

TOWN OF LUSELAND - Newsletter

March 23, 2010

It seems spring has arrived! In spite of the fact that we did have a very mild winter, it's still nice to see spring.

Some of you have already seen a new face in the office. Her name is Karyl Richardson, she lives in Salvador and she's training to get her Administrator's certificates.

TOWN HALL MEETING

We have scheduled a Town Hall meeting for April 20, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall. This is an opportunity for everyone to meet Council and bring ideas, complaints and questions to their attention. Coffee will be served and we look forward to seeing you there.

LICENSES - DOGS

There are still a number of people who haven't purchased a license for their dog. Please do so as soon as possible. And while on the subject of dogs, the Bylaw states that all dogs must be on a leash when they are off their owner's property. You may feel that your dog does not require a leash but, for control and for the safety of everyone, it must be on a leash.

LANDFILL

We are working on a new schedule of tipping fees for the landfill. The local landfill is being closely monitored by SERM and the rules and regulations have to be adhered to. It doesn't matter whether we agree with or even like them, they are what we have to work with if we want to continue to have a local landfill. We ask that you co-operate with us so that we can maintain this facility.

The summer hours for the landfill will go into effect May 1, 2010 and are as follows:

Tuesday:	9:00 am to noon
	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Thursday:	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Saturday:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

If you are taking out items that require a tipping fee please take cash along. It's time consuming and expensive for us to bill for small amounts.

Also keep in mind that if the landfill is muddy you may not be allowed to drive in and rut it up. We don't want you or anyone else getting stuck in there or damaging your vehicle.

DR. RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

We are still discussing this situation with the neighboring communities and RM's. We continue to look for the best way to handle the problems encountered. To date we haven't come up with what the costs will be for the Town of Luseland and we are exploring all possibilities.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Again, we remind you that all door to door sales persons and trades people require a license to operate in the town. The responsibility is on you to ask if they have one. They should be able to produce a license form or at least a receipt from the Town of Luseland showing that they have paid for one.

Building permits are required for construction and renovation. Please check with the Town Office to see if your project requires one. The cost is minimal and keep in mind that approval is required before you begin. The request for a permit has to go to a council meeting for approval so keep in mind that Council meets on the second Tuesday of every month.

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SPRING CLEAN UP

With the disappearance of snow comes all the litter that has accumulated in our yards over the winter. This year there may be more than usual due to the coyote problem that we had. Watch for posters telling you when the Town will do the extra garbage runs to collect the refuse. We'll let you know as soon as we know.

The Economic Development Committee has organized a clean-up at the Legion Park for April 26. They would appreciate all the volunteer help they can get. Bring your own rakes, trimmers, etc. With the big July 1st weekend this year it would be great to have everything looking good.

WATER RATES

Yes, we promised you an increase in the water rates but you got a bit of a reprieve on the enclosed billing. Council has passed the bylaw with the new rates but we are waiting to receive approval from the Local Government Committee so we can implement them.

NEW WATER TREATMENT - SAMPLES

The consulting engineer for the project tells me that the equipment that will provide water samples for us should be in town in the next week or two. If you bring clean jugs down to the water treatment plant you'll be able to have them filled so you can try the filtered water and see if it meets with your approval. We're looking forward to feedback from everyone because we need to know what you think about it so we can get the best results possible from this project. Watch for posters concerning the availability of water for sampling.

DONATIONS

The Town facilities are always looking for donations. Donations have paid for the safety netting at the arena, displays at the museum, maintenance at the pool, work at the cemetery, equipment for the fire department and many other projects. With the 100th Anniversary coming up soon, we ask that you consider making a donation toward the upkeep and maintenance of any of the Town facilities that you enjoy. You will receive a tax deductible receipt and the facility receives a boost.

CANADA DAY

As I've mentioned in other topics, this July 1st weekend will see a crowd of people coming back to Luseland to celebrate 100 years. We hope that everybody, past and present residents alike, enjoy the events and entertainment that the Canada Day Committee is planning. It seems like there'll be something for everyone! There may be some problems with accommodating everyone that comes from out of town but we know we can count on everyone's hospitality to see that they are all made to feel welcome.

Thank you for reading this. We look forward to meeting with you on April 20th, if for no other reason than to have a cup of coffee together.

*The Council and Staff,
Town of Luseland*