



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 2014!**

Staff Recognition

The Town of Stettler would like to congratulate the following employees for their service to the Town of Stettler: Leann Graham (5 years), Pat Olson (5 years), Glenn Turgeon (15 years) and Kelly Howe (25 years). Also, long service awards were presented to Dale Ventnor, Charleen Smith, Ivan Wilford, Rene Lamoureux, Rob Stoutenberg, Lee Penner, Wanda Whitten and Laurie Tait. We would like to thank these employees for their dedication and commitment over the years. Town of Stettler Staff are pleased to have filled a Town truck for the Food Bank and raised \$2,000 at their service awards luncheon which was donated to the Stettler Skate Park.



2014 Interim Operating Budget and Water, Sewer & Recycling Rates



Starting January 1, 2014 rates for in-Town water consumption will rise by \$.07 cents per m³ to \$2.59, sewer rates will increase by \$1.00 to \$19.00 per month, garbage rates will be increasing by \$1.00 to \$19.00 per month, while recycling fees will remain at \$6.00 per month.

The financial impact on a household consuming an average of 17m³ per month of water will be an additional \$38.28 per year in 2014. These utility rate increases are necessary to offset related costs associated with "User Pay" municipal utilities included in the Town's 2014 Interim Operating Budget projections. The Town of Stettler does not use property tax dollars to support municipal utility operations.

In 2014 the Stettler Water Treatment Plant will regionally supply potable water to Botha, 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 2014 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.

2014 Dog and Cat Licenses



The Town of Stettler would like to remind all dog and cat owners to purchase their 2014 dog and cat licenses. The Town of Stettler gives a \$10.00 discount to all licenses if purchased between December 1, 2013 & January 31, 2014. The cost for dog and cat licenses purchased on or before January 31, 2014 are \$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.

2014 Town of Stettler Business Licenses

The Town of Stettler would like to remind all business owners that the 2014 Business License Invoices will be mailed out in January. The Business License Fees have been increased to \$150 for local businesses (within the Town and County of Stettler) and \$350 for non-local businesses. 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.

Stettler Curling Club Bonspiel Dates

Farmer & Farmerettes – January 16-19

Seniors – February 13 & 14

Men's Open – January 31 & February 1-2

Ladies Open – March 7-9

Junior Bonspiel – February 8

Closing Mixed – March 28-30

For further info call the Stettler Curling Club at (403)742-3111 or Manager, Jamie Devnich at (403)742-9892.



Stettler Variety Showcase



The next performance of the Stettler Variety Showcase will be held on **Sunday, January 19, 2014 at the Performing Arts Centre** featuring **"When That I Was - Christopher Hunt"** – A sad, funny, literate, theatrical, remarkable solo performance of a warm tale that weaves Shakespeare's life and work into a full narrative. Tickets available at Pfeiffer House of Music or a Stettler Variety Showcase Member. For more information call Rose at (403)742-3092 or visit www.stettlershowcase.com

RCMP Heartland Victims Services

Come on out and support the RCMP Regimental Ball on **Saturday, February 15, 2014**. The theme for the Ball will be Valentine's Day, so this is the perfect opportunity to get dressed up and take your Valentine out dining and dancing. Ball includes dinner, dancing to the very popular Chevelles and a live and silent auction. Tickets are \$50 per person or a table of 8 for \$350. This event is a fundraiser for Heartland Victim Services. Tickets are available at Wells Furniture, Lawlor Jewelry and the RCMP Detachment. Call (403)741-7841 for information. Heartland Victim Services is also recruiting for volunteers. We need front line Advocates and Board members. Application packages may be picked up at the RCMP Detachment. Call (403)741-7841 for further information.

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!**

