

TOWN OF MILESTONE

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(Residents Notice Page on Web site – specific to Residents)

MILESTONE NUISANCE GROUNDS – IMPORTANT CHANGES

The **WASTE DISPOSAL SITE (Nuisance Grounds)** has now been operating under the regulations set out by Sask. Environment for the past year. For the most part it has been working satisfactorily and Council wish to thank everyone for his or her cooperation and understanding during the transitional period. One concern of council is the increase in bulk garbage at the landfill. In addition to the noticeable increase in the amount of garbage because of the "No Burning" regulation, there has also been an increase in operational costs due to compliance of other regulations. In an effort to decrease the amount of garbage at the landfill a recycling program has been started. In order to cover these costs and the other costs council will be initiating a "**Waste Collection & Recycling Fee**" of **\$2.00 per month per household**. This fee will take affect July 1, 2004 and will be added to and included on your July "Utility Service Invoice" (Water/Sewer Bill).

GARBAGE PICKUP The following garbage pick-up and disposal policy is in effect.

Garbage pickup is on the street. (**Weather Permitting**)

MONDAY PICKUP

COMPOST MATERIAL ONLY (MONDAY PICKUP) – should not be bagged but must be placed in a metal or plastic container or garbage can that allows the compost material to be dumped loosely into the garbage truck. The total weight of the container with the compost material should not exceed 50lbs. **THIS SHOULD BE SET OUT IN THE FRONT ON THE STREET FOR PICKUP BY 9:00 AM.**

WEDNESDAY PICKUP

DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY (WEDNESDAY PICK-UP) – must be **BAGGED** in tied plastic garbage bags and set out in the front on the Street for pickup by **9:00am**.

If the garbage is unable to be collected on its regular day because of weather or any other reason, the public works crew will try to pick it up the next day. If they are still unable to pick it up the following day the garbage will then be picked up the next week on it s regular day.

Please ensure your refuse is placed and secured in plastic bags and if put out prior to the morning of pickup, please deposit your bags in containers that will prevent it from being exposed and scattered by the elements or animals. The total weight of the container should not exceed 50lbs.

NUISANCE GROUNDS HOURS OF OPERATION:

WEDNESDAYS: 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

<u>2004 Budget</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Mill Rate	10.500	11.0435
Base Tax	\$225.00	\$200.00
(MRF) Mill Rate Factors – Residential	1.000	0.977
- Commercial	1.37	1.200
Total Tax Revenue	\$168,788	\$166,663

Enclosed is your 2004 tax notice. As you can see The "BASE TAX" (That is: each class of land and improvements separately recorded on the assessment roll will pay a \$225.00 BASE TAX, an increase of \$25.00 from last year). The mill rate decreased by over ½ mill. A tax shift will be seen from commercial properties to residential properties because of the changes in the "Base Tax, "Mill Rate Factors" and "Mill Rate". The changes were made not only in an attempt to stimulate commercial/business growth, but also in council's opinion to make the commercial tax more equitable because of the ratio between "Fair Value Assessments" and "Taxable Assessments".

WATER/SEWER RATES

The 2004 budget also saw an increase in the water/sewer basic rates to cover the deficit in the utility operations. The following is a history of the water/sewer charges on a per month basis.

	<u>July 1/2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>
Water	\$11.50	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$ 8.00
Sewer	\$10.50	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 7.00

The town's allowable limit of 15,000 gallons per quarter (5,000 gallons/month) for the basic charge is one of the highest in small communities. Many communities are under 1000 gallons per month.

(Weyburn Comparison – If you used 5,000 gallons per month your Utility Service Bill would be \$43.32/month:
If you used 2,000 gallons per month your Utility Service Bill would be \$25.17/month

UNTIDY AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES (THIS includes abandoned, unregistered derelict and junked vehicles that meets the criteria pursuant to the Urban Municipality Act.)

As we are commencing preparations for our 2005 centennial celebrations a number of community beautification issues will be raised with a number of property owners. Our community has always been proud to boast of being one of the cleanest and well kept places in the Province in which to live. This is evident by the number of compliments received by the Town from visitors and ratepayers alike. The Council feels it is extremely important to maintain this community driven standard and with everyone's cooperation council is sure this standard will be maintained and Milestone will continue to be "Showcase Town" for all visitors.

COMMUNITY CEMTERY CLEAN-UP DAY – JUNE 12, 2004 @ 9:00 AM

The town will be trying to have on an annual basis a "Volunteer Cemetery Clean Up Day". Dee Renwick has volunteered his services in this regard and will be spearheading the project this year with Jim Moorhead. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, shovels, spades, garden tools etc.

