



# TOWN OF CHURCHBRIDGE Winter 2018



“Churchbridge - Proud past, exciting future”

## Utility Bill Increase to take effect April 1, 2018

Pending approval from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, utility billing rates will be going up on April 1, 2018. Because municipalities are legislated to ensure that the revenue generated by charging for the utility (water/sewer) is sufficient enough to offset all expenses in providing that utility, rates do seem to be constantly increasing, as does the cost to the Town for maintaining the service.

Council will be submitting to the Municipal Board the *Water & Sewer Rates Bylaw* for 2018-19, which will see an increase of three per cent in both 2018 and 2019. This will mean that those who pay the base amount (for

a maximum of 8,000 gallons used) will see an increase of \$4.43/quarter in 2018 (\$2.95 on water and \$1.48 on sewer). The base amount bill this April will look like this:

- Water \$101.61
- Sewer \$50.81
- Recycle \$5.00
- Infrastructure \$100.00

**TOTAL \$257.42**

Also increasing will be the bulk water purchased from the coin machine at the water plant. Effective April 1, this water will cost \$1/100 gallons, up from \$0.75/100 gallons.

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### **Upcoming Council Meetings**

All meetings start at 7 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 29  
Monday, Feb. 12  
Monday, Feb. 26  
Monday, March 12  
Monday, March 26

**Transfer Site Winter Hours**  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday  
1-4:30 p.m.

[www.churchbridge.com](http://www.churchbridge.com)

## **Churchbridge’s Official Community Plan - Final Stages**

After several months of work, completion of Churchbridge’s Official Community Plan is in the final stages.

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is necessary for communities in Saskatchewan to apply for provincial and federal funding. While much of the OCP focuses on zoning, it also provides a path for the future in terms economic development, public works planning and land use planning and management.

There are several steps and stages required in developing an OCP. In October, the public was invited to view and comment on the draft of Churchbridge’s OCP at an Open House, held in conjunction with the Town’s by-election. Revisions to the plan were made following the Open House, and at its regular

meeting in December, Council passed the First Reading of *Bylaw 2017-010 Official Community Plan Bylaw*.

The public is invited to review the final revision of the OCP, available for viewing or purchase at the Town Office. All documents related to the OCP can be found on the Town’s main webpage ([www.churchbridge.com](http://www.churchbridge.com)).

A public hearing, where Council will receive comments from members of the public who have reviewed the revised OCP, will be held Monday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Comments may also be submitted prior to the meeting.

For more information, contact the Town Office 306-896-2240 or email [churchbridge@sasktel.net](mailto:churchbridge@sasktel.net).

## **Volunteers Honoured at Community Christmas Dinner**

Without volunteers, Churchbridge would look nothing like the community it is today. In late November, a few of our volunteers received Parkland Valley Sport, Culture and Recreation Volunteer Recognition Awards from the Churchbridge Rec Board. The following are the 2017 recipients:

- Youth Volunteer Award - Jessica Groeneveld and Hope Werle
- Community Involvement Award - Kevin Eskra
- Recreation Volunteer Award - Kristen & Rae Groeneveld
- Seniors Volunteer Award - Myrna Jenson
- Sport Volunteer Award - Maxine & Dwaine Bourgette
- Culture Volunteer Award - Churchbridge Inter-Church Council
- Schumacher Award (contribution to Minor Sports) - Kevin Kaminski

# General Items of Interest and Upcoming Events

## Library Janitor Tender

Tenders are being accepted for janitorial duties at the Churchbridge Library and Cultural Centre. Weekly duties include general cleaning of bathrooms, kitchen and interior; snow clearing at doorways, ramp and walkways; dry mopping and washing floors on both levels.

A full list of duties can be found on the Town website (on main page under Town of Churchbridge Notices). Tenders will be accepted at the Town Office until Feb. 9, 2018 with duties to commence on March 1, 2018.

## Library AGM

While the Churchbridge Public Library Board hasn't set an exact date for its AGM, please watch for meeting notices in March or April. The public is invited to attend.

## Online Banking

Did you know that the Town of Churchbridge accepts online payments for water bills and taxes? Please contact your Credit Union or Royal Bank to set up online payments. Should you need your utility or tax account information, please contact the Town Office.

