



Town of Imperial



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Spring Newsletter 2020

As I sit down to write this newsletter it will for sure be one for the books! This COVID-19 may seem fairly minimal in our small little town, it is having a significant impact on our world and our economy. Although the world itself seems to be taking a deep breath our economy is struggling to breathe. My wish is that we as humans come to realize that Mother Nature will always win. We were hurting her, so she is fighting back to put us in our place. I hope the take away from all this is to appreciate what is in our own backyard, that backyard being your community, your province, your country. We need to not look to the other side of the fence because the grass is not always greener, it may just be longer.

2020 Budget

As this nasty virus continues to spread, council has decided to have a minimalist budget this year. There will be no tax increases for 2020. However, you will notice that they do not have big plans for spending either. As the year progresses spending will be reevaluated. We would like everyone to remember your tax dollars are required to continue to improve our community as well as maintain day to day operations. Council's general idea is that this year you will not see a tax increase or

much money spent. Next year we will look at doing a few more improvements. For now, here is what is known for the 2020 budget;

- Calcium chloride applied to Duke Street from Virginia Avenue to Saskatchewan Avenue and Prince Street from Virginia Avenue to the RM grid.
- Hydrant replacements as well as curb stops and mains in preparation for paving next year on Royal street.
- A new ice plant condenser will be purchased and installed so we can maintain artificial ice. We have applied for several grants to help offset the cost.
- Reservoir cleaning at the water tower.
(this did not occur in 2019)
- Purchase two new fire suits for our 2 new volunteer fire fighters.
- Rubberstone will be installed in front of Long Lake Insurance.
- You will have already noticed that there has been the demolition of two houses in the community. Kelvin will be excavating the basements this summer and then the lots will be put up for sale.

- Metric Greenhouse has been contracted again to plant the flowers around town.
- Suite 3 of the Long Lake Valley Court will be painted.
- The Community Hall is being repainted.
- A grant for \$3500 was received from Veterans Affairs and will be put toward purchasing 16 plaques for Veterans that served from our community. They will be hung in the multi-purpose room at the Community Centre.
- Purchase new reverse osmosis filters.

Did you know? That 9 reverse osmosis filters cost \$7500.00.

Did you know? That we have 16 monthly SaskPower bills.

Did you know? That two new fire suits cost \$3000.

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 **N/C**

Small utility trailer, ½ ton truck or smaller **\$10**

Extra-large ½ ton truck load **\$25**

Large utility trailers **\$50 to \$75**

Mattress, box spring, couch, appliance

BBQ's, propane tank **\$10 per item**

Metal sheds **\$30 each**

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

The Town of Imperial will not accept shingles at the waste transfer station. For disposal of renovation material please inquire at the town office, there are new options available. Reminder: any garbage not in large black bags will not be picked up by the town foreman. If you have several small grocery bags please put them all into one large bag for ease of pick up. If you are throwing out cardboard boxes please break them down for pickup, **BUT** keep in mind that cardboard is recyclable. **We are still trying to reduce our garbage so please recycle whatever you can.**

From April 1 to October 31 of each year branches that have been pruned from bushes and trees, grass clippings, garden refuse and leaves will be picked up by the town personnel from back alleys every Monday morning. These dates may vary, depending on spring and fall weather conditions, at the discretion of the Town Foreman. Grass clippings and leaves are to be bagged in clear plastic garbage bags and are not to have other household garbage mixed in. Branches are to be kept separate from the grass clippings, garden refuse and leaves. After October 31, grass clippings, garden refuse and leaves will be picked up as time permits.

There is NO plastic bags or Styrofoam allowed in the recycling bins!

With COVID-19 dictating our lives currently we would like to continue to have the Waste Transfer Station (WTS) remain open, however we are asking that residents of the Town and the R.M. that use the WTS to please purchase a punch card from Shirley. You can purchase a \$30, \$50 or \$100 card she will write your name on it and keep it in the cash box at the WTS. Then as you bring in loads she will mark an X on the card. This is to ensure that she is limiting the amount of cash being handled, as well as limited human contact. We ask that all residents remain in your vehicle. You can purchase the cards at the WTS or you can e-transfer or send a cheque to the town office and we will let Shirley know you have purchased one. If you purchase a card and would like to know a remaining balance you can call Shirley directly @ 963-7985.

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. **(The campground will remain closed until further notice)**

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

Cable

The last two cable channels are up. They are channel 203 & 604.

Upcoming Community Events:

Unfortunately, there are not any upcoming events until further notice.

Town of Imperial tax and utility payments during this time; you can mail a cheque, drop cash or cheque in a marked envelope in the library drop box. It will be collected daily, or e-transfers will be accepted.

The Town Office will remain closed to the public until further notice. Thank you for understanding.

Mayor, Ted Abrey

Councilors, Brent Ingram, Pat Joa, Ryan Kelly,

**Susan Parish, Les Sainsbury, Randy Shaw
Chief Administrative Officer, Joslin Freeman**

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

Please follow along on Facebook or the Town website for updates. We will try and keep it as up to date as possible.

From Bonnie Rawling, Manitou Beach;
In conjunction with central Saskatchewan churches we are setting up a 'temporary/emergency essential supply site' at Danceland in Manitou Beach for individuals and families who are out of employment and in need of free access to perishable, non-perishable food, meat, personal/feminine products, infant/child essential needs.

This site will compliment the Watrous Foodbank but will be able to meet needs that they are unable to meet at this time. Our desire is that it will also support our surrounding communities and those families in need.

Because of its size, Danceland will allow us to respect the 'social distancing' guidelines. And will allow us to 'keep' perishable food items fresh in the walk-in cooler.

We will begin setting up operations and taking donations on Monday March 30, 10-4pm. Please drop off donations at the East side door of Danceland. Only 1-2 people at a time for drop off and please respect the social distancing parameters that have been set out by the government.

Hours of operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday. 10-4pm.

Only 10 people at a time will be allowed to 'shop' and all items will be free. We are asking that people only take what they need or will use. (Once we have a good supply in stock we will be able to open for people to shop) TBA...

We will allow pickups to be made 'on behalf of' individuals who are quarantined or who are unable to get to Danceland on their own.

This will be a central Saskatchewan 'temporary/emergency essential supply site' to support our families and communities during this unprecedented time of need.

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING GENEROUSLY TO SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Please contact Bonnie Rawling directly at 306-276-3377

Email: treeoflife.hope@live.com

A Large THANK YOU to the R.M. of Big Arm for their contribution towards the community rink condenser replacement.

