



Town of Two Hills

January 2018

From the Mayor's Desk:

Welcome back to the Mayor's Corner. December was missed because the newsletter is only printed every second month. I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

The New Year will bring challenges to the town as we proceed with the finalization of the 2018 budget. Expenses are rising and grants are becoming smaller. Recreation and the hall will again be a portion of the budget that needs to be addressed. Water rates have increased to the town from ACE (the group that supplies us with water.)

As a council, we will endeavour to keep any increases to a minimum. If anyone has suggestions on how we can move forward in a positive manner, please do not hesitate to let us know. You can drop off suggestions at the town office in care of myself or send me an email at: lewanishan@gmail.com

There are many challenges that we face in the community, but with your input and patience, we will move forward.

May 2018 bring good health, joy and prosperity to all.

Before I sign off, I would like to recognize a little girl named Michelle, who showed me that the spirit of Christmas is alive and well. Your simple act of kindness brought a wider smile to my face, a skip to my step and melted my heart. Michelle's mother was teaching her children about the spirit of giving at Christmas and she randomly chose my house and presented me with a surprise gift. Thank you.

Crosswalks

Have you seen the new controlled crosswalk signals at 47 Avenue and 53 Avenue on Highway 36?



It is up to both drivers and pedestrians to keep everyone safe

Drivers - The law says that drivers and cyclists have to stop and wait until pedestrians have completely crossed at all pedestrian crosswalks.

Pedestrians – Cross only at marked crosswalks or traffic lights. Don't cross in the middle of the block or between parked cars. Make sure drivers see you before you cross. If the driver is stopped, make eye contact before you step into the road. Cross when traffic has come to a complete stop. Watch for traffic turning at intersections or turning into and leaving driveways.

Upcoming Council Meetings

January 9 and 23, 2018

February 13 and 27, 2018

Please turn over for more important information

2018 Property Taxes

2018 property taxes will be sent out around the middle of June and payable before July 31, 2018.

The Town offers two different tax programs.

The **Tax Incentive Allowance Program** plan enables property owners to pay their estimated taxes before January 31, 2018 and receive a 1.5% rebate during the tax season.

Also available is the **Tax Prepayment Plan** which allows you to pay the estimated taxes monthly over the year to reduce the burden of paying taxes all at once. You have the choice of providing 12 post-dated cheques **or an easier option - we can set up automatic debits from your bank account.** The difference in the estimated amount and actual taxes will be due by July 31, 2018. Letters for those previously on the tax prepayment plan will be out later this week.

Please contact the Town office for more information.

Snow Removal from Sidewalks

Although we have had a very light winter this year we still want to remind all property owners to ensure they clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property of snow and ice within 48 hours of a snowfall. After this 48 hour period, the Town may remove the snow and/or ice from sidewalks, issue a \$100 fine and bill accordingly for the snow removal. (Traffic Bylaw 2010-889)

We would also like to remind all residents that snow is not to be shoveled onto the street in front of your property, but instead onto your front yard, unless your property is located on Main Street.

Attention

Cat and Dog Owners

Don't forget to purchase your annual animal license for your cat(s) and/or dog(s) before the end of January. For more information please contact the Town Administration Office.

Attention

Business Owners

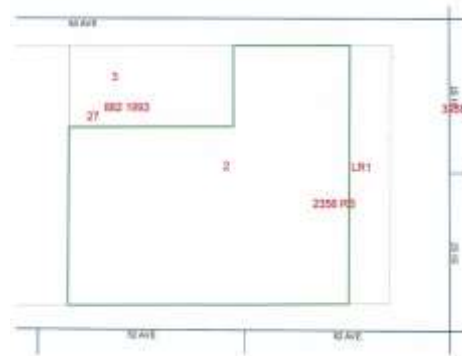
Please make sure your license is renewed by the end of January 2018. For more information please contact the Town Administration Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE AMEND LAND USE BYLAW

The Town of Two Hills has received written application to rezone a portion of the Land Use Bylaw.

Council has given first and second reading to Bylaw 2017-967 to amend the Land Use Bylaw 97-757, as described:

The Land Use Districts Map is hereby amended by reclassifying Lot 2, Block 27, Plan 8322078, as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, from Institutional (I) to Commercial (C2) District.



A Public Hearing was set during the Regular Council Meeting of January 9, 2018, to identify and address concerns relating to the rezoning application prior to final approval by Council. Third reading is planned for the Regular Council meeting of January 23, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. Any concerns may be brought to Council's attention during the Open Forum.

A full copy of Bylaw 2017-967 is available for viewing on the bulletin board at the Town Office 4712 – 50 Street, Two Hills or online at www.townoftwohills.com under Bylaws > Proposed Bylaws.



For the safety of all pedestrians please note that "No person shall place an electrical cord across any town boulevard, sidewalk or highway." Ref: Traffic Bylaw 2010-889