



# Municipal Newsletter

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## **Council Meeting Schedule**

(for November & December)

Committee of the Whole  
(start @ 12:00 noon)

Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Regular Council Meeting  
(start @ 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004

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

Delegations will not be permitted at a Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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.

## **GOLDEN/MADSEN WARD WATER TREATMENT PLANTS (WTP) UPDATE**

The Madsen WTP completion date has been extended to the end of November. The second 14-day operational run should start this week, and if completed successfully, the WTP will be turned over to the Municipality near the end of November. The Municipality reminds residents that the WTP must run successfully for these 14 days, which include mechanical, electrical, computer software along with the process unit itself, to ensure the WTP will produce safe clean drinking water. The water from these operational run(s) does not get pumped into the town's water system. The Municipality is planning to leave the "Boil Water Advisory" on for the Madsen residents for approximately 30 days after the WTP is turned over.

The Golden Ward WTP's date of completion is still set for the end of December. There are deficiencies that have to be completed before the two 14-day trial runs can begin. The Municipality will keep the residents of Balmertown, Cochenour, and McKenzie Island up to date on any changes to the completion date. The Municipality is planning to leave the "Boil Water Advisory" on for the Balmertown, Cochenour and McKenzie Island residents for approximately 30 days after the WTP is turned over.

The three WTP's have had many delays which were beyond the Municipalities control, but we are coming close to the completion of these WTP's.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Anderson at 735-2096, Ext. 29.

## **NEW PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS REGARDING WATER AND SEWER SERVICES**

New Provincial regulations governing provision of water and wastewater services require that any systems be self sustaining from a financial standpoint. This means all costs, including maintenance, operating and capital upgrades, must be covered by the water and wastewater fees and not by the tax base. At present the fees cover the operating costs of existing plants, but do not cover the cost of maintenance or capital upgrades to the water plants.

To start moving toward full cost recovery, the Municipality of Red Lake is evaluating the increased costs due to the capital upgrades to the water treatment plants in Madsen and Cochenour/Balmertown. At this point, a 25% increase in water and wastewater rates appears likely. If no unforeseen delays are encountered, it is planned that any increase will be instituted when both new water treatment plants are fully operational. At this time it is expected that both plants will be operational early in the new year.

## **INTENTION TO ADOPT A POLICY TO GOVERN THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS, SERVICES OR CONSTRUCTION & DISPOSAL OF ASSETS**

Pursuant to *Section 271 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, C.25, as amended*, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake will be considering a By-Law to Adopt the Policies and Procedures to Govern the Procurement of Goods, Services or Construction and Disposal of Assets. The By-Law is to be considered at the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Regular Meeting of Council. A copy of the draft By-Law is available for inspection at the Municipal Office.

## **INTENTION TO ADOPT A BY-LAW FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE WARD SYSTEM**

Pursuant to *Section 222 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, C.25, as amended*, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake will be considering a By-Law respecting the Dissolution of the Ward System. The By-Law is to be considered at the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Regular Meeting of Council.

**911 UPDATE**

Bell Canada has reviewed the submission for 911 Service for the Municipality of Red Lake. Bell Canada has instructed that certain procedures be completed prior to implementation of the 911 Service.

The first procedure is to inform all residents of their proper street address. All homeowners, tenants, etc. will be receiving a letter from the Municipality of Red Lake in the next few weeks to advise of their proper street address. In most cases, the current street address will change. All homes will require the proper numerical numbers on their homes, and in order to expedite this process, Council has approved to provide all numbers.

Information regarding the pick up or delivery of the numbers will be noted in the letter. If you have not received a letter by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004, please contact the Municipal Office @ 735-2096.

**CHRISTMAS CLOSURE OF OUR CHILD CARE CENTRES**

The Red Lake and the Golden Child Care Centres will close at noon on Friday, December 24, 2004 and will re-open on Tuesday, January 04, 2005 for regular hours.

The Red Lake Community Resource Centre/Ontario Early Years Site are part of the Child Care Department, and both of these sites will also be closed for this period of time.

If you have any questions concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact me at either 727-2411 or 735-2411.

Sincerely

Alexandra D. Thompson, Child Care Supervisor

**2004 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – DECORATING CONTEST – RESIDENTS TO JUDGE**

Mayor and Council wish to advise the Public that the Annual Christmas Lights Decorating Contest will be held again in 2004. Council will not be judging this event, as it has in previous years, and wishes to delegate the responsibility to the Residents of the Municipality of Red Lake.

The voting procedure will take place via a Vote-By-Ballot system, whereby the General Public may fill out a ballot which will be made available starting Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, at the following locations:

*Red Lake Recreation Centre, Red Lake & Golden Day Care Centres, Municipal Office, Red Lake & Balmertown Public Libraries*

You may also vote on-line at the following website:  
[www.red-lake.com](http://www.red-lake.com)

Only one vote per person per community, which means that each person can vote for the house of their choice from the communities of Balmertown, Red Lake, Madsen/Starrett Olsen, Cochenour and McKenzie Island.

Residents, who wish to decorate their homes, are asked to have their lights displayed for viewing by the General Public between the days of Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 - Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

**Deadline for casting your ballot is Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Winners' names will be published in the 1<sup>st</sup> Municipal Newsletter of the New Year and pictures of the winning homes will be displayed on our website.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Municipal Office at 735-2096.

**2005 DOG LICENCES**

**2005 Dog tags will be available as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004**, at the Municipal Office located in Balmertown. The cost of a dog licence is the following:

- i) For each spayed/neutered dog owned is \$10.00;
- ii) For each non-spayed/non-neutered dog owned is \$20.00;
- iii) For each additional dog owned in excess of two, it is \$100.00.

All 2004 dog tags expire on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Any 2005 tags purchased after this date will result in a \$5.00 late fee.

If you have any questions, please contact the By-Law Enforcement Officer at 735-2096 ext. 25.

**THANK YOU**

**The Red Lake District Communities in Bloom Committee** would like to thank everyone who participated in the Adopt-a-Pot Program this past summer.

If your pot has not yet been picked up, please call the Public Works Garage at 735-2755 and leave a message.