**Weather Permitting: CLEAN UP DAY AT THE CEMETERY
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2004 @ 9:00 AM**

PET (DOG AND CAT) LICENSES:

Please ensure your pet is properly registered and licensed at the town office. Pet licenses are \$10.00 for each pet. The registry ensures proper identification of your pet in the event it is impounded or otherwise required.

A PET CONTROL OFFICER HAS BEEN HIRED

IMPOUNDING

Any stray animal (running at large), whether licensed or not can be taken to the Regina Humane Society where it will be impounded. Also any person finding a stray animal can take the animal to the Humane Society. Every attempt will be made to notify the owners of the animals impounded. This of course is made much easier if the animal is properly registered.

ZONING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS - INTERIM DEVELOPMENT CONTROL BYLAW

Council is becoming increasingly more concerned with the administrative responsibilities in the enforcement of zoning and building regulations. With these administrative responsibilities comes increased liability to local councils. To address these concerns council passed a "Interim Development Control Bylaw". The bylaw took affect May 11, 2004 and as of that date no person shall carry out any development within the town except with the written permission of the Council. Every person must apply to council for permission to carry out the development. The "Development Permit" is separate and apart from the "Building Permit", "Moving Permit" and "Demolition Permit". These permits were always and continue to be necessary before any work commences. Please contact the town office for more information regarding the issuance of the permits.

NEW PAVEMENT, HEAVY TRAFFIC, EXTENDED PARKING OF VEHICLES ON STREETS ETC.

The town will be making every effort to protect the new pavement by keeping heavy vehicles and traffic off the pavement. Your cooperation is requested. Stricter enforcement of the "Heavy Truck Route and Parking" provisions of the Town's Traffic Bylaw might be expected. The town will be requesting RCMP assistance in this regard. If you have occasion to bring heavy vehicles into Milestone please keep them on the truck route and park them on the CPR Right of Way at the South end of Main Street.

In accordance with the town's TRAFFIC CONTROL BYLAW, council is requesting your cooperation in ensuring that your vehicle(s) are not parked on the street for more than a 24 hour period. This includes trailers, campers, buses etc. The extended parking of vehicles etc. is not only in violation of the Bylaw but it also creates undue and unnecessary hardship for street cleaning, street maintenance and snow removal operations. It also creates an unsafe play area for small children as well as being unsafe for the general pedestrian traffic.

Also please ensure your vehicle is parked on the right-hand side of the street having regard to the direction in which the vehicle was proceeding. If your vehicle is not parked in that manner and is hit or sustains damage, you may be liable for damages and your insurance may be void. Also, it is in violation of the town's traffic bylaw and you may be fined if not parked in the proper manner.

RCMP POLICING MATTERS

The RCMP relies on public assistance with policing matters in the community. The following are some ways your assistance can be given.

i) Driving offenses - contact the RCMP with the appropriate information i.e.: time, place, vehicle and driver if known. The RCMP will follow up on this information and issue the appropriate summons.

ii) Loud and/or annoying noises i.e.: House parties/dogs continually barking - An overly loud and obnoxious house party creating an annoyance should be reported. Appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the town's bylaws.

iii) thefts, break-ins etc. - Any vehicles, persons or situations which you feel may be suspicious in nature should be reported to the RCMP, again giving the pertinent information, so the appropriate action can be taken by the RCMP

If you have a policing concern please call the RCMP. Remember, an attempt to resolve the problem can only be made if it is reported.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS- Each year volunteers make a substantial contribution to your community. The time and effort expended by all volunteers and their respective organization help in providing a great number of community programs, activities and the operation of recreational facilities. Without their participation, dedication and commitment to the community many of the services and programs provided in Milestone could not be funded or achieved. All are important and play an integral part in the development and betterment of our community. The numbers are varied and many, and each individual volunteer is as important as the organization itself. There can never be too much emphasis made of the important contributions you make to the community.

SPECIAL THANKS: - TO THE "MILESTONE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE" AND TO A "CENTURY OF MILESTONES"

- To John Ohrt for the time and effort spent on the "911 Emergency Conversion (a real savings was realized because of his efforts.)

Members of the council are as follows: Mayor: Richard Galbraith

Councillors: Lyle Cole; Judy Moorhead
Bev Siebert; Neil Garratt
Michelle Henry; Jeff Brown