TOWN OF STRASBOURG (S) NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Happy New Year from the Administration and Council! When reflecting on the past year, it is nice to see that the majority of 2022 was spent getting things back to normal, and moving forward with projects and initiatives. Our biggest focus in 2022 was the Lions Park Revitalization Project, which is set to be completed in the summer of 2023. We were very close to getting the major infrastructure all finalized in October, but unfortunately the snow hit earlier than we expected and we were forced to shut down sooner than we wanted to. Because of this, we were unable to create any winter walking trails in the Lions Park this year because of the ground work that did not get completed. However, everything will be operational and usable in 2023, which we are all very excited about!

Thank you to everyone who has made donations and contributions towards the Lions Park so far. All contributions made to the Park will be displayed on a plaque at the Park, as well as recognized in various forms of promotional material this summer. There will also be opportunities to sponsor benches, picnic tables, and trees. As customary, the Town would also like to recognize groups and individuals who made donations towards the Hall, Fire Department, and Museum in 2022:

UPCOMING DATES

RCMP Town Hall Meeting Wednesday, January 18 @ 7:00 p.m.

Fibre Optics Come-and-Go Meeting *Thursday, January 19 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.*

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

Fibre Optics Lunch & Learn Meeting Friday, January 27 from 11:00-2:00 p.m.

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

1st Quarter Water Bills Due *Wednesday, February 15*

Admin Office Closed - Family Day Monday, February 20

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

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

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

THANK YOU TO...

Bulyea Co-op Craswell Seeds Country Women's Network RBC, Strasbourg Branch

Solid Works Carpentry South Country Equipment Strasbourg Rec Board

The Town Council annually gives money in grants, sponsorships, and advertising to local groups. The Town has an annual fund whereby local volunteer groups can apply for grants and donations for fundraisers and various Town events.

Town Donations, Grants, and Advertising Support in 2022

- Strasbourg Rec Centre (Rink) Annual Operating Grant \$5,000
- Strasbourg Recreation Board Operating Grant \$5,000
- WDS Scholarships \$2,000
- Strasbourg Public Library Annual Grant \$1,500
- Last Mountain Rodeo \$1.000
- Strasbourg Sports Grounds Musical Ride Grant \$1,000
- Strasbourg Recreation Board Mini Mosaic Grant \$1,000
- Last Mountain Theatre Company Hall Curtains \$1,000
- Strasbourg Minor Hockey Advertising \$175
- Strasbourg Curling Club \$50
- Silton Legion \$25

As always, to all the members of the Rec Board, Strasbourg EMO Committee, Strasbourg Sports Grounds, and Strasbourg & District Fire & Rescue, who volunteer on behalf of the Town of Strasbourg Council, thank you for your continued commitment to our community!

SPECIAL JANUARY MEETINGS

RCMP TOWN HALL MEETING - The Southey/Strasbourg RCMP are hosting a meeting at the Strasbourg Memorial Hall on <u>Wednesday, January 18th, 2023</u> at 7:00 p.m. for the residents of Strasbourg. Come out and meet the members and bring any policing questions or concerns you may have.

REDBIRD COMMUNICATIONS COME & GO TOWN HALL MEETING – Redbird Communications, who will be providing fibre optics to the community, will be hosting a Come and Go Town Hall Meeting from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on <u>Thursday, January 19th, 2023</u> at the Strasbourg Memorial Hall. Fibre optics will be coming to the community in the spring of 2023 and this is for anyone interested in learning more.

REDBIRD COMMUNICATIONS LUNCH & LEARN – <u>Friday, January 27th, 2023</u> from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the <u>Strasbourg Memorial Hall. Another opportunity</u> to learn more about the fibre optics coming to our community.

ONGOING SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

- We have a lot of snow already, with more to come. If you are a corner lot, please refrain from piling/pushing the snow into the corners by the intersections so that sightlines are not reduced.
- If at all possible, try to avoid piling your snow on top of your curbstop. If the water needed to be shut off in an emergency, it would be extremely difficult to locate the curbstop and dig it out.
- Please refrain from blowing your property's snow onto the street, alley or neighbours property, especially after the streets have been cleaned. As per Snow Removal Bylaw 411/20, remediation amounts could be added to taxes if improper snow removal takes place.
- 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, 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 may have the vehicles towed.

E-TRANSFER REMINDER

For those of you who pay your bills with etransfer, please remember to type in the memo what you are paying for (utility, tax, etc.), your address, and your account number so that we can apply it to the correct property.

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

- The Town lost long-term resident Roy Erickson who tirelessly worked as the Memorial Hall Maintenance Manager for six years.
- Sherry Burgess was elected onto Council to fill one Council seat vacancy.
- The Town Scholarship Committee awarded the 2022 Lance Cornwell Memorial Scholarship to WDS graduates Grace Edwards and Kimberly Thomas.
- Held a free transfer station weekend in May, along with several yard waste days between May and October. Held for a second year, a \$20/load transfer station day in October for cost recovery. All the transfer station days were well utilized.
- Plans for a new fire hall are finalized, as well as the final stages of land acquisition and the land subdivision.
- Repaved and recurbed the 300 & 400 block of Pearson Street, the east half of the 300 block of Chapin Street, plus completed additional paving patchwork around the community.
- Completed our annual Dutch Elm Disease (DED) study of the whole community. Sixteen private and public DEDinfected trees in total were removed.
- The Strasbourg Lions Park Revitalization Project began in the summer, including the construction of a new splash park, accessible washroom, picnic shelter, asphalt walking trails, pickleball court, seniors exercise equipment, memorial garden, and a community garden. The project will be finished in the summer of 2023 with a grand opening temporarily slated for August.
- Started conversations with Redbird Communications to receive fibre optic internet for the whole community, which will be coming to Strasbourg in 2023.
- The Assistant Administrator Sandy Frison retired after 23 years of working for the Town. Crystal Mytopher took on the new position, and Tracy Edwards was hired to fill the front desk Office Clerk role.
- Robert Gwillim was hired as a new Public Works Operator.
- Both Mayor Kelvin Schapansky and Administrator Jennifer Gritzfeld celebrated 10 years with the Town.



IMPORTANT:

Carts must be out by 7a.m. on collection days

2023 Strasbourg Collection Calendar Garbage ONLY Recycle ONLY

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