NOBLENEWS

January 2025

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 14:

Regular Council Meeting

January 28:

Regular Council Meeting

February 11:

Regular Council Meeting

February 25:

Regular Council Meeting

IMPORTANT DATES

January 30:

Utilities Due Business Licenses Due Pet Licenses Due

CAO's Message

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas with family and loved ones as we took some time to celebrate what is truly important. As we gear up for a new year again, I look forward to the challenges and opportunities 2025 will bring us.



Our team has experienced a lot of change over the last year, and I am pleased to welcome Susanne Wolff! She has replaced our former Municipal Clerk who left to work for a municipality closer to her home. We are excited to work together with Susanne as we face the new year!

Thank you everyone who participated in the town survey. The information we can pull from that is valuable in helping us in our decision making for the Town's future. It is very helpful that so many people participated.

I am excited to see how Nobleford will continue to grow and improve in this new year!

Do not hesitate to contact me at cao@nobleford.ca, or feel free to chat with me in person at the Town office. My door is always open!

Steven Leusink, CPA, CA Chief Administrative Officer

Bylaw Concerns

If you notice a bylaw infraction occurring somewhere around Town, please let the Town office know by submitting a formal complaint. Residents are encouraged to complete the Bylaw Complaint Form located on the Town's website or at the Town Office. By completing the form, we are provided with the information we need to investigate the complaint further. Alternatively, you can email cao@nobleford.ca with as much information as you possibly can. The Town is able to investigate and enforce bylaws when proper information is provided, such as location and duration or the issue. It is also important that you provide us with your contact information in the event that insufficient information was provided and/or we need to follow up with the complaint. Anonymous complaints are often difficult to follow up on as a result of improper/lack of information, the inability to ask more question for clarification, etc. We would like to ensure residents are complying with our bylaws, and your cooperation is key in our enforcement.

Welcome 2025

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

Greetings, 2025 has arrived. The past year was a busy one as we finished and moved into the new town office and council chambers. Our new CAO, Steven Leusink, has been busy adjusting to his new position. He has been working on establishing an interim budget as we work towards a final budget for 2025 this spring.

Part of being on council is representing the Town of Nobleford on various boards and commissions. I am on the Lethbridge Regional Waste Management

Services Commission, LRWMSC. As a commission we oversee the waste sites in the County of Lethbridge, Picture Butte and Nobleford using an independent contractor for operating the sites and hauling waste. In past meetings we have been working on a plan to implement new provincial rules known as EPR, Extended Producer Responsibility. These changes were put in place in November 2022 but need to be implemented in 2025. In a nutshell these changes shift the burden of recycling of single use products, packaging and paper products to the producers. What this will look like for Nobleford is not clear at this point. Regardless, there may be changes.

It is good to see the ice rink being well used as we again enjoy cold weather. Further, Jackie and I had the pleasure of making and serving loads of popcorn at the Christmas in the Park event. Thank you to the folks that came out to make it a successful event, in spite of the weather in Nobleford which can always be tricky.

Regards, Councillor Bill Oudshoorn

Newsletter Contributions

If you have any notable news you or your organization would like to be submitted to the newsletter, please email admin@nobleford.ca. Submissions will be free to submit and will be accepted based on their importance to inform the community, such as upcoming events or society news.

Advertisements will not be accepted.

CHINOOK ARCH REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Did you know the Town of Nobleford is part of the Chinook Arch Regional Library System? This means that Nobleford residents are provided access to any library facilities located within this system, including the online collection. Members can borrow books, e-books, audiobooks, games, toys, and equipment rental, such as skates! (Depending on the branch).

As a resident of a Chinook Arch member municipality and if you are 18 years of age or older, you can sign up for an eCard. You will be assigned a home Library based on where you reside. Please note that som libraries charge an annual membership fee.

Visit <u>chinnokarch.ca</u> for more information or your nearest member library.

Public Notices

- Utilities are processed bi-monthly and are due on the 30th of the corresponding month.
 Overdue utility accounts are subject to a 2% penalty every month they remain unpaid. To avoid this penalty, it is recommended that you pay your utility account on time.
- Don't have time to make it to the Town office? You can pay your bills via e-transfer to payments@nobleford.ca. You **must** include information regarding which bill you are paying, the customer name and service address to ensure the amount is applied to the correct account.
- Dog & Cat Licenses are due January 2025. If your pet is altered you may be eligible to receive a reduced rate. If you have not already submitted proof of alteration to the Town office, please do so prior to paying your pet license to receive a reduced rate.



