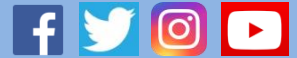


Municipal Newsletter

(The Municipal Newsletter is available on-line @ www.redlake.ca)



MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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807-727-2597

Council Meeting Schedule

Committee of the Whole
Monday, May 11th, 2020 via
Electronic Participation @ 5:00 p.m.

Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 19th, 2020 via
Electronic Participation @ 6:00 p.m.

Agendas are posted on the website
www.redlake.ca after 4:00 p.m. on
either the Friday or applicable
business day preceding the regularly
scheduled meeting.

Board/Committee Meeting Schedule

Heritage Centre & Archives
Wednesday, May 27th, 2020 via
Electronic Participation @ 6:00 p.m.

Environment, Parks & Recreation
Committee
TBD
Municipal Office @ 5:00 p.m.

Public Library Board
Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 via
Electronic participation @ 6:00 p.m.

Committee of Adjustment &
Planning Advisory Committee
TBD
Municipal Office @ 5:15 p.m.

Application Deadline for May
COA/PAC Meeting
TBD

Police Services Board
TBD

All meetings are currently being held
electronically

Municipal Services During COVID-19

All Municipal facilities are CLOSED to the public. We are following all public health official's directives and restrictions. We continue to operate all municipal essential services, however, some departments may be operating with limited staff, with some employees working from home. If you have any questions, please call our office at 735-2096 or email us at municipality@redlake.ca. We will make every effort to respond to inquiries in a timely manner.

Alternatively, you may find the information you are looking for through the Municipality's dedicated COVID-19 web page which has a variety of local, regional, provincial and national information and resources and is updated regularly. Please visit www.redlake.ca to access this page.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for immediate and up-to-date information.

We thank you for your continued patience and cooperation throughout these challenging times.

Council Meetings

Council continues to hold regular scheduled Committee of the Whole and Council meetings electronically and business continues to move forward as much as possible during these challenging times.

Since we are unable to open our doors to the public due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we will be livestreaming upcoming meetings for as long as our municipal office remains closed to the public. Please visit our website and social media sites for more information in this regard.

Meeting agendas are posted on the municipal website at www.redlake.ca after 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before each meeting. We will also be updating our social media sites once agendas are made available.

We continue to provide the opportunity to "appear" virtually before Council electronically, as a Delegation or Guest. The "Request to be a Delegation/Guest Form" is available on our website at www.redlake.ca under the Forms and Applications tab.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Christine Goulet, Clerk, at 735-2096 ext. 235 or christine.goulet@redlake.ca.

Bill Payments

All invoices remain due and owing. For those affected by COVID-19 and require extra time to make payments, Council has approved the following relief measures:

- Property Taxes – The Municipality will forgive interest and/or penalties for 60-days on the 1st installment due March 31st and the 2nd installment due May 31st.
- Water & Sewer – The Municipality will forgive interest and/or penalties for 60-days on the invoices being issued in April and due May 31st.
- Child Care invoices will receive a credit on April invoices for those days missed due to closures related to COVID-19.

Payments may be made online through the following banks: BMO Bank of Montreal, CIBC, Copperfin Credit Union, RBC, Scotiabank, TD, Tangerine. Credit card payments are accepted over the phone at 735-2096. If you are unable to make payments by these means, you may use our locked “Drop Box” located at the main entrance of the Municipal Office. This box is checked daily Monday to Friday.

Waste & Recycling

The Municipal Transfer Station remains open during regular business hours. You must attend inside the scale house to make your payment. Cash will not be accepted. Payment can be made by credit card, debit card, bag tag or waste disposal ticket. Only 3 vehicles will be permitted to access the site at one time.

It is recommended you take advantage of curbside waste and recyclables collection which remains operational as normal.

Bag tags can be purchased at the Transfer Station, TJ's Kwik Stop, Diane's Gas Bar and Mitchell's Midtown.

Fire Ban

The Province of Ontario has implemented a Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ) for the entire province, which includes Red Lake and surrounding areas.

No outdoor fires are permitted during this fire ban, which includes burning of grass, debris and campfires, even when using an outdoor fire grate, fire place, burn barrel or fire pit.

For more information visit the COVID-19 web page on our website at www.redlake.ca.

Recreation & Facilities

Fitness Centre Memberships have been granted an extension.

