

WINTER 2024

# Churchbridge Quarterly Newsletter

## A YEAR IN REVIEW—2023

This year has been a year of change and learning in the Town of Churchbridge and much of the work accomplished this year has been more behind the scenes, but will set our Town Council and Staff up with a stronger foundation to build on going into 2024. The 2023 focus has been on necessary infrastructure upgrades to our water distribution system with valve replacements occurring throughout the year. Six valves in total were replaced as well as two fire hydrants. A new truck was purchased to replace one of the older Public Works vehicles, and the sander was repaired allowing for more consistent winter street maintenance this season. Several staffing changes throughout the year have made it difficult to keep up in the Public Works department, but we have a solid crew going into 2024 and proper training will be a priority to ensure your Administration and Public Works staff can provide the best service to our community.

In 2023 the Landfill Decommissioning has proceeded as planned with the necessary testing being completed and the soil and clay layers being laid. Grass seeding will proceed in the spring as the final step in the Decommissioning process.

The Cedar Crescent development continued as planned as well this year with installation of SaskEnergy and SaskPower services to the lots with paving and SaskTel services left to be completed. Lots will begin to be available for purchase this year—2024.

### STAFF AND COUNCIL UPDATES

Thank you to Councillor Jody-Antosh-Cusitar who stepped down this year for her passion for her community and contributions to Council and welcome to Councillor James Zelmer who took her place by acclamation this fall. Our Public Works Staff consists of Don Wright, who brings years of experience as well as RO experience, to his position as our Public Works Foreman. Braden Kentel and Hunter Yanke fill out the rest of our full-time Public Works staff. Administrative Assistant Natasha Hykawy achieved her certification in Local Government in 2023 and has stepped into the CAO position as of January 1, 2024. Congratulations to Natasha on her achievement. The Relief Administrator brought in to assist while she finished her courses, Debra Shaw, will continue to mentor her throughout the year as she settles into the position. The Administrative Assistant position was filled by Cindy Buchberger at the end of 2023 who occupied the position from Fall 2019 to Fall of 2021.



### TOWN OFFICE

116 Vincent Avenue West  
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Hours:  
Monday—Friday  
8:30 a.m.—12 p.m. & 1 p.m.—4:30  
p.m.  
Closed 12 p.m.— 1 p.m. for  
lunch

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Mayor:  
Bill Johnston

Councillors:  
Jim Gallant  
Terissa James  
Nicholas Thies  
Russell Thies  
Tracy Swereda  
James Zelmer

Administrator:  
Natasha Hykawy

Administrative Assistant:  
Cindy Buchberger

Foreman:  
Don Wright



## RECREATION NEWS

The Arena has had a very active 2023-2024 hockey season thus far with great turnouts at both youth and Senior hockey games. This season saw the return of the Churchbridge Imperials Senior Hockey team after several years. Catch them at their next SEHL Home game on January 27th where they will play against the Preeceville Pats.

The CanSkate program will be offering a Power Skating clinic beginning January 18th. See the Churchbridge Minor Sports Facebook page for more information about registering or for more info about the CanSkate program.

The Walking Trail is being maintained and is still available for walkers and cross country skiers/showshoers (enough snow permitting) through the season. A friendly reminder that snowmobiles and ATVs are not permitted on the walking trail.

The Churchbridge Curling Club held their Men's Bonspiel in December, with the Seniors, Farmers Mixed and Ladies Bonspiels to take place the following dates:

Seniors: January 8th to 12th  
 Farmer's Mixed: January 22nd to 26th  
 Ladies: February 14th to 17th

## CONTAMINATED RECYCLING

In 2023 the town saw an increase in contaminated recycling charges from OSS. Contaminated recycling cost the Town over \$2200 in fees in 2023. Town Administration and Council would like to remind residents that certain things cannot be placed into the blue bins. If non-recyclables are placed into the bins, the load is considered contaminated and can no longer be recycled. This results not only in additional charges to the Town, but also results in that waste becoming garbage instead of being recycled.

The infographic shown here gives a quick list of things that cannot be placed into the blue bins. For example any packaging that is contaminated with food grease or stains cannot be placed into the blue bins. This includes things such as pizza boxes and takeout containers. Plastic wrap and glass require different processing to be recycled and therefore cannot be put in the blue bins. Please refer to the included list for facilities that will accept some of these excluded items.



