

# **Town of Luseland**

## Newsletter

December 2019

They say as you get older time starts to move faster and boy are they right because apparently it's already the end of 2019. Like everyone else I am attempting to recover from the hectic schedule of the holiday season and trying to think of a good New Year's resolution. I think this year my resolution will be to get my cats to respect me, something I'm told is impossible. I hope I succeed but I probably won't.

### **FALL STAFF CHANGES**

Since the last newsletter there have been quite a few staff changes. At the end of October we said goodbye to Town Foreman Alan Olfert and Police Chief Jason Mochoruk. Both of these men worked for the Town a number of years and we are sad to see them go but we wish them all the best in this new part of their lives.

In the beginning of November, Council hired two employees for Public Works, Kirk Meyers and Jason Englot, along with promoting Shane Bardick as Town Foreman. We are very excited to have these three on hand to help keep our Town running smoothly.

### **ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

With Luseland currently not having a Municipal Police Officer the Town is being covered by the Kindersley RCMP. If you need to contact the RCMP for a non-emergency please call (306) 310-7267 (RCMP), if you have an emergency call 911. The Town will be looked after by the Kindersley RCMP until we have filled the position for our local Police Chief.

### **BOSSSES NIGHT OUT**

To kick off the holiday season the Golf Course Committee held its annual Bosses Night Out at the beginning of December. This year the catering was done by Gwen Wildeman and it was a delicious meal of roast beef and chicken, it was an excellent meal to start off the night! The entertainment for the evening was Mitch Larock and the 4:54 Band. This is the third year Mitch Larock and the 4:54 Band were the entertainment and they never disappoint. The big winners of the night were Jason Thrun winning the 50/50 draw and Aidan Thompson who won the door prize. Bosses Night Out is such a great way to fundraise for our golf course and we appreciate all the work that goes into it!

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST**

On December 5<sup>th</sup> members of Council drove around town to look at the lights and award winners for this year's Christmas light contest. Council awarded Brent and Christena Laturnus with 1<sup>st</sup> prize, a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> between Brendon and Marita Obrigewitch and Keith

and Ruth Hardcastle, and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Ed & Shirley Walz! Congratulations to all the winners! Council thanks everyone who did put up lights this year, it is nice to see our town looking festive.

### **SANTA CLAUS DAY**

This year Santa Claus Day was held on December 14 and it was a fun filled day for all! Our Town was lucky enough to have Mr. and Mrs. Claus visit and pose for pictures at the Museum and read stories at the Library. Along with Mr. and Mrs. Claus visiting the Museum we had Alvin Bekemeier display his electric trains, which was a big hit with the children! Many businesses around Town had in store specials for the day, such as draws to win gift baskets and treats being handed out to any individual who walked in. The Theatre played "Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas" in the afternoon and after the show Santa came to help hand out treats. To finish up the day the annual bonfire was held by the prairie park for anyone to come and roast hot dog and marshmallows. We were very fortunate to have nice weather to enjoy Santa Claus Day this year.

### **EMTERRA TAGS**

Starting in January 2020, Emterra will be implementing a bin tag procedure. Their driver will hang a tag with one of the boxes checked indicating the reason behind missed/skipped collection. For example, garbage found in recycling bin or lack of clearance due to parked cars. Emterra's hope is this is an effective way to make recycling pick-up more efficient for everyone involved. We would also like to remind everyone that residents do pay for their recycling bins through the Utility Bills so we encourage everyone to use their bin whenever possible.

### **SCHOOL BUSES**

With school being in full swing and the roads being covered with snow making it more of a challenge to stop our vehicles, we want remind everyone that it is illegal to pass busses while its' stop arm is extended and red lights are flashing. We have included the proper procedure to carry out when driving up to a parked school bus. When approaching a school bus that has its stop arm out and it's red flashing lights activated, as a driver:

- ! You must stop no closer than 5 m (15 ft.) from the front or back of the bus.
- ! You must not advance your vehicle until the bus driver turns off the flashing red stop lamps and deactivates the stop arm. **DO NOT DRIVE AROUND THE BUS.**
- ! Before moving, check to see that all children have safely crossed the roadway.

Failure to do so in Saskatchewan will result in a minimum fine of \$360 per bus passed.

### **SIDEWALKS**

Even though it is winter, we want to remind everyone that people like to use the sidewalks when going for a walk so please remember to shovel the sidewalks surrounding your house. This way no one has to walk on the icy roads or in the snow.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**