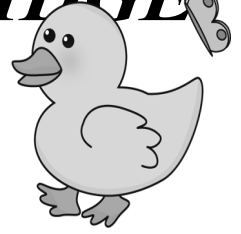




# TOWN OF CHURCHBRIDGE

## Spring 2017



*“Churchbridge - Proud past, exciting future”*

### **Annual Public Meeting - Water questions and answers**

#### **TOWN OFFICE**

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#### **Foreman**

Jason Poppenheim

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#### **Upcoming Council Meetings**

All meetings start at 7 p.m.

Monday, April 24

Monday, May 15

Monday, June 19

Monday, July 17

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The annual informational Public Meeting was held on April 12 in the Community Centre with just under 30 residents present.

While much of the focus of the meeting was on the water quality issue in Churchbridge (engineers from Catterall & Wright, hired by the Town to assist in rectifying the issue, were present), the floor was opened to residents to ask questions of Council, Town Staff and the engineers. The following is a brief summary of some of the water/RO system questions:

**Q:** Has Council passed a motion for an RO System?

**A:** No. Council is still looking at all options, but is leaning towards reverse osmosis (RO). When the current system was installed in the water plant about 10 years ago, it met all regulations, yet here we are, needing upgrades.

Council does not want to spend money to install a system that corrects one problem (ammonia) only to have more regulations put in place a couple years from now, requiring another costly upgrade. With RO, many problems will already be addressed if regulations change.

**Q:** Is there a money reserve for extra water main breaks if we go to an RO system?

**A:** RO can be hard on lines, depending on the type of line. The engineers confirmed that in the months following the installation of an RO system, there can be water line and main breaks, and some residents will report the need to replace water heaters. This is because the RO water is cleaning out the lines and any mineral deposits that could essentially be sealing cracks. Steel lines are particularly vulnerable.

The majority of the water mains in Churchbridge are clay. There are currently reserves in place to cover the cost of Town line repairs.

**Q:** Does the \$2.5 million projected cost for the RO system include contingencies for anything above and beyond just the system?

**A:** The \$2.5 million is a preliminary figure; however grant applications that have been filed have included a contingency amount of 15-20%.

**Q:** If we have to have a solution in place in three years, has Council started putting money away now?

**A:** Council is looking to residents for direction (please fill out and submit the attached survey). If we receive government grants which would result in a 1/3 (federal), 1/3 (provincial) and 1/3 (Town) cost-sharing agreement, the financial impact on residents will be noticeable, but not long-term or overwhelming. But as one of the engineers stated, “receiving a grant is like winning the lottery”, so no guarantees.

If/when Council starts setting aside money for the upgrade, it will likely be as part of the infrastructure (INFRA) charge on your water bill. That charge is currently \$35 per quarter.

**Q:** Will RO eliminate magnesium, nitrates and nitrites?

**A (from C&W):** Magnesium is easily removed. Nitrates are not an issue in Churchbridge water according to the 2016 WSA report. Nitrite wasn't tested, but since the nitrate is low, nitrites are not expected to be an issue.

**Q:** Can aeration be used as a temporary solution to our ammonia issue?

**A (from C&W):** No. The ammonia in our water is in a gaseous state and cannot be properly treated with aeration.

**\*Please see the attached documents for more information and requested feedback from residents.**

# **General Items of Interest and Upcoming Events**

## **By-election**

Due to a recent resignation, a by-election for one Councilor for the Town of Churchbridge will be forthcoming.

Provincial law states that a by-election must be held within six months of a resignation, which means our by-election will have to be held before Oct. 11. Please watch for notices regarding nomination information, nomination deadlines and election days.

For more information or to obtain nomination papers, please contact or visit the Town Office.

## **Campground**

Town Staff has started preparing the campground for the 2017 season. The Churchbridge Campground is operated by the Town of Churchbridge with a huge amount of support from a very dedicated group of volunteers who take care of collecting site fees from campers.

The volunteer groups is looking for a couple more people willing to take on a week-long collecting shift or two sometime between mid-May and the end of September. It is a very quick and easy job, collecting is done in the evenings, and will give you an opportunity to greet and welcome tourists visiting our area.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like some more information, please contact the Town Office.

## **Housing Authority**

The Churchbridge Housing Authority is seeking interested individuals to serve on its Board.

The volunteer board meets once per month to review tenant applica-

tions and to give the Housing Authority Manager direction on matters such as building maintenance.

The Churchbridge Housing Authority oversees 45 residences in Town, including 12 units in Heritage Manor, and residences on Lovel Street, Cottonwood Cres. and Prothero Ave. E.

If you would like more information about the Housing Authority or are interested in serving on the Board, please contact the Town Office.

## **Construction Materials**

In cooperation with OSS, the Town of Churchbridge continues to offer the rent of 6-yard bins to residents who are undergoing construction projects.

The bin rental runs from for one-week spans, with the bin placed at the residence on a Wednesday and picked up the following Wednesday. The rental can be extended, with

additional charges applied.

The cost for a bin rental for the week is \$100, plus tax. This includes the dumping fee.

For more information or to book a bin, please contact the Town Office.

## **Spring Cleaning Pick-up**

The annual spring cleaning pick up days will be held Wednesday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 24.

Please have any garden or yard waste placed in compostable bags (not plastic grocery or black/green garbage bags), boxes or cans (cans will be dumped and left for you) by your front yard area. Because not all back alleys in town are accessible, pick-up will have to be from front yards.

Clean bags for yard clean up will be available to the Town Office starting the week of April 24. Residents can obtain 10 free bags from the Town Office after that date.

## **Community Events Schedule**

*Visit [www.churchbridge.com](http://www.churchbridge.com), Events Calendar for more information.*

- April 20 - Dog Park meeting
- April 24 - Credit Union Annual meeting
- April 27 - Canada 150 celebration planning meeting
- April 29 - Minor Ball Bottle Drive
- April 30 - Deadline for Donor's Choice donations
- May 5, 6 & 7 - Leaps & Bounds Dance Studio recital
- May 6 - Lioness Ladies' Night
- May 10 - Spring Cleaning Pick-up Day
- May 11 & 12 - CPS Drama Production
- May 12 - Churchbridge Aquatic Centre (CAC) Paint Night Fundraiser
- May 24 - Spring Cleaning Pick-up Day
- May 24 - CAC Swimming Lesson Registration
- June 1 - Tentative CAC Opening Day
- June 8-12 - Churchbridge Business Association presents June Daze
- June 30 - CPS Grad Day
- July 1 - Canada Day Celebrations at the CAC
- July 13-16 - Churchbridge Celebrates Canada's 150th

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