

Newsletter

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Council Begins Process for Borrowing

At the Regular Meeting of February 8th, Council passed a motion to provide public notice of its intent to borrow by way of ten year debenture the amount of \$2,607,500. The purpose of the debenture is to fund the sewer trunk main construction (\$675,000), aeration of the primary lagoon cell (\$550,000) and secondary lagoon cell expansion (\$1,382,500).

These are the projects that have been identified as being critical to our continued growth and development. It is imperative that Council begin these projects as quickly as possible.

No objections to the borrowing were received, and Council submitted its

application for permission to borrow to the Local Government Board on February 23rd. As part of the application, Council needed to look at how it will repay the debenture, and present its case to the Local Government Board. Council also included its plan for replenishment of the utility reserves that were used as the Town's share of the Water Treatment Plant, and its plan to expand the reserve fund to cover future necessary projects.

Once permission is received from the Local Government Board, the sewer trunk main (which has already been tendered) will proceed as soon as weather permits this spring.

The other two aspects of these projects will be engineered and will be tendered as soon as the design work is completed.



Debenture repayment will be by water & sewer rate increases

Utility Rates Increase

You will see your utility bill increase later this year. This is necessary to fund our major capital projects and to rebuild our reserve funds for future utility capital works.

While the escalation might

seem substantial, please note that the basic water and sewer costs were \$0.71 per day. The new basic rate will be \$1.11 per day—still a very reasonable rate to pay for excellent water and an expanded sewage system!

Rates will increase again in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016, and you will see a larger increase in the sewage portion of the bill than in the water portion. This is to reflect the larger portion of capital works being sewage expansion and upgrades.

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Special points of interest:

- Current costs for water and sewer are \$0.71 per day
- Basic rates for water and sewer will be rising to \$1.11 per day
- Water and sewer bills are based on usage – the more you use, the more you pay

Community Foundation

Community foundations bring together people who care about their communities. They are independent, volunteer-driven, charitable organizations that aim to strengthen their communities by facilitating philanthropy, by partnering with donors to build permanent endowments and other funds from which they support community projects, and by providing leadership on issues of broad community concern.

Founded on trust, community foundations help donors achieve their charitable goals and invest financial capital in their communities, but they also stimulate and nurture the relationships that link us to others and that create our

sense of belonging to a community. Social scientists call these vital connections "social capital" and have found that they are linked to many measures of community and individual well-being. Community foundations, experienced in building financial capital for their communities, also have a leadership role in building social capital - the glue that holds communities together.

The Town of Carlyle has established a steering committee to set up a Community Foundation, but we need your input to make it successful. A Community Foundation is a philanthropic organization focused on building permanent endowments in order to tackle long-term

community challenges as well as meeting immediate needs.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about this, or would be willing to let your name stand to be on the steering committee to establish a community foundation, please contact the Town Office at 453-2363.



"The mission of a community foundation is to provide for the enrichment of the quality of life in the community."

Please take note:

Receipts Mailed Upon Request Only

In an effort to save on postage costs, The Town Office will now only mail out receipts upon request. The receipts will still be printed out, of course, and will be available at the Town Office if you wish to pick them up. All receipts will be kept on

file for a period of 6 months. If they haven't been requested or picked up within that time, they will be discarded. In the event that you discover that you do need a receipt after all, the receipts can be reprinted.

We hope that this will not

cause you any inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



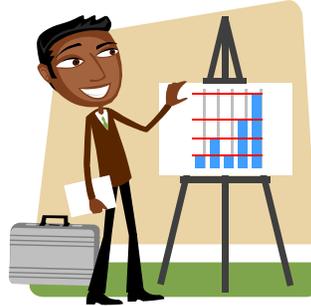
Sask Health Population Statistics

Council has reviewed the latest population statistics according to Saskatchewan's Ministry of Health.

The 2011 data shows an 18.67% increase in Carlyle's population over 2010; what's really astounding is that the Sask Health numbers show a 28.05% increase in population from 2006 to 2011.

Sask Health puts Carlyle's population for 2011 at 1,867.

Of that number, 29.41% are in the 45 to 69 age category and 33.64% are in the 20 to 44 age demographic. A further 25.87% are in the 0 to 19 age group. The balance of 11.09% has remained relatively stable for the over 70 age group. These statistics show that we have a vibrant community, with a good mix of various age groups to provide the necessary balance for stable growth and development.



Census Canada puts Carlyle's population at **1,441** in 2011, which is a 14.6% increase over 2006 population numbers. Carlyle has a total of 596 private dwellings.

Council Updates Strategic Plan

Early in 2012, Council reviewed its strategic plan.

The most pressing issues involve utilities, namely, the sewer trunk main to the lagoon, the aeration of the primary cell at the lagoon, and the expansion of the lagoon's secondary cell. The current state of the latter two items is preventing any further approvals for development in our community. The sewer trunk

main is necessary to alleviate pressure on the one existing sewer trunk main along 8th Street West.

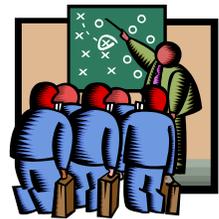
In conjunction with this, Council is also mindful of the need to replenish the Town's reserve funds and to ensure that adequate reserves are in place for future projects.

Because of the recent growth here in Carlyle, Council is also aware that we need an

adequate supply of land for future development and expansion, as well as affordable housing, and space for both single family houses and multi-family dwellings.

Recreation is another area that Council identified as a priority in its strategic plan.

Street improvements, asphalt curb replacement and further sidewalk replacement were some of the other items on Council's radar.



All of these identified needs are part of Council's overall vision and goals for the Town.

Looking to Renovate?

If you plan on changing your single family dwelling to a multi-family dwelling, please be aware of the following:

➤ **What is your property currently zoned as?** R1 zoning is for single family dwellings; R2 permits multi-family dwellings.

- **Will the zoning need to be changed?** There is a process to be followed, and it takes several weeks.
- A building permit must be obtained for any renovations that change the use of the space.

IMPORTANT!

- A building inspection is required for any multi-family renovations or buildings.
- Your contractor must have a business license from the Town of Carlyle.

- If you are adding any plumbing fixtures, you must obtain a plumbing permit and the work must be done by a qualified plumber and inspected by a plumbing inspector.
- Electrical work must be done by a qualified electrician.

UPDATE: CN Rail has notified the Town of Carlyle that it will not be proceeding with its plan for a trans-loading facility within the Town limits at this time.

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Main Street Parking

Council has decided that, without a clear mandate one way or another, it will not make changes to Main Street Parking at this time. Council received many comments in favour of, and an equal number in opposition to, the change. Council’s main concern was safety, and many new issues were raised when considering the change, that would not create a safer Main Street. Council will try to address the safety issues in other ways.



Thanks very much for your input – it’s greatly appreciated!



NOTICES and REMINDERS:

In the event of an emergency, please tune in to CJSL 80 radio station for regular updates.

Public Works personnel will once again soon begin their back lane Monday pickups of branches and bagged leaves/garden refuse, for your convenience.

Please keep the branches in piles, separate from the bagged leaves. Please use clear plastic bags for the leaves and garden refuse, and do not mix in any other household garbage.

If you have a complaint, please submit it to the Town Office in writing, along with your contact information (name, phone number and mailing address), so that we can respond to you promptly. *Anonymous complaints cannot be answered.*

Please help our town look clean and tidy!

- Remove any garbage from your property
- Have any junked vehicles hauled away
- Keep your grass mowed
- Pick up after your dogs

Be on the lookout for noxious weeds like Common Burdock and Leafy Spurge that are spreading in our area. Please report the location to us if you see these within town limits.

