



Town of Luseland



Newsletter - December 2023

Christmas always seems to sneak up on a person, or me at least! Every year I promise myself next year I'll be more on top of things, but so far, I have yet to keep that promise yet! But now that all the annual holiday events taking place have once again helped put me in the Christmas spirit. We hope you all enjoy your time off with friends and family!

SANTA CLAUS DAY

The Luseland Development Committee's Santa Claus Day took place on December 9th. We had a wonderful day for weather and lots of activities taking place around town, as well as a visit from Santa Claus! Thank you to the Luseland Development Committee and all the businesses, organizations and volunteers who helped organize a day of Christmas festivities.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST

Council toured around Luseland on December 8th to determine the winners of the 2023 Christmas Light Contest, and the prizes were awarded to:

- 1st Place: Shayne & Alicia Gardeski and Brent & Christina Laternus
- 2nd Place: Clarence & Carla Obrigewitch and Justin & Janelle Fischer
- 3rd Place: Joel & Tessa Fischer and Hunter Thompson & Taylor Jacobson

Honourable mention to the Luseland Credit Union. It is always great to see the businesses take part in making our downtown merry and bright! We would also like to shout out to the entire community for their efforts this year. It certainly adds to the beauty of the holiday season.

STAFF CHANGES

The Town has had some staff changes recently so here is an update of who's who! To start, Council has hired Dwaine Scheuerman to fill our Public Works Vacancy of Assistant Foreman! We are all thrilled to have Dwaine join the team, and welcome him aboard!

LICENSE RENEWALS

This is the annual reminder that the 2023 Business Licenses and Dog tags expire on December 31. Businesses or trades not operating from a self-owned commercial property are required to have a business license to operate in the Town of Luseland. An added benefit to having a business license is that the Town Office will provide your contact information when people call looking for recommendations.

On to the dog tags; Council changed the "Animal Control Bylaw" and replaced it with Bylaw No 2023-11. In the additions, the new Animal Control Bylaw now includes cats. Cats will be treated as the same as dogs, with the same licencing requirements. Council feels this will help aid in determining owners of such felines, with the overpopulation of stray cats that are being caught, neutered/spayed and released to new homes by 3rd parties. As well, the licencing fees have been adjusted.

To view the New Animal Control Bylaw No 2023-11, we invite you to view it on the Town Website, or come to the office!

All dogs and cats over 6 months in age are required to be licensed. The cost varies from \$50.00 for a pet that has not been spayed/neutered and whose vaccinations are not current, down to \$25.00.

SEWER LINE CLEANING

Public Works would like to remind you that all after hour calls Public Works receives for sewer line cleaning, has an after-hours service fee of \$100.00 per hour (3 hour minimum). Regular work hours for the Public Works department are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

SNOW REMOVAL

Public Works would like to remind residents that 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 numbers of cars parked along the street do not allow the job to be completed efficiently or effectively. Council would also like to remind residents to not push/blow snow onto adjacent properties. Please keep the snow removal to your own yard.

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 sidewalks surrounding your house! This way no one has to walk on the icy roads or in the snow.

LUSELAND POLICE

As we bid farewell to our Police Chief Nathaniel Ekstrand, after a search for his replacement with many applicants to interview, the Police Commission would like to announce that they have officially hired a new Municipal Police Officer! Stay tuned for more details!

MALL SPACE FOR RENT

A reminder, that the Town has an open Mall space available for rent! The location has 685sq ft of room, and faces Griffin Street. Anyone interested in renting this space can apply at the Town Office!

VOLUNTEERS

The Luseland Council and Administration Team would like to thank all the volunteers who help run town committees, organize events, or just help out the Town by shovelling snow! Luseland would not be as great as it is without your help and we appreciate all of you! We would also like to mention that there are a number of community committees that look for volunteers. If you would like to get involved, you will be able to find a list of contacts and community organizations on the Town of Luseland website under the heading SERVICES.

FAIRGROUNDS

The Town wanted to mention, that due to the continuous vandalism and destruction at the fairgrounds, including joyriding on newly seeded grass on the new practice field. Many volunteer hours and donation dollars have been put in to make this area in Luseland a beautiful place to utilize, but it may have to come down to gating the fairgrounds off so no entry will be allowed on days where there are no activities happening. Please, use extreme consideration for the fairgrounds, many people enjoy this area, and it would be a shame to gate it off.

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!