



TOWN OF CHURCHBRIDGE Fall 2017



“Churchbridge - Proud past, exciting future”

TOWN OFFICE

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Hours: Monday - Friday
9 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1-5 p.m.

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Mayor

Jim Gallant

Councillors

Colleen Craig

Janessa Liepert

Jared Melnyk

Carter Prier

Ralph Soltys

Russ Thies

Administrator

Carla Kaeding

Foreman

Jason Poppenheim

Upcoming Council Meetings

All meetings start at 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 20

Monday, Dec. 18

Transfer Site Winter Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

1-4:30 p.m.

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October 4 Open House responses to Council questions

Thank you to all that attended the Open House on Oct. 4, held in conjunction with the Town's by-election. The Open House was an opportunity for Council to share with the public a draft version of the Official Community Plan, and for residents to provide input on a variety of topics including water rates, zoning suggestions, and even the Town flag.

The following three are questions and responses from the Open House. If you would like to provide feedback to Council on any of these, please visit the Town Office or email churchbridge@sasktel.net.

1. Utilities - Town utility bills are currently based on a minimum water consumption of 8,000 gallons/3 months. Would you like to see:

- changed to a base of 6,000/3 months (6 votes)
- stay at 8,000 gallons/3 months (9 votes)
- changed to 10,000 gallons/3 months (5 votes)

2. Transfer Site - The transfer site is currently open in the winter on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 1;4:30 p.m. and in the summer on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1-4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 4:30-8 p.m. Would you like this to stay the same or change?

- Keep current hours (16 votes)
- Change hours (3 votes)

3. Town Flag - We have run out of Town of Churchbridge Flags (they are currently light blue and gold and feature “the loonie”).

Would you like to see design of the flag stay the same or a new design?

- Stay the same (16 votes)
- New design (17 votes)

Council also posed a series of questions pertaining to water and sewer maintenance costs. The following are those questions and the actual answers (circled):

1. What do you think is the contract cost of annual sewer maintenance? Each year one-third of the Town's sewer line is cleaned.

\$3,000 **\$6,000** \$8,000

2. What do you think is the cost of a sewer lift station pump?

\$2,000 **\$5,000 (rebuild)** **\$8,000 (new)**

3. What do you think is the cost of a water distribution pump for the water plant?

\$3,000 \$5,000 **\$9,000**

4. What do you think is the cost of a well pump inspection and installation?

\$10,000 **\$25,000** \$35,000

5. What do you think is the average cost of a mainline water break?

\$2,000 \$4,500 **\$7,500**

6. How many water breaks do you think the Town has had in 2016-17?

5 **15** 25 40

Congratulations to the newest member of Town Council, Ralph Soltys, who was elected on Oct. 4 to fill the vacant position of Councillor .

General Items of Interest and Upcoming Events

Community Christmas Dinner

The annual Community Christmas Dinner, sponsored by the Churchbridge Business Association, will be held on the evening of Friday, Nov. 24 this year.

If you are new to the community, please anticipate tickets to the supper courtesy of the Town of Churchbridge and Churchbridge Business Association as our way to say "Welcome". If you are a new resident and haven't received your ticket by Nov. 17, please contact the Town Office.

Transfer Site/Garbage Collection

Just a reminder that we are now on "winter hours" at the Transfer Site. Gates are open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 1-4:30 p.m.

OSS has also advised us that residential garbage (black cart) collection will be a little later in the day on Tuesdays. Please do not be alarmed if your garbage is not picked up before noon.

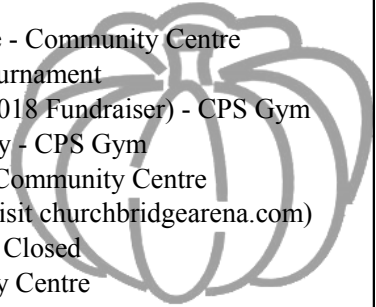
Finally, residential curbside recycling pick-up will be on Dec. 26, as scheduled. No change to the pick-up schedule due to holidays.

