

The Craik Chronicles

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Water Update

As indicated in the last Craik Chronicles, Town Council awarded a contract to the firm of Black and MacDonald for the mechanical, structural, and electrical component of the equipment and modifications to the water treatment plant.

On March 1, Town Council awarded a contract for the water filtration portion of the project to Sapphire Water of Watson, SK.

Consultations are also under way concerning tenders for work on the water intake at the Craik Reservoir which will begin after Spring breakup.

A pre-construction meeting with the lead representatives of the consulting engineers, the contractors, and the town took place March 20.

Final drawings and governmental approvals are almost complete.

Both the 'new' and 'old' water plants and the area around them will soon become a construction site and therefore off limits to the general public for safety reasons. Please

respect this.

The town representatives stressed to the consulting engineers and the contractors the importance of keeping the citizens of Craik informed about the progress being made on the project. A new feature will be added to the official Craik website which will include ongoing updates including photos.

The Mayor indicated that it was his intention to call a public progress meeting sometime in mid-May. The consulting engineers and contractors all agreed to attend to make presentations and answer questions from the public.

The exact date of that meeting has not yet been set, but when it has it will be advertised on the official Town of Craik website, the community information monitor in the Craik Co-op Food Store as well as the next issue of the Craik Chronicles.

When the new system is officially commissioned, probably mid to late Fall 2018, there will be an open house at the plant with tours for the public.

Drainage Ditches

The Town Council is currently reviewing estimates for the cleaning of the drainage ditches that wrap the west side of Craik.

Please be advised that the dumping of snow in

the drainage ditches impedes runoff.

If you have culverts near your property, your assistance in ensuring they are clear is appreciated.

Utilities Update

As most citizens of Craik are aware, we have an ongoing challenge to get utility bills paid in a timely manner.

While most people are very good at ensuring they pay their bills within the thirty (30) days allotted by the bylaw, there are a significant number who do not.

The Town has taken a number of steps to make it easier for people to honour their obligation.

In addition to cash or cheque, users can now take advantage of the debit machine at the Town Office.

A monthly payment plan is available for those who find the quarterly billing challenging.

However, despite these efforts, every quarter it is usually the same individuals who are delinquent. This is not acceptable for a number reasons.

First, it is unfair to expect the majority who are faithful in honouring their obligations to

have to carry those who are not.

Secondly, it takes up an unnecessary amount of staff time to have to send out letters, make phone calls, and physically turn off, and then on, water services to ensure that these bills get paid.

Therefore, Town Council is considering the following changes:

- instituting a late payment charge of 2% interest per month on all accounts that are outstanding for 30 days or more.

- shutting off water, without notice, on any accounts that are 60 days, or more, in arrears

- increasing the reconnect fee from \$30.00 to \$100.00

These changes, if approved, will not affect those who pay their bills in a timely manner.

On the other hand, these changes will provide a significant incentive for those who do not to start doing so.

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll

Notice is hereby given that the assessment Roll for the Town of Craik for the year 2018 has been prepared and is open for inspection at the office of the Assessor, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Any person who wishes to appeal his or her assessment is required to file notice of appeal

by the 4th of May, 2018 with:

The Assessor
Board of Revision
Town of Craik
Box 60
Craik, SK S0G 0V0

Dated this 27th day of March, 2018.

Election Update

With the resignation of Cody Hull as a member of the Council of the Town of Craik effective March 5, 2018, the voters of Craik will be choosing a replacement in a by-election which must take place before September 5, 2018.

The date of the by-election is not yet set, but it is expected to take place sometime in June 2018.

The individual elected in this by-election will serve on Council until the general municipal elections in the Fall of 2020.

If one becomes a councillor, he or she can expect to be blamed for every thing that is wrong in the community, to have self-identified experts explaining to him or her how council is doing everything backwards, and if the 'expert' was listened to, the world would be perfect.

The councillor can expect to be criticised often, praised occasionally, and thanked rarely.

On the other hand, serving on Council is one of the very best ways that a committed individual can make a great deal of difference in the life of the community.

Being on Council is a way to make sure that

all voices in the community are heard, not just the ones that are the noisiest.

It is a way to ensure justice and compassion for all. It is a position that brings the satisfaction of a job well done and the joy of knowing that you have made the world in general, and your community in particular, a better place.

In addition to the monthly regular meeting, councillors can expect to spend a minimum of ten hours a week on committee work and other town business.

Currently councillors receive an honorarium of \$150 per official meeting.

To be eligible for election as councillor an individual must be a Canadian citizen of at least eighteen years of age who has lived in Saskatchewan for at least six months and in the community for at least three months prior to the date on which his or her nominations papers are filed.

The deadline for nominations is approximately one month before the byelection. The date of the byelection will be set by Town Council at its next regular meeting April 12, 2018.

For more information contact Sarah Wells at the Town Office, or phone (306) 734.2250.

It's 9:00 p.m., Do You Know Where Your Pet Is?

The community is reminded that dogs and cats are not to be allowed at large.

Pets licenses are available for \$10.00 / year. at

the town office.

Fines may be enforced for reported non-compliance.

April 2018

- 1 Easter Sunday Mass - 9 a.m. Craik St Joseph's Parish
- 1 Jennifer Yasinowski - Craik United Church
- 3 Garbage pickup
- 8 Michelle Rohde - Craik United Church
- 9 School back in session
- 12 Anxiety workshop - Craik School - Intended for Parents/adults
- 12 Recycling pickup
- 15 Ann Marie Francis - Craik United Church
- 17 Garbage pickup
- 22 Jennifer Yasinowski - Craik United Church
- 25 Western Wear Day at the Craik School
- 26 Recycling pickup
- 29 David Ashdown - Craik United Church

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Craik & District Lions Annual Steak Night scheduled for April 7th has been cancelled for this year.

The Saint Joseph's Parish (Holdfast, Dilke, and Craik) Saturday Mass times will change on April 7th to 7:00 p.m.

Please submit dates/events to news@craik.ca or drop off at the town office.

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