



# Town of Blaine Lake

Box 10

Blaine Lake, Sask. S0J 0J0

Phone 306-497-2531

Fax 306-497-2511

email: [blainelake@sasktel.net](mailto:blainelake@sasktel.net)

[www.blainelake.ca](http://www.blainelake.ca)

## **December 2013 – Notices & Updates**

---

### **DEADLINE TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES**

2013 Property taxes must be paid not later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to avoid having a 10% penalty added to them. Payments can be made at the Town Office, on-line, or at several banking institutions. For your convenience we will accept cheques that are post-dated to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. If you are mailing your payment, the envelope must be post marked not later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. **\*\*The Town office will be closing at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 31st, 2013\*\*.**

### **Annual Water Billings**

The option of being billed annually for water, sewer and waste disposal service is available to all local residents. People choosing to pay this way are billed for the entire year in January and given a 5% discount. The only time a person would receive a bill or need to pay more than this is when their quarterly consumption exceeds the maximum usage of 9900 gallons per quarter, and then they are just billed for the overage. This year the annual billing will be \$767.00 (including the discount).

Any resident, who is not already being billed annually but is interested in being billed for water, sewer and garbage on an annual basis (once per year) can contact the Town office for more information.

### **2014 Water, Sewer & Waste Rates**

Water rates will remain at \$34.50 per month for the first 3300 gallons and 1.05 per every 100 gallons used over the 3300 gallons. Sewer will be \$12.00 per month and waste will be \$15.00 per month. In an effort to build up reserve accounts for future water & sewer infrastructure upgrades and replacement, Council has added a \$5.00/month infrastructure fee.

### **Pet Owners**

2014 Pet licenses are due in January. License rates are: \$15.00 for spayed or neutered non-restricted dog or cat; \$30.00 for non-restricted dog or cats that are not spayed or neutered; and \$60.00 for a restricted dog. Licenses must be renewed by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. After that date, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer will be ensuring that all pets in the Town are licensed and the owners of pets that are not licensed will be fined \$40.00 in addition to the license fee.

### **Unpaid Utility Bills**

Any utility bills that are in arrears at December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 will be transferred to that property's tax account.

### **Snow Removal Policy**

Residents are reminded that it is illegal to clean snow from your property onto Town Streets or Town Property or any property that you do not own. If you are moving snow off of your property, or if you are having someone remove snow from your property it must be hauled away. Please contact the Town Office for approved snow dump sites. **Anyone caught putting snow from their property onto streets, back alleys or property other than their own will have the costs of loading and hauling that snow away added to their property taxes. Please make any contractor that you may hire to remove snow from your property aware of this, as you are responsible for snow that is removed from your property and not properly disposed of.**

A reminder as well, that the Town will not be clearing back alleys this year. Council has decided that the Town's priority must be to keep our streets graded and snow from the streets hauled away.