

TOWN OF MILESTONE – 2020

MILESTONE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND WATER USE

A few weeks ago, the Town posted this “Notice to Residents” with regards to Water Use & Restrictions:

WATER USE/RATIONING – We are asking residents to please be aware of current water use. The Town R/O system has been running 24 hours a day since May 15th. The Town of Milestone has a requirement to maintain certain levels to ensure compliance with fire fighting requirements. Current water levels are nearing those levels. Should current demand keep increasing, we will be reducing water pressure to rebuild reserves. If this does not address the issue, we may need to impose mandatory water restrictions. Please be cognizant of the amount of time spent watering, watering in the heat of the day and watering during high winds. For those with, automatic/timed sprinklers, please consider adjusting these settings.

For the most part, the notice was well received but were made of a few instances where the message was not understood or misinterpreted. We would like to clarify - the Town does not have an issue with “normal” water usage which includes responsible watering of lawns and garden. The issues include: households watering in the heat of the day, during high winds and for extended periods (watering your lawn for hours on end would be considered excessive). If you have automatic sprinklers that run until the water runs down the street or makes a mudhole in your back alley, please adjust your timers. We need to maintain certain levels to ensure firefighting capacity and therefore may need to reduce the pressure to reduce consumption. It is a safety issue!

We have had questions about the R/O plant being undersized. We believe that this system will be able to meet current demands, under normal usage. With that being said, we are looking at additional upgrades that would increase treatment efficiencies. Hopefully more on that in the near future.

2020 BUDGET AND TAX POLICY INFORMATION

The 2020 Operating and Capital Budget was considered and passed by the Council of the Town of Milestone on April 14, 2020.

The following Tax Policy information was passed and applied to the Total Taxable Assessment for the Town of 54,705.560:

2020 Municipal Mill rate – 4.597 mills
Base Tax – \$215.00 – Ag , Res , Comm
Base Tax - \$815.00 Land& Impr – Ag, Res, Comm

Applying the above Tax Policy to the Taxable Assessment results in a Municipal Tax Levy of approximately \$507,380. The 2020 Mill rate remains the same as 2019. The Base Tax threshold remains unchanged from 2019.

Municipal Operating Revenues, excluding any capital grant allocations that may be received, total \$1,082,908; Operating expenses, excluding depreciation of asset calculations and capital purchases total \$1,081,488.

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2020 – MUNICIPAL ELECTION YEAR

2020 year is Municipal Election Year with municipal elections Province wide scheduled for October 26, 2020. For information on Municipal Elections candidate and voter eligibility visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections/running-for-municipal-office>.

2021 – ASSESSMENT REVALUATION YEAR

2021 is a reassessment year in Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) will be updating property valuations to reflect a base date of January 1, 2019. The Town of Milestone will be provided with preliminary 2021 assessment information in late 2020. Once the information is received it will be reviewed by the Council and information on the impacts of the 2021 Revaluation will be sent out to ratepayers by the end of 2020.

YEARLY COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR DRINKING WATER

Saskatchewan Environment “Drinking Water Quality and Compliance Regulations” requires that at least once a year, The Town of Milestone provide notification to consumers of the quality of water produced and supplied, as well as information on the performance of the waterworks in submitting samples as required by the “Permit To Operate Waterworks”. This is to notify, pursuant to these regulations, that a summary of the Town of Milestone’s water quality and sample submission compliance record for the January 1st, 2019 to December 31st, 2019 time period is now available at the town office. This information can also be seen online at www.saskh20.ca.

LANDFILL HOURS (WEATHER PERMITTING AND EXCLUDING STATUTORY HOLIDAYS):

WEDNESDAYS: 9:00 am TO 12:00 NOON

SATURDAYS: 8:00 am TO 10:00 am

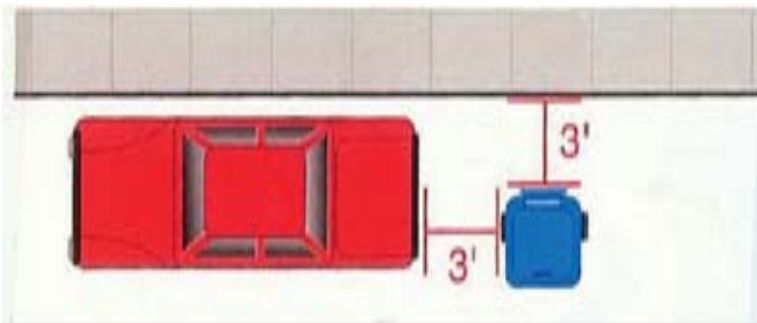
Town Truck(s)

The old garbage truck is currently parked by the fire hall and is to be used for grass clippings and compostable materials only. The 3-ton truck will be left there for trees only. The Town crew will lend out the 3 ton during weekdays and we would like to ensure the truck is accessible to all residents beside the fire hall on weekends

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICKUP

Blue and Grey curbside pickup in the residential areas is currently scheduled for Friday mornings. Residents are to have the garbage bins placed at the curb by 7am or the night before if possible.

There are a few streets that are getting in pretty rough shape. In particular that street without curb and gutter. (Solberg, King St, 4th, 5th and 6th St etc.) When placing you blue and Grey bins at the curb, please try and have them approx. 3ft from the edge of the street (as indicated in the image below)



PAYMENT OPTIONS

Tax and utility payments can now be made online thru most financial institutions. Additionally, for your convenience, we will be setting up a pre-authorized payment program. Please contact Arlene at the Town Office if you are interested in setting up pre-authorized payments or if you have any questions with regards to online payments.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor: Jeff Brown

Councilors: Judy Moorhead, Rena Ohrt, Mike Gallais, Mike Sjodin and Greg Treleaven