

November Newsletter

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Development & Building Permits

Property owners are required under Building Bylaw No. 2005 – 06, to obtain a Building Permit to erect, place, alter or commence construction on your property.

What is a Building Permit?

A Building Permit is a licence which grants legal permission to start construction or alteration of a building. Permits allow for the enforcement of national building codes, standards and bylaws which have been adopted by the local, provincial or federal governing bodies. The enforcement of the building code, standards and bylaws are carried out to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. The governing body which enforces the code is acting to ensure safe construction.

Why a Building Permit?

A Building Permit provides the means for Building Officials to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction. Building Permits help the public understand what local, provincial or federal laws are in relation to the construction of any kind. Additionally, it provides the means for the building official to inspect construction, ensure minimum standards are met and appropriate materials are used. Before any work begins application must be made and approved. If you have started construction without the permit, a stop work order may be issued. Application for Building Permits are available at the Village office or on our website.



Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day
November 11

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Thursday, November 11

10:45 a.m.

Again, this year the Remembrance Day Service will occur at the Legion as an outdoor broadcast at the Cenotaph. Cenotaph is the area located in the front parking lot of the hall. The Legion would like to recommend you dress warm, wear a mask, and practice Saskatchewan Public Health's recommendations on social distancing. If weather is not cooperating, you may choose to listen to the broadcast from your vehicle as a PA system will be used. Another option will be to watch live on the Facebook group "Royal Canadian Legion Canwood Branch 132". Please make note that this is a private group and permission to join must be requested prior.

Please note that wreaths will not be laid during the service. However, sales of wreaths and donations will be acknowledged during the service. Regrettably, NO lunch will follow.

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Utility Rates Increase

Capital Investment Strategy for the Village encounters challenges as the majority of the water and sewer works infrastructure is getting close to or past its' life expectancy. Council's objective is to anticipate infrastructure maintenance, immediate utility infrastructure problems and future infrastructure replacement requirements while managing a balance of affordability. To assist with the rising costs, approval from the Local Government Committee was given to Water Sewer Rates Bylaw No. 2021 – 03, slightly increasing the rates as of January 1, 2022. 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 remains unchanged at \$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 under Administration/Bylaws, Permits, Policy, or call the office.

October By-election

Thank you to the Candidates who accepted their nomination to run in our By-election. Below is a list of your Elected Members of Council.

Mayor

Robert Thompson

Councillors

Lorne Benson

Kaytlyn Mitchell

Ken Moar

Ron Willner

Tax Payment Incentive, Outstanding Utilities and 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. Please note that there is still a discount available for prompt payment on the municipal portion of taxes levied in 2021. If taxes are paid before November 30, the discount is 1.0%. There is no discount offered in December.

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, 2021. 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 taxes that are unpaid as of January 1, 2022, and shall form a part of the tax roll.

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

Festive Light Competition

In the spirit of the holiday season the Village of Canwood will once again be facilitating the Festive Light Competition. More details will be provide as we move into December. Council would like to encourage residents to participate in the competition, making our village a beautiful place to live, see and visit during the holiday season!

