

TOWN OF MILESTONE – 2015

MUNICIPAL CAPTIAL PROJECTS

The Town of Milestone lagoon expansion is nearing completion. This project was necessary as our current lagoon had exceeded capacity and this upgrade will ensure our community complies with federal regulations and the growth of our community.

As communicated to residents earlier this year, the Town of Milestone was approved through the 2009 Building Canada Fund – Communities Component for upgrades to our existing water plant. Town Council has been looking into the feasibility of a Reverse Osmosis system for our community and has recently engaged the services of an engineering firm. Once we have received the finding of that engineering report, we will be holding a public meeting with the residents to discuss the project. Watch for posters, mail drops and on our websites for notification of this meeting sometime in the near future.

Community growth and government requirements have provided challenges for all of us but council feels we are moving in the right direction.

UNTIDY AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

(THIS includes overgrown grass and trees, abandoned, unregistered, derelict and junked vehicles etc that meets the criteria pursuant to the Urban Municipality Act.)

Our community has always been proud to boast of being one of the cleanest and well-kept places in the Province. This is evident by the number of compliments received by the Town from visitors and ratepayers alike. 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.

GARBAGE, COMPOST & RECYCLING

LANDFILL HOURS OF OPERATION

(Weather permitting):

WEDNESDAYS: 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00

Loraas bins are picked up Friday mornings, please ensure your bin is at the curb by 9am. If the garbage is unable to be collected on its regular day because of weather or any other reason, please check with the Town office as we will try to post on our website <http://milestonesk.ca> and <http://www.facebook.com/Town-Of-Milestone>.

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. The Town of Milestone has a three ton truck that we are willing to lend out to assist you with cleaning up your property. Please call the Town office if you would like to borrow this truck.

When the recycling bin is full please notify the town office. Arrangements will be made to have the bin replaced. This is usually 1 or a 2-day turn around. Please flatten all cardboard as well as plastic milk jugs. (Do not place full boxes of flattened cardboard in the bins – place them in individually, this creates less bulk). Please do not place recyclable material beside the bin – BE PATIENT: WAIT UNTIL THE BIN IS REPLACED

TRAFFIC/PARKING

PARKING: In accordance with the town's TRAFFIC CONTROL BYLAW, council is requesting your cooperation in ensuring that your vehicle(s) (THIS INCLUDES RV's, Camper Trailers, and Utility Trailers etc.) are not parked on the street for more than a 24 hour period. 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, if you are parking your trailer for extended periods of time on your property and/or on part of the boulevard, please be cognizant of your neighbor. It may be blocking his view or may be causing them an inconvenience you may not be aware of. Your consideration will be appreciated by all concerned.

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.

BACK LANES: There have been some problems when the lanes are used after a rain. Not only do the lanes get rutted up badly but in some instances the adjacent private property has been damaged. Council is requesting your cooperation by not driving in the lanes after a rain until they have dried out.

PET LICENCING AND PET OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

If you are a pet owner your 2015 dog license is now due. If you have not already done so, please register your dog at the municipal office. **The annual fee is \$10.00 per animal.**

The Town office receives an increased number of complaints with regards to cats and dogs running at large, continued barking and pets being allowed to defecate on private and public properties while being walked, whether leashed or not. The Town is asking for pet owners to be responsible for the animals they are caring for and be mindful of others.

Pets Running at Large – The Council is respectfully requesting your co-operation to be a responsible pet owner and make sure your dog is properly restrained to your property while it is outside. Your dog or cat should not be allowed access to streets, lanes or neighboring properties while being restrained to your property. As well your dog shall be properly restrained with a leash while being walked. A fine for not properly restraining dogs to property and for dogs running at large is \$100.00 per infraction.

Barking Dogs – Dogs continuously barking create an unnecessary hardship on shift workers, seniors and infants, as well as becoming an annoyance to neighbors. Continuous disturbances may be forwarded to the RCMP for enforcement under the Town's Noise Control Bylaw.

COMMUNITY BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

From time to time the Town of Milestone receives complaints on a number of issues such as; dog/cat control; nuisance properties; noise complaints; parking of vehicles and trailers;

The Town generally will attempt to address such concerns via correspondence from the municipal office. In a vast majority of the cases, these issues are dealt with cordially and positively. However in some instances the Council may be required to consider referring the matter to the RCMP or potentially contracting bylaw-enforcement to an outside agency for enforcement of bylaw regulations. These considerations are usually costly to utilize and in turn cost every ratepayer accordingly, as excess service costs are borne by the municipal taxes.

DANDELION and weed control is an on-going problem. While the town makes every attempt to control these pesky weeds on their property, it is difficult. **BE ASSURED THE TOWN IS TRYING.** The town also knows that it is just as difficult for the property owner to control dandelions on their property but with a cooperative effort it is hoped that it can be satisfactorily controlled. Your cooperation in spraying your property (and possibly helping your neighbor spray his) is respectfully requested. Please contact the town office for the availability of herbicide.

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 2014 to December 31st 2014 time period is now available at the town office. This information can also be seen on line at www.saskh20.ca.

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.

Members of the council are as follows:

Mayor:	Jeff Brown
Councillors:	Judy Moorhead, Rena Ohrt, Bev Siebert, Mike Sjodin, Greg Treleaven & Ian Wourms.