

TOWN OF STRASBOURG NEWSLETTER



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UTILIZE OUR WEBSITE!

Our Town of Strasbourg website is an up-to-date source of information affecting the community. You can find the following on the website:

- Current Events
- Business Directory
- Bylaws
- Financial & Budget Reports
- Meeting Minutes
- Building Permit Forms
- Volunteer Org. Info
...and much more!

Please submit Town pictures to us so that we may add them to the site!

www.townofstrasbourg.ca

WATER RATES 2015

Beginning January 1, 2015, residential quarterly water rates will increase to \$84.00 and quarterly sewer rates will increase to \$36.00 per residential unit. The infrastructure levy will remain at \$45.00 per quarter.



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

It is a goal of the Town of Strasbourg to present the Council and the Administration in a transparent and cohesive way. The purpose of these newsletters are to do just that. They will be a good source of information on Town policies, bylaws, upcoming events, and general news items affecting the community. They will be sent out with the quarterly utility bills, and will also be able to be viewed on our website (www.townofstrasbourg.ca) at any time.

The last few months have seen some changes to the Administration Office. The R.M. of McKillop No. 220 and the Town of Strasbourg have separated their administration. The Town Office is still located in the same building, but we have a new office in the old Council Chambers. Half of the space was given to our office, while the other half was designated as our new council chambers. Our office and council chambers was built by council members and Town ratepayers, who put in countless volunteer hours to make our new home. The Town was able to save a substantial amount of money for the ratepayers by doing what work we could ourselves – it was highly important for the Council to maintain this accountability in proceeding with the project. A special thank you to Murray Kondratiuk who spearheaded the entire project, including performing the majority of the renovations himself, as well as thank you to Roy Erickson, Ken Swanston, and Nelson Swanston who helped paint, construct, etc. the rest of the office. The Administration cannot thank you enough.

Along with the office location changes, the Town has also seen Administration changes. I took over officially as the Administrator on July 12, 2014, but had been the Acting Administrator since March 21, 2014. Sandy Frison has returned from leave at the beginning of September and is the Assistant Administrator, and our new hire for the Office Services Clerk position is Carole Chobot, who was hired July 21, 2014. With these changes to the office and administration, we'll be celebrating on **Friday, October 17** from **1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** with a **Ratepayer Appreciation Day**. You'll be able to check out the new office and visit with the Administration, Public Works, and Council members. Please watch for posters and advertisements.

In the spirit of transparency, if you have any questions or concerns related to Town business, please give us a call, send us an e-mail, or stop in to chat anytime. We are always trying to find ways to better meet ratepayers' needs.

Jenn Josephson
Administrator



THE IMPORTANCE OF PET LICENSING

While you may feel that licensing your pet is yet another bill to pay to the Town, it serves a very distinct and important purpose. It is possible that animals will escape the house, run off the leash, etc. and by licensing your pet, you have a better chance of getting your pet returned to you than not licensing. This year alone, we returned six (6) animals to their homes by way of the pet tags. Bylaw 312/08, "A Bylaw to Control Animals," states that all dogs must be licensed. The fee for licensing is \$15.00 a year, or \$20.00 a year if the dog is not spayed or neutered. Cats do not have a fee for licensing, but it is important to register them with the Town. Licenses are to be paid yearly in January.

UPCOMING DATES

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 8 @ 7:00 p.m.

Admin Office Closed - Monday, October 13

Ratepayer Appreciation Day
Friday, October 17 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

By-Election Nomination Day
Wednesday, October 22 until 4:00 p.m.

Last Day for 2% Discount on Taxes
Friday, October 31

Admin Office Closed
Tuesday, November 11

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Quarter Water Bills Due
Friday, November 14

By-Election Day
Wednesday, November 26

Last Day for 1% Discount on Taxes
Sunday, November 30

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

Admin Office Closed - December 25 & 26

Taxes due for 2014
Wednesday, December 31

Admin Office Closed – Thursday, January 1

**** DOGS RUNNING OFF LEASH ****

There have been some concerns as of late about dogs running off leash. As per Section 11 of Bylaw 312/08, dogs are to be kept on a leash while off the premise or fenced in on the premise at **ALL TIMES**. The penalty for dogs running at large is \$25.00 for the first offence, and \$50.00 for the second offence. Please keep the streets safe and enjoyable for those walking with or without dogs.

BY-ELECTION – NOVEMBER 26, 2014

Due to a councillor resignation, one (1) Councillor vacancy is to be filled. Please consider submitting your candidacy. As an elected official in Strasbourg you will:

- bring the perspectives of your demographic to the decision-making table
- influence changes that benefit Strasbourg and ensure its sustainability
- put forward new ideas for debate and possible implementation and change
- make a positive difference in the quality of life in Strasbourg
- provide a voice for Strasbourg with other levels of government
- be part of a great team that makes decisions that affect all aspects of community life

Nomination forms can be picked up at the office or online after October 7.


Nomination Day – Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Election Day – Wednesday, November 26, 2014



RATEPAYER APPRECIATION DAY
Friday, October 17
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Strasbourg Municipal Office

Come have refreshments and talk with the councillors, administration, and public works staff.



INTERNET BANKING is available for Town of Strasbourg Tax and Utility payments from all major financial institutions including Credit Unions, RBC, CIBC, **BMO (new!)**, **TD (new!)**, and **ScotiaBank (new!)**. For Utility payments, use your utility account number found on your utility bills, and for Tax payments, use your roll number found on your tax notice. Please contact the office if you need to get your account numbers.