



Tax Notices

2011 tax notices will be mailed out during the month of May. If you do not receive the notice by May 31, a print copy can be picked up at the Town Office.

Assessment complaints must be filed within 60 days of the date of mailing of the assessment notice.

Taxes are due no later than **August 2**. Please contact the Town of Rimbey office for more details.

Taxes:

A Tax installment plan is an option for those taxpayers who wish to pay their taxes on a monthly basis.

Monthly tax installments can be automatically withdrawn from a chosen bank account or by post-dated cheques. In order to qualify for this plan, previous years taxes must be paid in full.

An agreement can be completed at any time of the year with the understanding that all prior months' payments be paid in full as of the date of the agreement. Please contact the Town of Rimbey office for more details.

Town Information and Events:

• E-Waste & Household Hazardous Waste Round Up

The Town of Rimbey will be holding the annual E-waste and Household Hazardous Waste Round Up on **Saturday, May 7th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** at the Recycle Depot located at 4919-49th Street. E-waste consists of TVs, computers, servers, laptops, notebooks, keyboards, speakers, mice, computer cables, and printers (microwaves are not considered e-waste and will not be accepted). Household Hazardous Waste consists of products in the household that have potentially hazardous characteristics that display at least one of the following warning symbols: flammable, corrosive, reactive/explosive, and toxic/poison. Paint recycling includes paint, varnish and stain sold in containers of between 100 ml and 24 litres, all paint sold in aerosol containers and empty paint containers. This event is held once a year, please mark the date on your calendar.

• Compost Yard Waste Collection

The yard waste program will begin on **May 13th** and will continue each Friday until October 14th. Material must be placed in transparent plastic bags that can be purchased at local grocery or hardware stores. Yard waste bags that contain garbage material will not be picked up, so please make sure the bags do not contain any garbage. A copy of the collection schedule can be found on the town website.

• Street and Lane Maintenance

Public Works will be initiating the spring street and lane maintenance program consisting of sweeping, grading, gravelling, tree trimming, and pothole repair. Not all the work can be done at once, but as weather permits we will be out.

Project 84 Recycle Depot:

The Town of Rimbey encourages rural and town residents to continue supporting the Rimbey Lions Project 84 Recycle Depot, which is operating as usual and accepting newsprint, office type paper and envelopes, all magazines and glossy paper as well as clear and clean glass jars and bottles (brown, green, clear). There is also a milk container collector located outside the building for clean cardboard and plastic containers. We can all make a difference by continuing to support the Rimbey Lions to reduce the waste that is going to the landfill. Drop by the Recycle Depot located at 4819-49 Street to learn more about the people and the work that is being done.



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Council Update

Council has been diligently working on creating a balanced budget for the residents of Rimbey. This has been a painstaking process that has required Council to review and make some very hard decisions. Council has to be fiscally responsible and must consider the welfare and interests of the Town as a whole.

To balance the 2011 budget council reviewed all the proposed expenditures and sought to cut spending where applicable. In addition, Council looked for ways to raise revenues so that the town could meet its new and current debt obligations. These obligations included the new debt payment schedule to pay for the new pool and reservoir, and the existing debt payment schedule for the water meters, sewer upgrades, lagoon upgrades, water well upgrades, and past local improvement paving projects. All this debt created principle and interest payments of \$609,264.74 for 2011, which is \$192,542.65 greater than 2010

Repeal of Tax Exemptions:

The Town of Rimbey sought legal advice regarding the Tax Incentive Bylaws 827/08, 749/03, 826/08 and CIC Policy 6701. The Legal Opinion advised that these are invalid for several reasons, including: contravene subsection 347(1) of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26 (the "MGA"); unlawfully discriminate between properties within the same taxable class; and fetter the discretion of Council to set property tax rates. Additionally, the Policy's requirement of Development Authority approval contravenes the MGA.

If Council continued on the same path without repealing the Tax Incentives then the prospect would have been the raising of taxes by eleven (11%) percent instead of 3%, just to balance the 2011 budget.

Ambulance:

The Town of Rimbey has made a decision to divest the Ambulance Service over the next six months. This decision was made as a result of significant changes being proposed by the province. Alberta Health Services is assuming more control over the operation of the Ambulance Service. Change order requests were submitted back in early 2010 outlining additional costs and the Town has not received any additional money as of this date to cover expenditures.

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Council Meetings

Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday starting at 6:30 pm. Council Committee meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm, if required.

All public are welcome to attend.

Mayor & Council

Mayor Sheldon Ibbotson
Councillor Gayle Rondeel
Councillor Paul Payson
Councillor Jack Webb
Councillor Joe Anglin

COMMUNITY NOTICE: Tuesday, March 22

PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING
Time: 7:00 pm

Community Centre Main Auditorium

Information regarding budget, taxes, etc.
All Rimbey residents are welcome to attend.

