



WATERBILL NEWSLETTER
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Twinkle Tour & Santa Parade

Some good things have come out of COVID-19 guidelines. We knew early on that our traditional Light the Lights wouldn't be possible so we had to get creative! Our first ever Twinkle Tour and Santa Parade were a hit and provided some much-needed Christmas joy. Thank you to everyone who decorated floats and homes, the light displays were wonderful! Thank you to the Bakery for the hot chocolate, to the Theatre for the Popcorn, to IHRC for the goodies and Pharmasave for the deals! Finally thank you to everyone who came out and lined the streets to watch the parade and followed the Twinkle Tour afterwards. We have been overwhelmed by your kind messages of gratitude and joy, The festivities could be the start of a new Christmas tradition for the Town of Indian Head.



Street Parking & Snow

The Town would like to remind residents that vehicles may be parked on the street but they may not remain parked longer than 24 hours. We would also like to remind you to please move your vehicles on to your property after a heavy snowfall so that we can ensure proper snow removal and sanding. Drivers are also reminded that parking vehicles on the street within five meters (16 feet) of intersections and fire hydrants is prohibited.

Transfer Station is on Winter Hours

Winter hours for the transfer station, effective November 1st - March 31st, weather and road conditions dependent, are:

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The transfer station is closed when the temperature is below -20 C.

Census Hiring

2021 is a Census year and Statistics Canada will be hiring 32,000 employees across Canada. Schools, housing, health and emergency services are all planned using Census data. Start and end dates vary, but are between March and July 2021. You must be available to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. Applications open January 6th, Visit www.census.gc.ca for details.

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

Garbage Bin Placement

Has your garbage been missed recently? It may be because it was not placed properly and the driver could not see it. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these easy to remember instructions regarding the refuse collection system:

- Park the cart for pick-up by 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection.
- When there is a snow bank build up along the curb, make sure the container is out further than the snow as illustrated in drawing #2.
- Point lid arrows towards the street.
- Close lid.
- Ensure cart is 1 metre (3 feet) clear of all obstacles and not blocking traffic as illustrated in drawings #3 and #4.
- Once empty, return you cart to your property.

2021 collection calendars for garbage and recycling are enclosed along with your water bill. You can also view them on www.townofindianhead.ca.



Sask Lotteries Community Grant Application

Applications are now being accepted from non-profit organizations in support of sport, culture and recreation programs in Indian Head. Organizations requesting funds must fill out and return an application to Indian Head Community Development before Friday, February 26th, 2021. Application forms can be found online or picked up from the Town Office. Please note that the committee has adopted a new, weighted criteria for how the funds will be dispersed to ensure fairness and impartiality. You can find the list of criteria on the application form. For more information contact Meagan at (306)695-2742 or by email at indianheadcdc@sasktel.net.

Mental Health Supports

Living through the COVID-19 pandemic can cause anxiety and worry in all of us, especially during the holidays. Whether you're coping with the loneliness of self-isolation, concerned about the health of your loved ones or worried about what the future may hold, there are mental health supports available to help you through this difficult time. Visit the Town Website under "Health & Emergency" for a link to the Mental Health & COVID-19 resources available, as well as other helpful COVID-19 information.

Financial Support for Businesses

As of December 4, 2020, Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) applicants who have received the \$40,000 CEBA loan may apply for the CEBA expansion, which provides eligible businesses with an additional \$20,000 of financing. Half of this additional financing, up to \$10,000, will be forgivable if the loan is repaid by December 31, 2022. The application deadline is March 31, 2021. To apply, eligible businesses and not-for-profits need to contact the financial institution that provided their initial CEBA loan and provide the appropriate information and documentation.

The Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment (SSBEP) - Phase 2 is now accepting applications. The program was established to provide financial assistance to eligible small businesses in Saskatchewan that have been ordered to temporarily close or substantially curtail operations between December 1 and 31, 2020, due to a public health order to help control transmission of COVID-19. Financial assistance includes a payment of up to \$5,000 that could be used for any purpose. Full details are available on the Government of Saskatchewan website.

2021 SAMA Revaluation

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 next revaluation is to be 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.