

# TOWN OF LUSELAND

## NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

### MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

It's hard to believe another year has gone by, but 2018 is definitely just around the corner now. We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas with family and friends, and are now looking forward to a new year with new plans, hopes, dreams and challenges.

#### CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to our contest winners:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> prize | John & Linda McKerchar                                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize | Brendon & Marita Obrigewitch                            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize | Ed & Shirley Walz and<br>Dorothy Hanson & Willy Bergman |

Honourable mention goes to Gilbert & Adeline Leibel and Clarence & Carla Obrigewitch  
Huge thanks to all who participated and lit up the town. Luseland definitely showed its pride this year!

#### NEIGHBOURLY REQUEST

Someone suggested I put in the newsletter a request we all look out for our neighbours, and give a hand to people with reduced mobility, whether by shovelling their snow or offering to run them to the stores and post office. This would be especially helpful during the cold, slippery days of winter (and might get you some extra home baking, too).

#### LICENSES

Just a reminder that business licenses expire December 31, 2017. If you are planning on running a business within the corporate limits of Luseland and you are not the registered owner of a premise that is assessed commercially, you are required to be licensed by the Town to operate your business. The up side to licensing is that you would be surprised by how many calls the Town Office gets looking for someone who does just what you do. If you are not licensed, we will not give your name.

We ask you check the license of your tradespersons as well – it is not fair to the companies that purchase a license to be allowed to work in Luseland if people are just hiring whomever phoned or knocked on their door.

Dog licenses also expire December 31, 2016. As in past years, there is a \$5.00 discount for licenses purchased before January 15 of the year the license is purchased for. Since there are also discounts for sterilized and vaccinated dogs, your license could potentially cost you only \$10.00 for the year. It's much easier for us to return "Fido" if we actually know where he is supposed to live.

Please also remember that dogs are not to be off-leash outside of your yard. No matter how well trained your beloved pet is, the possibility of it being distracted and running out on the road or misbehaving in some other way exists, and we would like to keep your pet and the people in town all safe.

#### INTERNET BANKING, E-TRANSFERS AND DEBIT MACHINE

The Town of Luseland only accepts water & sewer payments by internet banking, as to do otherwise it is a total nightmare for office staff – the payment notifications we receive do not provide any

information other than your utility account number and the name the bank account is in, so all payments are assumed to be water and sewer.

We do accept payment by e-transfer, but please make sure you call the office or email to [luseland@sasktel.net](mailto:luseland@sasktel.net) to advise what the payment is for and what the password is to accept the transfer.

We would also like to remind you the Town Office now has a debit machine for those of you who do not like cash or cheques, but cash and cheques are still accepted at the office, in the drop box out front, and via Canada Post (though Canada Post would prefer you not send cash in the mail).

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

There are a number of clubs and organizations that have developed their own Facebook pages to keep members and other interested parties up-to-date with what is going on. This is a wonderful tool, but not all pages can be easily found by people looking for them – a fact that was recently brought to our attention when someone was looking for the new pool and found themselves on the swimming pool page instead. We would appreciate page administrators for these groups letting us know what their page name is so the information can be provided on the townofluseland.com web page.

### **POWER OUTAGES**

Whether you are in denial or not, winter is here, and with it comes the increased potential for unexpected power loss. While most outages are very brief in duration, the possibility exists that it could be several hours before your furnace is firing again. The following tips have been pulled from the SaskPower website. A complete list is available at [www.saskpower.com](http://www.saskpower.com)

- Check if your neighbour's power is also out.
- Know the number to call if your power goes out (310-2220 - no need to dial 306 on this toll-free number, and you can call at any time).
- Have an emergency kit ready.
- Turn off all your appliances, electronics, and lights except one light inside and one outside.

The other possibility is a planned outage. Please advise the Town Office if you have medical equipment that requires power so we can notify you of any planned power outage.

### **SNOW REMOVAL**

We would like to remind residents that the vehicles need to be off the street for snow removal to occur. Public Works tries to get the ploughing done as soon as possible after a snowfall, but excessive cars parked along the street do not allow the job to be completed effectively.

Snow removal starts early in the morning on Grand Avenue, followed by the school and daycare.

After that, residential streets are ploughed, beginning on the West side and working towards the East. Public Works has asked that if a ridge of snow has been built up along the middle of Grand Avenue to please consider parallel parking to save space for passing vehicles and allow staff to pick up the snow.

We have had some very warm winter weather lately making the roads and sidewalks especially slippery. Please Slow Down and be extra cautious in your travels.

### **FROM PUBLIC WORKS**

If you are noticing a sewer smell in your home, there's a good chance it is coming either from a dry trap, or your vent stack is frozen. If you pour a little water down all your basement sinks and drains (tub, shower, floor) and flush the downstairs toilet on a regular basis, the odour should disappear. If it doesn't, check your vent stack and see if it is frozen shut and not allowing the gasses to escape.

**WE WISH YOU ALL GOOD HEALTH AND  
HAPPINESS FOR 2018**