Community Events:

Cirque De Rimbey
Community Centre
March 18

Ladies Bonspiel
Curling Rink
March 18 - 20

Lion's Pancake Day
March 20

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program
Drop In Centre
March 22

Midget "A" Provincials
Arena
March 24 - 27

Community Kitchen
Provincial Building
March 28

Hooves & Horns Bullarama
Arena
April 2

Volunteer Appreciation Event
Community Centre
April 11

Nursery School Dance
Community Centre
April 21

Wildrose Yodel Club Spring Festival
Community Centre
May 7

Rimbey Farmer's Market Opens for Season
Pas Ka Poo Park
Saturday Mornings
May 7 - Oct 8

Residential Garbage Pick-up

As of April 1, Cast-A-Waste will commence the Residential Garbage Collection Contract with collection continuing weekly starting Thursday, April 7. Council will be adopting a new Bylaw limiting residential waste to four bags per week, with each bag to be less than 22.5 kg and contained in suitable containers with lids and handles. In addition, the new contractor will be providing a bi-weekly blue bag pick-up starting on Tuesday, April 12. Blue bags must only contain the items that are listed under Blue Bag Recycling, found below; or will not be picked up by the contractor, as unwanted materials increase costs and can put the health of workers at risk.

Blue Bag Recycling:

Please don't recycle anything that isn't listed below:

- **Paper** - newspaper, magazines, catalogues, white and computer paper, Christmas cards, non foil gift wrap, junk mail, paper bags, envelopes, paper egg cartons, paperback and books (remove hard cover), phone books.
- **Cardboard** - flattened corrugated boxes (4' x 4' flattened boxes can be placed on the ground under bags of recycle material), flattened cereal and food boxes (remove and discard liner), juice boxes, milk cartons (rinse with cold water and flatten), flattened shoe boxes and brown paper bags
- **Metals (no loose lids, trap inside can or discard)** - clean tin cans (soup, juice, etc.), Aluminum containers (pie plates), aluminum cans (beverage), empty non-hazardous aerosol cans.
- **Glass (empty and clean; discard lids - green, brown and clear)** - jars (example pickle, jam, etc.) and bottles (all beverages) - **Note no ceramics, plate glass or mirror.**
- **Plastics (discard caps and lids; empty and rinse)** - household cleaner bottles, shampoo and conditioner bottles (including similar personal care products), vinegar bottles, plastic bags (all types including bread and dry cleaner bags), pop and beverage bottles, milk jugs, detergent or fabric softener bottles, margarine and yogurt containers, ice cream pails (remove metal handle), vitamin bottles, windshield washer containers.

Commercial Garbage

As of April 1, the Town of Rimbey will be ceasing service for Commercial Garbage and cardboard pick up. Commercial Waste customers will be responsible for sourcing of waste collection, disposal services, and bin rental. Starting in April the Town will not be billing commercial property for garbage collection or for a recycle fee on the monthly utility bills

Rimbey Aquatic Centre

Despite the recent cold weather, the Rimbey Aquatic Centre project is still on time for completion by June 1st, 2011. There has been substantial progress on the interior of the pool building this winter. Work is still being completed in the pool mechanical room.

The spray park pad is poured and all the underground plumbing is installed. The spray park is ready for the installation of the play structure and spray features in the spring. Work is currently underway on the waterslide supports as evidenced by the large orange tower on the site. The stairs and slide are ready for installation when the weather warms up. The pool deck and pool entrance ramp still need to be poured this spring. Once the pool deck is poured, the hot tubs and diving boards will be installed. The pool basin was primarily completed in the fall. The only work left on it is the installation of the pool membrane. This work requires a temperature of 10 degrees Celsius and will take about two weeks to complete. The Rimbey Aquatic Centre project was originally estimated at \$2.25 Million. The Town of Rimbey applied for a Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RInC) grant of \$750,000 based on the estimated amount. The Town of Rimbey was awarded the grant and tendered out the project. A grant was also received from Ponoka County in the amount of \$500,000. Tenders came in higher than expected, and the project was awarded to Scott Builders for \$2.7 Million. The project has since increased to \$3 Million with planned improvements to the spray park, asbestos abatement, soil excavation and site preparation, shoring, heating/hoarding and additional trenching. The Town borrowed \$1 Million pay for the project in July, 2010 and will be borrowing another \$1 Million to cover the remaining costs.



Rimbey Recycle Facility

As of April 1, the transfer station will no longer be accepting garbage and will be converted to a Recycle Facility. The facility is intended to divert recyclable waste materials from the landfill. The Facility will be open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm weekly. Material that will be accepted are as follows: Concrete, Asphalt, Wood waste (restrictions on treated or painted wood will apply), Metal (metal siding, pipe, storage sheds, etc.), White Metals, old appliances [items containing ozone-depleting refrigerant waste (commonly known as CFCs, HCFCs, or Freon), must have the refrigerant removed by an MOE certified technician], Landscape waste (tree limbs, grass clippings, Christmas trees, etc.), tires and cardboard. Residents are to take anything that is not recyclable to the Bluffton Landfill Site. All loads being hauled must be secured and loose material must be covered by a tarpaulin or other device.

Community Events:

Old Timers' Reunion
Community Centre
June 11

Blood Donor Clinic
Community Centre
June 15

Canada Day Celebrations
Pas Ka Poo Park
July 1

Rimbey Rodeo
Rodeo Grounds
July 8 - 10

CAR 100Ft Shoot-out
Main street Rimbey
July 9

Rimbey Show & Shine
Pas Ka Poo Park
July 10



Please do not flush wipes, etc. down the sewer, as they do not break down and cause plugging problems at our lagoons. Repairs for these types of issues end up being an expensive proposition to repair.