



Town of Imperial

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Spring Newsletter 2021

2021 Budget

Well the virus is still here, alive and well, never imagined a year later this would still be going on. Enough about Covid, everyone is tired of it. This newsletter is going out later as there is some exciting news that we had to wait to share with everyone. Last October the Federal government announced a Covid stream for Investing in Canada's Infrastructure Plan (ICIP). At first we thought it would be great to apply for the money to install contactless water meters in all the homes. However, that idea did not qualify, it was to be more recreation based. So council made the decision to apply to put concrete in our arena. NEVER did we think that we would actually get the funding. We were supposed to hear in December it came and went, January and February came and went and then on March 4 we got word that we did get the funding. \$877,285 is being funded between the Federal and Provincial government and the Town of Imperial. The governments are paying 73.33% of the cost and the town will pay 26.67%. This will include concrete on the entire arena floor, new boards, player's boxes, it will be wheel chair accessible with ramps going out of the lobby to the ice surface area. This will transform our "rink" into a multi-use facility as well as make it more energy efficient. When we started looking into this we found that there were

some structural issues on the North wall and that will be repaired when they pour the concrete. Just think of the post covid party we are going to have!

Here is a list of the items on the 2021 budget;

- Calcium chloride applied to Duke Street from Virginia Avenue to Saskatchewan Avenue and Prince Street from Virginia Avenue to the RM grid. This was completed the first week in May this year.
- Reservoir cleaning
- Purchase one new fire suit.
- Metric Greenhouse has been contracted to plant the flowers around town.
- Purchase new reverse osmosis filters. (Was not required in 2020)
- Sand Seal King Street from Railway Avenue to Forest Avenue and Queen Street from Railway Avenue to Prairie Avenue.
- Install concrete in the Arena.
- Upgrade the electrical at Well # 4.
- Tree trimming & stump grinding.
- Sewer line cleaning.
- New cylinders for the gravel truck.
- A few minor sidewalk repairs.
- Tin for the roof at waste transfer station office.
- Sewer line repairs in basement of Community Centre.

- Insulating water line on Prince Street.

Taxes

Taxes notices have already gone out. You may have noticed a slight increase in your taxes. With 2021 being a reassessment year it made increasing taxes a little more challenging. But after several different scenarios council decided on a 1 mill increase on residential and commercial as well as to use a mill rate factor on commercial properties. Some taxes went up, some down, some hardly changed. The Provincial government increased the education mill rate this year as well.

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 now accept shingles at the waste transfer station at a cost of \$7.50 per bundle and by appointment only. Contact Shirley @ 963-7985. For disposal of renovation material please inquire at the town office, there are

new options available. Reminder: 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.** Also anyone taking refuse out for the compost or wood piles please take out all garbage. We have removed a significant amount of garbage as well as a coffee can of used motor oil. **The Ministry of Environment checks on us regularly. We need to be diligent!**

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

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. **Please try to adhere to these early and later times as everyone is aware it is very dry. We are monitoring the well regularly.**

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.

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

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.

Please keep your cats in your own yards.

Keep bonfires small and have a garden hose turned on close by. It's VERY DRY!

- **Laminating service now offered at the Town office \$1.00 per page**

Upcoming Community Events:

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

Mayor - Ted Abrey

Councilors

Jonathon King, Pat Joa, Ryan Kelly, Susan

Parish, Les Sainsbury, Randy Shaw

Chief Administrative Officer

Joslin Freeman

Assistant Administrator

Kerrie Sainsbury

Town Foreman

Kelvin Klenk



Pray for Rain

