

TOWN OF STRASBOURG NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER – The Council and Administration would like to congratulate Lorne Gottselig and welcome him as the newest member of Council, who was elected during the by-election on September 5th. Lorne is a long-time resident of Strasbourg and high-school math and science teacher at William Derby School, as well as an avid volunteer on the Lions Club, Strasbourg Curling Club and many other groups. We look forward to working with him.

POST ELECTION INFO – As mentioned above, the Town of Strasbourg held a by-election on September 5 (Advance Poll on August 29). We had 186 voters for both. For reference, our general election held in 2016 was 293 voters – more than 100 people than the by-election. Our estimate is that we have between 600-650 eligible voters in the Town, if you include everyone over 18, renters, landowners, etc.

I'm open for suggestions on how to improve voter turnout:

- Do we need different hours for Advance Poll? Would later in the evening be more effective?
- Do the biographies need to be posted in different places, other than the Town's Facebook page, Town's website, the post office, and the Town Office?
- Are mail-in ballots a necessity now?
- Are there effective ways to engage newer and younger people within the community to participate in the election process?

NEW BYLAWS – The Town Council have recently passed a couple of new bylaws, including a Cemetery Bylaw, whereby the rates for plots and digging have increased to coincide with the increase in labour costs out at the Cemetery. The Council also passed a False Alarm Bylaw whereby the first false alarm that the Strasbourg Fire Department attends will be waived, but any subsequent false alarms will be charged \$500.00. Both bylaws are available on the website for further information.

PAYMENT REMINDERS

The Town Office:

- accepts VISA, MasterCard, and Interac.
- offers online banking for tax and utility payments at RBC, Credit Unions, TD, BMO, and CIBC.
- Allows you to sign up for e-notices for taxes and utility.

UPCOMING DATES

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Monday, October 1

Town Landfill Open – Branches, Leaves
Saturday, October 6, 13, 20, 27
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Admin Office Closed
Monday, October 8

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

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

Last day for 2% Tax Discount
Wednesday, October 31

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Thursday, November 1

Admin Office Closed
Monday, November 12

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

4th Quarter Water Bills Due
Thursday, November 15

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

Last day for 1% Tax Discount
Friday, November 30

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Saturday, December 1

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

Admin Office Closed
December 25 - January 1

Jenn Josephson
Administrator

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS



Luckily there is no snow...yet. However, we all know it's coming. Below are just a few reminders for the upcoming winter regarding snow removal:

- Please refrain from blowing your property's snow onto the street or alley, especially after the streets have been cleaned.
- If you are concerned about your driveway being accidentally blocked with snow from the grader, please put up visible stakes at the end of your driveway so that the grader operator knows to lower the driveway wing and clear the snow.
- Please keep your paths to your residence clear so that any emergency personnel (ambulance, fire, police, EMO volunteers) are able to reach you in your home.
- Lastly, after a snowfall, please remove vehicles from the street so that the grader can clean the area effectively. Otherwise, the vehicles will become blocked with snow, and the Town will not be held responsible for this inconvenience.

REMINDER: CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

Just a reminder that the Town Office will be closed from December 25, 2018 to January 1, 2019. 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.



TOWN TRANSFER STATION OPEN FOR FALL YARD CLEANUP!

Town of Strasbourg Residents Only
Town Transfer Station located 1 mile north of Golf Course

Yard Waste Weekends

Saturday, October 6: 9-12

Saturday, October 13: 9-12

Saturday, October 20: 9-12

Saturday, October 27: 9-12

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.
- Transfer Station will be manned during the times listed above, and all loads will be inspected.