

TOWN OF SPIRITWOOD

Newsletter

December 2016



Upcoming Events

December 23 – Timberwolves Dance
January 21 – Witchekan Wildlife Supper
February 23-25 – Spirited Players Performance
March 23 – Dance Recital
April 7-9 – Quilters Retreat
April 21&22 – Grand Ole Opry

At meter reading time...

Please keep pathways clear and meters visible so that our staff can easily read the meter! Thank you!

Utility & Tax Payments

Did you know you can pay your taxes and utilities online? **The Town of Spiritwood is registered with most major financial institutions.** Payments can also be made at the municipal office by cash, cheque or debit.

Tips for winter

- ❖ Clear debris from eavestroughs and downspouts
- ❖ Seal window wells & fix any cracks in basement walls, it can lead to leaks if left undone.
- ❖ Clear roadside leaves & debris near your home to ensure snow melting during winter thaws can drain freely into the sewer.
- ❖ Turn off the outdoor water supply and drain taps before the first freeze - because burst water pipes waste water and can cause expensive damage
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Recycle Handcarts

Please note the **absolutely NO glass** can be put in your residential recycling handcart.



Municipal Updates

Municipal Council

The Town of Spiritwood municipal election was held on October 26, 2016. Mayor Gary von Holwede was elected by acclamation. The following candidates were elected to Town Council:

- Debbie Allan
- Shannon Beulac
- James Bedi
- Brad Nemish
- George Pretli
- Bryan Wingerter

Street Signs

Public works staff have replaced multiple damaged or missing street signs throughout town.

Lagoon

Public works staff have been working on repairs to the Lagoon. The Lagoon release valve was replaced. The Water Security Agency has called for restoration of some of the lagoon berms. In November 2016, two berms of the third cell were restored to their original profiles. The Water Security Agency has instructed the municipality to complete this project to ensure environmental standards are met and improve the structural integrity of the lagoon, which will in turn increase its longevity.

Asset Management Plan

The Provincial Government has deemed it necessary for all Saskatchewan municipalities to implement an asset management by 2018. An asset management plan will be a proactive approach to control the management of the municipality's major infrastructure assets. The plan will provide council with factual data for decision-making processes, which will help deal with future expenses. A proactive rather than reactive approach to the revitalization of our town's major assets will pay us dividends in the long term.

2017 Dog Licenses

Be sure to come into the office in January to purchase your 2017 Dog License. The cost is \$25 per dog. Dogs that are lost can easily be identified if wearing a tag. The owner will also avoid a fine.

2017 Business Licenses

Are you a contractor/home business owner/salesman?

You need a license to operate within the boundaries of the Town of Spiritwood if you do not operate your business from a property classed as commercial, industrial, elevator, railway right of way or pipeline. If you hire contractors & businesses from outside of town, they are required to have a business license to work within town limits. This includes plumbers, builders, electricians, heating technicians, etc.. **Please contact the Town Office to renew or receive a business license for 2017!**

After Hours Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, an on-call person can be contacted at 306.841.7780. **This number will only be in service during the hours, which the Town Office is closed.**