

OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

MPC Meeting

TUESDAY, OCT 11 2016
at 6:00 pm

COUNCIL Meeting

Monday, OCT 17, 2016
at 6:00 pm

WORKSHOP

Wednesday, OCT 24 2016
at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL Meeting

Monday, NOV 07, 2016
at 6:00 p.m.

Sundre Business Awards

The Town of Sundre Department of Economic Development is proud to be a sponsor of the annual Sundre & District Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.

Come into the Town office, at 717 Main Ave West, to complete a nomination form for this year's awards.

The award ceremony will take place on October 21st.

2017 - 2021 Capital Budget Meeting Dates:

Oct 11, 2016 - Council Workshop - 7 pm

Oct 18, 2016 - OPEN HOUSE - 6 - 8 pm

Nov 7, 2016 - Council Meeting - 6 pm

2017 - 2018 Operating Budget Meeting Dates:

Nov 7, 2016 - Council Workshop - 1 - 5 pm

Nov 14, 2016 - Council Workshop - 9 am - 4 pm

Nov 16, 2016 - OPEN HOUSE - 6 - 8 pm

Nov 21, 2016 - Council Meeting - 6 pm

Dec 5, 2016 - Council Meeting - 6 pm

Sundre Fire Department Open House

Sunday, October 16, 2016. 11 am – 04 pm.

Meet firefighters, check out the hall and the trucks, hot chocolate and popcorn, fun stuff for the kids.

Plus a chance for one lucky kid to be "Fire Chief" for the evening.



**The Town of Sundre Office will be CLOSED
Monday, October 10, 2016
in observance of THANKSGIVING.**

GREEN (COMPOST) BIN TIPS:

TO REDUCE ODORS

- Sprinkle small amount of baking soda or powdered laundry detergent (without bleach) at the bottom of the cart and over layers of waste.
- Wait until right before pickup day to clean out the refrigerator.
- Ice is nice. Keep meat or fish scraps in the freezer until collection day.
- When composting animal waste, put the waste in a compostable bag & tie it.
- Store your cart in a shaded or covered area.

TO KEEP GREEN CART CLEAN

- Rinse your green cart with lemon juice, vinegar or baking soda helps keep bugs out.
- Spray your green cart with cooking oil in the winter to minimize freezing to the cart.

TO HELP KEEP PESTS AWAY

- Sprinkle strong smelling biodegradable repellent such as vinegar or detergent (without bleach) on your cart.
- Peppermint oil, cayenne pepper or hot sauce act as anti-gnawing repellents and deter animals from taking interest in your cart.

PICKUP SCHEDULE

Oct 13 - Compost	Oct 20 - Recycling
Oct 27 - Garbage	Nov 3 - Compost
Nov 10 - Recycling	Nov 17 - Garbage

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

You may have read recently that a group of town and county residents came before Council with concerns about the rough road conditions on Centre Street North between 10th and 12th Avenue (the north end of town on the way to James River). Council welcomes any delegation or individual resident that wants to speak to Council at any regular Council meeting and we thank all those residents who brought forward their concerns.

Often, residents don't get the chance to hear what Council, Administration and staff are doing behind the scenes. We love it when people come to Council. Our job is to serve and we need to know what you want. Please feel free to call me, or any Councillor if you have questions, suggestions or concerns. If we know ahead of time what your concerns are, we can be prepared to give you, and the community, some answers about the issues you bring forward at Council meetings. That is our job.

Concerns about rough road conditions on Centre Street North are legitimate. Administration and staff have been given a little bit of money to patch some of the road but it is not the fault of staff that the road is rough. Council has only provided "band aid" money for temporary fixes. What is needed is a complete rebuild of the road from 6A Avenue through 12th Avenue. The cost is projected to be approximately \$2.2 million and the plan is to have it on the 2017 capital project list. Council has made decisions to do temporary repairs, using a little of your tax money, rather than spending more of your money on a road we will tear up in the very near future. Please don't blame staff for doing what Council tells them to do.

Behind the scenes, the Town Administration is working with our engineers on the road design, and all the needed upgrades to water and sewer pipes under the ground that need to be replaced as well. Fixing any road is not done as an isolated project, it needs to be fit in as part of planning for water and sewer services, other utilities, as well as other roads, for the next 30-50 years, as we grow into our future. It is a big complicated project - and our staff is "on it".

Council will approve the project - or not - depending on "the balance" of what we think you and your taxes can afford. We want to do projects, but they cost money – money that comes from various places, such as from your property taxes, reserves that have been put away, and grants that we can get from the Provincial and Federal governments. The ~\$2.2 million upgrade to Centre Street's road and underground pipes will be up against the need for us to expand our wastewater treatment facility (sewer plant) at a cost of up to \$14 million. Council does not want to raise taxes unnecessarily, yet we need to be sure that we do the projects that are important to the community. If we had to pick one project that was most important, would you rather be able to flush a toilet or drive on a smooth road? How much are you prepared to see your taxes increase to do as many projects as possible? Keep in mind that a 1% increase in your taxes amounts to about only \$32,000 in additional revenue.

We need your help. Please come out to talk with us about your thoughts on these decisions on the following budget meeting dates: November 7th from 5pm to 6pm; November 14th from 9am to 4pm; and a final public open house on November 16th from 6pm to 8pm.

Please call me at 403-638-3535 if you want to talk more about this, or any other issue of concern to you.

Terry Leslie, Mayor
Town of Sundre