



New Year Message from Mayor Dick Richards

On behalf of Town of Stettler Council, Administration and Staff I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and prosperous New Year. **All the Best in 2013!**

Staff Recognition

The Town of Stettler would like to congratulate the following employees for their service to the Town of Stettler: Graham Scott(5 years), Jacqui Newton(10 years), Wayne Stenlund(15 years), Sarah McCrindle(15 years), Darin Maxwell(15 years), Dale Ventor(20 years), Charleen Smith(20 years), Rob Stoutenberg(25 years), Lee Penner(25 years). We would like to thank these employees for their dedication and commitment over the years. Town of Stettler Staff are pleased to have raised \$700.00 at their service awards luncheon which was donated to the Christmas Hamper Society.



2013 Interim Operating Budget and Water, Sewer & Recycling Rates

Starting January 1, 2013 rates for in-Town water consumption will rise by \$.23 cents per m³ to \$2.52, sewer rates will increase by \$1.00 to \$18.00 per month while recycling fees will increase by \$1.00 to \$6.00 per month, garbage rates will be increasing by \$1.00 to \$18.00.

The financial impact on a household consuming an average of 17m³ per month of water will be an additional \$82.92 per year in 2013. These utility rate increases are necessary to offset related costs associated with "User Pay" municipal utilities included in the Town's 2013 Interim Operating Budget projections. The Town of Stettler does not use property tax dollars to support municipal utility operations.

In 2013 the Stettler Water Treatment Plant will regionally supply potable water to Botha/Gadsby, the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission operating an easterly line to Castor, Coronation and Consort, and to the Highway 12/21 Water Services Commission operating a line to Alix and Mirror.

The 2013 Interim Operating Budget reflects Council's intent to be fiscally responsible and accountable to its' residents while sustaining the current high level of municipal utilities, and continuing to renew aging capital infrastructure. Town Council also considers it appropriate to put aside funds to support larger capital expenditures anticipated in the near future; and to contribute significant funds towards community programs and partnerships to maintain existing levels of services expected by our citizens.

2013 DOG AND CAT LICENSES



The Town of Stettler would like to remind all dog and cat owners to purchase their 2013 dog and cat licenses. The Town of Stettler gives a \$10.00 discount to all licenses if purchased between December 1, 2012 & January 31, 2013. The cost for dog and cat licenses purchased on or before January 31, 2013 is \$15.00 for spayed or neutered animals and \$40.00 for unspayed or unneutered animals. Please make sure to purchase your cat or dog license and always have your license on your pet when off your property. If you have any questions contact Alberta Animal Services Toll Free at 1-866-340-2388 or the Town Office at (403)742-8305.

2013 Town of Stettler Business Licenses

The Town of Stettler would like to remind all business owners that the 2013 Business License Invoices will be mailed out in January. If your business is no longer operating please return the cancellation form enclosed with your invoice to the Town of Stettler Office. If there is a change in your business information such as address, ownership, phone number or business name, please contact Dara at the Town of Stettler at (403) 742-8305 so your information may be updated.

Pre-Authorized Utility & Tax Bills

Pre-authorized payment is a simple, convenient, no-fee method of paying your monthly utility bill; your bill is always paid on time and the required amount is automatically debited from the bank account of your choice. No more cheques to write, stamps to lick or envelopes to mail. No more going to the bank and waiting in line to settle your account and no more late payments if you happen to forget. The automatic payment is made 25 days after the billing date shown on your bill and you will continue to receive a monthly bill detailing your charges. Contact the Town Office at (403) 742-8305 to sign up for the Utility or Tax Pre-Authorized Payment Plans.

Alberta Animal and Municipal Enforcement Services

Officer Kevin Duval with Alberta Animal and Municipal Enforcement Services and all Town Employees would like to remind everyone to observe and obey all no parking signs which will be placed in your area for the removal of snow. As per the Stettler Traffic Bylaw #1941-06 all signs will be posted at least 12 hours in advance of snow removal equipment attending your area. To make the process as efficient as possible please do not park in areas where these signs are erected. Vehicles which remain in areas after the 12 hour period in which the signs are erected and the arrival of snow removal equipment may be subject to a violation ticket and may also be towed at the owner's expense. In the event you feel your vehicle is suspected to have been towed please contact Alberta Animal and Municipal Enforcement Services (403)347-2388, Stettler RCMP (403)742-3382 or the Stettler Town Office (403)742-8305.

Stettler Curling Club Bonspiel Dates

Farmer & Farmerettes – January 16-20 - \$140/\$120 Seniors – February 14&15 - \$120
Ladies Open – March 8-10 - \$140 Men's Open – February 1-3 - \$140
Closing Mixed – March 29-31 - \$140 Junior/Bantam Bonspiel – February 9
For further information call the Stettler Curling Club @742-3111 or Manager, Jamie Devnich at 740-2855.

Stettler Public Library

January 15 @ 7:00pm: Movie Night featuring "Journeys: Neil Young"
January 17 @ 6:00 – 7:00pm: An Evening with a Speech Therapist
The speech-language pathologist will provide general information regarding communication development – when to expect first words, sentences and understanding. Strategies, including the use of books, to encourage communication skills in young children will be discussed. Learn about the fundamentals of proper speech and ask some questions.
January 19 @ 1:00: Crafternoons and Coffee Spoons
Bring the kids in for a craft and learn about a monthly topic over coffee with other parents. The topic for January is Yoga.
January 22 @ 7:00: Chicks with Sticks Knitting Club
Make your New Year's resolution to learn to knit and crochet. Join us to learn how!



Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety

The Town of Stettler would like to remind everyone to be cautious and slow down for pedestrians at crosswalks. **HELP US KEEP THESE CROSSWALKS SAFE AND ACCIDENT FREE!**



Public Works Notice to Residents

Residents, please remove your driveway curb ramps for the winter months. The Town will not be responsible for any damages Town equipment may cause during snow removal. During snow removal, we ask that you please have your vehicle removed from the street. Not having to work around vehicles will ensure a quicker response time and a cleaner street. Also to help ensure SAFE and CLEAN sidewalks during the winter months, please clean your residential and commercial sidewalks as soon as possible after every snowfall. The Town bylaw states that all snow and ice must be removed within 48 hours of accumulation. Keeping the sidewalks clear of snow and ice helps ensure the safety of all our citizens. If you have any questions, contact the Town Office at (403) 742-8305. Thank you for your co-operation.



Snowfest & Family Day Carnival

February 18, 2013 at the Stettler Recreation Centre from 1-4pm Entrance Fee-\$10/Family or Food Bank Donation. Come join us for a fun filled day full of activities. Swimming will be from 1-3 pm. Win a "Family Night In" basket. For more information, please call the SRC at (403)742-4411.