



Town Council Meetings: Regular Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month and are open to the public. Residents can attend meetings but if you want to make a presentation or address the council you need to be added to the agenda ahead of time. Please call the office a few days in advance to get added. If you have any concerns or requests etc. feel free to put it in writing to be added to the agenda and discussed at the meeting.



Town Taxes: The 2021 property taxes have gone out in the mail. If you did not receive your invoices, please contact the town office. Taxes are due June 30th. A 2 % interest will be charged will be charged on all overdue accts. For this year only, if taxes are paid in full by September 30th you will receive a 15% discount. This applies to all taxes for the 2021 year. This does not apply to any taxes owing from previous years. Please feel free to call the office for new totals before doing out cheques or paying online to make sure you pay the correct amount. This 15% discount is in addition to the senior's discount. The only change to this year's taxes besides the discount is the water/sewer tax charged to vacant properties. It is reduced to \$250 a year instead of the usual \$500.



Seniors Discount: Property owner 65 years of age and older are entitled to a 20% discount on their **property tax only** upon receipt of proof of age. (driver's license etc.) It is up to the senior to make sure that the clerk receives proof within the year that they turn 65. There is no retroactive discount for previous years.



Water Tank: Construction of the new water tank was completed, and the new tank is in use. However, there was some exterior damage done to a few panels during dismantling of the old tank. This will be repaired this spring at no extra cost to the town. The new tank will need to be out of service for a couple weeks to do this. More info will follow once progress is about to begin. Also, we have applied for funding to upgrade the pumps at the pumphouse. Right now, the pumps we have are working fine but they cannot fill the tank to its capacity. So, hopefully with funding we will have a new pumping system in place as well.



Come Home Year: Come Home Year is now planned for August 8th - 14th, 2022. There are magnets, posters etc. available for sale at the office. Contact committee members for more info. And check out their facebook page to keep informed on activities.



Streetlights Out: We have installed a few more streetlights around town to help brighten up roadways. There are still a few more to be installed. If anyone notices any streetlights that are out or not working properly you can contact the office and we will contact Hydro to get them fixed. Also, if there are any telephone or cable wires hanging low or let go from poles around your area, please contact the telephone or internet company and let them know.



Volunteers Needed: The town has many volunteer groups/committees that are always in need of extra help. No committee can operate without dedicated members. Some town groups are: The Twin Town Stadium Board, Heritage Committee, Fire Dept, Firettes, Hospitality Committee, Come Home Year Committee & Recreation Committee. Also, it would be nice to have a Canada Day Committee, Boat Lighting Committee and now a Community Garden Committee. If you or someone you know would like to join or volunteer with any of these groups, you can contact members of the committee or contact the town and your name will be passed along to the group.



Dump hours: The dump is now back to normal operating hours which is Tuesday – Saturday from 8pm – 5pm. It is closed on Sunday and Monday and every day for lunch from 12 – 1 pm.

Regular household garbage collection fees are \$125 per household and \$65 per apartment. Residents are not charged any extra fees for this service as it is paid by the town on your behalf.



Community Garden: Our community garden was a great success last summer! We have 26 beds ready to be planted again this growing season. Beds are leased on a one-year basis. If you would like to have a bed this year you can contact the town to add your name to the list. If there are not enough beds for everyone then the names will go in a draw. We have received funding to add more beds this year so hopefully we will be able to accommodate everyone. The deadline to add your name to the list is April 16th.



Sidewalks: The town has applied and received funding from Municipal Capital Works to install sidewalks along Fisher Street. This will mean an improved walking area and a great enhancement to our town. Work is scheduled to begin this spring/early summer.



Retaining Amourstone wall: The town has applied and received funding from Municipal Capital Works to install an amourstone wall at the boardwalk area on Fisher Street (across from the drugstore). This section of the beach area has been eroding over the years. An amourstone wall will protect the bank and improve the overall appearance of the area. Work is scheduled to begin this spring/early summer.



Multipurpose court: The town has applied and received funding from the Community Healthy Living Fund to build a multipurpose court. This will be a paved area down by the playground/ballfield that will have basketball nets as well outdoor hockey nets. This will be installed as soon as the weather permits later this spring/summer.



Covid stimulus Grant Money: The town has applied for and received a \$150,000 grant from the Covid Stimulus Fund. Much of this money will go into building a skatepark/pump track park area as well as some improvements to our waterfront walkway and repairs to the stadium.



Snowshoes: With a grant from the Western Regional Wellness Coalition the town has purchased several pairs of snowshoes. These snowshoes are available for anyone to borrow free of charge. There are kids and adult sizes available. Please feel free to drop by the office to borrow a pair anytime.



Snow Clearing Service: Since there are no contractors in town offering driveway snow clearing for residents, the town council has agreed to provide this service. If you would like your driveway cleared, you can call the office. Snow clearing will only be done once all other town work is completed and on a first called first served basis. Charges will apply. Also, a waiver will have to be signed before clearing can be started.



Great Northern Peninsula Community Space: A nonprofit committee has been formed and is in the process of purchasing the building that was known as Theodore Farwell's. The plan is to turn this building into a community space that will be house a community kitchen, a fitness room and clinic space and an apartment for visiting practitioners like physiotherapists, massage therapists etc. This will be a great addition to our town and will allow practitioners to come here instead of people having to travel to receive these services. (This is not a town project, but the town council fully supports this initiative and is willing to help in any way to get it started.)

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Town Staff:

Town Manager/Clerk – Lizeta Gould, **Asst. Town Clerk** – Sherry Stagg (part time)

Maintenance Workers –Jim Tuff, Rick Hamlyn & Kenny Rumbolt (part time)