

DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

MPC Meeting
Monday, DEC 12, 2016
at 6:00 pm

MPC Meeting
Monday, JAN 9, 2017
at 6:00 pm

COUNCIL Meeting
Monday, JAN 16, 2017
at 6:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP
Monday, JAN 23, 2017
at 6:00 p.m.



FREE SKATE

Friday, Dec 9, 2016

Public Skating 2 pm - 3 pm

Sponsored by GNP Santa's Anonymous

Sticks & Pucks 3 pm - 4 pm

Sponsored by Parentlink

Saturday, Dec 24, 2016

Sticks and Pucks 10:30 am-11:30 am

Public Skating 11:30 am-12:30 pm



The Town Office will be closed for the following days during the Christmas Season:

Friday, Dec 23, open until 1 pm

Monday, Dec 26, Closed

Tuesday Dec 27, Closed

Monday, Jan 2, Closed

Tuesday, Jan 3, Closed



Property Tax Reminder

A 12% tax penalty will be all applied on all **UNPAID Property Taxes**, on January 1st, 2017.

Keep Pedestrians Safe-Remember to Shovel Your Sidewalks

With the recent snowfall we would like to remind all property owners and residents that snow on any adjacent sidewalks must be removed within 48 hours of the snow being deposited. Owners and residents are further reminded that when removing snow from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots the snow may NOT be placed onto any Town lands or roadways without written approval from the Town. People pushing, shoveling or otherwise depositing snow onto Town land or roadways may be fined under the traffic bylaw. Fines start at \$100 and can include the cost of the cleanup. If you have any questions please feel free to call The Town Operations or Bylaw Departments at [403-638-4707](tel:403-638-4707).



Enjoy some hot chocolate on your wagon ride with Ken Musselman and his team

Be at the **SUNDRE FIRE HALL**
December 17 from 1 - 4 pm
for your chance to see him !



Popcorn and candy bags for the kids



MERRY CHRISTMAS

**AND HAPPY NEW YEAR from
Town of Sundre Council & Staff**

Pickup Schedule

Dec 8- Garbage

Dec 29- Garbage

Dec 15- Compost

Jan 5- Compost

Dec 22- Recycling

Jan 12 Recycle

What can you expect from the Alberta government carbon tax?

Starting on January 1, 2017 the Alberta government will be implementing a carbon levy that will apply to natural gas. This is a provincial government levy and not a Town of Sundre fee, but it will appear on your Town utility bill as a separate line item.

The provincial government requires the Town to collect the levy and forward the money to the Government of Alberta. For 2017, the amount levied by the Alberta government is \$1.011 per gigajoule (GJ) and will increase to \$1.517 per gigajoule in 2018.

To help you prepare for this increase the Town has developed the following table:

Amounts Related to Carbon Tax Levy

Annual Gigajoules Consumed	2017 Annual Cost	2018 Annual Cost
60.00	\$60.66	\$91.02
90.00	\$90.99	\$136.53
120.00	\$121.32	\$182.04
150.00	\$151.65	\$227.55
180.00	\$181.98	\$273.06
210.00	\$212.31	\$318.57
240.00	\$242.64	\$364.08
270.00	\$272.97	\$409.59
300.00	\$303.30	\$455.10

To offset the costs associated with the levy, the Alberta government will provide rebates to lower and middle income residents. You don't need to apply as the criteria for the rebate is based on your 2015 income tax return. The provincial government estimates six in ten Alberta households will be eligible for the full rebate, and an additional 6% of households will receive a partial rebate. The rebate will begin to phase out at \$47,500 in net income for single residents and \$95,000 for couples and families. For more information about the carbon levy and rebates visit the Alberta government website at www.climate.alberta.ca or call 310-000.

Steps you can take now to save:

- Purchase a programmable thermostat
- Weatherstrip windows and doors
- Choose an Energy Star furnace