



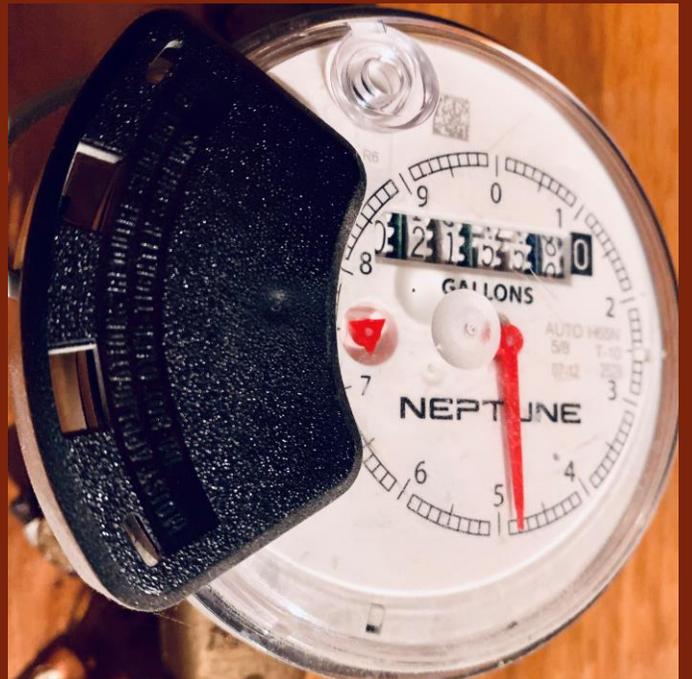
WATERBILL NEWSLETTER SPRING 2020

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Council to Waive Utility Interest

In an effort to help alleviate some strain on community members, Council is waiving interest that would have normally been generated on May 1st and June 1st regarding outstanding water and sewer billing. You are encouraged to continue making regular payments as you are able to avoid accumulating large bills. During this time, Town of Indian Head Public Works staff will continue to work to provide essential services such as water, sewer and road maintenance. Residents who wish to make payments are asked to do so online with your financial institution, mail your payment to our office, or leave it in the Indian Head Library drop box. If you have questions please contact the Town Office at (306) 695-3344.



Mobility Van Service

The Mobility Van service will continue to operate on the regular schedule in order to aid our seniors who need access to necessities and medical care. Appointments can still be made through the Town Office by calling (306)695-3344. We will be observing the highest standards of cleanliness and the bus will be disinfected daily.

Street Cleaning

Spring is in the air which means the Public Works Department will soon be working on sweeping the streets. To help us make this process run smoothly, please remove vehicles parked on public roads between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to help with this process. Thank you!

Indian Head Days

Indian Head Days are planned for June 27th and 28th this year! Mark your calendar for a weekend of fun and start thinking about the float you'd like to enter in the parade for this year's celebration. To get involved please contact the Community Development Office. Please note, this event may be subject to change as new information becomes available regarding COVID-19 restrictions.

Importance of Urban Re-forestation

In his book "Trees of Indian Head", Bill Schroeder estimates "that the 4050 coniferous trees in Indian Head have sequestered over 8.5 million kilograms of carbon dioxide in their life, equivalent to the annual CO₂ emissions of 2000 vehicles." We recognize the need to plant a diversity of trees to protect the health of our urban forest as well as to assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In 2018, 31 American elms within town limits were identified as infected with Dutch Elm Disease (DED) and removed. In 2019, 40 trees were found. The Town of Indian Head has a Urban Tree Policy, which includes a plan for replacing the trees lost to DED. In Spring 2020, the Town will be working with residents to begin boulevard plantings to replace those trees lost to DED.



Support Local Businesses

Our local business community has been deeply impacted by the health situation surrounding COVID-19 and the resulting closures and restrictions. Business owners, managers and employees have had to adjust to rapidly changing conditions and adjust their business plans in order to keep providing services to our community any way they can. This is why it is vital that we support those who can remain open during this time. These are the businesses who donate to our playgrounds, theatre, parks, schools and events all year - this is our time to return the favour!

Elm Tree Pruning Ban

The pruning of elm trees is prohibited from April 1st to August 31st to reduce the risk of Dutch Elm Disease (DED). The elm bark beetles that spread the deadly disease are most active during this period and fresh cuts attract them. Due to the risk of spreading DED, transporting or storing elm firewood is illegal. Any elm wood should be disposed of promptly by taking it to the landfill. It should not be stored in alleys or anywhere on your property. Help us keep our trees healthy!

Message to Residents from Mayor Steven Cole

As Mayor of Indian Head I am reaching out to my fellow residents in this time of public health crisis. I would like to start by thanking our entire community for doing your part to keep our home safe but also providing the support and services we need in these unprecedented times.

For the foreseeable future, the Town of Indian Head has closed all its recreation facilities and the Town Office is closed for the safety of staff members and the public. The Town Office staff will continue to be available and will keep you updated regularly. The Public Works staff will provide essential services such as safe drinking water, sewer service, road maintenance and spring drainage work. Garbage and recycling will continue with their regular schedule and the volunteer Fire Department will remain on call.

It is imperative that we all follow our Federal and Provincial Government guidelines with respect to Covid-19 and listen to our Health Professionals as they continue to update us daily. Remember that it is now the law to self-isolate for 14 days upon returning to Saskatchewan from out-of-country. Additionally, it is recommended that you self-monitor for symptoms if you have travelled outside of Saskatchewan, but within Canada. Stay at home and if you need to go out, remember to practice good social distancing for your safety and the safety of others. Be kind to one another, offer help when you are able and reach out when you need it.

Our community is strong, we have accomplished so many things by working together and together we will get through this.