### WHERE CAN I RECYCLE

#### **Oil Jugs/Oil Filters:**

Yorkton SARRC EcoCentre  
 Yorkton, SK  
 306-621-2761

#### **Esterhazy SARRC EcoCentre**

Esterhazy, SK  
 306-745-3942

#### **Paint/Glass Bottles:**

Any Sarcan

#### **Flourescent Tubes:**

Yorkton Sarcan  
 144 Ball Road  
 Yorkton, SK

### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Styrofoam • Ceramics,
- Light Bulbs • Soiled Cardboard
- Hazardous Chemical Containers
- Scrap Metal • Car Parts
- Plastic Toys • Household Garbage

**NO PLASTIC WRAP**

**NO PLASTIC BAGS**

**NO FOOD CONTANERS LABELLED #1**

**GLASS**



WASTE DISPOSAL  
(2002) LTD.

# Town of Churchbridge

## 2024 Collection Calendar

■ Recycle ■ Trash

### January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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### February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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### March 2024

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### April 2024

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### May 2024

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### June 2024

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### July 2024

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### August 2024

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### September 2024

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### October 2024

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### November 2024

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### December 2024

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Yorkton, SK S3N 3L4

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Email: [info@oss-waste.com](mailto:info@oss-waste.com)  
Website: <https://oss-wastedisposal.com>  
*Please note we are closed Good Friday, Remembrance Day and Christmas Day*



## SEWER AND WATER RATES

A reminder that Water and Sewer Rates will be changing in 2024 per Bylaw 2022-005. The new rates will take effect with the April—June billing cycle and will be reflected on the utility bills sent out in April 2024. The Bylaw will see the Recycling Fee and Infrastructure Fees remain the same and an increase to the Water and Sewer Fees as depicted in the table below:

	2023	2024
<b>WATER</b>	<b>\$121.23</b>	<b>\$128.52</b>
<b>SEWER</b>	<b>\$60.62</b>	<b>\$64.26</b>
Total Utility Bill (based on 8000 gallons)	\$290.85	\$301.78

### OTHER INFORMATION

#### TOWN OFFICE

#### PAPERLESS CORRESPONDENCE

If you make tax and utility payments online and would prefer paperless receipting, please contact the Town Office at 306-896-2240 or churchbridge@sasktel.net with your e-mail address

#### COMMUNITY HALL

#### WALKING PROGRAM

The Hall is open for walking Monday—Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for anyone interested in a way to keep active indoors, particularly during the winter months. We ask that participants bring an extra pair of shoes and refrain from wearing wet or muddy footwear into the Hall. The Hall will be closed on Holidays and for any all-day event bookings.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

January 22 —Council Meeting 7 p.m. in Community Hall  
January 22nd to 26th—Farmers Mixed Curling Bonspiel  
January 27—Churchbridge Imperials Home game vs. the Preeceville Pats @ 7 p.m.  
February 14th to 17th— Ladies Curling Bonspiel  
February 20 —Council Meeting 7 p.m. in Community Hall  
March 18 —Council Meeting 7 p.m. in Community Hall  
March 31st—Water Bills due  
April 22—Council Meeting 7 p.m. in Community Hall

\*\*Do you have a community event coming up that you would like added to the Community Calendar? Please e-mail the Town Office at churchbridge@sasktel.net with the details of your event and it will be added to the events calendar on the Town of Churchbridge website.



## GENERAL REMINDERS

#### BUSINESS LICENSES:

Business licenses are due annually at a fee of \$100.00 for a company, \$50.00 for an individual and \$50.00 for a direct seller. The licenses can be purchased at the Town Office. Business license holders are then added to the Business Directory on the Town Website for the year. If residents hire an out-of-town contractor to complete work, we ask that you please remind the contractor to stop at the Town Office and purchase a license if they have not already done so.

#### PET LICENSES:

2024 Dog and Cat licenses are now due and can be purchased at the Town Office. Licenses not renewed by January 31 are considered overdue. The annual fee is \$10.00 for a spayed/neutered animal, or \$25.00 if your animal is not spayed or neutered. Dogs and cats must be up-to-date on all rabies vaccinations (proof is required) and must not run at large.