



Assiniboia

Heart of the Golden South



"All Matters Town"

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Mayors Message - Paul Topola

What an exciting time to live in Assiniboia. The Co-op Home and Garden Centre is finished and open for business, the Assiniboia Bakery is nearing completion, Nelson GM's new building is taking shape and is looking incredible and the foundation work for the Canalta Hotel has begun. Everywhere you look homes and businesses are building, renovating, painting or generally sprucing up their properties. We are definitely ready for the exciting times the future has to offer. On another note, municipal elections are just around the corner, October 24th to be exact, and I can't stress enough the importance of going out to vote. *This is your opportunity to have a voice in the decisions being made in your local community!*

Government Services - Steve Gibson, CAO

Recently a call for nominations was released for the general municipal election taking place on October 24, 2012. There are six vacancies for councillor and one vacancy for mayor. Since there are some changes to the election process this year, I felt it would be appropriate to publish a guide explaining eligibility to run for Council or Mayor, eligibility to vote, identification requirements and some key dates.

The candidate qualifications are as follows:

- The candidate must be at least 18 years old
- The candidate must be a Canadian citizen
- The candidate must have been a resident of Saskatchewan for at least six months, as well as a resident of Assiniboia for the last three months
- Candidates must supply a criminal background check with their nomination forms
- Candidates cannot be a court judge or Assiniboia's auditor or solicitor
- Town employees are required to take a leave of absence to seek office

The Voter Qualifications are as follows:

- The voter must be at least 18 years old
- The voter must be a Canadian citizen
- The voter must have resided in Saskatchewan for the last six months and resided in Assiniboia for at least the last three months
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- The voter must have resided in Saskatchewan for the last six months and owned property (in their name) in Assiniboia for the last three months
- Electors intending to vote are legislatively required to produce evidence proving their identity and residence.

Photo ID is your best option to take to the polls

-Acceptable photo identification is ID that is government-issued, valid and has your photo, name and address.

Examples include:

- A valid Saskatchewan Driver's Licence. (If you still have a two-piece licence, make sure you have both pieces).
- A valid Saskatchewan ID card issued by SGI or any motor licence issuer (Available for \$10 or free for seniors).

- Any other valid government issued photo ID issued by a Canadian government whether federal, provincial or municipal, or an agency of that government, so long as it includes your name and address. If you do not currently have photo identification you can acquire non-drivers photo-ID from SGI

A Canadian passport is not an acceptable form of photo identification because it does not contain your address. However, a Canadian passport can be used as identification if paired with another document that has your name and address on it.

If you don't have photo identification and are unable to obtain photo-ID before Election Day, you can present two other pieces of information, as long as both contain your name and at least one contains your address.

Examples include:

- Valid ID cards or certificates issued by the Canadian or Saskatchewan government, a Saskatchewan municipality or school division, a Saskatchewan Indian band, the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan or an agency of one of these entities.
- Personal correspondence, benefit/contribution statements and tax/assessment notices issued by any of the above entities.
- Bank/credit union cards, credit cards and statements.
- Utility bills and statements issued within six months of the date of the election.
- Personalized attestation of residence, letter of stay or admission form issued by a seniors or student residence, long term care or shelter facility.

Other Information:

Nomination forms must be submitted no later than September 19, 2012 at 4:00 pm at the Town Office

Advance Polls are scheduled for October 17, 2012

The General Election is scheduled for October 24, 2012

I am seeking deputy returning officers and poll clerks to work both October 17 and 24 – if you are interested please call 642-3382



"Our vision is to see Assiniboia grow as a healthy, vibrant community, a dynamic economic leader, and a supportive regional partner."

Adopted by Council May 2011



Public Works & Utilities - *Owen Green, Manager*

Welcome to Fall!

Wow, this summer season has flown by! Its been filled with great weather, amazing sunshine, tornado Tuesdays, and more amazing sunshine. The public works crew has been very busy accomplishing many projects in the community. My hope is that we have this much sunshine for what is remaining of the year, in order to keep the momentum going and complete many more.

The Public Works and Utilities department has had an eventful season, as we all chipped in and worked hard to have things in place for the great Centennial Celebrations. A huge salute to all the volunteers, clubs, community groups, and committee member who made the celebration such a success, and as well to all the people who came from near and far to come back to their roots and celebrate 100 years of Assiniboia.

