

TOWN OF BIGGAR

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PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES

Council will be requesting the approval of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for a water and sewer rate increase to take effect on **MAY 1, 2007**. It is proposed to increase rates as follows:

- WATER**
- Minimum rate to be increased by \$1.00 per month.
 - Overage rate to be increased by \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons.
 - Infrastructure Charge to be added of \$1.00 per month and increased to \$2.00 per month January 1, 2008.
- SEWER**
- rate to be increased by \$0.50 per month.

The above increases are to cover general operating costs for the supply of treated domestic water and sewage treatment. The infrastructure charge will be used for the replacement of water infrastructure.

LANDFILL HOURS CHANGES – APRIL 16, 2007:

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
10:00 a.m. – Noon 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY
10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

REMEMBER TO SECURE OR TARP ALL LOADS TO THE LANDFILL!!

ASSESSMENT ROLL:

The Town of Biggar's assessment roll will be open to the public for a period of time in April or May. This allows property owners to view their assessment sheet to ensure its correctness. While the assessment roll is open, property owners may appeal their assessment or classification for a fee. Please watch the local paper for the notice regarding the dates that the assessment roll will be open.

BUILDING PERMITS:

With spring approaching some of you may be thinking of renovating or adding onto your house or commercial building. The Town would like to remind you that a **Development Permit and Building Permit is required by any person who is planning on undertaking a development. These permits are REQUIRED prior to the commencement of any work or construction. Applications for these permits are available at the Town Office and approval and payment for these permits is required before commencement of any project.**

TOWN AND COUNTRY FAIR PLANNING MEETING:

Plans are in the works for the Town and Country Fair to be held August, 2007 in Biggar. The next public meeting is set for Monday, April 23, 2007 at the Biggar Community Hall at 7:00 p.m. For further information on the fair - please contact Lisa Haynes at 948-2563.

PET CONTROL:

Residents are reminded to take good care of their pets. This includes keeping them on their property in order to control and protect them. Residents should also be aware that injuring a pet that has strayed onto their property, such as by use of a pellet gun, could result in charges being laid against them under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Your co-operation in being a good pet owner and thoughtful neighbor is appreciated.

COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES:

If you would like to bring anything to Council's attention, please bring your information to the Town Office by Noon on the Friday before the meeting. This will enable Council to review the information prior to their Council Meetings. Regular Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

In particular if you need a "Community Event Permit" for your function, this approval must be obtained from the Town prior to your organization applying for this permit through the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority. Please allow 3-4 weeks prior to your event for this approval from the Town.

Council must also approve a license for groups or organizations that are selling raffle tickets. An application is available at the Town Office and the fee for this license is \$5.00. The Town of Biggar can approve raffle licenses for a prize value of less than \$1,000.00 and **the Town must license all raffles.**

ELM TREE PRUNING BAN:

An Elm Tree pruning ban for Saskatchewan Elm trees is in effect from April 1 – August 31, 2007. **No pruning of these trees is allowed during this period.**

For more information on this ban, please contact the Saskatchewan Dutch Elm Disease Association in Saskatoon at 933-7203 or visit their website at www.sdeda.ca

For further information on any of the above, please contact the Town Office at 948-3317 or email the Town at townoffice@townofbiggar.com

