

Reports from May 21st, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

Utilities

Foreman Desrosiers reported that T&T will be out to finish the electrical work for the generator at the water treatment plant on May 26th and SaskEnergy will install the gas meter on June 17th. The generator should be fully commissioned on June 17th.

He also reported that he has begun pumping and testing the lagoon.

He reported on a water main leak on Clarke Avenue that resulted in replacement of the copper line from the water main to the curb stop on one lot. There was also a leak on Main Street that was caused by a broken saddle on the water main which has since been replaced as well as the copper line to the curb stop.

Fire Department and First Responders

Councillor Heck reported that he would like it clarified whether it is a conflict of interest for the Asquith Fire Department to be invoiced for the use of equipment owned by the Fire Chief's business on fire calls and if there should be a tender for the provision of such equipment.

Councillor Wolfe reported that the First Responders have purchased two batteries for the AED at a cost of \$1000.00. The batteries require replacement every two years. The AEDs will reach their end of life in 2027 and will need to be replaced at a cost of \$5000.00. The First Responders would like the Town to include this expense in the budget for 2027.

Streets and Town Property

Foreman Desrosiers reported that the streets were swept on May 13th. He also reported that he is working to schedule Raider Asphalt to patch some streets as soon as possible with a plan to start on the 600 block of Cory Street as it is in rough shape.

Foreman Desrosiers reported that the John Deere tractor and PTO Mower that he has been told were originally purchased for a Sportsgrounds Contract are no longer needed by the Public Works department. He recommends trading them in for a loader attachment that will be of much more use.

CAO Montgomerie reported that the results from the potentially contaminated site located in front of 505 Main Street have been received. The drinking water wells did not test positive for any of the contaminants. One pile of soil that was removed from the site during a water line repair has tested at reportable levels for two contaminants. The office will contact the Ministry of Environment for information on how to proceed.

Finance

CAO Montgomerie reported that the Canada Revenue Agency will be in the office May 22nd to conduct a payroll audit.

She also reported that a term deposit held by the Town matured on May 12th and has been moved into the general operation account to cover a portion of the anticipated water treatment plant conversion.

Waste Disposal

CAO Montgomerie reported that Len's Hauling and BN Metals will be providing service for "Big Bin Days" on May 31st and June 1st at the Sportsgrounds.

Councillor Wolfe reported that any used tires that are brought to the event for collection must be removed from the rims.

Rink, Cemetery, Sportsgrounds

Foreman Desrosiers reported that we are not allowed to spray for weeds or treat for gophers due to environmental restrictions. He has a more environmentally friendly weed spray, but it can only be used on the ball diamonds since it also kills grass. Councillor Hobman reported she would like to thank Foreman Desrosiers for his team's efforts so far this year.

Councillor Stack reported that people are still parking vehicles along Lunn Street when sporting events occur. He is concerned that children are going to be injured or worse if it continues. CAO Montgomerie reported that multiple "No Parking" signs have been removed from the fence along Lunn Street by vandals and suggested the Town look at making the signs more visible if they are replaced. Councillor Theisen reported that Asquith Soccer has tried to inform all their participating families that parking is not permitted along Lunn Street, however when games are taking place some of the vehicles parked there are from families of players from other communities.

Recreation Committee

None.

Town Personnel

CAO Montgomerie reported that it is still unknown when Public Works employee Kraft will be able to return to work and he will begin long-term disability in July 2025.

She also reported that a resume has been received for the position of Foreman's Assistant and has been passed on to the Personnel Committee.

Policing

Councillor Heck reported that the RCMP are hosting an information session on fraud at the Seniors' Centre June 4th at 7:30P.M.

Building Permits

None.