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Highlights from the past meetings

(FYI, you can view the meeting live or watch recordings. now posted on the website)[March 12, 2024 recording](#)

- Discussion continued about roads, looking for grader services to help maintain for 2024 and also pricing from Engineers to complete pre design to be ready for grant applications when available.
- Engineers to attend March 26th regular council meeting.
- New Pre authorized debit (PAD) option for utility payments and monthly tax payments to begin in June, watch for the sign up enrollment forms.
- Municipal Levy discussion was presented and the Base Tax, Mill rate Bylaws were given first reading, please review documents below.

[02-2024 Base Tax Bylaw](#)

[03-2024 Mill Rate Bylaw](#)

- Reinstatement of the Tax Penalty Bylaw pre Covid first reading was done. Please see information below

[05-2024 Tax Penalty Bylaw](#)

- Drainage and roads , spring run off was discussed with the foreman.
- Capital Budget Discussion still under discussion.
- Community events are ull spring for spring, Easter and events, please watch on the website and facebook page for details.

Garbage and Recycle Calendar

Important Notice to Ratepayers: Changes to Property Tax Penalty Bylaw

With the end of budget considerations, Council would like to inform you about some changes to our property tax bylaws that will affect you.

During the recent council meetings, discussions and initial readings were held regarding the Base Tax Bylaw, the Mill Rate Bylaw, and the Property Tax Penalty Bylaw. One notable change revolves around the reinstatement of the property tax penalty bylaw, which was altered in early 2021 due to the impact of COVID-19.

Previously, property taxes were due by September 30th. However, recognizing the challenges faced during the pandemic, the penalty date was shifted to January 1st to accommodate the circumstances. Now, after careful consideration, council has decided to revert to the pre-2021 bylaw, setting the **property taxes due , back to *September 30th***.

Penalties start October 1st

This decision aims to improve the town's cash flow and ensure timely payments from ratepayers. It's essential for you, as a ratepayer, to be aware of this change and take the necessary action. If your mortgage company manages your taxes, please inform them accordingly to avoid any confusion or penalties.

In addition to this change, the town is introducing a new option for tax payment convenience - the Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) option.(roll out end of May) With this, you can set up a monthly payment schedule, automatically deducted from your account. This initiative is designed to provide you with flexibility and ease in managing your tax payments.

We encourage all ratepayers to review the updated Property Tax Penalty Bylaw, the Base Tax Bylaw and Mill Rate Bylaw. If you have any questions or need more clarification, please contact the office. We are here to assist you and ensure a smooth transition.

Stay tuned for further communications on these matters, including information on how to enroll in the PAD option. Your cooperation and understanding are greatly appreciated as we strive to serve you better.

Working Together for Better Roads

As spring unfolds, our Public Works team is diligently addressing road maintenance, focusing on culvert clearing and grading. However, wet road conditions hinder our efforts, making grading and product application less effective.

With the sun and wind aiding in drying the roads, we anticipate improvements in road conditions. Public Works will also be actively filling potholes and grading

roads to reduce roughness.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in several ways. If you notice road issues, please inform the office or Public Works department. While they strive to address concerns promptly, they may be engaged elsewhere at the time of your call.

Additionally, we urge residents to ensure garbage bins are positioned beyond the road edge. Driving on soft road edges damages them, leading to deterioration of the reclaimed asphalt. Avoid driving in swales or covering culvert ends to prevent backups.

It's important to note that gardens or structures in town easements are no longer permitted, as per bylaw. Maintaining water flow in our town is a collective effort, and we appreciate your information and cooperation.

Let's continue working together for safer and smoother roads. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Road Project informational Links

Links listed below provide some information in regards to the road remediation discussions.

Links:

[Associated Engineer 2024 Road Assessment Report](#)

[Power Point Presentation](#)

[March 5, 2024 zoom recording](#)

Upcoming Events

Regular meetings

March 26th, 2024
April 9, 2024
April 23, 2024

Current office hours : 8:30 am to 4:30pm

CLOSED

Doors to the office will be closed on the following dates:

March 26th, 2024 -
Election training

Town Council

Council is Always interested in hearing your thoughts about our community.

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March 29th, 2024 -
Stat Easter
April 1, 2024
April 15, 2024

Are you wishing to address Council on an issue or concern that you feel needs to be addressed., this is the process.

Please click below to be taken to the policy and form

<https://grandcoulee.ca/municipal-information/bylaws/>

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