

TOWN OF STRASBOURG NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING DATES

Admin Office Closed
Friday, July 1

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Friday, July 1

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

Last Day for 5% Tax Discount
Sunday, July 31

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Monday, August 1

Admin Office Closed
Monday, August 1

3rd Quarter Water Bills Due
Monday, August 15

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 17 @ 7:00 p.m.

Last Day for 4% Tax Discount
Wednesday, August 31

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Thursday, September 1

Admin Office Closed
Monday, September 5

Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

Nomination Day for Election
Wednesday, September 21 9:00-4:00

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 28 @ 7:00 p.m.

Last Day for 3% Tax Discount
Friday, September 30

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Thank you to everyone who attended our Town Hall meeting on June 20. It was a small turnout, but hopefully that's a sign that things are going reasonably well in the community. We would like to think that's the case!

PROPERTY PIN LOCATE POLICY – With a lot of properties in Town, the property pins are hard to locate. The Town has typically offered the service of locating pins, but unfortunately, municipalities are not legally allowed to do this for ratepayers, as the Town can be held liable for incorrect property pin markings. Especially on older properties, it is likely the property pins are missing or have shifted, which would give incorrect markings. At the advice of our lawyer, and Advisory Services of the Government Relations branch **we are no longer going to be offering property pin locates.**

You're probably wondering, what do I do now? Basically it is the ratepayer's responsibility to have the pins marked either by themselves (using a metal detector) or hiring a professional surveyor. Hiring a professional surveyor does cost money, but they will mark out your lot and give you a surveyor's certificate after they are done. This is the only sure-fire way to know exactly where your property lines are.

If you do not want to spend the money for this, you have every right to locate the pins yourself, but you will have to be mindful of not encroaching onto a neighbouring lot. If any issues arise because of encroachment, you will have to resolve it between you and your neighbour. If you are found to be encroaching, the neighbour, by rights, has the ability to ask you to move your structure (including fences). We can give you a print-out of your lot measurements here at the Administration Office to help you out, but this is as far as we will be able to assist you. We are very sorry for the inconvenience of this, but it is imperative that we do not perform services that jeopardize the legality of the municipality's operations.

DIRECT SELLERS – With the advent of the spring and summer, there are more and more door-to-door salespeople making their rounds in the community. While we do require a business license from them to operate in Town, this **does not validate their business or their business practices.** It's important to ask if they purchased a business license from the Town, but it's even more important to scrutinize the salespeople on their goods and services, as well as general business demeanor. If you ever feel uncomfortable, ill-at-ease, or even threatened by the individuals representing these companies, please do not hesitate to call the RCMP and report them.

Jenn Josephson
Administrator



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

We wish to extend our congratulations to Natasha Apangchan who was the 2016 recipient of our \$1,000.00 Town of Strasbourg Student Scholarship. Natasha plans to attend the University of Saskatchewan for Civil Engineering then eventually pursue Architecture. We wish her the best of luck in her future studies!

IMPORTANCE OF DEMOLITION PERMITS

If you are wanting to demolish a deck, shed, detached garage, etc. it is in your best interest to purchase a demolition permit from the Town. The permit itself is \$25.00. If you do not purchase one, the Town does not know that something has been removed from your property and you will still be taxed on a structure that you no longer have. It is especially important when you are not rebuilding the structure.

Have you removed a structure in the past few years that you didn't get a permit for? Come to the office to check your SAMA property report to see if you're still being assessed on the removed structure. A demolition permit will be needed but a tax abatement will be issued for the remainder of the current year. This will save you money in the long run!

STRASBOURG & DISTRICT MUSEUM

2016 Summer Events

MAY 28 - Grain Elevator Presentation @ 2:00 p.m.

JUNE 25 - 100th Anniversary Celebration of Women's Right to Vote in Canada @ 2:00 p.m.
(Lieutenant Governor in Attendance)

JUNE 26 - Ancestor's Day @ 2:00 p.m.

JULY 16 - Burrowing Owl Presentation @ 2:00 p.m.

JULY 17-23 - History of Firefighting Display

JULY 23 - Firefighter Challenge and Strasbourg Fire Department Fundraiser @ 2:00 p.m.

AUG 1-20 - License Plate Display

AUG 13 - LMVBA 'Show & Shine' Car Show
Museum BBQ - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Kids Bike Parade @ 1:30 p.m.
Live Entertainment; Movie at Dusk

AUG 27 - Campfire and Movie Night @ 8:00 p.m.

Museum Hours: May & June - Sat: 10-4, Sun: 1-5
July & August - Tues - Sat: 10-4, Sun: 1-5

MUNICIPAL ELECTION – OCTOBER 26, 2016

We're just over two months away for Town residents to submit their name for election. If you are considering submitting your name, it is recommended that you attend some council meetings prior to running. This will allow you to get familiar with the current issues the Council is dealing with, as well as help you solidfy the decision to run.

Qualifications of Candidates:

- 18 years of age on Election Day
- Canadian citizen
- Saskatchewan resident for the past 6 months
- A resident of the Town for the past 3 months ("residency" defined as the place one calls "home")

Don't want to run? VOTE! Exercise your civic duty! The candidates you elect will be making decisions on your behalf for the next 4 years. It's important to choose the right candidates for the job.

Qualifications of Voters:

- 18 years of age on Election Day
- Canadian citizen
- Saskatchewan resident for the past 6 months
- A resident of the Town or owner of assessed land in Town for the past 3 months ("owner" must have Land Title in personal name)



Please talk to Jenn at the Administration Office prior to September 6 for more information.

SEPT 6 – Call for Nominations begins

SEPT 21 – Nomination Day - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OCT 26 – Election Day - 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NOV 9 – First Council Meeting after Election