

MILESTONE COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL - UPDATE

First of all we would like to thank local residents, surrounding communities and everyone that assisted us in meeting our fundraising goals. The support was nothing short of fantastic. The crews from Western Rec were here working in quite possibly the coldest February on record. All that remains is to install the liner and then fill the pool. Western Rec is behind schedule due to staffing, other projects and now the rain. Initially we had hoped that all repairs would be completed and the pool would open in late June. We are unable to provide a firm date for opening but we will not be open on July 1. Western Rec has assured us we are a priority and are doing the best they can to help us open as quickly as possible. We will communicate more to the public once we are able.

This year has presented some challenges as far as staffing is concerned. We have a great group of guards ready for the season and we are looking forward to opening but we have had to reduce hours for this year. Hopefully going forward we don't have these issues and can get back to regular hours.

We thank everyone for your patience and understanding, If you have questions or concerns about the pool and/or staff please direct these inquiries to the Town Office or a member of the Town Council. We are in the process of reforming the pool board and will be transitioning some of the duties and operation to this board over the next year. If you are interested in being involved please contact the Town office.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Water Treatment Plant. The upgrade to the Water Plant is essentially complete. We are currently looking at more improvements to the water plant, such as upgrades to the distribution system. We will be replacing the distribution pumps and making changes inside the original water plant. Crews are scheduled to come later this summer/early fall. Hopefully this will occur with minimal disruption to the public. We are also looking at making some changes to new system, specifically the pre filtration process. We are hoping this will increase the efficiency of the R/O system, specifically reducing the amount of waste water in the RO process.

We would like to ask the residents of the Town to be mindful of watering their lawns and gardens. The much needed rain has certainly helped but prior to the rain, excessive watering put a great deal of strain on the town reservoir. Also if you haven't disconnected your water softener and r/o system yet, they should no longer be needed.

Paving. Council is aware of the issues with the condition of the pavement and streets in Town. We are currently developing a fiscally responsible strategy as part of our Asset Management Plan to deal with the streets. We appreciate your patience with this.

Yearly Compliance Report for Drinking Water

Saskatchewan Environment "Drinking Water Quality and Compliance Regulations" requires that at least once a year waterworks owners (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 2017 to December 31st 2018 time period is now available at the town office. This information can also be seen on line at www.saskh20.ca.

2019 Budget and Tax Policy Information

The 2019 Operating and Capital Budget was considered and passed by the Council of the Town of Milestone on April 9, 2019.

The following Tax Policy information was passed and applied to the Total Taxable Assessment for the Town of Milestone is 54,410,380:

2019 Municipal Mill rate -4.597 mills

Base Tax - \$215.00 - Ag Land, Res Land, Comm Land

Base Tax - \$815.00 Land& Improvements - Ag, Res, Comm

Applying the above Tax Policy to the Taxable Assessment results in a Municipal Tax Levy of approximately \$513,246

Municipal Operating Revenues, excluding any capital grant allocations that may be received, total \$1,028,159; Operating expenses, excluding depreciation of asset calculations and capital purchases total \$1,026,495.

BACK LANES: Just a reminder that the Town does not maintain back lanes, so please avoid back lanes after a rainfall as the lanes get rutted up and in some instances adjacent private property has been damaged. In most cases, it is contractors from out of town that seem to find their way in the back lanes. If you see this happening please let us know so we can invoice them for the repairs.

Landfill, Garbage Pickup & Recycling

(Weather permitting and excluding Statutory Holidays):

WEDNESDAYS: 9:00 am TO 12:00 NOON

SATURDAYS: 8:00 am TO 10:00 am

MILESTONE LANDFILL – IMPORTANT CHANGES

Saskatchewan Environment has recently stepped up compliance enforcement for all **WASTE DISPOSAL SITES (Landfills)** in the Province. Many communities are starting to modify current landfill practices in response to these warnings. Milestone was identified in a compliance inspection last August and a number of activities were identified as non-compliant. Non-compliance by the town will result in significant fines and possible closure of the site. As a result of these issues, a more stringent supervision of the Landfill by Town of Milestone staff will be in effect. Continued violations could lead to closure of the landfill.

GARBAGE and Recycling PICKUP

Blue and Grey curbside pickup in the residential areas is currently scheduled for Friday mornings. Residents may have noticed the times for pick up has fluctuated occasionally and some residents have missed pickup. There are a number of neighboring communities on the same pick up schedule as the Town of Milestone so demand and load size may affect the times of pick up for our community. When Loraas was first contracted for residential pick up, residents were informed to have the garbage bins placed at the curb by 7am or the night before if possible.

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

Payment options: *Tax and utility payments can be made online thru most financial institutions.*

Additionally, for your convenience, we offer 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.

Members of the council are as follows:

Mayor: Jeff Brown

Councillors: Mike Gallais, Judy Moorhead, Rena Ohrt, Mike Sjodin, Greg Treleaven & Ian Wourms.