RCMP Message

The RCMP would like to encourage anyone who has information regarding illegal activities, whether it be drug related or of any criminal nature to come forward and provide information to your local RCMP Detachment (Esterhazy). This information can be as simple as strange ongoing activities of a neighbor, high traffic to and from a residence, or strange noxious smells. In many cases the general public may feel intimidated by approaching police with information. If this is the case you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) and provide them the information, who will in turn inform the police. Crime Stoppers provides a trustworthy and effective method for citizens to easily and anonymously assist the police and other authorities in solving and reducing crime. Information reported to Crime Stoppers is passed onto the police, but police never receive any information regarding the person reporting the activity. Please help keep your communities safe.

Community Events Schedule

- Oct. 21 - Mom's Group (text/call Aurora 306-487-7878 for info)
- Oct. 23 - Flu Clinic - Evergreen Club
- Oct. 27 - Lioness Family Halloween Dance - Community Centre
- Oct. 27-28 - Churchbridge Rec Hockey Tournament
- Oct. 30 - CPS Halloween Carnival (Grad 2018 Fundraiser) - CPS Gym
- Nov. 9 - CPS Remembrance Day Ceremony - CPS Gym
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day Ceremony - Community Centre
- Nov. 12 - Arena Board Kids Craft Night (visit churchbridgearena.com)
- Nov. 13 - Statutory Holiday - Town Office Closed
- Nov. 18 - Lioness Craft Show - Community Centre
- Nov. 20 - Regular meeting of Town Council
- Nov. 24 - Community Christmas Dinner - Community Centre
- Nov. 25 - Arena Board Adult Craft Night (visit churchbridgearena.com)
- Dec. 1 - Churchbridge Lions Santa Night - Arena
- Dec. 10 - Canada 150 Free Public Skating (1-3 p.m.)
- Dec. 18 - Regular meeting of Town Council
- Dec. 22 - Wing Night and Rec Hockey Game
- Dec. 26 - Dylan Berg Memorial Boxing Day Tournament
- Dec. 26 - Residential Curbside Recycle Day (no change to schedule)
- Dec. 31 - Arena Board New Year's Eve Dance



The Town of Churchbridge would like to thank the following:

- Churchbridge Aquatic Centre Volunteer Operating Committee for fundraising and installing the privacy screen, fundraising for new pool toys, and serving as a sounding board for our pool staff.
- Churchbridge Campground volunteers for collecting fees and providing a warm welcome to those stopping for a night or two at the campground.
- Churchbridge Cemetery and Churchbridge In Bloom volunteers for putting so much time and effort to ensure our community and cemetery are "in bloom" and maintained throughout the summer. We receive many compliments!
- The Churchbridge Co-op and Churchbridge Hotel, for keeping the pool freezer and shelves stocked with ice cream treats and chips throughout the summer.
- The Canada 150 planning committee for putting together an amazing celebration in July. And a thank you to all those who hosted or were a part of the suppers, fireworks, kids' games, lunches, parade, fashion show, church service - it was a true community party!
- The Churchbridge Interchurch Council, which recently disbanded after decades of service to the community. Among its projects, the Interchurch Council looked after the annual Carol Festival and the Christmas Food Hampers (the Food Hamper program will now be taken care of by Churchbridge Public School).

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Churchbridge Lions and Lioness Clubs who received the Premier's Service Club Award on Sept. 13. The award recognizes the commitment and activities of service clubs and fraternal organizations.

Congratulations also goes to Churchbridge In Bloom and Churchbridge Cemetery Committee volunteers who will receive honours from Member of Parliament Cathay Wagantall at a ceremony in Yorkton on Oct. 22. The awards are for Community Builders through Volunteering.

And finally, congratulations to Mayor Jim Gallant who received the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal for 25 years of service. Mayor Gallant received his medal from Lieutenant Governor Vaughan Schofield in a ceremony in September.