

# TOWN OF STRASBOURG NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING DATES

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears  
*Monday, July 1*

Admin Office Closed  
*Monday, July 1*

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

Last Day for 5% Tax Discount  
*Wednesday, July 31*

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears  
*Thursday, August 1*

Admin Office Closed  
*Monday, August 5*

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

3rd Quarter Water Bills Due  
*Thursday, August 15*

Last Day for 4% Tax Discount  
*Saturday, August 31*

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears  
*Sunday, September 1*

Admin Office Closed  
*Monday, September 2*

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

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

Last Day for 3% Tax Discount  
*Monday, September 30*

**\*\*Note: there is no second Council meeting in July and August**

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

**INSURANCE ENDORSEMENTS** – I want to remind Town ratepayers of three particular property insurance endorsements that I am strongly suggesting everyone should have.

**1) Sewer Backup Coverage**

**2) Service Line Coverage** (for water and sewer line issues)

**3) Volunteer Firefighting Coverage**

It is imperative that you double check with your insurance broker to make sure these endorsements are added onto your policy. Not everyone gets their insurance in Strasbourg. We have seen cases where insurance has been purchased in Regina, and the Regina insurance brokers are unaware of some of these endorsements, especially Volunteer Firefighting Coverage. In the City of Regina, ratepayers' taxes pay for fire call-outs, so you do not receive a bill when the City of Regina Fire Department attends your property. In Strasbourg, and other small towns, if the volunteer Fire Department attends your property, there is a substantial call-out fee (\$3,000+) that is billed to you. If you have the proper endorsements and enough of a limit (sometimes call-out fees are higher because additional fire departments attend), then you can submit said bill to your insurance for payment. If you do not have the proper endorsement on your policy, or you do not have enough of a limit, you will have to pay the Town out of pocket for this call-out fee. Further, if the call-out fee remains unpaid, the Town has the ability under Section 369 of *The Municipalities Act* to add it to the property owner's taxes.

These endorsements are a minimal charge in relation to the headache it will save you in the future.

**TOWN VANDALISM & MISCHIEF** – Over the last couple of months, there have been many different incidents of vandalism and mischief throughout the community, including the unfortunate destruction of the slide at the Tot Park behind the Last Mountain Pioneer Home. As well, there have been reports of kids riding and ramping bikes on the retaining wall on Main Street, which is causing the wall to break, and now, the Town will have to replace it.

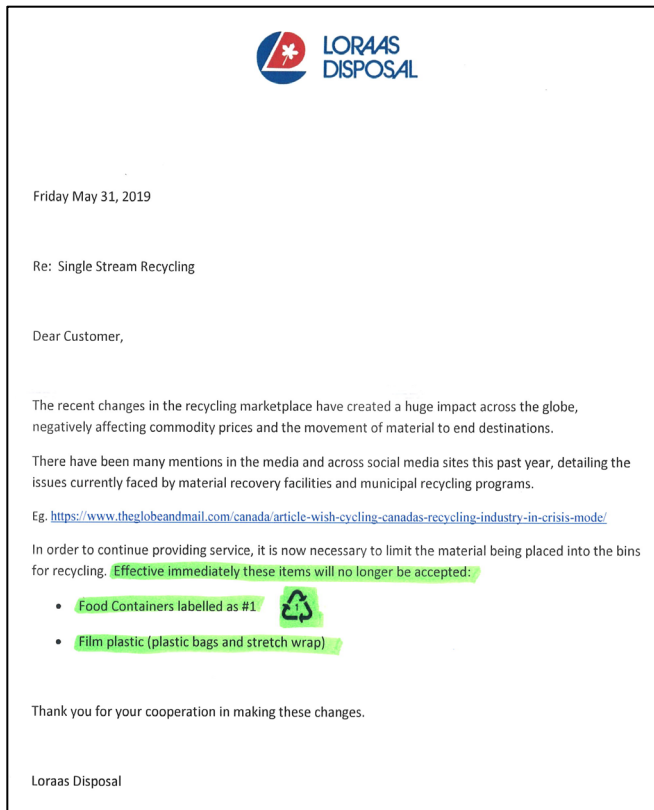
If you are aware of any incidents of vandalism or mischief, regardless of the size or nature of the event, please report to the RCMP. The more incidents that are reported, the more the RCMP will patrol and be visible in our community.


*Jenn Josephson, Administrator*

## 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This year, for the first time, the Council awarded their annual “Town of Strasbourg Lance Cornwell Memorial Scholarship,” to two Grade 12 students - Jamie Brown and Lee Duffield. Jamie will be attending Sask Polytechnic in Saskatoon for a Business Diploma and Lee will be attending Sask Polytechnic in Moose Jaw for Instrumentation Engineering Technology. Congratulations Jamie and Lee, and best of luck in your studies!

## RECYCLING CHANGES



You may be already aware of this notice, but Loraas Disposal Ltd., along with Crown Shred Recycling, is no longer accepting plastic bags and stretch wrap, as well as plastics labelled as #1. Typically, #1 plastics are food containers, such as ketchup bottles, fruit containers, salad dressing bottles, etc. You will have to check for this symbol → 

If you have thrown out these items in your blue bin, do not stress. Crown Shred will sort them out at their depot. Going forward, these items are to be disposed of in your grey garbage bin.

The Town is disappointed in this change, and we hope that other solutions will be brought forward by higher levels of government in the coming months to combat this issue.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The Town Council passed a motion in May to lower the cost of the residential lots in the new subdivision on Maple Street from \$35,000.00 to \$10,000.00 in an effort to spur development. Each lot is 60 ft x 120 ft and are fully serviced. Since this announcement, two lots have deposits on them, and there have been several interested inquiries. Currently, there are nine lots left, including two walk-out lots.

At the same meeting, the Council passed a comprehensive economic development tax incentive policy, which is available to view on the Town's website. There are tax exemptions available for those who decide to build new homes and businesses, demolish old buildings, as well as build on infill lots for both residential and commercial properties. The policy is available on our website at [www.townofstrasbourg.ca](http://www.townofstrasbourg.ca).

## SASKALERT APP

We are still strongly encouraging residents of Town to **download the FREE SaskAlert app** on their Android devices or iPhones. SaskAlert is the Government of Saskatchewan's emergency public alerting program that provides critical information on emergencies in real time, so you can take action to protect yourself, your family, and your property.

The Town used SaskAlert in May when there was a town-wide boil water advisory, and we will continue to use it for such events, however, the Emergency Management Organization (EMO) Committee will still continue to provide door to door notices about Precautionary Drinking Water Advisories (PDWAs).

