

Town of Imperial

Fall Newsletter

October, 2022



Summer 2022

Well summer has come and gone and fall seems to be struggling to get here. The warm weather has been wonderful for harvest and getting the last of the yard work tidied up before winter.

This spring and summer have seen many hours spent at the arena getting it ready for the opening this winter. The big pour of concrete occurred on Thursday October 6, 2022. Council and the engineers along with the owner of Bry Sand had a small ceremony at centre ice where Mayor Abrey installed a town pin into the concrete. The slab will now be wet cured for two weeks then cooled down to start making ice. The ice will be in the arena by November 14. Council would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers that have helped out at the arena. It made all the difference in keeping this project on budget. Both Stevenson Mechanical and Bry Sand made comments about how welcoming and friendly our community is. They also commented that they have never seen a project of this size with so many volunteers to help. Great job Imperial! This past spring there were memorial donations made to the arena in memory of Gary Mooney, that money was used to put tin up on the walls in the rink.

Other projects that took place were the installation of the wheel chair accessible door up at the community centre, the campground bathroom was painted, Kelvin did some landscaping to have less water draining down Royal Street. It will now head south along the old rail bed. This will allow for the rocks to be removed by the bridge and grass planted for easier maintenance. The new quick response fire truck has been purchased and is fully operational. Another HUGE THANK YOU goes out to the RM of Big Arm, RM of Wood Creek, RM of Wreford and the Resort Village of Ethers Beach for donations towards the truck.

There will be some tree trimming to occur but part of our budget was eaten up when lightning struck a large poplar on Queen street this summer and it had to be removed.

The town was in need of a replacement tractor as the current one needs transmission and clutch work and the snow blower has been in use since it was purchased (used) in 1969. Council passed the resolution last month to purchase a John Deere Skid steer with a broom and snow blower attachments. They felt a skid steer will be a more universal tool for the community.

Trees over the Sidewalks and back alleys

Just a reminder to please keep your trees and shrubs trimmed back and away from walkways, streets and back alleys around town. Any trees located in the back alleys are owned by the property owner not the town.

Long Lake Valley Court

Suite 3 became available October 1, 2022 as one of the original tenants made the move to be closer to family. Anyone interested in going into the suite or putting their name on the waiting list is asked to contact the Town Office (963-2220) for more details. A \$1000.00 deposit is required to get your name on the list. Any questions feel free to contact the office.

Waste Transfer Station

The waste transfer station will be changing over to winter hours starting November 1 – March 31. Hours will be Tuesdays & Saturdays from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. The waste transfer station will now accept shingles by appointment only. You will need to know how many bundles you will be bringing in as we need to keep track of the weight. The cost will be \$7.50 per bundle and they will be put in the 40-yard bin. Call Shirley to make the appointment 306-963-7985.

Yard & Garden Refuse

Please take your yard and garden refuse to the waste transfer station. Remember it is free of charge.

Tree branches & Leaves

Just a reminder that tree branches and leaves are now picked up semiannually. The next scheduled pick up is after the Thanksgiving long weekend. The spring pick up will be after the May long weekend. The town staff will not be picking up significant piles of trimmed trees. We ask that if you trim a significant amount of branches that you arrange to have them taken to the waste transfer station. Tree branches and leaves are free to take to the waste transfer station.

Reminder all leaves must be in a biodegradable bag for spring and fall pickup. Large biodegradable plastic leaf bags (35" x 55") are available at the town office for \$1.00 per bag.

Taxes

Just a friendly reminder that your taxes are due by December 31 to avoid penalty. Town office hours are 8:30 am – 12:30 pm 1:00pm – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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. 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.

Pet Owners

Friendly reminder to please **pick up after your pet**. Please be a responsible pet owner and try and keep your pets to your own yard. I know this can be difficult but please put forth the effort.

ATV's, Dirt bikes, Skidoos

Reminder that Atv's, dirt bikes and skidoos are not allowed on town property including streets and parks. We ask that everyone be respectful of fellow residents and to be a responsible rider.

Did you know

That the town office now has two new designs in four new colours for our town t-shirts and hoodies. The one design was a combination from two students at Imperial School. Congratulations to Danny Strauss and Miles Williams. Each of the students will receive a shirt with the new design on it. See photos below for new design options. The new stock will be in by end of October in time for easy early Christmas shopping.



Upcoming Events

Imperial Co-op Annual General Meeting
November 17, 7:00 pm @ Imperial Community Centre

