



Tax Notices

2010 Taxes are due without penalty no later than **July 30**. Please contact the Town of Rimbey office for more details.

Service Notice:

Town of Rimbey does not provide the service of Commissioner for Oaths to the General Public.

Employees of the town who hold a Commissioner of Oaths appointment are able to commission only town related documents as per regulations.

Notice to all Residents:

• Commercial Garbage Rates

As of July 1, non-residential garbage rate minimum monthly charge for one bin tip a week will be \$65.00. This adjusted rate charge was deemed necessary to reflect the costs for operating these services within the municipality.

• Unsightly Premises

Town of Rimbey Bylaw No. 548/88 states that all property owners shall eradicate excessive concentrations of dandelions and/or noxious weeds and cut the grass on any property so owned leased or occupied and maintain any boulevard, which abuts or flanks any property so owned, leased or occupied. No occupant shall permit the accumulation of dirt, stone, old implements or automobiles, scrap iron or any other debris so as to cause an unsightly or untidy condition, a hazard or nuisance.

• Street and Lane Maintenance

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

• Residential Garbage

In order to keep Rimbey neat and tidy, please keep garbage in suitable containers as to **eliminate the scattering of garbage from animals and birds. Please refrain from setting out garbage for pick up earlier than the morning of collection day, which is THURSDAY.**

• RV Trailer Parking

RV's are allowed to be parked on highways in or abutting areas zoned as residential for the period from May 1 to September 30 annually according to Bylaw 847/09 as subject to the following conditions:

1. RV may not be permitted to park on a public street location if at the discretion of a peace officer or the CAO if the vehicle is considered a traffic or public safety hazard;
2. RV's parked on private property shall not infringe on any public street, lane, or sidewalk; and
3. RV's may only be parked immediately adjacent to the owner's property frontage or flankage, unless written authorization of any property owner effected by the location of the unit.

• 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, with the balance of the monthly payments then being paid according to the agreement signed. Please contact the Town of Rimbey office for more details.



Talk of the Town

July 2010



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Council Meetings

During the summer months Council Meetings are held once a month for July and August on the 2nd Tuesday starting at 10:00 am. All other months, Council meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday starting at 10:00 am and the 4th Tuesday starting at 5:00 pm. All public are welcome to attend.

Mayor & Council

- Mayor Dale Barr
- Councillor Wayne Clark
- Councillor Dave Huff
- Councillor David Karroll
- Councillor Steve Schrader

Community Update

Summer is here and I hope everyone can enjoy some great family time together. The Town will be having a very busy construction summer with road, water reservoir and pool improvements. These projects could not have been achieved without \$4.28 million of Provincial and Federal grants that are above and beyond the basic per capita grant funding that all municipalities receive. In just the last three years we have received additional grant funding of over \$5 million. Council and I have been taking a very interactive approach to relationship building with other levels of government. This has provided a number of benefits to our Town in both learning what others are successful at and how we can implement those successes and what funding programs can fit into our town's growth plans. The time spent on this puts us in an enviable position over other communities. Rimbey has benefited directly from a number of these successes following this approach.

We have also been very proactive with the promotion and economic development of the Town of Rimbey and this is certainly working. Most municipalities hire specialized Economic Development Officers, council and myself have taken on this workload and responsibility. This approach and ongoing work has shown great results, and is recognized by other communities as both innovative and successful. Building permits for 2010 to date are \$2.04 million in new taxable development. Building permits in the last three years totalling \$25 million for the community.

Have a great Summer!

Mayor Dale Barr



Recycle New Program

Give & Take Exchange

The Town of Rimbey is creating a Give and Take exchange program. This program is like freecycle, where residents drop off reusable items at the Recycle Centre. These products are available for free to others who may be able to use them. This is an opportunity to expand and divert reusable items from the landfill and extend the life of the products. Other programs being reviewed are a new glass and tin recycle program. These are initial steps to improve the recycle program and more is ongoing.

Events

Please check out the calendar for a listing of planned events being hosted within and around the community.

