

Newsletter

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Waste Reduction Week

October 21 to 27 is Waste Reduction week in Canada.

Waste reduction is key to conserving the world's resources and landfill space, and to reducing our debt to the future.

Residents of the Town of Carlyle have contributed to waste reduction by redirecting over 24,500 kg of material from the landfill into the recycling program so far this year.

We can always do more! Schools are encouraged to go to www.wrwcana.com/schools to use the School Resources available to plan Waste Reduction Week activities.

Did you know that waste

typically costs companies 4.5% of turnover? Businesses dedicated to waste reduction and environmental sustainability can save money, improve compliance with regulations, and enhance customer trust. Businesses are encouraged to use the Business Resources section of www.wrwcana.com/business to find ways to reduce waste.

Reducing waste reduces needless consumption. Reducing needless consumption preserves renewable and non-renewable resources. Reducing waste conserves energy and reduces the air, soil, and water contamination that is often caused by the production of those materials and supplies that become waste.



Waste reduction starts with every individual, every business, taking responsibility for their consumption and waste.

How Flushable are Flushable Wipes?

Flushable wipes seem like a great addition to a person's bathroom routine; however, they may not be as perfect as they seem. The issues include clogged sewer lines, sewer backups and building up more solids

at the lagoon intake.

On a related note, you will have no doubt heard the news story from London, England about the huge 'fatberg' blocking a sewer main in that city. It can happen here! The fatberg is

caused by grease and fat poured down drains. When this congeals, it stays in the pipes and catches other material that tries to float by. It is best to pour grease and fat into a tin can and dispose of it in the trash.

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What Not to Put in the Sewer:

- Grease
- Sticks
- Rags
- Paper Towels
- Sanitary Napkins
- Diapers
- Household hazardous wastes

Potential Base Tax on Vacant Land

As you know, a base tax is currently applied to all residential land with improvements (buildings).

Council is considering applying a base tax on vacant land, residential and commercial, beginning in the 2014 fiscal year. Base tax means setting a fixed amount of property tax, regardless of the assessed value of the property.

This could have a big effect on residents and businesses who own several empty lots, as the base tax would apply to each lot. One way to avoid this, if you have no intention of selling those vacant lots, is to combine all of the adjacent properties onto one title, at Information Services Corporation (ISC).

At time of writing, Council is considering a base tax of \$50 on vacant residential land, \$100 on vacant commercial land, and \$500 on all improved residential and commercial property.



House Numbers Could Help Save Your Life

In a previous newsletter, Council asked you (residents and businesses) to consider putting house numbers on your property.

Council is asking once again, with a reminder that in an emergency, the ambulance or other

personnel responding will be delayed if there is no clearly identifiable number at your location. Our community is growing and not everyone who lives and works here knows where everyone lives. Please don't take for granted that, just because you've lived in

the same place for a while, others will know you or be able to find you.

If you don't know what your building number is, please contact the town office.



"Please place numbers on your house or business."

What Does Your Local Government Provide?

A municipality is a corporate body, its powers limited to those granted by the provincial government that created it.

The purpose of a municipality is to:

- provide good government,
- provide services, facilities, and other things that, in the

opinion of council, are necessary and desirable for all or part of the municipality;

- develop and maintain a safe and viable community;
- foster economic, social, and environmental well-being;
- provide wise stewardship of public assets.

In addition to governance, some of the services provided by your local government are roads, lanes, sidewalks, public utilities, police protection, fire protection, recreation facilities, parks, snow removal, trees, street maintenance.

Sewage Lagoon Update

Work on the secondary cell of the sewage lagoon is progressing nicely. The liner is being installed now, after rain delays earlier in the season.

Once this phase of the project is complete, work will commence on the aeration of the primary cell.

These projects have enabled the Town to continue with

development, because of a parallel growth policy approved by the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Government Relations.

Council Activities, Year to Date

Council has had a busy year once again. One of the main areas of focus has been to address the taxation concerns of the business community. Some business owners met several times with council to express their displeasure over the increased assessment, which resulted in increased taxes, despite the reduced mill rate from 18.5 in 2012 to 11.85 in 2013. The businesses felt that they were covering more than their share of the property tax burden. Council listened, reviewed all

taxation and, after much deliberation, decided to rebate the businesses the equivalent of .2 of the commercial mill rate factor. This amounted to just over \$196,000. This sum was achieved by cutting some projects from the budget, such as the sidewalk replacement on Main Street, additional cement swales at various intersections, as well as postponement of the development of George Avenue, among other capital and maintenance projects.

Council has spent several

meetings reviewing the property tax situation and looking at various options for 2014.

Drainage issues have also been a top priority, and engineers have been contacted to find a solution to the problems.

Council is also moving forward on the next phase of the residential subdivision, south of Carlyle Avenue.

Council has also been working on recruiting another doctor for the Carlyle Medical Clinic.

Dr. Ali Freydoonijad arrived in Carlyle on September 17th. We encourage all residents to introduce yourselves and make him feel welcome to our fantastic community.



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.

The Town of Carlyle has partnered with the Saskatoon Community Foundation to manage the \$63,220 bequest from the McQueen estate. This

is the beginning of our Community Foundation. Carlyle will still control the proceeds from this investment. If anyone wishes to contribute to the Community Foundation, it can be done on line. Contact the Town Office for details. More information will be available in the near future.

Message from Mayor Don Shirley

Greetings from the Carlyle Town Council! We extend a warm welcome to the many new families who have recently moved here; it is great to have you as part of our community.

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This past summer has been a busy one in our town. The new pavement on Main Street is getting very favourable reviews. Work on the sewage lagoon expansion is nearing completion. There continues to be investor interest in business opportunities in Carlyle and the region. We expect the community to continue to grow and improve the quality of life for our residents. Planning is underway on the next construction phase for single and multi-family residential lots.

Children are now back in school and don't always look, so please use care while driving.

There is a need for volunteers this fall and winter in Minor Sports, committees and boards. Please volunteer if you are able; you are needed.

In recognition of Seniors' Week, September 30th to October 6th, transit van rides will be free to senior citizens. Just call the office to book a ride.

New Policy

Council has implemented a new policy whereby anyone wanting to remove a curb at their property must first apply in writing to the Town Office. The Town Superintendent of Public Works will supervise the work, to ensure the safe removal of the curb without damaging the integrity of the street and gutter. This policy is effective immediately.



Green and Clean Competition Winners

Residential Winner: Charlotte Golling; Runner up: Marion Biram & Doug Waldner
Main Street: Zargon; Runner up: Home Hardware
Businesses (off Main Street): Ramada Hotel; Runner Up: GM Construction
Community Organization: Jehovah's Witness; Runner Up: Moose Mountain Lodge

Seniors Home Security Program

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to the safety and security of senior citizens. The Seniors Home Security Program offers deadbolts, door viewers, smoke alarms, smoke alarm batteries, and carbon monoxide detectors, and will provide installation of these items and a security assessment of their home, at no charge to the senior. Both seniors who own their own home and seniors who are renters are able to apply.

The program supports low-income seniors (with a net household income of \$35,000 or less) and seniors who have been a victim of a break and enter or home invasion.

More information is available on line at www.seniorsecurity.gov.sk.ca or contact:
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