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TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2010

Monday February 1, 2010..... Regular Meeting of Council, 5 p.m.
 Wednesday February 3, 2010..... Special Committee of the Whole, 5 p.m.
 Monday February 8, 2010..... Regular Committee of the Whole, 5 p.m.
 Wednesday February 10, 2010..... Special Committee of the Whole, 5 p.m.
 Tuesday February 16, 2010 Regular Meeting of Council, 5 p.m.
 Wednesday February 17, 2010..... Special Committee of the Whole, 5 p.m.
 Monday February 22, 2010..... Regular Committee of the Whole, 5 p.m.
 Wednesday February 24, 2010..... Special Committee of the Whole, 5 p.m.

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FAMILY DAY: The Town Hall offices will be closed on February 15, 2010 to recognize Family Day. If you have a water emergency or any problems pertaining to Utility/Environmental Services on this day please call 284-1430.

PROPERTY TAX CONFIRMATION AND WATER PAYMENTS CONFIRMATION FEES: Reminder that there is a \$15 fee to obtain a confirmation of payment of your property taxes and there is a \$ 15 fee to obtain confirmation of your water payments.

NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Smiths Falls New Water Treatment is aiming to be operational by the end of February. Process testing of operational equipment has been on going through the month of January & will continue into the month of February. We would like to thank you for your cooperation understanding & patience through this commissioning period. Should you require further information please contact Ted Joynt at 613-283-0552 or tjoynt@smithsfalls.ca.

VACANCY REBATE APPLICATION DEADLINE REMINDER: Vacancy Rebate Applications for Industrial/Commercial properties are due by February 26th, 2010.



WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS
 will be in effect for:
ALL TOWN STREETS
ALL MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS
 December 01, 2009, through March 31, 2010
 No parking between 12:00 am and 7:00 am
 FINE: \$35.00
 AS PER BY-LAW #7252-97

WINTER CARNIVAL: February 12th-14th. Lots of fun events for the whole family!! Pancake Breakfast; Chili Cook-Off , Trivia Challenge, Family Day and much more! To organize an event or get more info contact Community Services Department (613) 283-4124 Ext. 122



PUBLIC SKATING AT THE YOUTH ARENA (\$2/person)

Tue, Wed, Thur: 9-10 and 12 - 1 (not 1:30)
Sat: 2:30 - 3:20

CANCELLED: Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun Feb 4 - 7

Outdoor Rink beside the town hall is maintained as weather permits! **Free for everyone!**

ATTENTION SCOTIABANK CUSTOMERS- ELECTRONIC BILL PAYMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS WATER/TAX ACCOUNTS

FURTHER TO OUR ORIGINAL NOTICE, SCOTIABANK ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING THEIR ORIGINAL INTENT TO IMPLEMENT A SERVICE CHARGE TO THE TOWN FOR RECEIVING ELECTRONIC (TELEPHONE/INTERNET/ DEBIT MACHINE) BILL PAYMENTS. (THIS SERVICE WAS TO HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 2010.)

THEREFORE, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS PAYMENT OPTION WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE UNTIL NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.


PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO OFFER THE OPTION OF PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SETTING UP THIS SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE FOR FURTHER DETAILS AT 613-283-4124 EXT 117 (WATER/ WASTEWATER ACCOUNT) OR EXT. 118 (TAX ACCOUNT) OR CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SMITHSFALLS.CA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN THIS MATTER.

DOG TAGS: As per By-law 8126-2008 every owner of a dog shall annually not later than February 15 in each year, or within four (4) days of becoming an owner at a later date, cause the dog to be registered with the Town.

For each and every dog (neutered or spayed)	\$ 15.00 prior to March 31
	\$ 30.00 after March 31*
For each and every dog (not neutered or spayed)	\$ 30.00 prior to March 31
	\$ 40.00 after March 31*
For A Replacement Tag	\$ 5.00

* New residents and dogs acquired after March 31 exempted from additional fee upon provision of satisfactory evidence.



NEW POLICIES:

Policy Respecting the Appointment of Citizen Members to the Town of Smiths Falls Boards and Committees

The Town has adopted a Policy Respecting the Appointment of Citizen Members to the Town of Smiths Falls Boards and Committees. This policy reflects recruitment, selection process, interview process as well as the roles and responsibilities of Board/Committee Members. Some highlights are:

- Addition of allowing business owners to apply.
- A new requirement noting that applicants be permitted to apply for membership on the various Boards and/or Committees however no more than two (2) appointments to the Boards and/or Committees shall be made by Council.
- A requirement for a certain level of attendance at meetings. .
- A standard application form. This will allow Council to review fully all of the applicants.

Accessibility Standards For Customer Service Policy

The Town has adopted an Accessibility Standards For Customer Service Policy. The purpose of this Customer Service Standards Policy is to fulfil the requirements set out in regulation 429/07 of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 to establish a policy for the Town of Smiths Falls for governing the provision of its goods or services to persons with disabilities.

Copies of these policies are available from the Clerk's office at 613-283-4124 or on the Town's website.

2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

VOTE BY MAIL: The Town of Smiths Falls is conducting the municipal election in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, S.O. 1996, Chapter 32, as amended, and have chosen to use an alternative voting method pursuant to S. 42 (1)(b), which involves the use of a mail-in ballot.

Nominations must be made on the prescribed form available at the Clerk's Office. Nomination forms must be filed, either in person or by your agent, with the Returning Officer during that office's normal office hours between first business day of the New Year 2010 and September 10th, 2010 at 2 p.m. (Nomination Day).

MONDAY OCTOBER 25, 2010
VOTING DAY FOR THE 2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN HALL AT (613) 283-4124
OR VISIT US ON-LINE: www.smithsfalls.ca**

