

TOWN OF STRASBOURG NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING DATES

Free Garbage Weekend - Transfer Station
Saturday, July 25 from 9:00-12:00
Sunday, July 26 from 9:00-12:00

Last Day for 5% Tax Discount
Friday, July 31

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Saturday, August 1

Admin Office Closed
Monday, August 3

Yard Waste Afternoon - Transfer Station
Friday, August 7 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Town Council Meeting - Memorial Hall
Wednesday, August 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

3rd Quarter Water Bills Due
Monday, August 17

Last Day for 4% Tax Discount
Monday, August 31

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Tuesday, September 1

Yard Waste Afternoon - Transfer Station
Friday, September 4 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Admin Office Closed
Monday, September 7

Town Council Meeting - Memorial Hall
Wednesday, September 9 @ 7:00 p.m.

General Election Call for Nominations
Tuesday, September 22

Town Council Meeting - Memorial Hall
Wednesday, September 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Last Day for 3% Tax Discount
Wednesday, September 30

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK COVID-19 UPDATES

It is hard to believe that more than three months have passed since we went on "lock-down" for Covid-19. While restrictions are loosening due to the success we are seeing in Saskatchewan, we still need to remain vigilant as a community and adhere to the guidelines outlined by the Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Health Authority in the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan.

1) TOWN OFFICE - As of July 6, the Town Office is **open to walk-in traffic** during regular business hours – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are still encouraging you to use socially-distanced payment methods when possible. The public washrooms are still closed within the building.

2) MEMORIAL HALL - The Strasbourg Memorial Hall is still closed to the public. We will consider reopening once we get more directives from the Provincial Government. There are a lot of factors to consider for reopening, including cost of cleaning/disinfecting, ability to control public gathering sizes, liability concerns, etc.

3) COUNCIL MEETINGS - Our Council meetings are now being held in the Strasbourg Memorial Hall while social distancing rules apply as our Council Chambers are too small. At the Hall we are disinfecting tables, chairs, bathrooms, handrails, door handles, and other commonly touched surfaces before and after the meeting. It is a bit more work for those involved, but it gives Council a chance to conduct business face-to-face in a safe manner. At this time, Council and staff are the only people allowed in the Hall for liability purposes.

4) MUSEUM - The Strasbourg & District Museum opened to the public on June 29th. There are quite a few social distancing measures put in place which are posted on site. Please be respectful of the staff during this time. On the last page, check out the summer raffle being held by the Museum to raise funds!

5) SUMMER/FALL TRANSFER STATION DAYS - As promised, we are opening our transfer station to branches for the first Friday of July, August, and September for yard waste, as well as all Saturdays in October excluding October 31, which is moved to Sunday, November 1 for Halloween leaves. As well, the highly anticipated Free Garbage Weekend will be held July 25 and 26 out at the transfer station.

6) CAMPGROUND - Due to the requirements for the campground sanitization as set out by our facility permit from the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the Town decided to close the campground, including the washroom and septic dump, for the remainder of the summer to the public. For the small amount of money we earn

through campground rentals, the cost of disinfection protocols, including overtime wages of public works staff, does not make fiscal sense.

- 7) **SAMA REINSPECTION** - Thank you to those that submitted their SAMA re-inspection form. SAMA will be in Town over the course of the summer to look at properties in a very socially-distanced manner (such as standing on the street). They may call property owners to get follow-up information.

2020 SUMMER/FALL TOWN TRANSFER STATION DAYS

Town of Strasbourg Residents Only

Town Transfer Station located 1 mile north of Golf Course

Yard Waste Days

(First Friday in July, August, & September; Saturdays in October)

Friday, July 3: 1-5

Friday, August 7: 1-5

Friday, September 4: 1-5

Saturday, October 3: 9-12 • Saturday, October 10: 9-12

Saturday, October 17: 9-12 • Saturday, October 24: 9-12

Sunday, November 1: 9-12 (Great for Halloween Leaves!)

- Only BRANCHES, LEAVES, & GRASS CLIPPINGS accepted.
- Bagged leaves and grass will have to be opened and emptied into pit, as plastic cannot be burned.
- Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Public Works staff cannot help you unload.

Free Transfer Station Weekend

Saturday, July 25 & Sunday, July 26

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- This is your chance to take household waste, appliances, and furniture out to the Town's Transfer Station free of charge!
- LARGE DEMOLITION PROJECTS & TIRES NOT ACCEPTED. Check with Town Office first if you have a demo project.
- You can make unlimited visits during the open times.
- Please bring ID that bears Town of Strasbourg CIVIC ADDRESS in case you are asked to produce it (driver's license, tax bill, utility bill, etc.).
- Transfer Station will be manned by Town Public Works staff during the times listed above and all loads will be inspected and sorted.
- Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Public Works staff cannot help you unload.
- Public Works staff have the right to refuse any load.

8) PLAYGROUNDS & SPLASH PARK -

Playgrounds opened to the public on June 12 and the Splash Park will be opening in the coming days. The sites are posted indicating rules to follow as laid out by the Provincial Government and Saskatchewan Health Authority. The Town is NOT sanitizing the playgrounds or splash park; you must use these at your own risk.



9) OPERATION BIRTHDAY CANDLE -

Between April 6 and June 20, the Strasbourg & District Fire & Rescue (SDFR) Department had a highly successful "Operation Birthday Candle" where members of the SDFR would attend a home with the fire trucks (sirens on) and a small gift to help celebrate a birthday of a child (ages 1-9) who could not otherwise have a birthday party because of Covid-19. The SDFR made 12 visits in total. Check out the Fire Department's Facebook page @strasbourgdistrictfirerescue to see some neat videos and pictures.

