

February 2018 NEWSLETTER

Council Meeting

Monday, Feb 12, 2018
at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting

Monday, Feb 26, 2018
at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting

Monday, Mar 5, 2018
at 6:00 pm

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Monday, Mar 12, 2018
at 6:00 pm

2018 SEDIF Grant

Sundre Event Development Initiative Fund applications are now available for 2018. Event planners interested in hosting an event that is open to the public and that acts as a draw for visitors from more than 40 kms away should apply for a grant of up to \$2,500, which can be used for anything relating to the promotion and execution of the event itself.

For more information visit
www.sundre.com/grants.html

Council Remuneration Committee

The Town of Sundre is seeking volunteers to sit on a Council Remuneration Review Committee in early 2018. The Committee is tasked with examining the level of remuneration for members of Council for the Town of Sundre. The Committee will examine compensation packages using a list of comparator municipalities, and make recommendations to Council in respect to an appropriate level of compensation. The Committee must ensure openness, public input and transparency within the process. Municipalities used for comparison will be determined by the Committee, taking into account location, geographic size, total population, and municipal structure, as well as any other comparable information deemed relevant by the Committee.

For more details and to view the application form, please visit:
www.sundre.com/council-remuneration-review-committee.html

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
"2018 – 2022 CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN"**

The Town Administration is hosting a **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING** on the **2018 – 2022 Capital Spending Plan.**

WHEN:
Tuesday, February 6, 2018
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

WHERE:
Town Office
717 Main Avenue West, Sundre
Council Chambers

The Town of Sundre Office will be **CLOSED**
Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of:

Family Day!

Public Surveys

Let us know what you think! For more information and to complete the following surveys, visit:
www.sundre.com/surveys.html

1. Alberta Transportation Mini-Roundabout Survey
2. Post-Secondary Education Viability Survey



Pick Up Schedule

- Feb 8- Compost
- Feb 15- Recycle
- Feb 22- Garbage
- Mar 1- Compost
- Mar 8- Recycle
- Mar 15 - Garbage

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Background Notes from the Mayor's Desk - February 2018

Do you ever wonder what is being accomplished with your tax dollars? Here are a few examples of some of the success stories in the past while. There is a longer list that we will be posting soon on our website.

You may have heard that Council and staff have a very serious concern about the capacity of our wastewater treatment plant. Those capacity issues are partly due to leaks in our underground pipes (some pipes are 50-60 years old). Our water treatment plant treats much more than we use because, under pressure, treated water squirts out of cracks in the pipes. This water is then “sucked in” (infiltration) by the leaking sewer pipes that are in the same general underground location. Our wastewater treatment plant, therefore, treats a lot of treated drinking water because of those leaks in both systems.

Our staff and contractors completed a leaking water main and lift station manhole replacement project, by the skateboard park, this Fall. This project alone saved 5 litres per second of otherwise lost treated water. That translates to about 432 cubic metres per day. If we sold that much water it would provide about \$350,000 in revenue, per year, to the Town. That manhole fix meant that the infiltration to our treatment lagoons dropped by 200-300 cubic metres per day (of what was really treated drinking water). Sewage lift station pump times were reduced by 4.5 hours per day, which extends the life of that system. This project was a great initiative brought forward by staff at the Operations Department and it is a very “good news story” that we should all celebrate.

That “fix” means that we may have as much as 15-20% more capacity in our Wastewater Treatment Lagoons. The crisis we have all been concerned about, spending as much as \$14 million to upgrade our lagoon system, may be able to be phased in as we grow, and continue to find more leaks, fix them, and make our current system more efficient. Thank you to all the Operations staff and contractors for all the great work you are doing behind the scenes to help save us all money in our utility rates and taxes.

Except for the carbon levy the Province added, that the Town is responsible to collect from you, did you notice your utility rates did not increase this year? Significant “fixes,” like the project described above, are ongoing. On **Tuesday February 6th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM**, at the Town Office in Council Chambers, please join us to find out more about the 5 Year Capital Plan for the Town of Sundre. Road projects, building maintenance projects, parks and trails projects, water and wastewater projects, planning and expansion of service projects, and more will be outlined. You will get a chance to find out what some of the ideas and priorities are, and Council and staff want to hear from you in this Public Information Meeting. We all hope to see you there 😊

Did anyone notice that by 10:00 AM last Sunday, after a fresh snow, the paths and sidewalks that the Town is responsible for, had all been swept, and most intersections in Town were sanded? Thank you to the staff and contractors for that good work.

Did you know that the arena has a “new-to-us” ice resurface machine? Staff were able to buy a used 2013 Calgary Flames Zamboni, saving \$55,000 versus purchasing new. Did you try the Outdoor Ice Rink that is available for public use by the skateboard park? Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who make the rink available to all.

These are only a few of the projects that happened last year using your tax dollars. Please call me at 403-559-7352 if you want to talk more about these projects, or any other Town matter.

Terry Leslie, Mayor