



Welcome to the first issue of "The Scoop". We hope that you will find this publication informative! Our goal is to issue this publication 6 times per year keeping you up to date on any changes that are happening around town and some of the projects the town is working on! It will be placed on our website at www.carnduff.ca, on our Town Facebook page and we will have a few printed copies in the office for anyone who prefers to read it in print.

PERMIT REMINDER

We would like to remind residents about the need to apply for a Development or Building Permit when completing construction jobs.



A development permit is necessary each time any structure will be placed on property, this includes fences. Zoning Bylaw No. 465-15 also states a front fence cannot exceed 3 feet in height above grade level and a rear fence cannot exceed 6 feet in height above grade on residential property.

A building permit is required each time a structure is being constructed

or altered. This includes all decks that are 24" or more above grade.

Details and applications for both permits can be found on our website at www.carnduff.ca under Municipal Services/Permits & Licensing.

2016 RE-ASSESSMENT

As many of you are aware, SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency) was in town throughout June to complete a full re-assessment of residential property.

What does this mean to you as a property owner? For the 2017 tax year, all properties will have a new assessment that will better reflect today's market conditions. This will ensure fair and equitable assessment to all residential properties.



It is also important to note that 2017 is also a revaluation year for SAMA. This means that the values they use to calculate assessments are updated. The last evaluation was completed in 2013. SAMA is mandated to complete periodic revaluations of all Saskatchewan properties every four years.

All properties will see a change to their property tax in 2017. We anticipate there will be properties that increase and some that decrease.

Reminder:

Blue Recycling Bins

To be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on pickup day

Grey Garbage Bins

To be to the curb by 8:00 a.m. on pick-up day

\$100

INFRASTRUCTURE FEE

The \$100 infrastructure fee was added to the July utility bills. We want to remind residents why this fee has been implemented. The Town is required to re-locate our existing, substantially undersized lagoon. The current location is too close to residential homes.

The implementation of the fee was to prepare us to fund this large capital project. The Town needs to be able to demonstrate to WSA (Water Security Agency) and our potential funding partners that we are in a position to fund the project.

The Town has been working to secure Grant funding with the Provincial & Federal Governments. The project is estimated to cost \$8.5 million. The Town has applied under the New Building Canada Funding program in hopes of securing funding on a 1/3 Federal Government, 1/3 Provincial Government and 1/3 Municipal Government formula. We are currently waiting to see if we are successful through this program. Once the town knows the amount of municipal funding required we will

be able to roll out a plan with a time frame for the infrastructure fee.

We encourage any residents with questions on this project to please visit the office. We will try our best to answer your questions.

The Town has been working diligently to ensure we are in a financial position to be able to afford to fund our portion of the project without exceeding our allowable debt limit.

In the coming months we hope we will have more information for residents on this project!

Did you know?

The Town pays, on average, \$1800 each month for all of our street lights in town.

ELECTIONS 2016



As you may have seen the *Call for Nominations* has been posted. *Call for Nominations* opened on Tuesday, September 6th. **The deadline for the *Call for Nominations* is Wednesday, September 21st at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Services Building – Town Office.** Nomination forms are available for pick-up at the Municipal Services Building – Town Office at 1312 Railway Avenue.

The Municipal Election date is Wednesday, October 26th, 2016.

DRAINAGE

Drainage has been a popular agenda item this year. The Town has been working on a number of areas in Town addressing drainage needs. There has been work completed

between 5th and 6th Street to ensure that water is able to flow more efficiently and alleviate the large pools of water that tend to sit in the swales. Did you know that this drainage flow includes water from the North side of Highway 18 that crosses under the highway, the rail line and Railway Avenue to the east of the Municipal Services building?

Drainage work is being completed in the back alley between the 300 block of 2nd and 3rd Street West. The water that flows through this back alley is storm water from approximately 8 blocks.

This fall there is work being completed to address some drainage concerns in the North Industrial Subdivision and a number of the new properties in the area.

WATER METER UPDATE

85% of the water meters have been replaced around town. The process has gone very smooth. We are currently waiting on a few additional meter heads in order to complete the rest of the changes.

We would like to remind residents that the new meters are funded through the New Deal Gas Tax program. This program has very specific parameters on the types of projects it will fund. This is the only program the Town had available which met the criteria for it. The new meters will allow the Town to bill utility users for actual usage every quarter eliminating the need to estimate usage.

The October water bill will be the first billing cycle on the new program. We are excited for this and anticipate a smooth transition although we know there may be

some challenges we will work through!

REC NEWS



We had an amazing summer this year at the pool. We were able to offer 4 sets of lessons, lap swimming 5 days a week and Aqua size twice a week. There was a little more thunder and lightning than we would have liked but it was a great summer. Huge shout out to all of our guards who made this summer at the pool possible. Thank you Abby, Erin, Brooklyn, Sydney, Afton, Bronwyn, Ashely, Alex, Lexi, Leah, Branna and Abby Jr...#CSP4Life.

October is just around the corner. We will be hosting another ref clinic which will take place on October 16th. It will start at 9:00 a.m. at CEC and on-ice will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the rink. You must sign up online at sha.sk.ca. Also keep your eyes open for fall hockey clinic updates.

Transfer Station (Landfill) Hours

**Summer (Until Oct. 31st)
Tuesday & Thursday
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday
9:00 a.m. to Noon &
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Winter (Effective Nov. 1st)
Tuesday & Thursday
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday
9:00 a.m. to Noon**

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If there is a topic that you would like to see discussed, please email us at info@carnduff.ca. We would like to hear from you!