



**WATERBILL NEWSLETTER**  
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**2021 SAMA Revaluation Year**

The provincial government mandates the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) to conduct periodic revaluations of all Saskatchewan properties every four years to coincide with the change to a new base date. The revaluation has been done in 2021 using a 2019 base date. What this means is that your property will be assessed based on the value of properties on January 1, 2019. When a revaluation is completed, SAMA provides new values to each municipality. Provincial legislation requires municipalities to use these values when determining taxes. You can expect a notice in the mail this spring of your revaluation. For more information, or to find comparable properties in our area, go to [www.sama.sk.ca](http://www.sama.sk.ca). Please also visit their FAQs section. The next revaluation is set for 2025.



**Street Sweeping**

Spring is in the air which means the Public Works Department will 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!

**Transfer Station is on Summer Hours**

Summer hours for the transfer station will be in effect April 1st - October 31st, weather and road conditions dependent, are:

<b>Monday</b>	1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Elm Pruning Ban**

Each year, 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 these 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.

**SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**



Wear a cloth face covering in public spaces



Stay two metres apart from other people



Frequently wash your hands

No single public health measure is perfect at preventing COVID-19. Instead, they need to be used TOGETHER to minimize risk. Please remember to:

- Wash your hands properly & often
- Physically distance
- Don't share food/drink
- Clean common surfaces regularly
- Wear a mask in public
- Avoid touching your face with unclean hands
- Stay home if you are ill

**COVID-19**

[saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](http://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19)



## Name our Newest Park

In the summer of 2020, the Town began work to create a new park on the corner of Eberts and Water Street. This new park now features a loop of the Sunbeam Walking Trail which is a safe place to walk a short distance or for kids to ride

their bikes without fear of traffic. Future plans for the park will see it transformed into a beautiful greenspace with flowers, trees, picnic shelter and benches.

But first it needs a name! Send in your suggestions and you could win a Family Pass to the Swimming Pool for 2021 (plus bragging rights)! Send us your suggestions to [indianheadcdc@sasktel.net](mailto:indianheadcdc@sasktel.net). We will select our two top contenders and hold a vote. The deadline to enter is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## CIB Hope Gardens



Communities in Bloom and their partners are working together to summon everyone across Canada to create **Hope Gardens** for 2021.

Join us in planting the seeds of hope in 2021. Our goal is to see the land awash with gardens featuring yellow, the international colour of hope. Whether it's flowers, fruits, shrubs or vegetables - plant the seeds! Just as people around the world took up gardening in record numbers in 2020, we expect to see a yellow wash of hope growing around every corner in 2021. After all, the garden is where **Hope is Growing!**

## Don't Forget Your Permit

With the beautiful weather in the forecast, many of you will be planning summer projects. Please remember that for some of them you will require a building permit. Some examples include decks over 100 sq ft, sheds over 100 sq ft, when changing the structure of a building, new garage construction, additions to existing buildings, etc. Building permit applications are available on the town website under Town Bylaws.

## Business Renovation Incentives

Any owner of commercial property may apply for a business renovation incentive.

The Town will provide a rebate to a business completing a minimum of \$5,000.00 in renovations of their commercial improvements. The rebate will be based on the cost of the renovations calculated at a rate of 10% of the costs to a maximum rebate of \$1,000.00. A written explanation and pictures of the renovations must be submitted with copies of paid invoices as application for the renovation rebate. For more information, please visit the town website under "Business Services".

## Be a Good Pet Owner

With Spring in the air, the Town of Indian Head is reminding pet owners to do their part to reduce the possibility of dangerous situations and be respectful to neighbors. Depending on the circumstances, any unrestrained dog can be a threat to people or to other pets. People who are out walking or enjoying their own yards can feel threatened even by a friendly dog. Please always keep your dog inside a secure enclosure while at home and on a leash while out walking.

## Indian Head's Zoning Districts

Did you know that Indian Head is divided into eight zoning districts that regulate everything from hedge height to setbacks and permitted uses? Depending on where you live in town or where your business is located, different rules outline what is permitted, and what isn't.

Do you want to build a shed, a fence, put an addition on your home or start a new business? You'll have to make sure the proposed development fits within your district's rules and apply for a Development Permit. Our Zoning Bylaw number 10-2015 contains all the information for each district. Both the Development Permit Application and full Zoning Bylaw can be found on our town website under the Bylaw and Land Development sections.