The men and ladies of the Public Works and Utility department have and will continue to work towards getting the town cleaned up and improved up for all the residents, visitors and tourists coming to town. The crews are busy completing many fall projects, as well they are starting preparations for the coming winter months.

Yes, the asphalt is being laid and is nearing completion. The areas being repaired are previous repairs to the water and sewer maintenance and new utility service trenches. We have also been overhauling the base failures in the road sections of high traffic zones.

Another project nearing completion is concrete. The sidewalks are being repaired and failed panels and sections are being replaced, this is to ensure continuous access and safety for walking traffic off the streets.

Expansion to the Sewer and Water system is in progress - this will provide services to the new Canalta Hotel development as well servicing additional residential lots in the west side of town. The water servicing is planned and staged

to continue to the north side in order to provide a continuous loop of water services for the industrial park area.

The playground located at town hall received new equipment structures after the previous equipment had been vandalized and its safety was further compromised for the public. The new equipment was installed in the days leading up to the Centennial celebrations by the towns Parks and Public Works crews. The equipment was tested and determined to be "Really Cool" by the kids in the summer play program. The park has a number of musical instruments installed, a saucer swing, two spin bowls, and a very unique climbing apparatus.

The project utilizing wind energy is currently ongoing at the sewage lagoons. Working with the National Research Council and the University of Regina, this project utilizes wind energy driven by aeration systems. It then monitors and measures the benefits of aeration in the digestion of sludge at the towns Lagoons. The research project is funded by the National Research Council.

Landfill is open Tuesday to Saturdays 9am-6pm for all your waste handling needs.

Recycling Blue Bins are located at the town plaza, behind post office and trailer court entrance. The freshly painted recycling bins are labelled for handling your paper and cardboard. We thank you for not putting your garbage and trash in these containers. The recycling depot is located at 208 Assiniboia Ave, and has a bin located outside for afterhours cardboard drop off. There is also a Recycling Red Tin bin located at the Town Plaza.

My office is open and I welcome questions and solutions.

Regards,
Owen Green
Director of Works and Utilities
Town of Assiniboia

Olympia Theatre

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Did You Know:

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Water Flushing

Starting on September 24 until October 13, 2012 an assigned Public Works crew will be performing annual maintenance to the Town’s water distribution system. The program will take place from 10 pm to 6 am, to reduce public disruption. Please limit water usage during this time. Water services may have a dirty appearance and low pressure when used during the flushing period in the same areas being maintained.

Community Services

Community Playgrounds

The new playground has been installed and is a huge success, many are enjoying the much needed upgrades and additions.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is now closed for the season and again it was a successful year! Thank you to everyone that used the facility and to the hard working Lifeguards and staff that made it an enjoyable season! The pool concession also boasts a small profit this year, due in part to the Centennial weekend.

Skating Rink

Yes, it’s that time again! The ice will be available to starting September 24th - If you are interested in renting the ice, please call Tim at 640-7649 or the Town Office at 642-3382.

Football season is upon us and Minor Hockey registration is underway! Another exciting winter season is ahead.

The Town continues to interview potential candidates for the position of Community Services Manager. It is the Towns intention to hire the best fit and most qualified individual, your patience in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

**Corporate Services -
Ellen McKay, Manager**

Property Tax Notices were mailed on August 27, 2012. They are due on September 30, 2012 before they start incurring interest charges. If you have not received your Notice, please contact the Town Office.

By-law #05/12 was passed on August 20, 2012. The by-law increased the mill rate from 25.92 to 27.31. The minimum taxes were unchanged.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your Tax Notice, please contact the Town Office

FAQ:

*** Landfill Hours:**

The landfill is open Tuesday – Saturday, 9 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 6 pm.

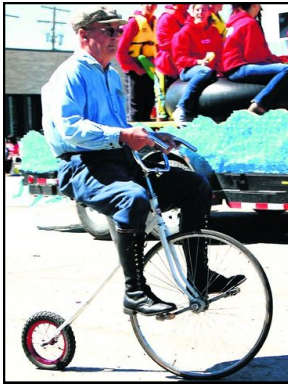
*** Garbage Pick-Up**

Font Lane pick up begins Monday November 5th

Reminder that all businesses providing services in Assiniboia must have a

*On behalf of
Council & Staff
Congratulations
Assiniboia*





Economic Development - Rochelle Neff, Manager

Wow, what a summer! It was an honor to be apart of the awesome Centennial Committee and what an amazing event it turned out to be! I personally wanted to say thank you to all the hundreds of volunteers, the impressive numbers of visitors that came to celebrate and to all the residents and businesses of Assiniboia. I salute you all!

