let your trees grown over the sidewalks.

**Back Alleys**

The Town Foreman would like to be able to grade the back alleys but is unable to get the grader down some of them because of branches hanging over the alley. So if you would like to see the alleys graded we ask that you please trim the branches from your trees.

**Cable**

Cable accounts are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please call the Town Office if you’re experiencing any cable problems.

**Water & Sewer**

Effective January 1, 2015 water was increased \$3.50 per quarter and sewer was increased \$1.00. Water and sewer accounts are due 30 days from the date of mailing.

**Permits**

Permits are required for all building, demolition or moving. Permits can be obtained at the Town Office for \$25 and must be submitted to council for approval prior to any work being undertaken.

**Campground**

Campground bookings are done through the Imperial Hotel (963-2270).

**Rink Fees**

Rink fees can be paid at the Town Office. Anyone who has not yet paid their 2014-2015 rink fees please do so as soon as possible.

**Landfill**

Landfill hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. A \$25 waste transfer card station can now be purchased at the Town Office.

**Dogs & Cats**

Dog owners, please, remember that you must keep your dog under control at all times. They must be confined to your yard or controlled by a lease or other such method.

Several complaints have been received in the Town Office regarding cats wandering onto private property. Please try and keep your cats on your own property.

**Beautifican Committee**

Thanks to the Royal Bank’s generous donation of \$1,000 we will once again be filling our planters with flowers. If you are willing to help with the planting of the flowers please call Susan Parish at 963-2295 or Marjorie Klenk at 963-2019.

**2017 Celebration**

In 2017, Canada will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday! If you are interested in helping to organize a Town celebration please call the Town Office and leave your name and phone number. If there is enough interest an organizational meeting will be arranged at a later date.

**Upcoming Community Events**

Thurs, April 23 – Senior’s “Pie & Coffee” at the Imperial Community Centre from 2–4. All proceeds to the Community Centre.

Tues, April 28 – The LLVIF Auxiliary “Bake Sale” at the Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility at 2:30. All proceeds are used to purchase items for the residents at the facility. Baking donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at 1.

Sat, May 9 – Imperial Dance Club’s dance recital at the Imperial Community Centre.

Fri, June 12 – Imperial School’s Grad.

*Spring is nature’s way of saying, “Let’s Party!”  
~Robin Williams~*