

TOWN OF SHELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

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2016 Tax Discount Rates

January to March saw the end of discounts on prepaid taxes. No further discounts are offered.

Clean Up Weeks

Clean up weeks have been set for the 3 consecutive Saturdays of May 21st, May 28th and June 4th. The landfill will be open from 10am to 5pm on Saturdays. Only clean wood, leaves, tree trimmings, grass clipping and garden refuse will be accepted.

Cemetery Clean Up

We are looking for volunteers to help tidy up our cemetery on May 28th weather permitting. Please contact Jenny @ the Town Office if you can help out.

Leaves/Grass Clipping Pickup Days

Leaves and grass clippings placed in approved bio-degradable or compostable bags will be picked up every Tuesday starting on May 3rd, weather dependent. Bags are available at the town office for \$1.00/bag plus GST. Branches can be bundled in 3 foot lengths and tied with biodegradable string. Please ensure that you can wrap your arms around the bundle.

Garbage & Recycle Bins

Set out the recycle or garbage bins to ensure pick up by **6:30 am on Fridays**. Remove the bins promptly after pickup as they interfere with proper street cleaning.

Contractors

If you hire contractors & businesses from outside the town, they are required to have a business license to work within town limits. This includes plumbers, builders, electricians, heating, etc. Licenses are purchased at the Town Office.

Taking Care of Your Pet's Feces'

As we welcome spring and with the snow fast melting, please ensure that all your pet(s) defecation are removed from your property and disposed of properly. If left undone, it poses as a health hazard to you and those who live around you. Please consult the bylaw for potential fines @ the town office or our website @ www.shellbrook.net/

Cats

Cats just like dogs are not allowed to wander freely in town. Please ensure that they are confined inside. Stiff penalties exist for cats picked up. Please consult our animal bylaw on the town's website or at the town office. Also refrain from feeding stray cats and call the town office if you see any hanging around your residence. Feeding them assumes ownership & they become nuisances to neighbors.

Pet Licenses

All pets' dogs and cats require pet licenses and tags and must not be left wandering about in town. Cats picked up will attract the same penalty as dogs. 2016 tags and licenses are available at the town office.

Utility & Tax

Payments Reminder

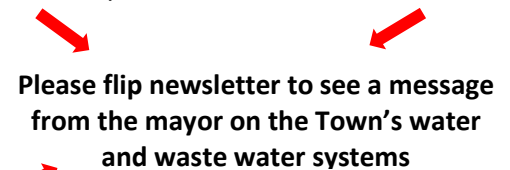
Please make payments from an ATM or banking institution at least 7-10 days before the last business day. Payments are only applied when they are received in office. Payments can also be made at the municipal office between 9am-4pm by cash, cheque or debit. If that is inconvenient, we have a locked drop off box located by the front door if you cannot make it during office hours.

Phone Tree System

When an emergency occurs or crucial information needs to be shared, we use the phone tree system that dials everyone on our list. Please ensure that we have your email, cell phone or home phone numbers. Register your contact details by calling the town office to stay in the know!

New Traffic Bylaw

New traffic bylaw has been passed by Council. Fines have been increased substantially. Only permit holders are allowed to park in a handicap zone.


Please flip newsletter to see a message from the mayor on the Town's water and waste water systems

Shellbrook

a better place to GROW!

A message from the Mayor

To all Stakeholders within the Town of Shellbrook

I'd like to share some information with you regarding our water and wastewater systems. These systems provide us all with safe, potable water and effluent removal. Our responsibility is to operate these systems efficiently, cost effectively and in manner that insures standards are met and our citizens are provided with safe, potable water and effluent treatment.

First of all let's talk about the regulatory process. Our utilities are owned by the Town. The license to operate the utilities and the standards that must be met during operation are set and enforced by the Regulator (the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency). The costs associated with meeting the regulator's standards are borne by the Town. We understand the importance of meeting standards and complying with regulations. Safe potable water and environmentally responsible wastewater release goes without question.

The cost of providing the service and insuring the standards and regulations are met is significant. The following data is a bit of a summary of the operating projections for the 2016 budget year. The anticipated total revenue generated from the monthly billing for water, sewer and infrastructure charges is approximately \$718,000.00. The projected cost of operating the facilities is \$1,074,880.00. This means we are leaving an operating deficit of \$356,880.00! This operating deficit doesn't include any provision to have funding put in a reserve to ensure money is available to upgrade or replace our very old infrastructure in future years.

Fortunately our Council and Staff have taken what we believe is a very proactive approach in getting control of the management of our major infrastructure assets. We have, with the help of ATANA Management, developed Asset Management plans for all our major assets. The plans, which provide Council with factual data for decision making processes which will help to deal with future expenses. The information we gleaned from this ongoing management planning supports decisions like the ongoing sewer lining work being done on the concrete sewer lines we have that are in poor condition.

A proactive rather than reactive approach to the revitalization of our town's major assets will pay us dividends in the long term.

We have a great community anchored by numerous volunteers who provide critical support for the services our residents expect. Our commitment is to support the efforts of our numerous volunteers by investing through our asset management process to managing our infrastructure assets responsibly.

We will continue to make every effort to ensure that Shellbrook continues to thrive, not only for us but for future generations.

Best Regards



Mayor George Tomporowski