



Municipal Newsletter

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OFFICES CLOSED

All departments under the Municipality of Red Lake will be closed on Good Friday, March 21st, 2008 and Easter Monday, March 24th, 2008.

Regular hours of operation resume on Tuesday, March 25th, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 1st, 2008
Tuesday, April 15th, 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.

NOTICE OF PASSING BY-LAWS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake has passed the following By-Laws at their Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, March 18, 2008:

By-Law No. 986-08 re Adopt a Water Service Rate Charge
By-Law No. 987-08 re Adopt a Sewer Service Rate Charge

The By-Laws are available for inspection at the Municipal Office Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Shelly L. Kocis, Clerk

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS: BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA INFORMATION SESSION

A Business Improvement Area Information Session will be held on Wednesday, March 26th, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Red Lake Heritage Centre. The Presenter will be Bill Greenway, Economic Development Officer for the Municipality of Red Lake. For more information, call: 807-727-9992 or email: bgreenway@red-lake.com

What are the benefits of a Business Improvement Association to business and property owners?

All businesses in the area, whether professional, dining, entertainment, finance, or retail, benefit from the improved local atmosphere and ambience that a successful BIA helps to create. BIA initiated improvements and activities help to create and sustain a more vibrant economic environment within the local area. A more vibrant community attracts visitors and retains local customers of all types of services. This, in turn, attracts both commercial and service sector businesses to the area which, in turn, may lead to an increased demand for retail and office space and a subsequent increase in property values.

Other benefits:

- 1) A BIA is a secure source of funding:** BIA budgets are funded by a special levy collected by the Municipality from all commercial and industrial properties in the geographic area. The special levy is not a tax. It is essentially the BIA budget spread proportionately among all businesses in an area. It is collected by the Municipality, but this is on behalf of the BIA board. A BIA also offers opportunities for cost savings through improved integration of capital funding and promotional activities.
- 2) A BIA provides strong institutional credibility:** Because each BIA is governed by provincial legislation and formally approved by Municipal Council, the BIA represents a highly credible form of organization.
- 3) A BIA provides members with a direct and effective line of communication to municipal government:** Because of its institutional legitimacy, and because its Board includes a Municipal Councillor, a BIA offers improved lines of communications between the business community and municipal Council and Staff and other levels of government.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE INPUT ON A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Municipality of Red Lake Planning Advisory Committee will be considering an amendment to the Zoning By-Law at a public meeting on MONDAY, 14 APRIL, 2008 AT 5:45 p.m., in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE, BALMERTOWN. The proposed amendment as indicated below is now available for inspection in the Planning Department office.

Written comments may be filed at the meeting or mailed to the Planning Administrator, and will be maintained for the purpose of creating a record available to the general public. If you wish to be notified of a Zoning By-Law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Planning Administrator at the address below.

Appeal of a decision of the Municipality in respect of this amendment to the zoning by-law may be made by any person or public body not later than 20 days after notice of the decision is given. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Municipality in respect of this matter, you must make a written request to the Municipality. If a person or public body that files a notice of appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Red Lake in respect of the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment does not make an oral submission at a public meeting or make a written submission to the Municipality of Red Lake before the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

The Zoning By-Law Amendment:

- Location BR 85, 281 Highway 105, Municipality of Red Lake. This property is located approximately 7 kilometres south of the townsite of Red Lake on Highway 105. The purpose is to change the zoning from Rural Residential (R4) to Rural Residential with a site specific condition to allow for the keeping of a maximum of four (4) horses for personal use (R4-2).

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The Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre
Presents...

“Saint Ralph”

A comedy about chasing miracles

Starring: Campbell Scott, Jennifer Tilly,
Adam Butcher & Gordon Pinsent

This film is rated PG and does contain nudity and coarse language.

Friday March 28th 2008
Doors open at 7:00 pm
Show starts at 7:30 pm

Early bird tickets can be purchased at the Heritage Centre or
Forever Green for \$8.00 (\$9.00 at the door)

No outside refreshments please – Refreshments
will be available for purchase.

