

# TOWN UPDATES & INFORMATION

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

#### **COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:**

**JANUARY 10 - 7:00 PM** 

**JANUARY 24 - 7:00 PM** 

**FEBRUARY 14 - 7:00 PM** 

**FEBRUARY 28 - 7:00 PM** 

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED ON THE TOWN FACEBOOK PAGE.

#### **HOLIDAY CLOSURE:**

**FEBRUARY 20 - FAMILY DAY** 

#### **KEY DATES/EVENTS:**



**CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP - JANUARY 17** 



**DOG LICENSES ARE DUE - JANUARY 31** 



TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN SIGN **UP DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 15** 

#### **COMMUNITY RECREATION:**

THE OUTDOOR SKATING RINK AT HILLSIDE PARK IS OPEN EVERY DAY FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M. THE RINK IS MAINTAINED WEEKLY, **CONDITIONS ARE WEATHER** DEPENDANT.

THE TOWN IS OFFERING WEEKLY SHINNY AND PUBLIC SKATE AT NO CHARGE. CHECK THE TOWN'S WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE.

### **Lamont Christmas Light UP!**

A big thank you to all of the volunteers of the Light-Up Committee. Their hard work and dedication has made this year's Light Up something to remember for years to come.

# Christmas Tree Pickup Day &



Mark your calendar for Christmas Tree pickup. This year's pickup date will be January 17, 2023. Please have your tree to the curb by 7:00 a.m.

#### Tax Installment Payment Plan - TIPP

The Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) allows residents to sign up for a monthly, direct withdrawal of their property tax payments from their bank accounts.

This plan provides taxpayers the opportunity to pay their property taxes in monthly installments rather than the one large single payment that comes due once per year. The plan runs from January 1 - December 31, yearly. For the 2023 taxation year, your application must be received no later than February 15, 2023, provided that a pro-rated portion of your taxes are paid in advance.

If you have an outstanding balance on your 2022 Property Taxes (from transferred utilities or bylaw enforcement costs), your TIPP program may be suspended until the outstanding balance has been paid in full. Please call the Town Office at 780-895-2010 to make payment arrangements.

#### Snow Removal

As per Section 7 of Bylaw 07/18, Community Standards, the owner or occupant of any property adjacent to a sidewalk is responsible for the removal of all ice and snow from that portion of the sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours of a snowfall or rainfall that creates icv conditions.

- if an owner/occupant anticipates being absent, the owner/occupant must make arrangements to ensure the sidewalks are maintained.
- snow removed from driveways, parking lots or service lots shall NOT be placed or moved onto highways/streets, sidewalks or private property.

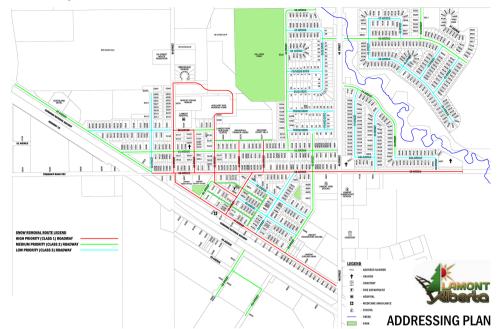
The Town will be monitoring sidewalks after snowfalls. Residents who do not clear the snow from adjacent sidewalks will be fined.

#### **Dog Licenses**

Dog license are due on January 31st of each year. Tags are available at the Town Office and may be paid in person, via cheque, or online. More details about payment options to the Town of Lamont are here: www.lamont.ca/Payment-Options

### **Priority Snow Removal**

As per Policy 32-08 Snow Clearing snow removal throughout the Town is done as per the Priority Snow Clearing Map. The map can be viewed on the Town website at, www.lamont.ca



# **Snow Removal Equipment**

Residents are reminded that personal snow removal equipment, such as bob cats, are not to be used on Town property. Residents will be held responsible for any damage caused to Town property, such as sidewalks, roads, curbs, CC valves, etc.

# **Email - Utility Bills**

The Town will start sending out utility bills via email in January 2023. If you wish to receive your bi-monthly utility bill via email, please contact the Town Office at 780-895-2010 or general@lamont.ca

# **Utility Billing Increase**

Effective January 1, 2023 there will be a 3% increase on garbage collection rates, no increase to water/sewer charges and an increase of \$0.50 on the bimonthly Capital Investment fee and \$0.55 increase on the bi-monthly Cost Recovery fee. You will see the increases on your March invoice. This increase is due to needed upgrades on aging infrastructure, reductions in provincial grants and inflationary pressures. The Town of Lamont is committed to offering you the quality you expect and deserve.

### **2022 Property Taxes**

The 2022 tax season is now closed. All outstanding balances are now in arrears and have received an 18% penalty. Contact the Town Office to make payment arrangements.

### Potential Renaming - Queen's Park

The Town received a request to rename Queen's Park. As per Policy 11-21 Town Asset Commemorative Naming, the Town has created a survey to allow residents to provide feedback on the proposed renaming. You can take the survey on the Town's website at https://www.lamont.ca/townhall/town-survey

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# IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

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PHONE: 780-895-2010 EMAIL: GENERAL@LAMONT.CA WEBSITE: WWW.LAMONT.CA

PUBLIC WORKS (EMERGENCY) 780-719-6865

**ANIMAL CONTROL 780-998-7914** 

FORT SASKATCHEWAN RCMP: 780-992-6100 (NON-EMERGENCY)

FOR EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL 911

# COUNTY OF LAMONT FOOD BANK

TO REQUEST A HAMPER CALL: 780-619-6955

Hampers are distributed on Thursday mornings.

Donation or Volunteer Information: countylamontfoodbank.com

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