Town of Luseland Newsletter

September 2026

"Autumn… the year's last, loveliest smile." — William Cullen Bryant

FALL YARD WASTE PICK UP

Public Works has scheduled yard waste pickup for Wednesday October 7th and Wednesday October 21st. Remember to have your bags at the street by 8:00am the morning of pickup. Please keep all bags under 40lbs and branches tied in bundles for easy pickup. Residents are encouraged to use clear or paper leaf bags.

TRANSFER STATION UPDATE

The days are getting shorter and with that the Winter Transfer Station Hours have taken effect. The winter hours are Tuesdays & Saturdays 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 4:00pm, eliminating Thursday evenings.

LUSELAND HARVEST FESTIVAL

On September 12th the Luseland Community Development Committee hosted another wonderful Luseland Harvest Festival. The day was filled with a wide range of activities for all ages. This year was truly special as we celebrated at the new Outdoor Venue that has been named in honor of Frieda Honecker! Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us and to all who hosted an event!

LUSELAND POOL 2026 SEASON

Luseland Pool opened on Friday, May 30th and stayed open until Monday, September 1st, thanks to the great staff who were available to work. The Luseland Pool hosted three sets of swimming lessons throughout the summer which were all a success.

ARENA

The Luseland Arena is opening soon for the 2026/2027 season! Keep up to date with Arena Hours by following the Town of Luseland Facebook page and the calendar located on our Town of Luseland Website!

LUSELAND SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

With the school year having started, once again we are 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.

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.

TREE PROJECTS

The tree committee 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. This Fall is Stage 3, and residents will notice that we have begun on Strathcona by taking down a section of trees and will replant with a different variety in the Spring of 2027.

WINTER REMINDERS

Although the days are still warm keep in mind that when the snow does fall, as per Bylaw 2024-05, snow mobiles are not prohibited on Municipal Land (which includes Bell Acres Golf Course) and on all private properties.

Another friendly reminder is that when shoveling snow from your driveway and sidewalks, please blow or dump it onto your property instead of onto streets, sidewalks, boulevards or other individuals' property.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Meetings of Council will be held indefinitely, the second THURSDAY of the month! Same place, same time, just a different day!

RENEWING YOUR HOME INSURANCE? A FEW THINGS WORTH ASKING ABOUT

- **Water and sewer service line coverage** — This would be my #1. Residents should ask whether they have coverage for repair/replacement of the portion of water and sewer service lines for which the property owner is responsible. Standard home insurance does not necessarily include this.
- **Sewer backup coverage** — Different from service-line coverage. Ask whether damage caused by sewage backing up into the home is covered and what the deductible/limit is.
- **Overland water/flood coverage** — Coverage for water entering the home from heavy rainfall, rapid snowmelt or surface water may require additional coverage.
- **Groundwater/seepage** — Worth specifically asking about, particularly for basements. Coverage and exclusions can vary considerably.

- **Sump pump failure** — Residents with sump pumps should ask what happens if the pump fails, loses power or cannot keep up during a major water event.
- **Replacement cost vs. actual cash value** — A big one. Residents should understand whether damaged belongings/building components are replaced at today's cost or depreciated based on age and condition.
- **Guaranteed replacement cost on the home** — With construction costs changing, homeowners should make sure their insured value still reflects what it would actually cost to rebuild.
- **Detached structures** — Garages, sheds, workshops, fences and other structures may have separate coverage limits.
- **Additional living expenses** — Ask what is covered if a fire, water event or other insured loss means you cannot live in your home while repairs are completed.
- **Deductibles and coverage limits** — Don't just look at the premium. A cheaper policy with a huge deductible or low coverage limits can be an unpleasant surprise when you actually need it.

A friendly reminder from the Town: *Insurance policies and coverage vary by provider. The Town of Luseland cannot advise residents on individual insurance needs or guarantee that a particular loss will be covered. Residents are encouraged to speak directly with their insurance broker or provider about their property, coverage limits, exclusions and available optional coverage.*

UPCOMING CHANGES TO GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES

The Town of Luseland would like to advise the community of an upcoming change to our municipal garbage collection service. Following thorough discussion and consideration of the Town's current and future operational needs, Council has made the decision to transition from garbage collection being performed by Town of Luseland Public Works staff to a contracted collection service through Loraas.

Under the new service, each participating residence and most business will be provided with a 95-gallon (approximately 360-litre) rolling garbage bin, with garbage collection occurring on a bi-weekly basis. (A handful of businesses will stay on a Public Works Pick-up schedule, and will be contacted directly)

While an exact implementation date has not yet been confirmed, the Town anticipates that the transition will take place before the end of 2026. Additional information regarding bin delivery, collection schedules, placement requirements, and the official start date will be provided well in advance of the change.

Why is the Town making this change?

Council carefully reviewed the long-term financial and operational impacts of continuing to provide garbage collection directly through Public Works. One of the most significant considerations is the age and condition of the Town's existing garbage truck. The truck is aging and will eventually

require replacement. Rather than waiting until the truck reaches the end of its useful life and the Town is faced with a significant and potentially urgent capital expenditure, Council has chosen to plan ahead and explore a more sustainable alternative now.

Contracting garbage collection provides the Town with an opportunity to achieve significant long-term cost savings within the Environmental Health budget by avoiding the future capital cost of purchasing a replacement garbage truck, as well as the ongoing costs associated with operating, maintaining and repairing specialized collection equipment.

The change will also provide an important time-management benefit for Public Works. Garbage collection and unloading require a considerable amount of staff time each week. Transitioning this service to a contractor will allow our Public Works employees to redirect those hours toward other municipal priorities, including infrastructure maintenance, water and sewer operations, streets, drainage, facilities, equipment maintenance and the many other responsibilities required to keep our community operating effectively.

Council also considered the current garbage unloading process and the operational challenges it creates for Public Works. Moving to a contracted collection system will provide a more efficient and sustainable approach to waste collection while reducing demands on Town staff and equipment.

Planning Ahead for Luseland

This decision is ultimately about responsible long-term planning. Rather than waiting until the existing garbage truck is no longer operational and being forced to make a costly replacement decision under pressure, Council has chosen to act proactively. By transitioning to contracted collection while the Town still has the ability to plan the change properly, Council can reduce future capital requirements, improve the use of Public Works staff time, and realize substantial savings within the Environmental Health operating budget.

Council recognizes that changing a long-standing municipal service can require some adjustment. However, after reviewing the financial and operational impacts, Council believes this transition represents the most responsible and cost-effective option for the Town moving forward.

The Town will provide residents and businesses with further information as soon as the implementation schedule has been finalized. We appreciate the community's patience and cooperation as we make this transition and continue working toward the efficient and responsible delivery of municipal services.

TREE REMOVAL / TRIM APPLICATIONS

The Office would like to remind everyone that if you have a tree removal and/or trim request in mind, please have these forms filled out and submitted to the office before Spring of 2027 arrives. As this is the time that the Tree Committee goes over these requests and forms a plan for that budget year. If a form is submitted later in the summer and/or fall, and it is not an emergency, your request will be pushed to the following budget year.