All recreation facilities are closed to the public, which includes all outdoor parks, playgrounds, beaches, picnic areas, etc. are closed to the public.

By-Law Department

Enforcement of municipal by-laws continue and regular patrols are completed.

The By-Law Enforcement Officer is working with the OPP and NWHU to educate and ensure compliance with provincially ordered closures of non-essential businesses, public facilities, outdoor amenities and the prohibited gatherings of more than 5 people.

For more information or to report non-compliance please call 728-0102 or email justine.raitek@redlake.ca.

Public Works

Public Works operations remain as normal with employees practicing all public health directives, including increased cleaning practices and physical distancing.

The Public Works Garage is closed to the public.

Water meter repair/replacement services are currently on hold.

Water turn on/off requests (Water/Sewage Service Form) can be found on our website at www.redlake.ca under the Forms & Applications tab.

2019 Water Reports

The Municipality of Red Lake is notifying residents that the Water Treatment Plant Annual Reports for the period of January 1st, 2019 to December 31st, 2019 for the following Water Treatment Plants are available for inspection on the Municipal website at www.redlake.ca:

- Balmertown, Cochenour, McKenzie Island Drinking Water System
- Madsen Drinking Water System
- Red Lake Drinking Water System

The Annual Reports are available, at no charge, to every person who requests a copy in accordance to the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002.

Notice to Area Residents

Flushing of the Municipality Hydrants for Maintenance of the Drinking Water Systems

To all Residents and Businesses within the Municipality of Red Lake (Red Lake, Cochenour, Balmertown, McKenzie Island and Madsen)

FROM: Northern Waterworks Inc.
DATES: May 1 - July 1, 2020
TIMES: Between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm

Commencing May 1st, 2020 (except weekends) Northern Waterworks will be flushing hydrants at various locations within the Red Lake area.

Please note the following may occur:

1. Discolouration of the drinking water. If this happens run tap water until the water clears.
2. It is recommended that you shut off the water to your hot water tank during the above-mentioned periods to prevent water hammer (sudden water pressure in pipes) in older tanks.

Steve LeBlanc, Northern Waterworks Inc.
Red Lake
Operations Manager

Proclamation

As Mayor of the
Municipality of Red Lake

I hereby proclaim the
week of

May 4th – 10th

as

“Mental Health Week”

in the

Municipality of Red Lake

Fred Mota

Red Lake Public Library FREE e-books and audio books

Free e-books and audio books for ALL AGES are available through Overdrive and Libby using your Red Lake Library card. You can access these online resources through www.overdrive.com/apps/libby.

Patrons with fines and overdues may be blocked, however during this closure time, this is very likely to happen since books cannot be returned at this time. If you are having problems accessing online books, please email the library at rllib212@yahoo.com.

If you do not have a library card you can apply for a temporary library card by emailing the library at rllib212@yahoo.com.

Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre

The Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre’s website is a great place to get information about Red Lake’s history. The website is now full of various online resources and programming.

Check out all of the Heritage Centre’s online content, including puzzles, weekly podcasts, crafts and games. You can access this information under the Heritage Online tab at the Heritage Centre website at www.redlakemuseum.com. This information is updated frequently so check back often!

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWB Plan)

In partnership with the Township of Ear Falls, the Municipality of Red Lake has co-established and appointed membership to the joint CSWB Plan Advisory Committee, a legislated Committee of Municipal Councils. The primary role of the Advisory Committee will be to lead the development of a plan, reflective of both communities, which will address the needs of the areas’ most vulnerable populations, in terms of identifying priority risk factors and developing strategies to mitigate those risk factors, to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in our communities. Public engagement sessions will be communicated in the coming months.

Hospital Updates

If you suspect you have COVID-19 take the online assessment available online at www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus. You can then contact the local Assessment Centre at 727-7035 to book an appointment. Telephone hours are Sunday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Emergency Department is still open for treatment. If you are experiencing life-threatening issues, please dial 9-1-1 or go to the Emergency Department as you normally would.

If you require treatment in the Emergency Department for non-life threatening health issue, please contact the Nursing Desk first at 727-3811.

The essential visitor policy is still in effect. Visit the Hospital website for more information or call 727-2231.

Visit the Hospital website at www.redlakehospital.ca or follow them on social media for updated information.