Rimbey Farmers Market

Paskapoo Park
Saturday's
9:30 to 11:30 am

Ranch Rodeo

Ag Grounds
July 24

Wissota Late Model/ Hobby Stock

Central Alberta Raceways
July 25

Blood Donor Clinic

Community Centre
August 18

Super Stock

Central Alberta Raceways
August 28

Mud Bog

Central Alberta Raceways
September 11 & 12

Demolition Derby

Central Alberta Raceways
September 26

Thank you, Ponoka County Elevator Road Paving Municipal Partnerships



Council has worked diligently to create Federal, Provincial and regional partnerships that enhance local service delivery and reduce overall costs for the community. The Town of Rimbey and Ponoka County have worked in partnership to deliver a multitude of projects that benefit the community. Some examples are the Fire Department Equipment Upgrades and Replacement, EMS Ambulance Building, and the landfill site agreement. These projects are just a few of the many partnerships that Council has worked on. Council has also been working with the Summer Village of Gull Lake to enter into an agreement to provide part-time Bylaw Enforcement Services for the Town of Rimbey. Council looks forward to continuing to strengthen these inter-municipal partnerships.

Municipal Conference & Membership Benefits

Elected officials are required to attend regular and special council meetings, meetings of other boards and agencies. In addition, a proactive Council would attend conferences, seminars, conventions, workshops and events that promote the community. In order to advocate local government interests, the Town of Rimbey Council is active in AUMA, AAMD&C, CAEP and FCM associations. The serve as one voice for municipal governments and provide opportunities to network and represent the interests of municipalities with local, provincial, and federal officials.

Some of the benefits are :

- CAEP - CAEP provides the town with investment profile leads, which will provide information to potential business and industry in regards to opportunities in Rimbey. Community Investment Readiness program which arranged for the production of a community video and community profile fact sheets. This video can be viewed at www.rimbey.com.
- FCM - Funded a \$348,000 Municipal Solid Waste Feasibility Study, created new funding program opportunities for municipal solid waste, information on enhancements for street light improvement and learning successes of other communities across the country. FCM lobbying has created \$225,000 of additional grant funding in 2010.
- AUMA - allows for Alberta municipalities joint lobbying of the provincial government. This lobbying has secured long term infrastructure funding with MSI. So far Rimbey has received approximately \$1.4 million. Provides on going training and information sessions.



Rimbey Aquatic Centre Progress

Thank you to the pool committee, whom consists of the following members : Joanne Reaugh , Stan Cummings, Ted Jamieson , Ryan Maier, Rick Kreklewich, Tony Goode, Wayne Clark, and Dale Barr. The committee has finalized the plans for the pool and are prepared for the demolition of the old pool. Scott Builders was awarded the contract for the Pool Modernization project. Upon review asbestos was found in the building and required asbestos abatement and removal to be completed before any demolition of the existing building could begin. Demolition is slated to begin around the third week of July. With the closing of the pool for the 2010 season, Council would like to thank the Best Western. They have diligently worked with Council to provide a viable option to provide public swimming. This joint venture has proved to be very successful and again, thanks to the Best Western. Thank you to the Rimbey Lions who are spearheading fundraising and with the help of other community group donations such as the Senior's Drop-in Centre - \$1,300, Central Alberta Raceways - \$5,000, Ponoka County - \$500,000, and a CFEP application of \$125,000, the fundraising is well on its way.

Water Reservoir Progress

The Town of Rimbey received \$3 million from the Canada Alberta Building Canada Fund and the project cost is 4.5 million for the completion of a water storage and distribution improvements for the community. The first phase of the project, the water storage unit, is ahead of schedule and under budget. Phase II of the project is the water distribution lines, which has been tendered and awarded to Pidherney's. Work is scheduled to begin in August. Infrastructure projects like these are very important foundations for the community and ensure a strong and prosperous future for Rimbey.



Last look! Demolition Begins This Week

Election

Municipal Elections will be held on October 18. Nomination day will be September 20. Here are some things to consider when running for municipal office .

Currently the Mayor's position is full time and includes Economic Development duties. Council positions require a minimum of 5 days per month. Additional Council duties by appointment are to the following boards:

- FCSS
- Historical Society
- Library Board
- Blindman Youth
- Chamber of Commerce
- Recreation Committee
- Rimoka Foundation
- Recycling Committee
- Special Events
- West Central Planning Agency
- Fire/Ambulance Commission

For more information on Elections visit Alberta Municipal Affairs website.

RV Park Expansion:

The RV Park expansion was completed this spring. It extended the existing park from 10 fully serviced sites by adding 25 new sites with power and water hook-ups. The Nesting Place has showers, dumping station, fire pits, and picnic tables which are available on a first come first served basis.

