



TOWN OF CHURCHBRIDGE

Tax Notice Edition

May 2017

“Churchbridge - Proud past, exciting future”

Increase to Infrastructure Fee Anticipated

Saskatchewan’s Water Security Agency (WSA) has given the Town of Churchbridge a deadline to deal with the excess ammonia in our water. Regardless of the type of permanent treatment that is chosen, this is going to be an expensive venture for the Town.

In anticipation of the projected costs for meeting provincial water regulations, Council has passed Bylaw 2017-004, which will see an increase the infrastructure fee on utility (water) bills for the last half of 2017. The infrastructure fee is currently \$35 per quarter and will be increasing to \$100 per quarter. This means that households using

up to 8,000 gallons of water per quarter will see quarterly bills increase from \$187.99 to \$252.99. A charge of \$0.004 per gallon will continue to be applied for those using more than 8,000 gallons per quarter.

Council has budgeted that a minimum of 60 per cent of the infrastructure fee collected will go to an RO System. This means that with the increased infrastructure fee, \$89,210 more will now go into reserves in 2017. By the end of 2017, there should be at least \$253,400 in reserve for the new RO system. The remaining infrastructure money will go to continued upgrades on Town lines and water system.

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Upcoming Council Meetings
All meetings start at 7 p.m.
Monday, June 19
Monday, July 17
Monday, August 21

Transfer Site Hours
(May 23-Sept. 2)
Tuesday - 1-4:30 p.m.
Thursday - 4:39-8 p.m.
Saturday - 1-4:30 p.m.

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Infrastructure spending since fee collection began in 2011.

- Amount collected 2011-2016 **\$336,132**
- Amount spent 2011-2016 **\$428,777**

2011	Curbstops/Sewer	\$139,992
2012	Curbstop	\$1,900
2013	Curbstops & hydrant	\$21,028
2013	Generator	\$9,800
2013	Reserves	\$35,000
2014	Generator trailer	\$9,707
2015	2nd Well	\$130,720
2015	Reserves	\$42,000
2016	Reserves	\$38,700
	Total spent	\$428,777



Summer Celebrations in Churchbridge

June Daze - June 9-11

Canada 150 Celebrations - July 13-16

Water & Sewer Rates Comparison

SOURCE: <http://publications.gov.sk.ca/documents/313/98343-WS%20Rates%202016-05.pdf>.

2015 rates	Water & Sewer cost/month using 7000 gals water/month	\$/gallon
Bredenbury	\$61.80	.008
Rocanville	\$54.47	.008
Saltcoats	\$56.68	.008
Churchbridge	\$70.67	.010
Whitewood	\$99.00	.014
Esterhazy	\$97.00	.014
Langenburg	\$109.20	.016

Churchbridge rates (excluding infrastructure & recycle fees)

	Water & Sewer cost for 3 months and 8000 gallons	\$/gal
2015	134.00	.017
2016	140.50	.018
2017	148.00	.019

Tax rates information

Council chose to increase the base tax in 2017 from \$830 to \$865 based on the following:

Base tax Calculation Using 2016 expenditures	
RCMP& Bylaw Enforcement	36,565
General Govt 1/2	79,321
Fire service	28,158
Garbage	169,507
Transportation	240,049
Street Lights	16,411
Rev sharing	-172,500
	TOTAL \$397,511
BASE COST/PROPERTY	\$994

General Items of Interest and Information

Additional Questions/Answers from April's Public Meeting

Are you still spending 50% of the budget on wages?

Since 2010 on average wages have been 21% of the total expenditures. The breakdown is 5% for admin, 13% public works and 3% for pool staff.

Will RO system remove Manganese?

Currently our levels are above the aesthetically pleasing level. In the RO water from various locations in town, Manganese was removed to almost negligible levels.

What percentage of taxes are outstanding?

As of April 18 5% of the 2016 tax levy had not been collected.

What percentage of W&S bills are outstanding?

As of April 18 6% of accounts are outstanding for more than 120 days and make up 60% of total amount outstanding.

By-election

Due to a 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. Nomination deadline is Aug. 30 with election day set for Oct. 4.

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

Home Insurance Check

It is suggested that property owners in Churchbridge check their insurance policies to see if you are covered in the event of a water line break. We are hopeful that the recent rash of breaks is over, but with our aging infrastructure, there certainly will be more.