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TOWN OF
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NEWSLETTER

REDCLIFF

Greetings from Mayor Reimer

On behalf of my wife, Sharon and I, we extend our best wishes for a blessed and safe New Year. The past year, 2014, the Town experienced significant change within its labor force. The Town saw multiple longstanding employees either retire or move on to explore new opportunities. Some of the vacant positions that have been filled throughout 2014 include our Town Manager, Director of Finance and Administration, Director of Community and Protective Services, Public Services Director, Public Services Operations Supervisor, and Executive Assistant. Along with many other new staff we welcome them and look forward to working with them throughout this year and additional years to come.

With regard to the staff that retired in 2014 I would like to extend our thanks and wish them all the best in their future retirement endeavors. Our long-time Public Services Director, Executive Assistant, and Bylaw Enforcement Officer have retired over the past year. We welcome Tasha Opperman as our new Bylaw Officer.

Our Administrative Staff and Town Council have been active in creating a Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee for the Town. This Committee has had several meetings to date and are working very diligently in their efforts to attract a Physician to locate to Redcliff. Stay tuned for more information regarding physician recruitment.

The Water Treatment Plant is under construction with a tentative startup date for early next year.

With respect to the Eastside Area Structure Plan, Council Administration and interested Stake Holders recently participated in a workshop regarding the Area Structure Plan put on by ISL Engineering & Land Services. The Town plans on hosting an Open House in January in relation to the Plan, so pay close attention to the newspaper for more details as to when and where. We hope to see you there to receive your feedback.

The Inflow and Infiltration Investigation is nearing completion and will be utilized as a guide for the municipality moving forward.

With respect to New Development in Redcliff, the Town sold 7 lots in 2014 for various housing projects. There is a Co-op Service Station and Convenience Store under construction between the Husky Gas Station and Servus Credit Union. Also check out the location for the development of Man Cave Condominiums in the Northeast on Dirkson Drive.

Further, the Cypress County and Town of Redcliff Landfill Authority confirms a new landfill cell was recently excavated and is now operational.

At this point I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all our Staff of the Town of Redcliff, for all your hard work and dedication this past year, and all your years of service. A huge thanks to all our citizens of Redcliff who have put in countless volunteer hours to help make Redcliff a great place to live! Your contributions are very much appreciated.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Council Meetings are normally held the second and fourth Monday each month starting at 7:00 pm.

FREE PUBLIC SKATING sponsored by the MEDICINE HAT KINSMEN

NOW - END OF MARCH

Mon-Fri: 9:30 am-10:30 am

Tue & Thu: 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Sat: 5:45 pm-6:45 pm

Sun: 5:30 pm -6:30 pm

PUBLIC SERVICES WINTER HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 8:00 am-4:00 pm

TOWN HALL HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 8:00am-4:30pm

LANDFILL HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 8:00 am-5:30 pm

Sat: 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Sun: CLOSED

(the Landfill is sometimes forced to close due to high winds...call ahead at 403-548-9250 to verify)

Town Hall and Public Services will be closed on February 16 and April 3 for Family Day and Good Friday

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TOWN OF REDCLIFF COUNCIL

Mayor — Ernie Reimer

Councillors

Cheré Brown, Cathy Crozier
Dwight Kilpatrick, Larry Leipert
Eric Solberg & Jim Steinke

PUBLIC SERVICES REMINDERS FOR RESIDENTS:

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

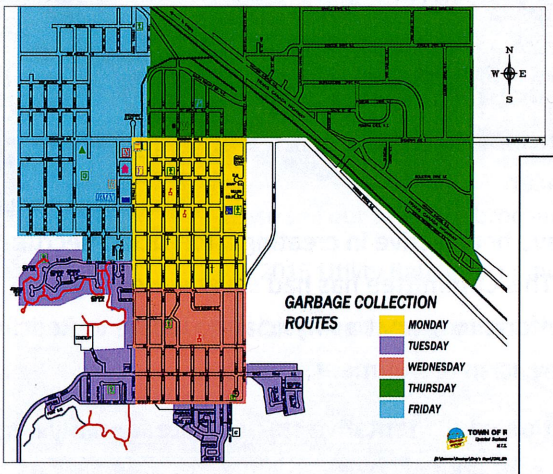
The Public Services Department is responsible for the winter road maintenance. Their goal is to provide a level of service that will prevent or reduce accident or injury to residents, to reduce the economic losses to the community, and to facilitate the response to emergencies by Police, Fire, and Ambulance services. Winter road maintenance activities include application of sand or sand/salt combinations and when driving conditions deteriorate; the plowing and removal of snow to selected roadways. The primary goal during any snowstorm is to keep primary and collector streets open and safe for the motoring public. Priority is given to Emergency Routes, School Zones and the Downtown Commercial Area. For more detailed information please refer to the Town of Redcliff Sanding and Snow Clearing of Streets Procedure No. 020 (2009).

