

TOWN OF STRASBOURG NEWSLETTER



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ARE NOW DUE!**

UPCOMING DATES

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

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Thursday, February 1

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

Admin Office Closed
Monday, February 19

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

1st Quarter Water Bills Due
Thursday, February 15

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Thursday, March 1

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Admin Office Closed
Friday, March 30

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Happy New Year from the Administration and Council! I would formally like to recognize groups and individuals who volunteered their time and money specifically for Town facilities and Town-related projects in 2017:

THANK YOU TO...

Last Mountain Theatre Company
Strasbourg EMS
Strasbourg Lions Club
Affinity Credit Union

for their donations and grant funding towards repairs and upgrades in the Strasbourg Memorial Hall.

THANK YOU TO...

Royal Bank, Strasbourg Branch
Tyleen Cox
Affinity Credit Union, c/o Gerald Munholland
for their donations towards the Strasbourg & District Museum.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Barb Lazarenko – donations of decorations for gazebo
Lorne Gottselig – donations of Christmas lights for the gazebo
Kirby Kazeil – donations of Christmas lights for streetlight decorations
Everyone who sponsored a bench within the community!

To all the members of the Museum Board, Hall Board, Fire Department, and Rec Board who volunteer on behalf of the Town of Strasbourg Council, thank you for your commitment to the community!

Jenn Josephson, Administrator

E-NOTICES FOR TAX & UTILITY BILLS

E-notices are available for those of you who wish to receive your tax and utility bills by e-mail. If you want to sign up, you can fill out a consent form at the Town Office, or you can print one off from the Town website at www.townofstrasbourg.ca.



FIRE CALL-OUT INSURANCE REMINDER

Since the Town of Strasbourg has a volunteer fire department, a \$3,000.00 call-out fee is charged when the volunteers respond to a call. These call-outs are not paid through our taxes, unlike in large cities and some other smaller municipalities.

While insurance is always optional, it is strongly recommended that you check your current house or business insurance policy to make sure that it **contains an endorsement for firefighting call-out fee coverage**. The annual cost is minimal, and it will cover false alarms, carbon monoxide calls, or any other emergencies that the fire department would respond to.

UTILITY RATES 2018

Beginning January 1, 2018, residential quarterly water rates will increase to \$93.00 (from \$90.00). Quarterly sewer rates will remain at \$39.00 and the quarterly infrastructure levy will remain at \$45.00.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR EMO? (Emergency Measures Organization)

The Town of Strasbourg has a number of protective services for emergency situations, including the RCMP, Fire Department and the Ambulance services. We also have a number of volunteers involved in the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) which offer emergency services for our residents.

Firstly, there are three individuals in the Town that have been trained by SaskAlert - personnel that are capable of issuing a public alert for local emergencies such as severe weather, evacuations, community alerts, boil water advisories, etc. All cell phones can receive notification if the SaskAlert app (application) has been downloaded. **We encourage all residents to download the SaskAlert app onto their cell phone.**

The Town also has a Resident Alerting Procedure. A group of volunteers will go door-to-door to inform **ALL** residents of Strasbourg of any emergency situations which might require evacuation, to stay inside, or other advisories. In the past, this alerting method has been used (and will still continue to be used) to alert residents of Town-wide boil water advisories.

For the past number of years, the Emergency Measures Organization for the Town of Strasbourg and the RM of McKillop has developed a Vital Services Directory. This is a document with names, numbers, and information of services that may be needed in emergency situations. As well, an Emergency Measures Procedure Manual was developed. This is to be used as a procedural guide in emergency situations.

This past year, a regional emergency operations committee called the Living Sky Regional Emergency Management Organization (LSREMO), has been established to increase preparedness in case of an emergency in our region. This group involves the municipalities of Strasbourg, Bulyea, Earl Grey, and Sifton and the RM of McKillop 220, RM of Longlaketon 219, and the RM of Last Mountain Valley 250. This group is in its infancy, but is working toward providing leadership and direction for a response to emergencies that affect its residents.

*Info submitted by Larry Doetzel
Town of Strasbourg EMO Coordinator*

CELL PHONE NUMBERS FOR EMO PURPOSES

With more and more people eliminating their landline phone, the Town is at a significant disadvantage in being able to contact individuals in the event of an emergency. We are trying to update as many accounts as possible with ratepayer cell numbers. If you have recently got rid of your landline, please let us know so that we can add your cell phone to your account.

NOTE: Due to privacy, the Town will never give out your cell number or other contact information, unless prior permission was given.