



# *Town of Imperial*

I will begin the 2020 Christmas letter with a poem I found online, I made some adjustments to make it my own. Grab a coffee or a drink if you choose. Sit back and enjoy our year in review.

A few weeks before Christmas  
And all through the town  
People wore masks  
That covered their frown

That frown had begun  
Way back in the Spring  
When the Global Pandemic  
Changed everything

They called it Corona  
But unlike the beer  
It didn't bring good times  
It didn't bring good cheer

Airplanes were grounded  
Travel was banned  
Borders were closed  
Across air, sea and land

As the world entered lockdown  
To flatten the curve  
The economy halted  
Folks on their last nerve

From March to July  
We rode the first wave  
People stayed home  
And tried to behave

When summer arrived  
The lockdown was lifting  
But away from caution  
People were drifting

December is here  
And the cases are spiking  
The second wave has arrived  
Much to our disliking

The virus is dreadful  
This COVID-19  
People are struggling  
To remain in quarantine

It's true that this year  
Has been hard on so many  
We'll Never forget  
The year 2020

Christmas is coming  
The holiday season  
But why should we be merry?  
Is there even one reason?

To decorate the house  
And put up the tree  
When no one will see it  
No-one but me!

But outside our windows  
The snow gently falls  
And we think to our self  
Let's deck the halls!

So, you gather the ribbon  
The garland and bows  
Crank up the Christmas carols  
Suddenly your happiness grows

Christmas isn't cancelled  
And neither is HOPE  
If we lean on each other  
We know we can COPE

## 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

As I write this the rink is open under the current

public health order. The situation is fluid and everything can change in a moments notice. But currently the rink has a disinfecting schedule, contact tracing is in place

and there are all kinds of signs to keep people up to date. Please read them if you are there. Also please pay your public skating fees either individual \$5 per skate, annual individual \$115 or family rate \$300. There is very little revenue happening this year. Keep your eyes open for an online auction that the Imperial Rec Hockey team is putting together. Check out the Facebook page Imperial Rink and Liberty Hall Auction January 13-16, 2021.

### Water & Sewer Rates

Effective, January 1, 2021 the quarterly rates for water increases to \$108; sewer to \$38; 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 28, 2020 and Monday January 4, 2021. The Recycling bins will be emptied on December 22 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. Please see the back page of this news letter for a copy of the garbage & recycling pick-up days.

### New & Exciting News

After the Municipal Election on November 9, 2020 Mayor Edward Abrey was re-elected. All Councillors were acclaimed. We did have one change in council, Brent Ingram stepped down and we would like to thank him for his years of service as a councillor. We will miss your quick math skills and comic relief. We welcome Jonathan King in his place.

Santa Claus is coming to town Dec 18 @ 1:00 pm he will be traveling through the parking lot at the school. All preschool children are welcome to come line up on the street to watch.

Volunteers don't necessarily have the Time...

They just have the Heart

THANK YOU!



Joy

Love

Peace

Believe

Christmas

### Holiday Store Hours

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

Town Office –Closed Dec. 24 –Dec. 28 Closed Dec. 31 @ Noon Closed Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Imperial Garage – Closed Dec. 24 & 31 at noon

Kelly's Store – Open Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1

Imperial Family Restaurant – see poster at restaurant

Bourassa & Associates – Closed Dec. 24 at 3pm to Jan. 1 inclusive

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

Imperial Co-Op (Store/Bulk) – Closed Dec. 24 at 1:30pm and Dec. 31 at 3:30pm

Rite Way – Closed Dec. 24 to Jan. 1 inclusive

Lewis Agencies – Closed Dec. 24

Long Lake Insurance- Closed Dec. 24 & 31

Imperial Library- Closed Dec. 24 & Dec 31

Imperial Pharmacy- Closed Dec. 24 & 31 at 3 pm

Grain and Pulse Bakery Café - Closed Jan. 1 – 19 inclusive

Imperial Market Square – Closed Dec. 30

Royal Bank – Closed Dec. 24 & 31 at 3pm

Mayor Ted Abrey

Councillors Jonathan King, 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!**

