

TOWN OF GRAND COULEE

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Upcoming Events

April 23rd
Office Closed

COVID-19 UPDATE

It is the Town's priority to help protect and support our residents.

All Town facilities remain closed to the public. Staff are still here to serve you. These efforts are being made to protect you and to increase the chances that the Town can continue to run smoothly. We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will re-open as soon as it is recommended by health authorities to do so.

We would like to remind everyone that when enjoying the outdoors during the COVID-19 pandemic, you should still practice physical distancing and avoid group gatherings in parks and playgrounds. According to Public Health Official guidelines, we need to avoid touching surfaces that people touch often such as playground equipment.

At the special council meeting held on March 24, 2020, in an effort to help alleviate some strain on community members, Council passed a motion to waive monthly interest on all past due utility accounts effective immediately and through to September 30, 2020. Regular monthly interest accrual of 2% will resume on October 1, 2020 for all outstanding balances at that time.

Additionally, as an additional measure of assisting residents, Council passed a motion to extend the 2020 property tax payment deadline to December 31, 2020. As a result, the October, November, and December interest charges of 1.5% are waived for the 2020 taxation year. Regular interest accrual for all outstanding property tax balances will resume January 1, 2021.

TOWN COUNCIL

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Regular payments can still be made via online banking, e-transfers, or by dropping a cheque in the mail slot at the town office.

Please call 306-352-8694 or email grandcoulee.cap@sasktel.net for all questions.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL 14TH COUNCIL MEETING

- 2020 Property Tax Notices will be sent out by email or mail this week. Taxes are due in full by December 31st. Payments can be made via electronic banking, e-transfers, cheques or cash. Please do not leave cash in the drop box. If you have questions, please contact the town office.
- Minor amendments to the Council Procedures Bylaw were approved. These changes include provisions for a youth member of council and expanding the Economic Committee mandates.
- Amendments to the Traffic Bylaw were approved. These changes provide clarification on parking regulations in town. Bylaws are available on our website.

COMMUNITY NEWS

What NOT to flush

The Town would like to remind residents that the only things to flush down the toilet is toilet paper and human waste. Anything else can clog pipes and create sewer backups which can be costly for both the Town and homeowner. Items to NOT flush include:

- Wipes, even if they say "flushable" or "disposable".
- Facial tissue, napkins, paper towel, Lysol wipes, etc.

These items do not break down like toilet paper and can cause major blockages in the sewer system. Please dispose of these items in the trash.

Reminder to dog owners

Please be a good neighbor and pick up after your pet whether in Town of or on the grid roads. If they poop, please scoop!

KIDS + ROAD & TREE SAFETY

Please remind your children to put safety first when playing outside. Playing in the street, climbing trees in the middle of bays, playing near parked cars, etc., can be dangerous to them, others, vehicles and the trees. Additionally, kids should still be observing physical distancing at this time, which is difficult to do when everyone is up the same tree.

GRAND COULEE EMERGENCY SERVICES

Physical distancing put a damper on your child's birthday plans? Email the Town and we will send out a fire truck complete with lights and sirens to drop off a gift for your child on their big day!

GRAND COULEE UNITED CHURCH

In light of the Coronavirus pandemic, Church services are cancelled until further notice.

Utilities & Payments

Water readings will be done in Area #3 this month (see map below). Should you prefer to have an actual reading each month, it is your responsibility as a homeowner to either phone or email your reading to us by the 29th of each month. If you would like to receive a monthly email reminder to send in your meter reading, email grandcoulee.cap@sasktel.net asking to be added to the list.

Did you know you can receive your utility bills and tax notice via email? If you would like to sign up, send us an email at grandcoulee.cap@sasktel.net.



Social distancing means avoiding close contact with others to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Keep a minimum distance of 2 metres from others when shopping or walking in the community.



Avoid non-essential trips in community



Limit or postpone gatherings



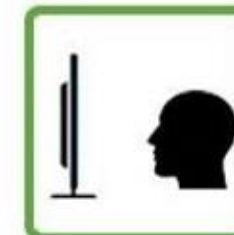
Keep kids at home away from group settings



Work from home wherever possible



Visits to long-term care homes are restricted to immediate family for compassionate reasons



Conduct meetings virtually

Protect yourself and others!

Help stop the spread of harmful viruses.



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.



No tissue? Cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.



Wash your hands often with soap and warm water, or use a hand sanitizer.



Stay home if you are sick.

Hand washing is important to stop the spread of germs and avoid getting sick. Stay healthy. Wash your hands often and for **at least 20 seconds**.

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