## 2018 License Reminders

It's time again to renew your dog, cat and business licenses for 2018. Licenses not renewed by Jan. 31 of each year are considered overdue. For more information, bylaws pertaining to each of these can be found on the Town website by clicking on Town Office, and then Bylaws.

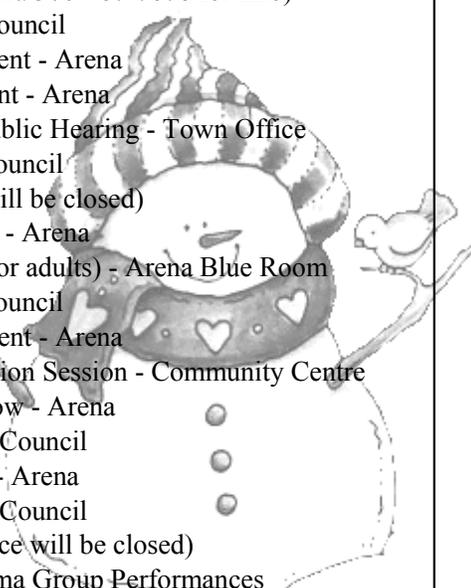
Fees for dog and cat licenses have not changed for 2018 - \$10 for a spayed or neutered animal and \$25 if your animal is not fixed. Dogs and cats must be up-to-date on all rabies vaccinations and must not run at large.

## Business Licensing

All businesses not paying commercial property tax must purchase a business license each year. This applies to home-based operations, door-to-door salespersons and contractors.

A full listing of businesses licensed in Churchbridge and contact information can be found on the Town website, Business tab, then the Directory tab. Business owners that have not renewed their license by Feb. 15 will have their business information removed from the directory.

## Community Events Schedule

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- Jan. 29 - Mom's Group (text/call Aurora 306-487-7878 for info)
  - Jan. 29 - Regular meeting of Town Council
  - Feb. 3 - Pre-Novice Hockey Tournament - Arena
  - Feb. 10-11 - Atom Hockey Tournament - Arena
  - Feb. 12 - Official Community Plan Public Hearing - Town Office
  - Feb. 12 - Regular meeting of Town Council
  - Feb. 19 - Family Day (Town Office will be closed)
  - Feb. 23-24 - Rec Hockey Tournament - Arena
  - Feb. 23 - Arena Board Trivia Night (for adults) - Arena Blue Room
  - Feb. 26 - Regular meeting of Town Council
  - March 2-4 - Novice Hockey Tournament - Arena
  - March 3 - Food Grains Bank Information Session - Community Centre
  - March 3 - CanSkate Achievement Show - Arena
  - March 12 - Regular meeting of Town Council
  - March 16 - Arena Board Wing Night - Arena
  - March 26 - Regular meeting of Town Council
  - March 30 - Good Friday - (Town Office will be closed)
  - April 5-7 - Churchbridge Players Drama Group Performances
  - May 2 - Friends & Family Foundation Annual Meeting  
- Community Centre
  - May 6 - Churchbridge Lioness Ladies Night

## Town of Churchbridge Snow Removal Policy

We have received some inquiries about snow clearing/removal services provided by the Town. Below is the Town of Churchbridge Snow Removal Policy as found in the Town's Policy Manual.

### 4.5.1.21 Winter Maintenance

- a) Snow removal is to begin immediately following a snowstorm or heavy snowfall but no later than 5:00 a.m. the next morning.
- b) Please note, this protocol is subject to change at the discretion of Staff.
  1. Emergency Vehicle Driveways
  2. Town Streets
  3. Parking Lots – business and Town-owned, but only if there are no vehicles present
  4. Back Lanes – but only those with commercial garbage pick-up

The Town owns one loader plus a smaller snow blower for doing sidewalks in commercial areas, so it does take time to clear snow throughout the entire town. The loader has a wing which, when lowered, should reduce the amount of snow left on driveway approaches, but it will not eliminate a snow ridge or windrow. Unless this windrow is quite significant (more than 12 inches) staff will not return to remove it. Anything less is the responsibility of the taxpayer.

- c) Ice conditions on streets and sidewalks should be treated immediately.
- d) Slippery intersections are to be sanded the first day following snow removal and whenever necessary.