

The Craik Chronicles

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Water Update

Water quality is at its seasonal low point. We've initiated a water conservation effort to help keep our reserves at capacity and still permit people to enjoy their gardens and flower beds.

Regrettably, this comes with a cost.

In attempts to improve our water quality, we have asked the community to not water their lawns.

And, the town has listened and its greatly appreciated.

Due to high temperatures, lack of precipitation, and high water demand, our current facility's capabilities have been surpassed.

A recent water break in the pipe feeding the

community water has unfortunately nullified our attempts at correcting the quality of water.

It is anticipated that water quality should improve in the coming days and your patience is appreciated.

KGS Group has taken these considerations in mind when designing our new water filtration system.

The upgraded system should be able to provide water for a community nearly twice our size and not require future water restrictions.

With the upgrade scheduled to begin in the next couple of weeks, please visit the <http://craik.ca> website or the Town of Craik Facebook page for updates. As work progresses, photos will be updated.

Current Events for the Water Plant Upgrade Process

Each month, and online, we will be providing the community with anticipated activities as we install a new filtration system.

The sequence of events is reflective of the need to keep service disruption to a minimum.

The initial work begins with the removal of half of our current filtration system. It is because of this why the work could not have begun until the end of watering season.

Please note that the project will be subject to change and this notice serves only as a guideline.

August 27 - decommission half the current filter system

August 31 - remove existing filters

September 9 - begin installation of new concrete to support biological filters

Sign Corridor Upgrades

As anyone driving along highway 11 will have noticed, a massive revamp of the sign corridors on the North and South sides of town have changed.

Gone are the old signs, and soon to be replaced with new signage, consistent in design, to give the community a positive image of growth and potential.

On average, in excess of 6000 vehicles pass by Craik on a daily basis. By presenting a positive, bright, and active face to those commuters,

Craik can begin to attract new residents and businesses.

Currently, 7 business signs have already been installed and additional signs are in production.

Businesses wanting to advertise along Hwy 11 are encouraged to pick up an application form from the Town of Craik office.

Supplemental documents describe the process required for approval along with design specs.

SaskEnergy Municipal Surcharge

Effective September 1, 2018, SaskEnergy will be charging all utility owners a 5% surcharge on their energy users.

The money collected will then, in turn, be remitted to the municipality.

This program has been in effect for 109 communities but Craik had not yet enrolled.

Council has voted to enrol in the program and has yet to have discussions on how the money

would be used within the community.

SaskEnergy projects consumers bills to rise approximately \$45.00 per annum but notes that the increase relates to usage.

The first payment of the surcharge will be received in December of 2018 with payments being made quarterly thereafter.

There is no change to the SaskPower surcharge.

2018 Tax Notices

The 2018 tax notices have been mailed.

A 5% discount is available for payments made on or before the end of August, 2018

A 3% discount applies for payments made on or before the end of September, 2018

A 2% discount applies for payments made on

or before the end of October, 2018

A 1% is offered on or before the end of November, 2018.

Payments may be made cheque, debit/cash at the Town of Craik office.

Penalties of 15% begin January, 2019.

2018 Drinking Water Quality and Compliance Report

The Water Security Agency and the Ministry of Environment requires that at least once each year waterworks owners provide notification to consumers of the quality of water produced and supplied as well as information on the performance of the waterworks in submitting samples as required by a Minister's Order or Permit to Operate a waterworks.

The following is a summary of the Town of Craik water quality and sample submission compliance record for the 2017 time period.

This report was completed on June 30, 2018.

52 bacteriological quality tests were performed at various customer locations throughout the year.

Testing for E.Coli and total coliforms, the tests

indicated that 0 organisms were found throughout all samples.

Daily water samples for chlorine residuals demonstrated that 90% of free chlorine samples and 100% of total chlorine samples were within permit specifications.

Regulations require either 0.10mg/L free chlorine, OR 0.50mg/L total chlorine.

Turbidity (measure of particulants in the water) at each sand filter must be read daily.

Of the 3650 tests performed in the calendar year, 1030 were out of specification. This metric supports our direction for upgrades.

For more information, please feel free to visit <http://craik.ca> for the complete report and supplementary information.

100 Years Ago

The police court had a busy day of it Tuesday and was a good counter attraction to the fire investigation.

The first case up was that of Karl D_____ on a charge of stealing binder twine from a car on the C.N.R. track, the theft being alleged to have been made early Sunday morning. The evidence was heard by Justice James Wilson and Geo. Newlove, who found the evidence sufficient to commit the defendant for trial to a higher court.

The twine was the property of H.A. Landeen and was taken from a car which was in process

of being unloaded. D_____ was in employ of W. R Jones, drayman, and was unloading the car. His bail was fixed at \$1000.00 which he furnished Oscar Hjeising acting as surety.

Dibble, Jess R_____ and another party were arrested for stealing ice cream and beer from the restaurant of Mrs. E. McFarlane on or about August 1. This case was heard by Justice James Wilson and Geo. W. Matheson. D_____ was fined \$88.40 for stealing the goods.

Rusell drew the same price for being an accessory and the third party planked over \$23.40 for knowing of the theft.

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- 17 Farmers Market - 9am to 2pm
- 18 Catholic Church - 7pm
- 19 United Church - 11:15am
- 21 Garbage Pickup
- 21 Library Zucchini Races - 6:30pm
- 22 Garden/lawn Pickup
- 23 Library Movie Night - Star Wars - 7pm
- 24 Farmers Market - 9am to 2pm
- 26 Catholic Church - 9am
- 26 United Church - 11:15am
- 29 Garden/lawn Pickup
- 30 Recycling Pickup
- 31 Farmers Market - 9am to 2pm

Angels 4 Warmth

Angels 4 Warmth, a group filling a need to "help the less fortunate to keep warm, one stitch at a time."

gatherings and new members are always welcome.

The Angels are resuming their weekly

Every Wednesday, from 2:30pm to 4pm, the group meets at the Manor.

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