Information Bulletin

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## Spring Projects

As spring is upon us it is time to get projects done around the house. If you require a contractor for your projects they are required to obtain a Redwater Business License. A license can be obtained by contacting: ecdev@redwater.ca or by accessing the form on our website at www.redwater.ca/p/ business-licenses.

Tips for Hiring a Contractor

- Get multiple written estimates from at least three contractors.
- Hire local licensed contractors whenever possible.
- Check their past work.
- Check their insurance and bonding.
- Understand your right to cancel.
- Don't pay up-front.
- Visit the Better Business Bureau website, https:// www.bbb.org/, to search for accredited businesses.



## Upcoming Council Meetings

Regular Council Meeting May 18 @ 6:30 pm

Committee of the Whole Meeting May 25 @ 6:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting June 1 @ 6:30 pm

Regular Council Meeting June 15 @ 6:30 pm

Committee of the Whole Meeting June 22 @ 6:00 pm

As an alternative to attending Council Meetings in person, you can call in to listen live.

Visit https://www.redwater.ca/p/ council-agendas-minutes for more details.

## Contact Us

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## Changes to Tax Penalties for 2021

Despite there being no Provincial directive related to tax deferrals for 2021 due to COVID-19, Council remains committed to assisting taxpayers and approved a change the Tax Penalty Bylaw for 2021; instead of $10 \%$ penalty effective July 1, the penalty for 2021 will again be split to a $5 \%$ penalty September 1 and a $5 \%$ penalty November 1. This penalty is applied to current taxes unpaid.

## Are you planning on adding a fire pit to your property? Do you currently own a fire Pit?

Here is some useful information that you need to be aware of:

- The location is at least $3.0 \mathrm{~m}(9.84 \mathrm{ft})$ from any Building, Property line or combustible material.

- The opening does not exceed 82 cm ( 32 inches) in width or diameter.
- The installation has enclosed sides made of non-combustible material.
- It has a spark arrester mesh screen cover with and opening no larger than $1.25 \mathrm{~cm}(0.5 \mathrm{in})$
- It is not located over any underground utilities or under any above ground wires.

When using a fire pit no burning of grass, weeds, tree limbs, garden refuse, garbage or material other than seasoned wood should be used.

## Taxes

The 2021 Combined Assessment and Tax Notice will be mailed prior to May 31, 2021. If you do not receive your Tax Notice please contact the Town Office. The extended tax payment deadline for 2021 is August 31.
Taxpayers who are still able to pay their taxes by June 30 are encouraged to do so. There is no requirement for deferral registration.
The average residential assessment of $\$ 194,200$ will see a zero increase to the municipal portion of their taxes.
This contribution allows for the provision of many municipal services including water, sewer, natural gas, street maintenance, snow removal, bylaw, recreation facilities, community programs, fire and disaster recovery protection.

## Seniors Drive-by Parade in Celebration of National Seniors Week <br> June 9, 2021, Staging at 10:00 am

Parade at 10:30 am
Decorate your vehicle with up-lifting messages for those living in the Lodge or Lodge Term Care and register with Community Services to join in on the Seniors Drive-by Parade. Deadline to register is May 26, 2021. Call the Community Services Office for more information at 780-942-4101 or email cscoordinator@redwater.ca, or check on the Town website www.redwater.ca.

## Community Planting Bee <br> May 27, 2021 from 11:00am- noon Pembina Place Parking Lot

Bring your trowel and come out to help us plant flowers around Redwater. If you would like to help out or would like more information, contact the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101.

## 2021 Municipal Elections

Nomination papers can be submitted by appointment. Contact Ann Hall at 780-942-3519 ext. 330 or ecdev@redwater.ca for more information.

## 2021 Budget

Recognizing pressures related to COVID-19 on Town taxpayers, Town Council amended the 2020 Budget at the May 5 Council meeting to reflect a zero-budget increase. Updated budget information is available on our website.

## 2020 Audited Financial Statements

The 2020 Audited Financial Statements have been finalized and available on our website.

## Are you eligible for the Municipal Property Tax Rebate Program?

If you are the legal landowner of property with new, permanent residential construction in Redwater, you may qualify for a Municipal Property Tax Rebate.

- The rebate is based on the Municipal Property Tax for the residence only (not the land)
- applies to the one year term, beginning January 1 st, following the construction start date.
- Property taxes must first be paid in full by the due date indicated on the tax notice and then the application must be
 received by December 1st of the qualifying year.
To find out more about eligibility requirements or to obtain an application, please contact the Town Office or visit our website.


## National Public Works Week

May 16-22, 2021
Public Works helps maintain a community's strength by working together to provide an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks, and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management.
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