

Town of Imperial

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Newsletter
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2016 Budget

Council approved the 2016 budget at their April 13th council meeting. You will notice a small increase on your tax notice. Some of the items included in the budget are: purchase of a sea can for file storage; sand sealant on streets; sidewalk repairs; moving trees from the school to the west side of the RV campground/park and north of the Long Lake Valley Court; \$10,000 donation to the ambulance; refinish the hardwood flooring in the Community Centre; compressor at the rink.

Recycling

Council would like to know your opinion. If a single-stream recycling bin were to be placed at the Waste Transfer Station, would you use it? Please stop at the Town Office and sign the form.

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.

Cats & Dogs

Several complaints have been received with regards to the number of cats wandering onto private property and doing their "business" under decks, in flower beds and in gardens. Please try and keep your cats on your property.

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 leash or other such method.

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. Cost of the tree removal is the responsibility of the property owner.

Campground

Reservations are no longer being accepted for the campground, it is on a first-come first-serve basis.

Beautification Committee

Once again, thank you to the Royal Bank for the donation of \$1,000 for the purchase of flowers for the planters. If you are willing to help with the planting of the flowers please call Susan Parish at 963-2295.

Waste Transfer Station

On Saturday, May 21 there will be a **FREE** dump day from 9 am to 5 pm for the disposal of all refuse at the transfer station for the residents of Imperial and the R.M. of Big Arm.

Landfill hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from noon to 5 pm.

\$25 waste transfer station cards are available for purchase at the Town Office.

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.

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 over the Sidewalks

There are several locations around Town where property owner's trees/shrubs have grown over 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 ensure that your trees do not obstruct the use of the sidewalk.

Service Club Fundraiser

On Saturday, April 9th the Imperial and District Service Club hosted the "Calgary Dueling Pianos". The show was a huge success. After expenses the Service Club was able to donation \$4,000 to the rink and \$4,000 to the Community Centre.

Water & Sewer

Effective January 1, 2016 the water rate was increased \$3.50 per quarter and the sewer rate was increased \$1.00. Please remember that your water and sewer account is due 30 days from the date of mailing.

Cable

Cable accounts are due by the 15th of the month. Please call the Town Office if you're experiencing any cable problems.

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.

Rink Fees

All rink fees can be paid at the Town Office. Anyone who has not yet paid their 2015-2016 rink fees or public skating fees please do so as soon as possible.

Upcoming Community Events

Thurs, April 28 – Bingo at the Imperial Library at 6:30 pm.

Sun, May 1 – Dance Recital at the Imperial Community Centre at 4 pm.

Thurs, May 5 – Mother's Day Tea at the Imperial Library from noon – 4 pm.

Sun, May 8 – Mother's Day concert at the Pentecostal Church at 2 pm. Dessert and coffee will be served. Everyone welcome.

Thurs, May 12 – "Armchair Traveler" at the Imperial Library featuring the Imperial school student's European tour at 6:30 pm.

Fri, June 10 – Due to the school gym renovations the Imperial School graduation exercises will be held in the Community Centre starting at 7:30 p.m.

Thurs, June 16 – "Armchair Traveler" at the Imperial Library with Matt Remlinger at 6:30 pm.

"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush"
~Doug Larson~