

# TOWN OF ST. BRIEUX

Spring 2023



## St. Brieux Town Council

Mayor - Cindy Placsko  
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## St. Brieux Town Staff

CAO - Erinn Schreiner  
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## Administration

### Office Hours

8:30AM - 12:00PM

12:30PM - 4:30 PM

Monday to Friday

We are closed all Statutory  
Holidays including Easter  
Monday and Boxing Day.

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## **Greetings from the Mayor**

It seems that we might be leaving the cold weather of winter behind! I hesitate to speak too quickly, but I am excited for the promise of the spring warmth and along with the spring should come the long-awaited startup of our new water treatment plant. At the end of the season, many of our winter activities have drawn to a close. I'd like to extend a thank you, on behalf of the council, to all of the volunteers who give of their time, energy and resources for the well-being of our community and its members. During the winter, this group includes, but is not limited to: volunteers at the rink (ice plant, caretakers, coaches, organizers, kitchen staff, and others), those who keep the snowmobile trails marked and groomed, the Kin Club, the volunteers who continue to work on raising funds for the Manor, the volunteers at the Social Club who have organized events throughout the winter, the community and school coaches, and of course those who sit on the numerous boards in the community. I know that I could not possibly have included everyone, but I must not forget our firefighters and first responders who work hard to keep us safe when the need for their service arises. Volunteering serves others, but it also offers us an opportunity to learn, grow and connect with others. If you would like to offer your time, skills and energy as a volunteer, please reach out to one of the groups mentioned, or any of the groups, clubs or boards who will be gearing up for summer activities. Your time, skills and energy can really make a difference to others and to the community as a whole. Thank you for taking the time to read our Spring Newsletter. We hope that you find it informative. Sending you wishes for a successful spring!

Cindy Placsko  
Mayor of St. Brieux



## **Infrastructure Projects for 2023**

### **Water Treatment Plant Upgrade**

"IS IT EVER GOING TO BE COMPLETED?" Please believe me when I say that we have been asking this question weekly. Please be mindful that commissioning a new Water Treatment Plant that has biofiltration, just after a global wide pandemic, has been a daunting task. The supply chain was interrupted globally and affected us obtaining specialized equipment in what used to be an acceptable time frame. We have had to deal with exceptional wait times for some subcontractors as everyone in the province is trying to rebuild and catch up on projects that were put off for a couple of years. And lastly, we are dealing with bacteria that are the first step in the filtration process. The company that is dealing with this process is having a difficult time having the bacteria eliminate the appropriate amounts of manganese and ammonia that occurs naturally in our aquifer. We are hoping that we will be able to go "live" with the new system by the end of May. We will keep you posted as soon as we know via Facebook posts and through our newsletters. Please know that we are doing our very best to ensure that you are receiving the best and safest potable water that we can possibly provide. Your patience is greatly appreciated!!

### **New Lagoon Cell Construction**

We have finished signing off on the design drawings that have been provided by the engineers and are moving onto the tendering stage for the actual digging of the cell. We are hoping to break ground at some point this year. We have until 2026 to complete this project as dictated in our grant funding agreement. We will keep you posted on the progress of this project as well.

## **CURBSIDE GARBAGE COLLECTION**

**We finally have a confirmed date for our Curbside Cart Program. Our carts will be delivered to your residence between April 10 to 14. If you do not receive a cart, please call the Town Office. Our first curbside pick up will be Friday, April 28, 2023. Please ensure that your cart is out by the curb and facing the correct way as indicated on the top of the cart. Our new garbage day will be every other Friday. The bins are large enough to hold 4 large green garbage bags. The lid must be able to close in order for the truck to dump it correctly. We are sending out a pamphlet from REACT that explains the program.**

**We have been asked how this is going to be paid for and the answer is through taxation. A portion of taxes collected has been allocated in the 2023 annual budget for this service .**

## React Transfer Site and Recycling

### St. Brieux Transfer Station

May 1 - Oct 31 - Summer Hours—Only if an Operator is found

Tuesdays 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm\*\* Only if an Operator is found\*\*

Saturday 8:00am – 5:00pm (closed over noon)

Nov 1 – Apr 30 Winter Hours—April 30th is last day until Operator is found

Every Saturday 8:00am – 5:00pm (closed over noon)

### Garbage Tags—Available Until Cart Program Starts

Can be picked up at St. Brieux Co-op Grocery and the Town Office. The cost is \$3.50 per tag.

Pick up days are still Thursdays until we change to the cart program.

If you require any assistance for REACT, including staffing inquiries, please call 306-682-1955.



Awe! Look at the cute deer!!! They are super cute animals but please remember that they are wild animals and that no matter how much you think you need to leave some food out for them, you are not allowed to feed the wildlife within town limits. We have had quite a few coyotes taking the deer down within town limits this year. We have called the Conservation Office and were told that this is merely the circle of life. I know it is traumatizing to see, but if we do our part to not entice them into town, we can hopefully keep the wildlife out of town limits. Thanks for your cooperation.

### CIVIC ADDRESSES

Bylaw 4-2012 states that “Each house or building shall bear the number assigned to the frontage on which the front entrance is situated.” This aids all emergency personnel to find your home in a timely manner. If you do not have a house number visible from the street, please ensure that you correct this oversight immediately. We thank you for your cooperation.

### DID YOU KNOW?

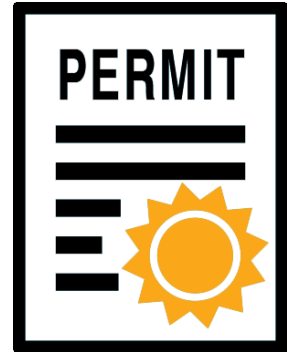
- Any property tax amounts that are not paid by December 31st of each year are subject to a 10% penalty as of January 1st.
- Any outstanding Utility Billing is subject to a 2% interest penalty per month. If accounts are not cleared by the end of a calendar year, the amounts are transferred to your taxes.
- The Town of St. Brieux offers many forms of payments. Cash, cheque, online banking, and e-transfer. Mastercard and Visa are accepted for Utility Billing but not for taxes...we are working on this one! When you are paying online, please allow 5-10 business days for your transactions to be sent to us. When processing, we use the date that it was submitted by your financial institution. This is important in order to ensure that you are receiving the correct discount amounts on your taxes and that you are avoiding any pesky interest charges.
- We also offer Pre-Authorized Debit for both Utilities and Taxes. We have the forms here at the office and you will need to fill one out and supply us with a VOID cheque or a pre-authorized debit form from your financial institution.

## Thinking of Building This Year?

The Town of St. Brieux has zoning, building and development bylaws that must be followed before you start any kind of renovation or new project. All of these bylaws are on the Town’s Website at [www.townofstbrieux.com](http://www.townofstbrieux.com).

All permits are also located on the website and can be filled out and sent back to [Brieux@sasktel.net](mailto:Brieux@sasktel.net). There are fees involved for your building permits and those are set by our building inspector.

Should you have any questions regarding if you require a permit, please call the town office **BEFORE** you begin. If there are projects that are being done without correct permitting, you are putting yourself at risk of having a fine issued against you or you may be required to remove any building you



### SUMMER STUDENTS NEEDED

The Town of St. Brieux is looking for a Public Works Summer Student and a Museum Summer Student. You must be enrolled for school for September 2023. Please contact the Town Office for further information.



Have you seen the new Loader? Unfortunately, our Grader packed it in right in the middle of our fist snow storm of the year. We were able to procure a loader with a snow removal blade for half of the cost of a new or even used grader. This piece of equipment can fit into tighter spaces and has more functionality that the grader did.