It is an exciting time for Assiniboia as the growth is apparent. Congratulations to the Co-op Hardware Store who had their Grand Opening on August 22nd! As well, to 121 Steak House and Motel on their completion of the motel addition, I have heard nothing but great things about the new rooms! Around the corner you will see Nelson's GM ribbon cutting as well as the new Assiniboia Bakery!

On August 23rd, 2012 the Town acknowledged Canalta Hotel in a ground breaking media event. Canalta has begun construction, it will take approximately 10 months to complete and is an 8 million dollar investment to our community. I had the opportunity recently to tour the new Canalta Hotel in Shaunavon and it was simply impressive. It will certainly accommodate our needs as well compliment the existing assets here in Assiniboia.

These are exactly the kinds of projects that the Town of Assiniboia is embracing - a sustainable world starts at the local level! I am extremely proud of and excited for the community.

I wanted to address the Open House held on June

11th. This event was in held in order to get the communities input on the Official Community Plan. Under the new legislation, the OCP must be prepared in consultation with a professional community planner as licensed under The Community Planning Profession Act. A community plan is a growth management strategy for a municipality. It enables local government to set development goals, objectives and policies which council can use to manage land use, subdivision, municipal services, and public utilities within the municipality. This open house was not a platform to discuss any other municipal issues or concerns. I have heard concerns regarding the time of day it was held, this time was set by the consultants. There were 1750 mail outs sent to every resident in Assiniboia which stated that if you could not attend the open house we very much valued the input, thus filling out the survey and returning it to the Town Office. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey and attending the open house.

On another note Town council approved a Residential/Commercial Infill Incentive Policy on June 4th, 2012. These incentives are aimed to encourage construction of new residential dwellings in established residential and commercial zones for the purpose of Economic Development.

My door is always open, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rochelle Neff, EDO. 306-642-3382 or email: edo.assiniboia@sasktel.net

Tourism - Julie Newton

The future for tourism in Assiniboia should be exciting as it is one of the areas to be further defined and improved based on feedback from the town's recent survey, the instrument which will guide the town's Official Community Plan. Some areas for consideration in the area of Tourism are:

- Additional promotion of heritage resources
- Preservation of heritage sites/resources
- Completion of a heritage register for the District
- Investigation into the feasibility of the renovation of the old train station buildings
- Possibility of additional yearly festivals and the revisiting the Festival of Nations

Visitors (Summer Season; May – August)

Assiniboia continues to hold its own in terms of visitors to the town. The Shurniak Gallery, garnered a total of 4,386 visitors for the season with the highest being the month of August where a total of 1,504 visitors viewed the paintings and other works of art. Among others works, the gallery is currently exhibiting 'A Century of Change through Art'. This exhibit chronicles the history of South Central Saskatchewan from First Nations to the distant future and was commissioned as a tribute to the centennials of Assiniboia, Limerick, and the RM's of Lake of the Rivers #72 and Stonehenge #73.

Over 312 visitors came to see the exhibits at the Prentice African Safari Exhibit. Many persons from Assiniboia came to see the exhibit in its new location (old library) since it reopened on May 17, 2012. The exhibit was previously located on Highway 17. The general feedback was that the exhibit displayed well in its new setting and the proximity to the town centre beneficial.

The Assiniboia and District Museum with its vintage cars and antique farm machinery had a total of 906 for the four month period.

Additionally, other visitors passed through the town to stop for meals, browse the shops and to visit to family. Our campgrounds also had a steady flow of visitors.

Centennial Celebrations

The centennial celebrations of August 3-6 also saw over 2500 residents of Assiniboia and visitors participating in a number of activities planned to mark the towns one hundredth year of existence. The centennial committee reported that visitors came from all of the provinces in Canada as well as the United States to join in the celebrations. Businesses and residents took the opportunity to showcase Assiniboia as a place to do business, work and live.

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