

DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Council Meeting

Monday, Dec 11, 2017
at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting

Monday, Dec 18, 2017
at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting

Monday, Jan 8, 2018
at 6:00 pm

Property Tax Reminder

A **12% tax penalty** will be applied on all UNPAID Property Taxes on **January 1st, 2018**

2018 Utility Rates

Town Council has passed the 2018 Rates and Fees By-law setting a **zero increase** in Utility Rates from 2017.

Town of Sundre Utility Bills will reflect the Alberta Government's Carbon Levy Rate increase from \$1.01/Gigajoule to \$1.517/Gigajoule on natural gas consumption.

The Town of Sundre is required to collect this levy and pass it on to the Province.

Town of Sundre Office hours during the Holiday Season:

Friday, Dec 22, 2017- 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Monday, Dec 25, 2017- Closed

Tuesday Dec 26, 2017- Closed

Monday, Jan 1, 2018- Closed

Tuesday, Jan 2, 2018- Closed



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Town of Sundre Council & Staff!

2018 Business License Fees

There will be **NO INCREASES** to the Town of Sundre Business License fees for 2018.

Home-Based Business License
No increase, remains at \$65.25

Business in Town of Sundre
No increase, remains at \$108.00

Business from out of Town
No increase, remains at \$ 161.00

Please note that we cannot accept payment or process 2018 licenses until January 2018.

ATTENTION: GAS UTILITY CUSTOMERS

Our natural gas Supplier reported higher than expected revenues over the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year and have refunded those profits to their shareholders – Town of Sundre being one of them. Therefore, we are returning this unexpected revenue to our gas customers by way of a Gas Rebate on your Utility Bill.

The Utility Bill issued in December 2017 for the November 1st – 30th billing period includes a Gas Rebate credit which we calculated using your November 2017 gas consumption times \$0.61 per Gigajoule.

2018 Dog & Cat Licenses

There will be **NO INCREASES** to the Town of Sundre Animal License fees for 2018

Animal Fees 2018	Before Jan 31	After Jan 31
Annual - unaltered Male or Female	\$ 15.00	\$ 53.70
Annual - altered Male or Female	\$ 10.70	\$ 32.25
Annual - "vicious dog" license	\$ 268.40	\$ 268.40
Replacement Tag - all licenses	\$ 5.40	\$ 5.40

Please note that the 2018 animal licenses cannot be issued or paid for until January, 2018



Pick Up Schedule

Dec 7- Compost
Dec 14- Recycling
Dec 21 Garbage
Dec 28- Compost
Jan 4- Recycle
Jan 11- Garbage

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Background Notes from the Mayor's Desk - December 2017

On behalf of Council and staff, I wish each and every one of you the Merriest of Christmases and the best New Year you have ever experienced. Already we have seen the Santa's Charity Check Stop, and we are reminded that giving to others is so much a part of the real spirit of Christmas. Sundown in Sundre, Kids Magic of Christmas Sale and Bake Sale, the Community 4-H Food Drive, Hamper Donations, and the request for Secret Santa Shoppers are all wonderful reminders of some of the ways we can all get into the spirit of giving during the holiday season. There are so many opportunities to be part of the amazing community we call home at this time of the year.

Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce, Pioneer Museum, our Fire Department, the Elks, Greenwood Neighbourhood Place and all the volunteers who give up their time to bring us the spirit of giving.

Thank you to all the church groups and volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes gathering food and gifts to give a hand up to those in need.

Thank you to the Sundre and District Ministerial Association and our choir for their commitment of 65 years of giving the gift of song to all of us at the Sundre Community Carol Service.

Thank you to the Sundre Palliative Care Association for the Tree of Hope.

Thank you to all who recognize this time of year often brings the "first" Christmas without loved ones that have passed away and possibly the "last" Christmas for those family members or friends that are frail, elderly or ill.

Thank you to our incredible medical community for their selfless caring for all of us, particularly at this time of year, when we may not be at our best.

Thank you to all those remarkable care givers who attend to our seniors, again, particularly at this time of the year, when you may be the only family for some.

Thank you to all the teachers and staff at our schools who manage the excitement, as well as the fears of disappointment and rejection of children and families, through the Christmas season.

And, I know I have forgotten to mention many other individuals, groups and organizations who give to others, without expectation of recognition or thanks, because that is just what you do at this time of the year. Thank you to each and every one of you for your giving hearts and spirit.

For all the giving listed above, I am grateful to call Sundre my home. I am so proud of my community, the people who unselfishly give of their time, and the spirit that sets us apart from everywhere else.

Thank you, again, to each and every one of you who will give the gift of time this holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year :) For a New Year's resolution, let us carry that giving spirit through 12 months of 2018.

Terry Leslie, Mayor
Town of Sundre