



Municipal Newsletter

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Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday
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After Hour Trouble Calls

Please call 727-2597

Business Owners Are You Interested in Forming A Business Improvement Area?

A Business Improvement Area (BIA) is an association of business people who join together, with official approval of the Municipality. A BIA empowers local business people and property owners to join together to carry out physical improvement and to promote economic development in their district. They determine a budget and use their own money from the budget in an ongoing effort to draw more prospective customers to their area by improving the attractiveness of the area and promoting it as a good place to shop, visit and do business. Once the majority of businesses approve of forming a BIA it is approved by Municipal Council, and every business within its boundaries automatically becomes a member.

What does the BIA do?

A BIA does more than just clean up the neighbourhood. The BIA is a mechanism to promote the local community and its special attributes and attractions to visitors and, just as importantly, to local residents. The ultimate goal of the BIA is to provide an environment that supports the role of the area as a place for shopping, dining, entertainment and financial and professional services.

Who benefits from having a BIA?

A BIA can benefit more than just local retail businesses. All businesses in the area, no matter what type, may benefit from the improved local atmosphere and ambiance that a successful BIA helps to create. But each business must also do its share. An expanded customer base depends on the successful partnership between the activities of the association and individual businesses.

Property Owners

BIA initiated improvements and activities may lead to an increase in property values. Improvements help to create and sustain a more vibrant economic environment within the local area. This attracts both commercial and service sector businesses which, in turn, may lead to an increased demand for retail and office space and a subsequent increase in property values.

Non-retailers also benefit!

A more vibrant community attracts visitors and retains local customers of all types of services, including dining, entertainment and professional services.

Other Benefits:

- increased community interest and pride in the business area
- on-going cooperation among members of the business community
- improved lines of communication between the business community and municipal council and staff
- advocating membership interests and concerns through effective communication with both the municipality and other levels of government
- increased cost savings to the membership through improved integration of capital funding and promotional activities

A truly successful BIA creates a spirit of cooperation that improves the local community not only for all businesses but for property owners and local residents as well.

As a business owner would you be interested in serving on a steering committee to form a Business Improvement area? Please contact Bill Greenway, Economic Development Officer @ 807-735-2096 ext. 238 for more information.



Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 4th, 2008
Tuesday, March 18th, 2008

(start @ 6:00 p.m.)

All meetings are open to the Public. The Meetings will commence at the times noted above.

Individuals or groups wishing to appear as a Delegation at a Regular Council Meeting shall submit a request, in writing, to the Clerk not later than 4:30 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. The individual or group shall state the nature of the business to be discussed and to which the said person shall confine their remarks.

Agendas can be picked up at the Municipal Office after 3:00 p.m. on the Friday before the Meeting.



KIDS CRAFT CLASS AT THE RED LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE

"EASTER BASKET FULL OF CHICKS"



6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Monday, March 4th, 2008



\$10.00 per person
(pre-registration required)

Minimum 6, maximum 10 people



For more information, call 727-2064

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Balmertown Public Library requires a part-time person for two late afternoon/evening shifts per week. The Library also requires a casual call-in person to work flexible hours.

Please drop off your resume at the Balmertown Public Library by Wednesday, March 12th, 2008.

PASSPORT TO THE WORLD

Come out and see

the Balmertown Figure Skaters
along with
Canadian National Team Members
Eric Radford and Rachel Kirkland



Saturday, March 1st, 2008

at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.



Tickets available at the Cochenour Arena Door
Adults - \$10.00 Students and Seniors - \$6.00

Advance tickets - \$2.00 off

Available at Sobeys, Video Plus and TJ's Kwik Stop

THE RED LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE

will be holding

Spring Yoga Sessions

Saturday mornings

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
March 1st – 29th, 2008

(5 week duration)

Cost - \$28.00



Monday nights

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

March 3rd – April 14th, 2008

(7 week duration)

Cost - \$39.00

Wednesday nights

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

March 5th – April 16th, 2008

(7 week duration)

Cost - \$39.00

For all Yoga Sessions – pre-register at the Red Lake Recreation Centre.

Yoga mats are available,
or feel free to bring your own

**The 2nd Annual
Snow-X Races**



**will be held at the
Hospital Hill
in Red Lake**

on March 1st & 2nd, 2008.