



Town of Imperial



As I sit down to write our 2019 Christmas letter I can't help but reflect on what will be the end of a decade. Wow, What happens in 10 years? Well here are some highlights I have found, I am sure that as a community we all have some or all of the following that we can relate to, whether it is from things we do ourselves, things our kids do or have done, or maybe even things our grandparents have done. Just last weekend I was at a hockey tournament and I said to a lady beside me, "look over there, did you think you would ever see that?" To which she replied "No I did not", it was an elderly lady, I want to say late 70's, in a hockey rink, I can only assume at her grandchild's hockey game. She has her cell phone charger plugged into an outlet in the lobby charging while browsing on her phone. Times have changed and some things that have changed will make you smile, be sad, be scared, be worried, be happy. But in this ever changing world let's keep in mind that our loved ones are the most important people in our lives and the community that supports us. In this fast paced world of technology let's not forget what really matters. It is bonfires with family and friends, school plays, helping the elderly, respecting one another and just enjoying life. Life is short, eat the cake, buy the shoes, take the holiday, sit back and watch your kids play. Set down your phone and make the memory. I read an article about our ever changing technological world. We all have videos, and lots of photos, but it is all digital. Print the photos! What if we started making our own family time capsule, married, single, divorced, widowed we can all do it. Create your present self that can be shared in the future. But enough about all that. Here are 15 things to remember from this past decade, good, bad or otherwise:

1. Streaming became a viable alternative to cable.

2. Hipster culture, hipsters, beards, man buns.
3. Uber.
4. Smartphone era, no more buttons just touch screen.
5. The reality that becoming a Youtuber or gamer is now considered a valid profession.
6. The selfie boom.
7. The "comfortable" trend of wearing leggings as pants.
8. Meme overload.
9. The world of snap chat filters that I am 40 but look 20 with my ombre hair, dog ears, & flower crowns.
10. Dabbing, flossing and twerking.
11. Vapes and fidget spinners.
12. Virtual reality, doctors, specialists, secretaries, etc.
13. Dating apps.
14. Duck face, duck lips.
15. Questionable politics, Trump, Trudeau, Wexit, Brexit, etc.

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.

Imperial Community Rink

Imperial would like to thank Richardson Pioneer for the generous \$20,000 donation to replace the lights at the rink in the curling and skating areas. If you haven't seen them, go have a look they look awesome. Take your family out for a skate this Christmas or get together for a family curling game. Drop in fees payable at town office.

All rink fees are due by December 15.

A 15% penalty will be added after this date. Please remember that these fees are our only source of revenue for our rink aside from all the fundraising efforts that take place throughout the year.

Water & Sewer Rates

Effective, January 1, 2020 the quarterly rates for water increases to \$105; sewer to \$36; and the garbage will remain at \$50.

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 remain on Monday, December 23 and Monday December 30. The Recycling bins will be emptied on December 24 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.

Watrous RCMP

Mayor Abrey and myself attended a RCMP stakeholders meeting on the evening of Thursday Dec 6 in Watrous. It was a good meeting, but it did have some disconcerting news, which is that the Watrous RCMP Detachment will be taking an officer cut, they will be down to 4 officers. The take away from the meeting was we as community members are the eyes and ears for the RCMP. They gave many examples of robberies that occurred and because people were on the Sask Crime watch app the police were able to track and apprehend several criminals. For more information and to sign up go to www.saskcrimewatch.ca. Again in the ever changing world we all have to ban together and have a "Rolls Royce system on a Volkswagen budget."

Did You Know:

- ❖ That it costs the town \$950 per month for our street lights?
- ❖ That you can make a charitable tax donation to several different areas within our community, the community hall, rink, paving of streets. You can designate your donations!

- ❖ That it costs \$7500 annually for our NEWLY renovated library – Go take out a book and check out the renovations and their Facebook page for upcoming events.
- ❖ That in one month we have been able to reduce 2 garbage bins due to your recycling efforts.

New & Exciting News

The town office now has e-billing available for tax and utility bills. We would ultimately like to have everyone on e-billing to reduce paper and postage costs, however we understand that some people do not want to receive their bills that way. If e-billing is something that interests, you please contact the town office. There are still a few email addresses that we are missing and would like to have. With our e-billing we can also send out mass emails in case of emergencies or boil water advisories etc., so if you have an email address either call the town office with it or just drop a quick email to town.imperial@sasktel.net so we will have your address.

Mayor, councillors, and staff wish to extend Season's Greetings from their families to yours. Please be safe this holiday season and enjoy the little things!

*Mayor Ted Abrey
Councillors Brent Ingram, 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*

Holiday Store Hours

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

Town Office – closed December 24 – Dec 29 Closed Dec 31 @ 2:00pm closed Jan 2nd & 3rd

Imperial Garage – closed December 24 & 31 at noon

Kelly's Store – open December 25 and January 1

Imperial Family Restaurant – see poster at restaurant

Bourassa & Associates – closed December 24 at 3pm to January 1 inclusive

Richardson Pioneer – closed December 24 at noon and December 31 at 4pm

Imperial Hotel – December 24 – 11am - 6pm; December 26 – open regular hours; Jan 1 - open regular hours

Imperial Co-Op (Store/Bulk) – closed December 24 at 1:30pm and December 31 at 3:30pm

Rite Way – closed December 23 to January 3 inclusive

Lewis Agencies – closed December 24 to December 27 inclusive

Long Lake Insurance- closed December 24 and 31 at noon

Imperial Library- Closed December 20 to January 1 inclusive

Imperial Pharmacy- open December 23 & 30 from 9:30am to 5:30pm; open December 24 & 31 from 9:00am to 3:30pm

Grain and Pulse Bakery Café – closed December 21 – 26 inclusive; open from 10am to 3pm for brunch/lunch December 27 – 29 inclusive; closed January 1 – 21 inclusive

Imperial Market Square – closed January 8 & 15

The *BEAUTY* of Christmas is *NOT* in the
PRESENTS

But is your *PRESENCE*

