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PREAUTHORIZED DEBIT PAYMENT OPTION ROLL OUT

--GG-Preauthorization debit payment policy--

Preauthorization Debit Form

The Town of Grand Coulee is pleased to introduce the preauthorized debit payment option for your convenience in managing utility and property tax payments. Preauthorized debit allows you to have your payments automatically debited from your account.

To enroll in preauthorized debit, simply fill out the form provided and submit it to our office. You can attach a voided cheque, obtain a debit form from your financial institution, or ensure that you fill in the banking information fully on the form.

The first payment will commence on June 10th. To ensure inclusion in the system, please submit your form no later than May 21st, 2024.

You have the flexibility to choose preauthorized debit for either property taxes, utilities, or both. Forms are available on our website or can be obtained from our office.

For further details, we encourage you to review the associated policy. Should you require assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us or visit our office. We look forward to providing you with this convenient payment option.

[Community Events Click Here](#)

Highlights from the past meetings

Approved Items:

Council approved the base tax bylaw, mill rate bylaw, and property tax penalty bylaw during March & April's meetings,

Road Remediation Update:

The council is taking proactive steps to address road issues in Grand Coulee. Associated Engineering has been contracted to conduct surveying and pre-design work. This pre-design work serves a dual purpose: preparing the municipality to swiftly apply for grants when they become available and establishing a comprehensive road program for the long term. Public notification and feedback will be sought as part of this process, ensuring community input is considered in the road remediation strategy. Main surveyings have been completed on the roads, and on April 23rd, preliminary discussions were held to further refine the plan and determine level of service.

Assessment:

The 2024 assessment roll closed on April 5th, with no appeals received.

Tax Notices:

Tax notices were mailed/emailed on April 18th and 19th. A correction was issued for emailed tax notices, ensuring accurate information reaches ratepayers promptly.

Animal Control:

Discussions continue regarding the handling of contraventions through the animal control bylaw, emphasizing responsible pet ownership and community safety.

Rink Park:

As the warranty for the rink park expires at the end of June, council plans to conduct a thorough walk-through to ensure all facilities are in optimal condition, ready to serve the community for years to come.

Interim Road Maintenance:

In preparation for spring, Commercial Asphalt has been contracted to undertake crowning and grading work on the roads. Meanwhile, the public works department is filling potholes and maintaining road surfaces until the fiber optics installation is completed

Public Reminders:

As we move into the spring and summer months, here are some important reminders for our community:

- **Rink Park Usage:** Please remember that the roads and walking paths within Rink Park are not designed for vehicle traffic. Parking lots are provided for vehicles, so please refrain from driving on the paved areas within the park.
- **Culvert Maintenance:** Keeping culverts clear of debris is crucial for proper drainage. Please avoid placing rocks inside culverts, as this impedes drainage. Clear culverts help prevent flooding and maintain road integrity.
- **Easement Usage:** Our easements are essential for various utilities and infrastructure. Please refrain from placing gardens or plants in these areas to ensure accessibility and functionality.
- **Garbage Can Placement:** To preserve road surfaces, please position garbage and recycling cans away from the edge of the road. This helps prevent damage and maintains the strength of our roads.
- **Building and Renovation Permits:** If you're planning renovations, deck installations, or new constructions, it's important to obtain the necessary permits. The town of Grand Coulee and provincial government mandate development permits/ building permits for property changes . Visit our website for information on how to apply and ensure compliance with relevant bylaws.

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.

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](#)

2023 Audited Financial Statements

Upcoming Events

Regular meetings

May 14th, 2024

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

Town Council

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

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

May 20, 2024
May 27, 2024
afternoon

Councillor Makenzie Peters
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Councillor Ken Weisgarber
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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/>

