



NEWSLETTER

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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 2023 property taxes went out in the mail a couple days ago. If you did not receive your invoices, please contact the town office. This year the Mill rate has been lowered from 9 mils down to 8 mils and the early bird discount has increased from 15% to 20% on all property, water/sewer and business taxes. Taxes are due June 30th. If you don't have a payment plan in place by this date you will be charged 2% interest on all overdue accounts. If your taxes are paid in full by September 30th you will receive the 20% discount. This only applies to taxes for the 2023 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.



Seniors Discount: The seniors discount will no longer be applied to any accounts. As per instructions from Municipal affairs the seniors discount must be discontinued. Discounts must be fair to everyone not just based on age. To offset this the mill rate was lowered and the early bird discount was increased.



Streetlights Out: 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, there are many old telephone/internet lines that are hanging low or wrapped around poles. Please call Bell or Eastlink to let them know. It would be great to get them all removed and cleaned up.



Dump hours: Dump hours are Tuesday – Saturday from 8pm – 5pm. It is closed on Sunday and Monday and every day for lunch from 12 – 1 pm. Regular household garbage

fees increased this year from \$125 to \$165. This fee is paid for by the town and is not an extra cost for residents. There is also no cost for residents to bring household garbage/furniture etc to the landfill site. There is absolutely no need or excuse to dump garbage anywhere else!



Volunteers Needed: As stated in every other newsletter 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, Women’s Institute, United Towns Lions Club, Hospitality Committee, Recreation Committee, Boat Lighting Committee and the GNP Community Place Board. Also, it would be nice to have a Canada Day Committee, and 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.



Community Garden: We have 35 beds in our garden, and they are assigned every year for a one-year term. Check out the Facebook page for more info. If you would like to add your name to the list, please call the office. Beds will be assigned in April. You can get the same bed as before if your name is picked again.



Multipurpose court/Skatepark/Playground/Ballfield: We have done a lot of work to our recreation areas over the last couple of years. We still have more to do this summer. We will be adding bike racks, scooter racks and benches. There are scooters, skateboards, helmets, and safety pads available at the office free to use. We kindly ask parents to remind their children to take care of the equipment when using it so that others can get to enjoy it as well.



Electric Charging Station: The electric charging station is completed and in use. It is situated next to the Water Dispensing Unit. This was at no cost to the town and is owned and operated by Hydro.



Great Northern Peninsula Community Space: The GNP Community Place is a great addition to our town. It offers treatments rooms for visiting practitioners for Massage Therapy, Physiotherapy, Foot Care Clinics, Acupuncture etc. Check out their facebook page for more info and happening events. Call 861-4988 for more info.



ATV Policy: The town has developed an ATV policy that will allow ATVs to operate in town-on-town roads. There will be strict rules that will apply which will include having a driver's licence, registration and insurance, helmet use, speed limits etc. Having a policy will allow atv riders to use the roads safely and not be charged by the RCMP, but only if the rules are followed. A copy of the policy will be posted on the town facebook page or a copy can be picked up at the office.

Water Tank Pumps: The new pumps and chlorine system have been installed at the pumphouse. We now have an up-to-date system that can fill our new tank. We have also installed a generator that

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