# **Mayor's Christmas Letter**

It has been a year since I wrote the last Christmas letter. How the year has flown by. When I wrote last year, we were facing the Covid 19 pandemic and without vaccines. I noted then the great number of things that we can be thankful for even though we are still facing the pandemic. Due to hard work and diligent research, we now have a vaccine against Covid. I am thankful to these scientists and the entire medical team who have worked to keep us healthy.

I am remembering all of the good things that have happened here in Saltcoats over the year. The expansion of the lagoon is complete. The new Water Treatment Plant is nearing completion and we soon should be enjoying reverse osmosis water. The water will be potable and soft and fully compliant with provincial health requirements. We have completed the first five years of the paving program and we are nearly half done the residential streets. If your street has not be done yet, we thank you for your patience. We look forward to when all streets have a fully prepared base and pavement. We are still working on the decommissioning of the landfill. All of the above projects were funded in part by government grants. To all of the workers who helped on these projects to improve our town, we say thank you.

A note of thanks goes out to all of the town employees. To Cindy and Dennis for their continued and faithful service to our town. To Paul, who is on leave, we say "come back soon." To our new employees, Hans (Public Works), Melissa (Custodial) and Lisa (Administrative Assistant), welcome and thank you for your service. To Nancy, we say thank you for your 29 years of service at the cemetery and wish you well on your retirement. Thanks to you, we have one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the province.

To Council, I thank you for the last year of service to Saltcoats. We faced many difficult decisions and as usual, there are always more necessary projects than money.

On behalf of Council and staff, we wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. All the best in the new year.

Gordon Barnhart Mayor.

Council will continue to provide information to residents via the Town of Saltcoats Facebook Page, Website, and our Monthly Community Newsletter.

Residents are encouraged to communicate their concerns or questions by:

Letter, phone call to 306-744-2212 or attend in person to the Town Office.

A friendly reminder to all town residents:

Please DO NOT flush your facemasks down the toilet. It is causing major problems to the wastewater lift station, which requires very expensive repairs.

# **Upcoming Council Meetings**

December 8, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

January 19, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

February 16, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Persons wishing to make a request or presentation to Council must fill out and return a Request for a

Delegation to Town of Saltcoats Council at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to be included on the

agenda. Written submissions must be submitted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to be included in the meeting package. Thank you.

## **Christmas Light Contest!**

It is wonderful to see the many Christmas lights around town. So wonderful, we want to put pictures on Facebook so everybody can see them. If your house is decorated for Christmas, email us a picture by December 17, and we'll put it on Facebook. We will then have the community vote for Peoples Choice Award. There will be a prize for the winner. To vote, call or email the  ${}^{
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office by December 22. Let's get the Christmas spirit going! Phone – (306) 744-2212

Email—saltcoats.admin1@sasktel.net

The Gazette is now taking more subscribers! If interested contact Crystal Farquharson or Candice Baron at Saltcoats School, 306-744-2303

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?

A: Frostbite

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saltcoatspayments@sasktel.net <u>Hours</u>: Monday to Friday 8:30— 12pm, 1pm—4:30pm

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**Cindy Larson** 

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Dennis Hunt

Public Works Assistants

Hans Bosshard Paul Bulmer - On leave

With the winter weather here, it has become very icy outside.
Please be extra careful when

walking and driving around

town.

A reminder that residents can make monthly payments on their utility and tax bills. Payments can be made by cash, cheque and debit at the Town Office. Residents who bank with Cornerstone Credit Union are able to set up automatic deposits at the bank. The Town also accepts E-transfers to saltcoatspayments@sasktel.net for all utility, taxes, licenses, rentals, permits, and any other payment you are making to the town. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office at 306-744-2212.

During the Christmas season, Saltcoats United Church will be collecting:

Donations of personal hygiene items, toys, and clothing to help women and children transition to their new lives. These items are for Shelwin House in Yorkton; (a women and children's shelter).

Donations of non-perishable food items to the Salvation Army Food Bank.

These donations can be dropped off at the United Church and Credit Union until Friday, December 17th.

Thank-you and God Bless you.

Its gingerbread house contest time again! This year the Prairie Cricket Shoppe Antique will be displaying them in their shop windows at 202 Commercial St. They can be dropped off any time from Monday-Saturday from 9am-5pm.Contact Effic at (306) 744-2983 or email <a href="mailto:eds07@outlook.com">eds07@outlook.com</a> for more information. There will be two categories: Adults 13 & over and Children 12 & under. People are encouraged to view the houses and vote for your favorites. The two with the most votes will win prizes. Draw date will be on December 17. Houses can be picked up before December 21. Good luck to all participants!



Residents of Saltcoats, if you can, please keep your vehicles off the streets for Public Works to do snow removal.

# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 -Garbage Pickup	2	3	4
5 -United Church Service @ 9:30am	6	7	8 -Recycle Pickup -Council Meeting @ 6pm	9	10 -Back to the Funny   Matthew Murray	11 -Back to the Funny   Matthew Murray
12 -St. Augustine Anglican Church Service @ 9am	13	14	15 -Garbage Pickup	16	17 -Light contest entry deadline -Gingerbread house draw -United Church donation deadline	18
19	20	21	22 -Recycle Pickup -Light contest voting deadline	23	24 -United Church Service @ 6pm -Town Office Closed	25
26 -St. Augustine Anglican Church Service @ 9am	27 -Town Office Closed	28	29 -Garbage Pickup	30	31	