# TOWN OF SHELLBROOK NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2015

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# **Prepayment Notices**

From January 2016, pre-payment notices will no longer be sent out at the beginning of the year. Customers can however prepay their taxes to receive the tax discounts early in the year. Please note that your pre-payment amount is based on the 2015 tax levy.

#### 2016 Tax Discount Rates

January 7% February 5% March 3%

April –December NO DISCOUNT \*please note that this discount applies to only the municipal portion\*

## At Meter Reading Time.....

Please keep pathways clear by removing anything blocking access to your water meter for our meter readers! Thank you!

#### **TIPS FOR WINTER**

- Clear debris from eaves troughs and downspouts
- Seal window wells & fix any cracks in basement walls, it can lead to leaks if left undone.
- Clear roadside leaves & debris off sewer grates near your home to ensure snow melting during winter thaws can drain freely into the sewer.
- Turn off the outdoor water supply and drain taps before the first freeze - because burst water pipes waste water and can cause expensive damage

# Utility & Tax Payments Reminder

Please make payments from an ATM or banking institution at least 7-10 days before the last business day. Payments are only applied when they are received in office. Payments can also be made at the municipal office between 9am-4pm by cash, cheque or debit. If that is inconvenient, we have a locked drop off box located by the front door for after hour payments which are entered in our system the next business day.

### **Garbage & Recycle Bins**

Set out the recycle or garbage bins to ensure pick up by **6:30 am on Fridays**.

Remove the bins promptly.

# Phone Tree System

When an emergency occurs or crucial information needs to be shared, we use the phone tree system that dials everyone on our list and shows the call originates from our fax number 306-747-3111. Please ensure that we have your email, cell phone or home phone numbers. Register your contact details by calling the town office to stay in the know!

#### **Contractors**

Contractors & businesses are required to have a Business License to work within town limits. This includes Plumbers, Builders, Electricians, Heating, etc. Licenses are purchased at the Town Office.

### **Public Meeting Notice**

There will be a public meeting on Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015 at 7pm at the Community Hall to discuss removing garbage & recycling from our tax base. This would result to a decrease to the mill rate.

#### **Pet Licenses**

All pets' dogs and cats require pet licenses and tags and must not be left wandering about in town. Cats picked up will attract the same penalty as dogs. 2016 tags and licenses are available at the town office. A copy of our bylaw can be found on our website or picked up at the office.

# **Community Christmas Party**

December 5, 2015 at 6pm Tickets - \$40/person. There will be silent auction & proceeds will be towards a new Zamboni for the skating rink.

All meetings are open to the public. To speak you must be on the agenda prior to the meeting.

#### **Tax Penalty**

According to our new Bylaw 2015-10 Tax Arrears Penalty, 2%/month will be charged on outstanding taxes owing. To avoid this penalty, please ensure that funds are received by noon on the last business day of December. Ensure online payment is done at least 7 days prior to this date. The Drop Box will be checked the morning of the last business day and anything after will not qualify.

