

# **Town of Luseland Newsletter September 2023**

Fall is here and brings with it the seasonal cooler temperatures and the finishing of Harvest! This was a crazy summer for heat! I'm sure we will all look forward to some cooler weather and not be overwhelmed by the high temperatures!

## **TRANSFER STATION UPDATE**

Our Landfill closure is underway and we expect it to be completed by the end of September, weather permitting. We would like to welcome Janet Boryskewich as our new landfill attendant. Greg Zimmer will be stepping on as an occasional attendant as needed.

## **FALL YARD WASTE**

Public Works has scheduled yard waste pickup for Wednesday, October 11. Remember to have your bags at the street by 8:00 am the day of and any branches needing to be disposed of neatly stacked for easy pickup. Now is also a good time to trim hedges back off the sidewalks and intersections to ensure they are accessible for pedestrians to use and doesn't block line of sight for drivers. The landfill will be open on Sunday, Sept 24th, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm to accommodate increased yard waste disposal

We also remind residents to make sure to pick up any fruit falling from your trees, as this makes it difficult to keep wildlife out of town scavenging for food sources. This keeps both residents and wildlife safe year-round.

## **STRAY CATS**

A couple of residents have expressed grave concern to the Town Office regarding the stray cats in town, primarily in the southwest portion. We have reached out to KC Rescue to see if they would be able to help with the situation and were advised that they would, but they would like the Town to cover the cost of spaying/neutering the felines at a rate of \$104 for each female and \$80 for each male. This is not an expense that was budgeted for, nor are we confident that it is an expenditure that the majority of the taxpayers would agree to their tax dollars going towards. Because of that, we are asking members of the public interested in seeing these cats caught and placed by KC Rescue to make a donation towards the costs at the Town Office. A Charitable Donation receipt will be provided. In addition, Vanessa Thrun has expressed an interest in getting a group of citizens together to catch the cats.

## **HOMECOMING HALL**

After almost 50 years of hosting town functions, weddings and many other events the hall is showing its age and in need of major repairs. The Hall Board had determined that in order to keep the Hall in operation, the boiler needed to be replaced. The Hall Board could not achieve these goals on their own, and reached out for help. To date, those who have kindly supported the Board's fundraising efforts, have raised enough to proceed with the boiler project. The new boiler is now installed and will ensure the longevity of this much-used facility.

## **LUSELAND POLICE SERVICE**

If you need to leave a voicemail for the Luseland Police Service, please provide your name, number and a brief description of why you are calling and Chief Ekstrand or Deb will get back to you as soon as they can. A reminder to all that it is unlawful and highly unsafe to pull into a parking stall or back out of a parking stall from the wrong side of the street. This summer, the Town had Grand Ave's lines repainted in hopes to remind everyone to proceed with caution while driving/parking to lessen the risk of pedestrians or other vehicles getting hit.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The Luseland Community Development Committee once again hosted a Harvest Festival on September 9, 2023 with HUGE success. Please follow the Luseland Harvest Festival Facebook page for updated information on any future events to take place.

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

Luseland Council will be holding a public meeting on October 17 at 7:30pm at the Homecoming Hall. As the date gets closer, topics being discussed will be posted on Facebook, the Town's

Website and the office. Town Hall Meetings are a great way to come out and hear what has been going on in Town, and to get any answers to questions/concerns you may have!

### **2023 POOL SEASON**

We opened on May 26th and stayed open until September 4<sup>th</sup>, thanks to the great staff who were available to work. Swimming lessons were scheduled as usual, thanks to six energetic individuals who became certified Swim for Life instructors before the pool opened. Thanks to the dedication of our guards, the pool was able to host a few special events. Luseland also hosted a Dive Clinic, music day, Bronze Cross & Medallion courses as well as the Swim for Life Instructor course.

### **ARENA**

The arena is opening for the 2023-2024 season!! If you would like to book ice time, call the arena at 306-372-4815. The Luseland Senior Mallards will be back on the ice this season! They will be one of 4 teams as part of a new league being formed in the area. This new Cross Roads Hockey League will include teams from Luseland, Kerrobert, Dodsland and a Kindersley team thus far. This is extremely exciting news for the Luseland arena. The Arena Improvement committee, headed by many local volunteers and members of Council, is also busy with two major projects before rink kickoff. They will be announcing more details regarding this soon.

### **REMINDER**

With the school year having started, once again reminding everyone that you need to SLOW DOWN while driving. I'm sure parents do their very best to teach the rules of the road, but in reality, some on bikes or even foot forget to look for oncoming traffic before crossing roads. It is also unlawful to pass a school bus with their lights flashing and stop sign out. Please find another route to take or stop and wait, so everyone is safe.

### **MALL RENT**

The Mall will have a retail/office vacancy coming October 1 2023. The space is located facing Griffin Street, is 685 sq. ft. and rent of \$532.60 including tax. If you or anyone you know are interested in renting the store front, please contact the Town Office at (306) 372-4218 or email at [luseland@sasktel.net](mailto:luseland@sasktel.net).

### **DID YOU KNOW**

Single-use wipes, such as diaper wipes, make-up wipes, etc., cannot be flushed even though their labels state they can. It has been proven in studies that all single-use wipes that were tested failed to disintegrate at a "flush ability lab". Another hindrance that Public Works has been finding, is buildup of Grease. Please make sure you are collecting all cooking grease in an appropriate container and disposing of properly. Grease down any drains will cause severe issues and buildup in our system.

### **MUSEUM**

The Luseland Museum invites residents, and anyone interested in preserving history to be a part of their Country School Sign Project. Donations can be made to the Town of Luseland by sending a cheque or e-transfer. Charitable donation receipts will be issued. Find out more info at the Museum or on our Town website!

### **NEW COUNCILLORS**

The Town of Luseland recently had a by-election and saw a new councillor to our table, by Acclimation, Rianne Bozzard, and was sworn in at our Aug meeting. With one seat still open, we held a second by-election taking place on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. Ryan Bazylinski was Elected to the final seat, and was Sworn in at our Sept meeting. We look forward to working closely with both of our newest Councillors.

### **PROJECTS**

The tree committee for the Town of Luseland has strategized to remove & replace aged trees. Our plan going forward is to take one section each year, and tend to removal and the replacement of trees. Soon, residents will notice that we have begun implementation by starting on the Strathcona by taking down a section of trees and will replant with a different variety.