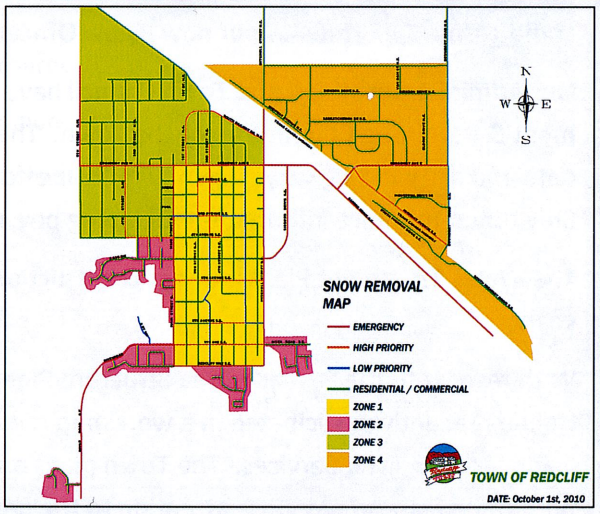
Residents are responsible to clear snow from sidewalks within 24 hrs of snowfall. Snow, or other materials originating from private property CANNOT be put onto the street. (SEE BYLAW # 1440/2005)

When driving near snow clearing operations, residents are also asked to stay 10 meters away from snow clearing, sanding and hauling equipment at all times. Keeping a safe distance away from equipment will assist Town Staff in performing their jobs efficiently and safely.

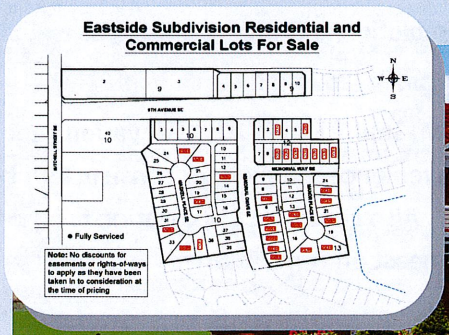
When temperatures get colder, we remind you to "insulate or keep warm" any water pipes and lines that are exposed to the colder weather to prevent them from freezing. It is always a good idea to have someone check your home on a regular basis while you are away.

GARBAGE COLLECTION AND SNOW REMOVAL ROUTES





LAND SALES



The Town of Redcliff still has several lots available for sale in our Eastside development. Inquire at Town Hall for further details on dimensions, prices, and future plans for the rest of the area.

A Friendly Reminder

- Business License AND Dog License renewals are due January/February.
- Development Permits are required BEFORE you start work...Contact our Development Officer for questions on whether you need a Permit at 403.548.9231.
- Get your Redcliff Utility bills by EMAIL. Register for e-billing by sending your request to e-billing@redcliff.ca

2015 CAPITAL PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Water Treatment Plant: Construction of the new Water Treatment Plant is in progress and expected to be completed by the fall of 2015.

Sanitary Inflow and Infiltration Investigation: The Sanitary Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) Investigation study by ISL Engineering Calgary is in progress. ISL has presented their findings from its sewer model, smoke testing and targeted camera inspection of some sewer mains, to Town council, and currently is working on upgrades evaluation, cost estimation and final report preparation. A final report is anticipated to be completed by the end of January 2015.

Road Reconstruction, Storm installation and Sanitary replacement (4th Avenue SW from 1st Street to 4th Street including 400 block of 4th Street SW): Transit Paving has completed the installation of the storm sewers, sanitary replacement and first lift of asphalt paving on the project with some concrete removal and replacements. The final lift of the asphalt and remaining concrete work will be completed in the spring of 2015.

Coulee Slumping Evaluation: The Town commissioned Enviro Geo Testing from Medicine Hat. Two bore holes up to a 30 m depth were drilled at both slope slumping areas to install a piezometer and inclinometer at each location. Soil samples were collected and lab analysis has been completed. Preparation of a report with recommended upgrades is in progress and is expected to be completed by the end of January 2015.

Raw Water Pump Station Flood and River Valley Park River Bank Erosion Protection Projects: The Town commissioned AMEC Environment & Infrastructure in September 2014. A preliminary report with engineering design including geotechnical, hydraulic/hydrologic assessment, environment aquatic and habitat assessment, is being prepared. The design and tender award of the projects are expected to completed sometime in January or February, 2015, and construction will start in March, 2015.

Engineering Standards Update 2014: The Town has completed updates of the engineering design guidelines and construction standards and they are posted on the Town's website.

Eastside Area Structure Plan amendment: The Town has commissioned ISL Engineering Calgary in November, 2014 to update the 2001 Eastside Area Structure Plan to meet with current development trends, and the Town's and I-XL 's (private developer) vision for the land area bounded by Broadway Ave/Saamis Drive, north and north east, Mitchell Street on the west, City of Medicine Hat on the east, and existing coulees and ravines on the south. The public will be invited to attend an open house that will be held in January to provide feedback on the Eastside land development concepts. Please watch for more details in the Cypress Courier.

