



TOWN OF OXBOW

Spring 2019 Newsletter

When is the Pool Opening?

The Pool Committee and our contractor, Western Recreation Inc. have targeted July 1 as the opening date for the new pool. This date is contingent on a nice spring so that we can complete concrete work for both the pool and the decking.

Thank You to our MAJOR DONORS. If you are interested in joining the list, please contact the Town Office.

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TEML (Richardson Foundation)

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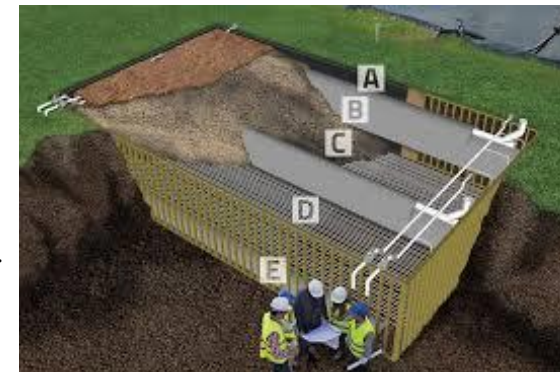
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Lagoon Expansion Project

You will have noticed an additional \$25 per quarter on your utility bills – the purpose of this fee is to fund the development of a new lagoon expansion. The lagoon is the facility where all wastewater for the community is routed to be cleaned before being released to the environment. The current lagoon is undersized to meet our community's current needs and prevents new growth and development.

The Town is planning to expand the lagoon capacity to support our growing community. A "SAGR" system has been chosen because not only does it meet new regulations and support the population and growth projected into 2035 but is also sustainable and environmentally responsible. This new design will reduce the environmental footprint significantly by removing all three cells in the flood plain of the Souris River and placing all treatment and storage cells within the existing primary cell. Further benefits include the ability for easy expansion in the future, the reduction of odour and positive environmental benefits by improving the quality of water released onto the flood plain and into the Souris.

Initial planning work to prepare for construction has been taking place in order to apply for federal and provincial grants.



Feature Events



TRIVIA NIGHT

6:30 Saturday May 4 @ Memorial Hall

Gather up a group of friends for a fun evening of trivia in support of the Oxbow Flower Committee. \$15 per person. Contact Pam Bartlett @ 306-483-2277 to enter your team!

LOBSTERFEST

6:00 Saturday June 15 @ Oxbow Rink

This year's featured entertainer is the popular Chris Henderson! Purchase a table or individual tickets to support the Swimming Pool. Watch for more ticket information.

BOW VALLEY VILLA 25TH ANNIVERSARY

11:00/Noon/2:00 Sunday June 23 @ the Villa

It's an exciting celebration of what a community can accomplish! Lunch tickets are \$15 per person. Call 306-483-2744 by June 1 to reserve your ticket.

What's with the Water?

The Town is aware that there have been sporadic issues with water quality around the Town. The problem is that the water tables are low due to dry conditions last year, therefore we are pulling up all sorts of sediment that are not usually present in our water supply, mostly minerals. The treatment process takes time to adjust and we are working hard to stabilize it. We are hopeful that with the release of northern dams more clean water will be available. We ask that you be patient while we work with the Water Security Agency and Public Health. While the water may not be esthetically pleasing, it is not dangerous to your health.



IMPORTANT NOTICE! Additionally, we have planned to “swab” all the water lines in May to remove some of the residue that inevitably builds up. We will post more notices before that occurs, as there will be a period that we will recommend against washing clothes at the same time.

Are You Building or Renovating? Permits May Be Required!

Please note that building and development permits from the Town of Oxbow are MANDATORY in ANY of the following cases:

- Where there is new development;
- Where there is a structural change to the building;
- Where there are electrical changes;
- Where the structure will be attached to the ground;
- Where the structure will be greater than 100 square feet;
- Where the structure will be greater than \$5,000 in value;
- For all demolitions.

This includes, but is not limited to decks, sheds, garages, additions, and renovations. It is always in the homeowner's best interest to receive a building / development permit to ensure insurance coverage on your policy. Your insurance policy may be void if the proper permits have not been received.

All fees required by the development and building permit process are required to be paid up front. Development permits are only valid 12 months from the date of issue. For more information on the Town of Oxbow Zoning Bylaws, go to www.oxbow.ca and follow Town of Oxbow / Bylaws and Policies / Zoning Bylaw Schedule A #1063A.

Thanks for your assistance

.... in working with the Town of Oxbow and Neptune to change out 570 water meters. We still have about 60 left to go, which will be completed this spring. Christy is still converting your utility bills to the new system readings, so you will see your bill for the first quarter by the end of April.



Thank You Volunteers

Every season, the call for volunteers goes out to the community for board and committee members, coaches, referees and umpires, workers for cleaning bees, planting flowers, tournaments & fundraisers, drivers and the list goes on! The need is great! Volunteers make our community run. The Staff and Councillors of the Town of Oxbow and the Oxbow & District Recreation Board would like to offer their sincerest thanks for those that volunteer for a few hours, a few days, a few months, and especially those that volunteer year after year.

April is Clean Up Month!

April is clean-up month in Oxbow and here's how you can help!

This weekend marks the first free landfill weekend of the season. On April 13 and 14, deliveries to the landfill are FREE. Limit of one load per household and this does not include appliances. This is the first free landfill weekend of the season, which occurs the second weekend of every month from April to October.

During the week of April 15, classes at OPHS are helping to pick up garbage in public spaces throughout town. Please be on the lookout for them and drive carefully!

During the week of April 22, if you have loads of debris that are destined for the landfill, but don't have access to a truck, the Public Works staff will be helping by picking up items left at the end of your driveway. Watch for more details on dates for that!



Available Grants



The Town of Oxbow is once again offering its Community Grant Program to registered non-profits in Oxbow. The maximum amount of this grant is \$3,000 and must be used for capital or equipment purchase or a specific project. It may not be used for operating costs.

The Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant is administered through the Oxbow & District Recreation Board and is for volunteer community organizations in support of sport, culture and recreation programming.

Application information for both grants can be obtained by emailing development@oxbow.ca. The deadline for both grants is **Friday, May 24**.