There is limited seating so first come first serve!

For more information call 727-3006
Or visit our website at www.redlakemuseum.com

EASTER WEEKEND GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The Easter weekend garbage pick-up schedule is as follows:
Commercial pick-up for Red Lake, Balmertown and the Balmertown
residential pick-up, that would regularly be scheduled for Friday, March
21st, 2008, will take place on Thursday, March 20th, 2008. There will be
no pick-up on Good Friday.

**Municipality of Red Lake
5th ANNUAL**

The Garb-a-thon Challenge is a friendly contest between neighbouring
communities to retrieve the most bags of litter from public places. The
event is co-hosted by the Municipality of Red Lake and Communities In
Bloom, along with several local sponsors.

Last year, the team of Balmertown/Cochonour/McKenzie Island
narrowly defeated the team of Red Lake/Madsen 107 bags to 100. This
year the challenge has been reissued for Saturday, May 10th, 2008.

By volunteering for an hour or two, you will be making a valuable
contribution to your community. When you have filled a bag with litter,
leave it by the road for our roving pick-up crew. Drop by your local Fire
Hall for garbage bags, refreshments and enter your name for a draw-
prize.



Saturday, May 10th, 2008
9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

**SPRING & SUMMER SPORTS SIGN UP**

April 2nd, 2008 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Campbell Curling Club

April 3rd, 2008, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Red Lake Community Centre

For more information, call 727-2089.

**RED LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARIES EVENTS**

The Red Lake Public Library hosted a small Family Literacy Day
drop-in on Saturday, January 26th and we would like to congratulate
Cindy Nordby for winning our draw!

There are new Activity Day Buckets to borrow for one week each at
the libraries! Different buckets are available for pre-school to grade
six and also one for seniors. A wide range of activities are included
such as books to read, crafts, colour/drawing, games, puzzles, audio
books, and so much more fun things to do. This new service will be
available at both the Red Lake and Balmertown Public Libraries.

You can contact the libraries by phone at: 727-2230 (Red Lake), 735-
2110 (Balmertown); Email us at: RLLIB212@yahoo.com; OR visit us
at our websites: www.nwconx.net/rlib & www.nwconx.net/blibrary.

KIDS CRAFT CLASSES
AT THE RED LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE

with Diane "Crafty Bennett"

“Treasure Box”

April 2, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

\$10.00 per person - Minimum 6, maximum 10
Pre-registration required

For more information, call 727-2064

**A SPRING MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Spring is coming and our time clocks have changed to Daylight Savings
Time for another season. We have had an extreme cold winter and a lot
of residents have been using wood stoves to augment the heat at home.
We have, as home owners, a couple of things to do right now.

Firstly, we should get that chimney cleaned down. The warmer
temperatures will have us damper down for a slower burn. This is the best
time to block the inside of your chimney with creosote. This material will
build up and become a cancer in your chimney. Brush down the chimney
and remove residue to a metal pail. Once cleaned out, remove the pail to
the outside of your home. Do not leave it in the porch, or on your deck. It
could have live fire amongst the cleaned down material. Do it now.

Secondly, the time has changed and we have the delicate duty to reset all
the clocks at home. Our wristwatch, which I have no idea how to change,
the clock in our vehicle, the stove, micro-wave, and electric timer if you
have one must all be reset. But what other very important item in your
home should be checked and changed if needed? No, not the baby's
diaper or when will the Easter Bunny arrive. You have this item located at
ceiling height on every level in your home. It has not beeped you yet and
it has not sent a screeching alarm sound lately. You got it. The smoke
alarms in your home have sat dormant for at least six months, unless you
have checked them monthly. It is time to test the battery and possibly
change it if it has been in the smoke alarm for a year. Don't leave it for
another day. Do it now. And also check the carbon monoxide device in
your home. And lastly, do the fire extinguisher tip test to check if the
powder is loose inside and the dial has the arrow in the green area.

Now that you have done all that have a safe spring and summer.