Broadway Avenue Drainage Issue east of RedHat: Transit paving has completed the installation of the curb along Broadway Avenue with asphalt repairs and culvert installation at the Roy's Woodshop entrance and ditch regrading on the east. The asphalt driveway and landscape repairs in the disturbed areas, will be completed in spring 2015.

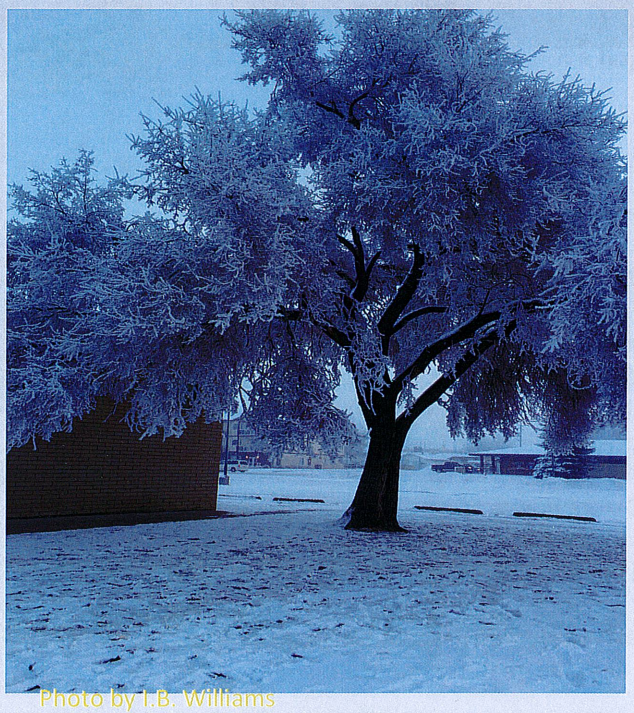


Photo by I.B. Williams

CHILLY MORNING BEAUTY

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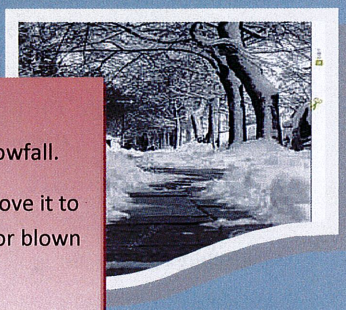
BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

All dogs must be on a leash in all areas of the Town, with the exception of the "off leash" area located on 3rd Ave. SW. See the Community Services Department page on our Town Website for the exact location.

You are reminded to keep your dog on a leash for the safety of your family pet and the public, as fines can be issued.

BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Please avoid idling parked vehicles for long periods of time.



BYLAW QUESTIONS?
Please contact Tasha Opperman, Bylaw Officer at 403.548.9246 or cell phone 403.581.8755

SIDEWALK SAFETY—BYLAW #1440/2005

Sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of snowfall.

SIDEWALK snow can be shoveled onto the street if not able to move it to the adjacent property. **DRIVEWAY SNOW** must **NOT** be pushed or blown into the street.

Extension cords are prohibited from laying across the sidewalk due to tripping hazard and untidiness.

Please see our separate brochures:

- 2015 Utility Rate Information
- Community Program & Event Guide

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

We still have openings on various Boards & Commissions. Pick up an information package at Town Hall and become involved in Your community. Apply today!

SOUVENIRS

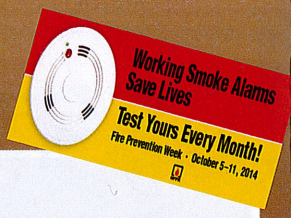
The Town has a variety of items remaining, including the History book, from our Centennial celebrations in 2012. All items make a great gift for a friend/relative or a souvenir for yourself!

REDCLIFF HISTORY DID YOU KNOW?

- The trees bordering Broadway Avenue east and third street northeast recognize those Redcliff veterans who fought in WWII. There were seven men who did not return from the war and they are also recognized on a plaque on the monument at the east end of Broadway.
- Redcliff was once called "The Town of the Three B's". B for bricks as there were three brick plants in the town supplying bricks to the construction industry of western Canada. B is for bottles. The glass factory made all kinds of bottles and jars for western Canada and the U.S. B is for babies—no comment.

Information courtesy of Cliff Dacre

REDCLIFF FIRE DEPARTMENT



THREE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP THE REDCLIFF FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Test your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors monthly.

2. Make sure your House or Business Address Numbers are ***visible*** from the street and alley. Businesses should also have a contact phone number posted by the Main Entrance.

3. Before driving, clear all snow and ice off windows, mirrors and lights. Leave yourself a few extra minutes on trips and arrive safely.

Thanks for your time spent on Fire and Driving Safety, from the Redcliff Fire Department.