

## **2016 By-Election**

The next By-Election will take place on **Wednesday, December 14, 2016.**

It is important to become involved in your community's affairs and exercise your democratic right to choose the leaders of your community.

### **Call for Nominations**

Nominations for Councilors (4) will be accepted at the Town Office until Wednesday, November 9, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 117 Allan Avenue, Saltcoats, SK.

If you are interested in running for Council, please stop by the office to pick up a Nomination Form or call the Town Office at 306-744-2212 for more information. A criminal record check that is dated no more than 30 days prior to receipt of the Nomination Form is required to be submitted along with the Nomination Form. A criminal record check may require a few days to process.

### **Who Can Run?**

Persons eligible for nomination as a candidate must:

- be at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- have resided in Saskatchewan for at least 6 (six) consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which the nomination paper is submitted;
- have resided in the municipality for at least 3 (three) consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which the nomination paper is submitted.

### **Advance Polls**

Voting for the Advance Poll will take place on **Saturday, December 10, 2016** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Stirling Room of the Community Services Building at 117 Allan Avenue.

The Advance Poll is for electors who:

- Are physically disabled;
- Have been appointed as election officials; or
- Anticipate being unable to vote on the day of election.

### **Election Day**

Voting for the Election Day will take place on **Wednesday, December 14, 2016** between 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Stirling Room of the Community Services Building at 117 Allan Avenue.

### **Who Can Vote?**

Persons eligible for voting must:

- be at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of Saskatchewan for at least 6 (six) consecutive months immediately preceding election day;
- either: A) a resident of the municipality for at least 3 (three) consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election; or B) an owner of assessable land for at least 3 (three) consecutive months immediately preceding the day of election.



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## Mayor's Message

This great little Town of Saltcoats we call home has always been, is, and will continue to be comprised of honourable and charitable people. In the past, when faced with challenges, our Community has been blessed to have good and caring people step forward when it mattered most. As we near the end of the period calling for Council nominations, please take time to consider your possible role in the betterment of Saltcoats, by becoming a Member of Council.

Mayor Grant McCallum

## Ongoing Major Projects

I would like to provide you with an update on major projects that Council, Administration and Public Works Staff have been working on.

### **Water Treatment Plant: Estimated Cost - \$3,600,000.00**

The latest required engineering analysis has determined that the equipment at the Water Treatment and Distribution Plant has reached the end of its "useable life" and is due for replacement. In addition, the Water Systems Analysis also confirmed that, under current Saskatchewan Water Quality Guidelines, the conventional green sand filtration and chlorination scheme will not adequately treat our well water. A separate engineering study examining alternative treatment systems was received by Council in the last term, and proposed reverse osmosis as the most viable option. Currently there is an infrastructure grant application on file with Building Canada to install a Reverse Osmosis system. The grant provides for 1/3 share paid for by the Federal Government, 1/3 share paid for by the Provincial Government and 1/3 share paid for by the Municipal Government.

### **Wastewater Management: Estimated Cost - included above**

Also included in the above mentioned Grant Application is the expansion of our sewage lagoon, which has been at capacity, and at times exceeding capacity, for several years. The Water Security Agency has directed Council to address this issue by the next permit cycle which ends in 2020. 2016 marks the second year of the special tax levy to cover some of the engineering costs incurred as we work through this project.

### **Water Meters: Estimated Cost - \$134,000.00**

The Town has been notified that the installation of water meters in all homes, institutions and businesses will be taken into consideration, and all things considered, would be crucial to our success with any future Government grant considerations. Using the Gas Tax Revenue we are currently in the second year of our 5-year implementation plan. In addition the use of water meters will ensure a fairer billing system for all residents and businesses.

### **Street Repairs: Estimated Cost - \$2,200,000.00**

While seemingly simple on its face to carry out, this project becomes daunting when the costs related to roadbed (base and sub-base) repair are included. Simply resurfacing with asphalt without addressing the failure of the underlying base will significantly abbreviate the life of the new surface. Council will continue to seek alternative methods to eventually bring this project forward. Good streets can have many positive spinoffs to the economic growth and wellbeing of a community.

### **Public Works Shop: Estimated Cost - \$245,000.00 - \$290,000.00**

This project is long overdue. Council has looked at multiple alternatives to house the Public Works Department. Currently quotations are being gathered for a replacement structure, as the cost of conforming the existing structure to meet current regulatory and code requirements is not feasible.

### **Cemetery Expansion: Estimated Cost - \$20,000.00 - most of this has already been paid for**

This project is well underway. The parcel of land to the north was designated as the next phase for our Historic Cemetery. Many steps are involved with this process, several of which have been carried out, and the next and final steps are planned.

### **Capital Asset Replacement Schedule: Estimated Cost - Unknown**

Gone are the days of expecting employees to operate unsafe equipment or machinery. Current regulations demand safe working conditions which includes reliable equipment. Capital Asset Inventory (and accountability) has become mandatory and scheduling equipment replacement is part and parcel. A reserve has been started to assist with ongoing Capital Asset replacement as each item approaches the end of its usable life.

### **Landfill: Estimated Cost - Unknown**

With curb-side pickup of household waste and recyclables in full swing, Council has begun to focus on the next transformational steps. The Town is required to carry out several responsibilities in our Permit to Operate a Landfill under the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment. A modest reserve has been building to kick-start the various compliance pieces.

For further information about the above projects, please contact the Town Office.