

April 2018 NEWSLETTER

Council Meeting

Monday, Apr 9, 2018
at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting

Monday, Apr 16, 2018
at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting

Monday, Apr 23, 2018
at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting

Monday, May 7, 2018
at 6:00 pm

ARENA CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

Community Services would like to thank all of our winter arena users for a wonderful season. Thank you to volunteers for helping with maintenance of the outdoor rink.



Emergency Preparedness

Hazard Season is quickly approaching and people should take a few steps to help prepare themselves and their families in the event of an emergency.

The following links provide information on the *Alberta Emergency Alert, Preparing a 72 hr kit, a Personal / Family Emergency Plan* and a link to the new *Personal Preparedness Program* offered by Alberta Emergency Management

<http://www.aema.alberta.ca/alberta-emergency-alert>

<http://www.aema.alberta.ca/be-prepared>

<https://albertaready.aema.alberta.ca/#/id/m01-co01>

Town of Sundre Economic Development Grants Now Available

Storefront Improvement Program Grant -

Receive up to \$5000 to help your commercial property improve its look according to architectural guidelines.

SEDIF Grant- Planning on organizing a large event to bring lots of people into Town? Apply for the Sundre Event Development Initiative Fund grant to help you promote it- up to \$2500 available per grant.

Commercial Landscape Improvement Grant- Are you a business located within Sundre's downtown core? Receive up to \$1000 to assist in improving the look and feel of downtown Sundre.

Grant applications are considered by the Town of Sundre Downtown Area Revitalization Committee (DARC). Grants are available for only as long as funding remains-so apply early.

Visit www.sundre.com/grants.html for more info.

Alberta One-Call

With the warmer weather comes the desire to start projects on your property, and many of these projects involve digging in our yards. One obstacle that we often forget is the utilities that are buried beneath our property.

By contacting Alberta- One-Call you will have gas, water, phone and electrical locates done within 48 hours so that you can complete your project with peace of mind.

For more information contact:

Alberta-One-Call at 1-800-242-3447.



Pick Up Schedule

Apr 12- Compost
Apr 19-Recycle
Apr 26- Garbage

May 3- Compost
May 10- Recycle
May 17- Garbage

Background Notes from the Mayor's Desk - April 2018

How has the “carbon levy,” or “carbon tax,” affected you?

On my recent Town of Sundre utility bill there was a “Carbon Tax Levy” line that read \$19.77. Many people get a rebate for the carbon tax paid as an attempt to “balance” the impact of the carbon tax.

You may have heard that executive committee members from our Seniors Centre have raised the issue of carbon tax and how it has affected the running of their facility by adding about \$1300 per year to the operation expenses of their building. The Aquaplex now pays about \$800 per month (\$9600 per year) in carbon tax, I’ve been told. Church groups, the Legion, the Elks, the new Mountain View Housing Seniors Housing Facility, the Historical Society, and volunteer groups and organizations, are now faced with the realization that they will somehow have to find ways to pay the carbon tax, often by fundraising.

The executive members of the Seniors Centre have called the Premier’s Office to raise their concerns. I have also called the Premier’s Office to express serious concerns about the unintended consequences of the carbon tax on church groups, benevolent organizations like the Legion and the Elks, seniors housing “not for profit” organizations like Mountain View Seniors Housing, our Historical Society, and volunteer groups and organizations that own buildings in communities throughout Alberta. These volunteer groups are the heart and soul of all our communities. They provide support services, activities, and they donate to dozens of programs for people of all ages in rural Alberta, where “government services” are unavailable. My concern is that all these groups are going to try and manage to pay increases in carbon tax bills by fundraising – and taxing fundraising was never mentioned as part of the Provincial carbon tax rollout plan.

To give credit where credit is due, the Premier’s Office would like to understand the issues further. This is an Alberta Environment and Parks issue and I received a call from Environment Minister Phillips’s Chief of Staff to discuss community concerns further. There are many Provincial Government Programs available to help volunteer groups and organizations, and municipalities, make their buildings more efficient, and reduce carbon tax paid. The Environment Minister’s Office has arranged for representatives from Energy Efficiency Alberta to come to Sundre in late April or early May to host a “Mini Trade Show” to promote their organization and programs available to businesses, individuals, churches, non profit groups and organizations. Please watch the Sundre Round Up and our Town website for details as to when and where this event will be occurring.

The representatives coming to provide information on efficiency programs are not the people who set carbon tax policy. I have assured them they will receive a warm welcome in our community as they come to do their jobs – provide all of us with efficiency program details. If you are concerned about how the carbon tax is affecting you, your group or organization, please call me, or our MLA Jason Nixon. We want to hear your stories and the effects of carbon tax legislation in our community.

As always, if you want to talk further about the information above, or any other issue, please call me at 403-559-7352.

Terry Leslie, Mayor