

MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

Next MPC Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2016
at 6:00 pm

Next Council Meeting
Monday, March 21, 2016
at 6:00 pm

Next Workshop Meeting
TUESDAY, March 29, 2016
at 6:00 pm

Next Council Meeting
Monday, April 04, 2016
at 6:00 pm.

WATCH FOR THE LIGHTS

THE SUNDRE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE TOWN OF SUNDRE WILL VERY SOON BE A "GREEN LIGHT" COMMUNITY. AS A GREEN LIGHT COMMUNITY, EACH FIREFIGHTER WILL HAVE A GREEN FLASHING LIGHT INSTALLED IN THEIR VEHICLE.

THESE LIGHTS WILL BE USED BY THE FIREFIGHTERS WHEN RESPONDING TO THE FIREHALL FOR AN EMERGENCY.

WHEN YOU SEE A VEHICLE WITH FLASHING GREEN LIGHTS, PLEASE DO AS YOU WOULD DO WITH ALL OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES AND PULL OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD TO ALLOW YOUR FIREFIGHTERS TO GET TO THE HALL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SOMEONES LIFE OR PROPERTY DEPENDS ON IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION,
SUNDRE FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Town Office will be CLOSED:

**Good Friday MARCH 25 and
Easter Monday MARCH 28, 2016
Happy Easter!**



Greenwood Campground Host/Caretaker

This position will be on contract from May 1st to September 30, 2016 and oversee the overall health and maintenance of the campground while providing excellent customer service. A full service campsite will be provided to the host for the duration of the season including water, sewer and power; Camphost is to provide their own RV. A cell phone will also be provided to the Host to receive and confirm reservation requests.

Job Summary: Excellent customer service, cash transactions & reservation tracking, campground custodial care, maintenance & security & vandalism control.

Responsibilities: Provide 6 hrs of labour per day to execute the contract, which may include, but not limited to: daily washhouse cleaning, daily camp kitchen cleaning, site cleanup (parking pad, landscape, fire pit), garbage and recycling care, ground maintenance (whipping), stacking wood (ability to carry 10 lbs + stack 2 cords of wood at a time), manage phone and provide call back within 24 hours and purchasing and restocking (using PO System).

Required Qualifications: Strong and positive communication skills, excellent customer service skills, physical fitness to perform rigorous daily duties and work in extreme weather and repetitive conditions, hold a valid drivers license, W.H.M.I.S and first aid.

Deadline for applications is **March 21, 2016**, forward to :

Ian James, Community Services Manager

PO Box 420 or 717 Main Avenue West

Sundre, AB T0M 1X0

Email: campground@sundre.com

NOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER

It has been a little while since my last letter to you all, but recent events and several complaints have prompted me to remind once again folks that **the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles in town is PROHIBITED.**

The Town has issued warnings, tickets, letters and notifications in the paper, but I continue to observe infractions.

Please note: You cannot ride or drive a quad, sled snow machine, snowmobile, side by side, rhino, gator, trike or another type of off-highway vehicle **ANYWHERE in town, period.**

We live minutes away from some beautiful back country areas and trails where these vehicles are allowed and can be used, so why not take advantage of that!



2ND FIRESMART PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

SUNDRE LEGION

7:00 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Recently The Town of Sundre and Sundre Fire Dept, in Partnership with CPP Environmental, have been working to put together a Wildfire Mitigation Strategy and Preparedness Guideline.

As a wildland interface community and wildfire season fast approaching, Sundre could be at risk.

Join us at this meeting to learn about the FireSmart project and how you can do your part to help protect your community.

Garbage/Compost

WINTER SCHEDULE

March 10 - Garbage March 17 - No Pickup
March 24 - Garbage March 31 - No Pickup
April 7 - Garbage April 14 - Compost

Background Notes from the Mayor's Desk - February 29, 2016

Safe drinking water is something we all expect in our community. It is one of the most basic necessities we have come to rely on as part of our quality of life.

In Sundre we have a "state of the art" water treatment facility that was built in 2011 at a cost of \$12 million. Our water comes from wells, not the Red Deer River, and it is treated with multiple processes before coming to the taps in your home.

Our water system is part of our Town "infrastructure" along with our roads, streets, sidewalks, waste water (sewage) treatment system, gas system, buildings like the arena, fire hall, Town Office, shop and any other "Town owned" asset that taxpayers pay for.

Our water treatment plant is in great shape. Water is filtered through aggregate filters to remove sediment, chlorine is added to kill bacteria, and then water is treated with ultraviolet light to kill parasites like giardia (the beaver fever parasite) and cryptosporidium, which chlorine doesn't necessarily kill. The supply water coming from our wells is great. A few years ago, before we had the water treatment plant, the supply water was so clean it needed very little treatment.

The water lines throughout town are not in as great shape as the new water treatment plant. They are of varying age and substance. Some are made from ductile iron, some plastic, but there is a plan to replace older water lines to reduce the problem of leaks, and loss of treated water through those leaks.

Water quality is rigorously regulated and water tests are taken throughout the system to ensure quality is the best it can be. Using a computerized system to track water volume used, a spike in use is often the first sign of a leak. A recent leak near the hospital resulted in a spike of over 400,000 litres per day. Staff worked through the weekend to find the location of the leak and get it repaired. Don't worry though - because the system is under pressure, when there is a leak, water is forced out of the pipe only, and so infiltration cannot enter the broken pipe and contaminate water further along in the line.

I tell you this because the reason you see water rates rise, and taxes increase, is in part, because there is a cost to maintain this system and every other part of our "infrastructure". Sundre, and every other municipality in Canada, has an "infrastructure deficit" which means simply that we don't have enough money over the next decades to replace what needs to be replaced. When you hear the Provincial Government and Federal Government talk about "infrastructure investment", they are talking about using your Provincial and Federal tax dollars to give back to our community to help us pay for what needs to be upgraded and repaired. Your property taxes will have to go up dramatically to address our "infrastructure deficit" if we don't get support from other levels of government.

With all that good news, what can you do? You can practice water conservation, use rainwater better, fix leaky toilets and taps, become more aware of what you use, reduce detergents and soaps so we can reduce water treatment costs – just be aware and do your part so our wastewater plant and water treatment plant have less demand – and therefore less cost to operate.

Please call me at home at 403-638-3535 if you would like to talk more about this topic - or any other.

Terry Leslie, Mayor
Town of Sundre