



Town of Imperial



Spring Newsletter 2023

SPRING: *May your feet be dirty, your hair messy and your eyes sparkling!*

2023 Budget

With Spring peeking around the corner bring on the family bbq's, fundraisers, ball tournaments, and community events. The 2023 budget was passed at the April Council Meeting. Here is a listing of the budget items slated for 2023.

- Calcium chloride applied to Duke
- \$10,000 allotted for gravel crushing, this did not happen in 2022.
- Labor to replace the pumps at the Water Treatment Plant, due to unforeseen circumstances the pumps were purchased and we will have them installed this year.
- Safety firefighting gear, 6 wildland fire suits will be purchased.
- Metric Greenhouse has been contracted to plant the flowers around town.
- Install a heat and air conditioning unit at the Community Hall.
- Annual sewer line cleaning.
- A new meter to test the water for Manganese
- Replace two fire hydrants

- Sand seal Prince Street from Virginia Avenue to East town boundary.
- Keep in mind that for 2023 – Oct 2024 the town is carrying two loans. One for the skid steer and the remainder of the Long Lake Valley Court.

Taxes

Taxes notices will be sent out by the end of April. After much discussion unfortunately taxes had to increase. The base tax will go up by \$100 and 0 .5 mill rate increase. Council hopes that with these increases you will continue to see the improvements being made to the community. The 2023 Provincial Education Property tax mill rate will remain the same as 2022.

Waste Transfer Station

Change in hours of operation

April 1 – October 31

Tuesday & Thursday 10 – 3

Saturdays 9 – 3

Did you know? That the Town of Imperials insurance for 2023 is \$68,000.

Did you know? That the garbage removal cost is \$72,000.

Did you know? That of the \$352,000 in municipal tax revenue we are generating, \$140,000 goes to garbage and insurance! Yikes

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

- ❖ **Please put your garbage and recycling containers back on your property after they have been emptied.**
- ❖ Campground reservations are on a first come/first served basis.
- ❖ **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.**



Upcoming Community Events:

April 20, 2023 5-7 pm Imperial Library
Family Games Night

April 27, 2023 5-7 pm Imperial Library
Adult Games Night

May 11, 2023 1 – 4 pm Imperial
Library Mother's Day Tea & Bake Sale

June 2, 2023 Imperial School
Graduation

June 10, 2023 Rock the Rink Event
Slow-pitch tournament, beer gardens,
raffle tickets for a smoker,
progressive 50/50, kid's games, bake
sale, car/bike show & poker rally and
cabaret. Enter teams to Joslin at the
Town office.



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