

TOWN OF STRASBOURG NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING DATES

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Sunday, October 1

Admin Office Closed
Monday, October 9

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

Town Landfill Open – Branches, Leaves
Saturday, October 14, 21, 28, Nov 4
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 25 @ 7:00 p.m.

Last day for 2% Tax Discount
Tuesday, October 31

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Wednesday, November 1

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

Admin Office Closed
Monday, November 13

4th Quarter Water Bills Due
Wednesday, November 15

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 22 @ 7:00 p.m.

Last day for 1% Tax Discount
Thursday, November 30

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Friday, December 1

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

Admin Office Closed
December 23 - January 1

2017 Taxes Due – *December 31*

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

LAGOON UPDATE – You have probably noticed all the activity west of Town with the construction of our new lagoon evaporation cell. Construction is going reasonably well. Some unexpected rocks and sand were encountered, but the contractors have been able to work around it. They are looking to be finished by the end of October providing everything goes well. Construction has been generally ahead of schedule due to the lack of rain days.

Some info about the lagoon for your reference: It originally was designed almost five years ago for a population of 752 people. With our increase in population to 800, the scope of the project changed. The evaporation cell was slated to be approximately 18 hectares, but because of the population increase, the size of the cell changed to almost 22 hectares.

The grant we received from the Government of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan was 2.58 million dollars, which was based off the original cost estimates of the 18 hectare lagoon. With the increase in size to the 22 hectare lagoon, the Town was concerned about the extra costs that would not be covered by the grant. Luckily, even with the increase in scope, the tenders came in significantly lower than expected and the project was not going to cost any extra than what was originally budgeted.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE – There have been some unforeseen setbacks as per the timeline to get started on the water plant, but we are hoping to at least get started at the beginning of October. As much as possible will be completed before freeze-up. Any remaining work will be completed in the spring.

PLEASE NOTE: With the water treatment plant reservoir expansion, there will be predetermined town-wide precautionary drinking water advisories. We are not sure of the number of advisories at this point, but because the new reservoir will be tying into the old reservoir, advisories will be needed. The EMO Committee will come around ahead of time with door-to-door notices indicating the advisories. This may either be this fall or in the spring depending on the progression of the construction.

As well, the Town may shut down the water town-wide to do some critical valve repairs during the time of the precautionary drinking water advisory. Notice will be given ahead of time to all businesses and homeowners.



SaskPower

SASKPOWER ONLINE SERVICES

Did you know that on SaskPower's website, you are able to report streetlight outages, as well as request tree trimming around power lines on your property?

Visit www.saskpower.com to put in your request, or call the Town Office and we'll place the request on your behalf.

**REMINDER:
CHRISTMAS OFFICE
CLOSURE**

Just a reminder that the Town Office will be closed from December 23, 2017 to January 1, 2018. Taxes are due by December 31.

If you wish to make a payment during that time, several options exist for you:

- 1) Leave a post-dated cheque at the Office or mail a post-dated cheque for us to process when we're back.
- 2) Leave us a credit card number and we'll process the payment when we're back.
- 3) Pay through online banking with your various financial institutions. Please contact us prior to closure if you need your account number.

Some numbers for the new infrastructure:

- Cost of lagoon: 3.5 million dollars
- Grant received: 2.58 million dollars
- Reserve funds used: \$400,000
- Cost of water treatment plant reservoir expansion: \$611,000
- Reserve funds used: \$100,000
- Remaining funds for both lagoon and water treatment plant borrowed through one 30-year, 4% fixed term loan: \$1,031,000
- Annual blended principle/interest payment: \$75,000 (payment budget from quarterly infrastructure levy on water bills)

Jenn Josephson
Administrator

TOWN LANDFILL OPEN FOR FALL YARD CLEANUP!

Town of Strasbourg Residents Only
Town Landfill located 1 mile north of Golf Course

Yard Waste Weekends

Saturday, October 14: 9-12

Saturday, October 21: 9-12

Saturday, October 28: 9-12

Saturday, November 4: 9-12

↳ Great for Halloween Leaves!

IMPORTANT NOTES!

- Only BRANCHES, LEAVES, & GRASS CLIPPINGS accepted.
- Bagged leaves and grass will have to be opened and emptied into pit, as plastic cannot be burned.
- Landfill will be manned during the times listed above, and all loads will be inspected.