

# December Newsletter

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## Utility Rate Increase

Please take note that Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw No. 2021 – 03, will take effect January 1, 2022, slightly increasing the utility rates. The monthly rates are as follows and will be reflected in the billing to be mailed in March of 2022:

Water Rate \$28.50

Sewer Rate \$28.50

Infrastructure Renewal Rate \$16.00

Lift Station Upgrade Fee \$8.00

For Commercial metered services, note that there is no change to consumption gallons and rates for usage over minimums.

If you would like to view this Bylaw or have any questions, please visit our website [canwood.ca](http://canwood.ca) under Administration/Bylaws, Permits, Policy, or call the office.

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## Taxes, Utilities & End of Year Penalties

As a reminder to ratepayers that taxes are levied for the 2021 year and are due on/or before December 31, 2021.

As per section 369, of *The Municipalities Act*, any unpaid charges for a utility service may be added to and form a part of your taxes as of December 31. Adding unpaid utility amounts to your taxes and any other outstanding taxes levied in the current or previous years, shall be subject to a **penalty rate of 10%** as per Bylaw 1-08 that Establish Property Tax Incentives and Penalties. The 10% penalty will be applied to the total unpaid taxes as of January 1, 2022, and shall form a part of the tax roll.

In order to avoid the penalty, you must pay any outstanding utility fees that are 60 days overdue, service connection fees, custom work invoices and any outstanding tax levies before December 31, 2021.

Cash payments or cheques can be mailed or dropped off at the office. Online or Telebanking payments are accepted if you bank with any Credit Union or CIBC. Interac e-Transfer is another method of payment. Please email your payment to: [canwood.town@sasktel.net](mailto:canwood.town@sasktel.net) and utilize your Roll Number, Utility Account Number or the invoice number as the reference or message.

All payments MUST be in the office prior to the year-end in order to avoid the penalty. Please consider potential interruption in mail delivery, delay in electronic funds transfer or online payments.



## Christmas Lights Competition

In the spirit of the holiday season the Village of Canwood once again facilitated the Christmas Lights Competition.

Our very generous sponsors for this festive competition include:

Lake Country Co-op Grocery  
Lake Country Co-op Agro  
Affinity Credit Union  
Canwood Café  
Village of Canwood

Our esteemed judges from Whispering Pine Place toured the Village on Wednesday, December 22! I am to understand that it was a very difficult choice as there were so many beautifully decorated homes. The Residents wanted me to send along a very special "Thank You" to all who decorated their homes! You warmed their hearts this holiday!

Winners of the contest are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Dale & Marsha Schwehr  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tom & Glenda Wilson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ron & Sandra Willner

The Residents also had a number of honourable mentions! Please visit our webpage or follow us on FaceBook to see the entire list.



On behalf of the Village of Canwood Council and Staff, I would like to extend our wishes for a Happy New Year! May you all enjoy health and peacefulness throughout the holiday season and into 2022.

## Animal Control & Licensing

Council would like to remind residents that we have an Animal Control Bylaw. This Bylaw controls various issues relating to animals within the village, such as the number of animals you are allowed to harbor, animals running at large, defecation and creating a disturbance. Another stipulation of this Bylaw requires owners to complete an Application for License and remit an **annual** license fee. The annual fee for licensing your dog or cat is \$15.00 per animal if paid before April 30<sup>th</sup>. After this date the annual fee increases to \$30.00 per animal.

If you have not completed your pets Application for License form please visit our website to locate the application under Administration/Bylaws, Permits, Policy or obtain from the Village office. The annual fee and application can be mailed or dropped off at the office.

## Snow Removal

Snow fall season is once again upon us and Council would like to remind property owners about snow removal. It is against Village Policy to clear snow from your yard/property and add it to the streets, any municipal property or another property that is not owned by you.

We would request that residents be considerate with where your snow is going when clearing and whenever possible, keep the snow on your property. If you find that this is not possible, please contact the Village office for permitted locations.

Please also note that if utilizing an ATV or UTV to clear snow from driveways or sidewalks, please be very cautious. We appreciate the efforts of residents to use these types of methods to keep sidewalks and driveways cleared. However, vehicles such as these tend to leave ridges when clearing and may make the surface uneven resulting in difficulty for municipal equipment to snow blow or clear/remove ridges from that portion of the sidewalk.