



Happy
New Year

TOWN OF ITUNA
JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! Where did 2015 go? It is the beginning of a New Year, and with that, a few reminders along with information in regards to our community.

Business Licenses - According to Town Bylaw 83-11, which is a bylaw to classify, license, regulate and govern businesses in the Town of Ituna, Section 3) *"The Town Administrator or assistant is hereby authorized to issue a license to any person carrying on business in the Town of Ituna who:*

- a) *Is not assessable by the Town for the purpose of business taxation in respect of that business; and*
- b) *Who makes application of such license stating specifically the nature of his business in the Town' and*
- c) *Who tenders with his application the proper license fee as here in specified."*

Section 8 states, *"The annual fee payable for a license under this Bylaw shall be as follows:*

- 1) **Contractors:** \$50.00
- *That is, any general or sub-contractor who enters into a contract for any phase in the construction, alteration, repair, removal or moving of any building or structure in the Town.*
- 2) **Transient Traders & Auctioneers:** \$50.00
- 3) **Unclassified Trades and Businesses:** \$25.00
- *Any person who carries on a trade or business for gain within the Town which is not specifically designated in Subsections 1 and 2 above."*

If you will be using the services of an out-of-town contractor, kindly ensure that the contractor has obtained a 2016 Business License. Failure on the contractor's part to obtain a business license may result in the costs of the license being charged to the homeowner. Town of Ituna Business Licenses may be purchased at the Town Administration Centre.

All 2016 Business Licenses expire on December 31, 2016.

Building Permits - The Town of Ituna bylaw requires residents to obtain a building permit for new construction or additions to existing buildings. Please attend at the Town Administration Centre to determine when a building permit is required and to obtain an Application for a Building Permit. As Building Permits are approved at meetings of Council, it is important to apply early when construction is planned.

Pet Licenses - Town bylaw requires that: *Every person who owns, possesses or harbours a dog or cat within the Town limits shall register and obtain a license for the said dog or cat from the Town Office... When applying for a license, the applicant must furnish a description of the dog or cat.... A certificate from the veterinary surgeon if the dog or cat has been neutered or spayed, and whether the dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies within two (2) years...*

Licensing Fees:

- With proof of neutering and immunization \$15.00
- Without proof of neutering and immunization \$30.00

It also states that:

No owner shall permit any dog or cat to be outside the boundary of any premises or lands occupied by the owner unless the dog or cat is fitted with a collar or a harness for the body that is properly placed and fitted on the dog or cat and the movement of the dog or cat is controlled by a person by means of a leash that is attached to the collar or harness...

All 2016 Pet licenses expire on December 31st, 2016.

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Landfill

Winter hours: Saturday – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Paper Recycling Depot – Effective January 1, 2016, the Paper Recycling Depot will accept plastic or paper milk jugs. Please be sure to rinse the milk containers thoroughly before depositing at the Paper Recycling Depot. Our staff at the depot are still receiving household garbage mixed in with paper. Please refrain from including the household waste within the bags as this is a hazard to our workers.

Communities in Bloom – Congratulations *to the Community of Ituna!* Once again we competed provincially and received 5 blooms for Community Tidiness (the highest award given). As we have won two consecutive years provincially, we are going to compete nationally this year. The criteria is a bit different, but we have been working towards meeting those requirements.

Well and Water Treatment Plant - Our new well has been connected and working to supply good water to the town. The Water Treatment plant upgrades are almost done. We were very fortunate to receive the grant that we did to connect the well and with considerable negotiations, we were able to do upgrades to the water treatment plant for the portion that was designated to the drilling of the well. New distribution pumps, chemical pumps, a header, static mixer, baffles, emergency pump and new electrical boxes have been replaced within the water treatment plant. In spring, a generator will be added but this is not covered by the grant.

2016 is the Year for three Elections: Referendum, Provincial Election and the Civic Election.

Who Can Vote?

Eligible voters must be:

- at least 18 years old on Referendum/ Election Day;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of Saskatchewan for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding election day; and
- either:
 - a) a resident of the municipality for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election; or;
 - b) an owner of assessable land for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election.
- Bring two pieces of identification with you when voting, one identification being a photo id.

Referendum Vote - Advance Poll – Saturday, February 6th, 2016, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Town Administration Center
Regular Poll – Wednesday, February 10th, 2016 9:00 am to 8:00 pm Town Administration Center

Provincial Election – Monday, April 4, 2016.

Ituna Civic Election – Wednesday, October 26th, 2016.

It is important that everyone take the time to vote to ensure you exercise your democratic right to choose the outcome you wish to see.

*Winter Greetings,
Geri Kreway,
Acting Administrator*