Jenn Josephson
Administrator

****PLEASE NOTE: All utility accounts must be brought to a zero balance by September 30th. Due to Covid-19, the Town did not shut off homes or businesses for non-payment. However, we are requiring that all accounts be cleared up by the end of the third utility cycle. Please make payment arrangements with the Office if you foresee this being a challenge.**

RECYCLING REMINDER

The Town Council would like to remind everyone to properly recycle items in the blue bins – no branches, no metal, no garbage, no plastic bags, soiled cardboard, etc. Crown Shred Recycling, who processes the recycling for Loraas Disposal Ltd. has increased their costs by 30%, which is passed onto us as municipal



users, because of improper recycling from all the communities that they service around the Province. As more improper recycling continues, Crown Shred Recycling costs increase to process and sort through the garbage (and other non-recyclable materials) mixed in with the recycling. We all have to be conscientious of our personal recycling processes, as there is a distinct possibility that this program could be taken away in the future if personal recycling processes do not improve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Town Council

NEW BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

In early June, the Town ended their contract with the Commissionaires and hired independent contractor Rocky Coleman from Regina as the new Bylaw Enforcement Officer (BEO) for the community. Rocky is currently the BEO for Lumsden, Bethune, Siltou, RM of Lumsden, RM of Dufferin, and Disley.

Rocky comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge regarding bylaw enforcement having been a BEO for the City of Regina for almost a decade. Rocky will work contentiously with property owners to achieve compliance.

Rocky operates on a “complaint-driven” process and attends the communities as needed. As before, if you have a concern, please e-mail the Office (as it needs to be in writing), and we will forward to Rocky to deal with. All information is kept confidential.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

It was definitely a different year for the graduates of William Derby School. The Town felt it important to offer a scholarship to the graduates despite the challenges being faced.

This year, for the Lance Cornwell Memorial Scholarship, we received three applications and held our interviews over Zoom. We were proud to award Samantha Johnston with the \$1,000.00 award. Samantha will be attending Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Saskatoon to receive her Bachelors of Nursing degree.

We wish her all the best in her future studies!



STRASBOURG RECREATION CENTRE

The wind as of late has definitely caused some issues, including the damage sustained to the Strasbourg Rec Centre (Rink) roof on the hockey arena portion. Prior to this damage, the curling rink roof was in dire need of replacement as well. To effectively replace both the curling rink and hockey rink roof, significant funds are required.

As an FYI, the Strasbourg Recreation Centre is not owned by the Town of Strasbourg. The facility is owned and operated by the volunteer Rec Centre Board. The Town provides water and sewer, garbage and recycling, and outside ground maintenance for the facility. The Rec Centre Board relies heavily on donations from the general public to help keep the facility viable. The Board can also issue tax-deductible receipts for any donations given.

During this time, the Town has decided to lend the Rec Centre \$100,000.00, interest-free, payable over 11 years to help with the roof repair. Council hopes this will be a helping hand to a facility that is an important fixture in our community.

STRASBOURG MUSEUM SUMMER RAFFLE

The Strasbourg & District Museum is always looking for new ways to raise money for future projects and events, and with limited operations this season, they are doing an online raffle. Rolling Plains Metalworks has graciously donated a custom fire pit and custom plant hanger for the raffle. Pictures of the prizes can be seen on the Museum's Facebook page.

Tickets are **3 for \$5.00**. To enter the draw:

1. Send an e-transfer through your online banking to the Town of Strasbourg at their email address strasbourg@sasktel.net. Please type "Museum raffle" in the message area of the e-transfer.
2. Then send Jessica Dreger a message at strasbourgmuseum@sasktel.net with how many tickets you want, or send a message through the Museum's Facebook page. Jessica will check that all entries match an e-transfer before the draw is made at the end of July!

If you wish to enter the draw in person, tickets will also be available at the Museum in July, during regular business hours (Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

MUNICIPAL ELECTION – NOV 9, 2020

September 2020 will see the start of the general election process. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will be holding the election at the Strasbourg Memorial Hall to provide enough space for social distancing.

Qualifications of Candidates:

- 18 years of age on or before Election Day
- Canadian Citizen
- Saskatchewan resident for the past 6 months
- A resident of the Town for the past 3 months ("residency" defined as the place one calls "home")

Qualifications of Voters:

- 18 years of age on or before Election Day
- Canadian citizen
- Saskatchewan resident for the past 6 months
- A resident of the Town or owner of assessed land in Town for the past 3 months ("**owner**" **must have Land Title in personal name**)

SEPT 22 - Call for Nominations begins

OCT 7 - Nomination Day - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NOV 4 - Advance Poll - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NOV 9 - Election Day - 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE INSPECTION – JULY 2020

The Town has hired KBM Resources Group to complete a Dutch Elm Disease (DED) survey during the summer of 2020. KBM personnel will be in our community in **July 2020** to identify all American elm trees with symptoms of DED and contraventions of the provincial DED regulations on public and private lands. KBM personnel will collect branch samples from American elm trees that are displaying DED symptoms when possible and safe to do so. DED is spread in Saskatchewan by the native elm and smaller European elm bark beetles, improperly sanitized pruning tools that spread the fungus from diseased to healthy American elm trees and elm firewood movement.

KBM employees will acquire permission from landowners where possible and/or community officials before entering private property for both elm branch collection and violation identification. **Your cooperation is essential for the completion of a thorough survey and effective management of this disease!**

If you have any questions, please contact Jeffery Gooliaff of KBM Resources Group at (306) 314-8193 or the Town Office.