



Council Meeting Highlights September 2022

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❖ Thank you!!!

A "BIG" Thank you to:

Farmers and Friends for their donation towards the Rec Centre Players Benches and Penalty Box.

Our patrons for support of the Swimming Pool.

Wadena Residents in the upkeep and maintenance of your properties.

❖ 2022 Contract Projects

Before winter comes rearing its head again ... the Town will be in full swing in September with the contract work at the Main Lift Station (replacement of the existing brittle and thin piping), lagoon force main (supply and install of a swab launch assembly), and lagoon dredging (removal of approx. 10000m³ of sludge in primary cell #1). If weather permits, the Town also intends to proceed with the Phase 3 GUDI Assessment on the existing water well supply.

❖ SARCAN – Non-Beverage Glass Containers

As of September 16, 2022 the Wadena Sarcan will no longer be able to accept non-beverage glass containers.

As a bit of a background, the Town received a letter from the Sarcan Recycling (A Division of SARC) extending the opportunity to collect household glass at the Wadena SARCAN Depot. For the Town's local SARCAN to continue the collection of non-beverage glass containers required:

- The Town to enter into a one year agreement, reporting of the tonnes of glass as recycled tonnes in the annual reporting requirement with Multi-Material Service, and paying the rate of \$15.97 cents per lb for the 2022/23 fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, plus freight (freight estimated at 4.74 cents per lb).

The initial concerns of Council were of not receiving enough notice to include such costs in the 2022 budget, along with the Town of Wadena taxpayers imposed with the entire cost and not being the sole users of the local SARCAN.

For the interim, the Town investigated the option of having residents dispose of their glass with their bi-weekly waste collection, however this option comes at an additional cost of .50 per cart per month. Instead, Council has asked that a letter be submitted to our MLA Hugh Nerlien to request support in having the Provincial Government reinstate the collection of non-beverage glass containers by our local SARCAN at no cost to the municipalities, and if necessary, a deposit fee instead be imposed at the time of purchase to allow for the additional cost to be evenly distributed amongst all users of the local SARCAN.

❖ Wadena Community Legion Hall User Group Meeting

On August 25th a User Group meeting was held at the Wadena Community Legion Hall. Community representatives from the School of Dance, Kin Club, Farmer's Market, Players Theatre/Legion, and Arts Council attended. Ryan and I really appreciated the community representatives taking the time to meet with us and are now planning to have another meeting in December/January to discuss the user groups priority items for the 2023 budget.



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❖ **Tree Removal Policy**

The Town has recently approved a policy to allow for town residents to receive 50% reimbursement for the removal of a tree located on town property (excluding back alleys) providing the resident has received the Town's written permission prior to the removal and submits a copy of the invoice.

❖ **Wadena Town & Country Fair**

Hats off to the Fair Board on another successful Fair Weekend!

❖ **Community Groups - Facebook**

Compliments to all the community groups in Town. It takes a lot of work and dedication by all the groups. All your work and dedication keep the community spirit alive and gives our residents and neighboring communities something to always look forward to. Thank you!!

If you have a Facebook page and would like your community event "shared", please feel free to email with a request to "share" your post.

❖ **Canada Community Building Fund**

The Town received funding approval for replacement of components of the Water Treatment Process and Disinfection System. The project will include for the replacement of valves, landing platform, piping, and two effluent pumps at the water treatment plant, along with some work on the SCADA system that is comprised of an upgrade to the motherboard operating system and new backup batteries. A tender will be posted this fall for the work to commence next year.

❖ **Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarm Requirements**

As a reminder to residents, effective July 1st Saskatchewan's ***Building Code Regulations*** require **every building with residential occupancy to have carbon monoxide and smoke alarms installed**, regardless of when the building was constructed or last renovated.

❖ **Greenland Waste Disposal (2003) Ltd.**

In June a new contract was signed with Greenland Waste Disposal (2003) Ltd. to extend the residential and commercial waste/recycle collection services for a five (5) year term (September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2027) commencing September 1, 2022 based on the same terms and conditions.

❖ **Equipment Purchase/Sale**

The Town is now the owner of a new Skid Steer and Kubota Cab Tractor/ Front Loader.

The Kubota Cab Tractor/Front Loader was purchased to replace the 1975 John Deere cemetery tractor sold this summer.



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❖ Radar Signage – SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant

The Town received grant funding through the SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant for radar signage. The radar signs will be erected in September and placed at each of the four corridors of Town.

❖ Cimco Feasibility Study

The Town has authorized Toromont Cimco to proceed in a Net Zero Feasibility Study Grant for the following facilities:

- Wadena Recreation Centre
- Wadena Fitness Centre
- Wadena Community Legion Hall
- Wadena Library

The Feasibility Study Grant provides grant funding towards the study, projects related to greenhouse gas retrofits, and green inclusive community buildings.

❖ 2022 Remaining Regular Meeting Dates

- September 6th and 19th
- October 3rd and 17th
- November 7th and 21st
- December 5th and 19th