



# Town of Maidstone

## News from the Mayors Chair – Summer 2017

### **SHORT TERM PLAN**

*We have been busy getting things ready for our summer. The splash park should be opening June 1<sup>st</sup> and Canada Day 150 celebration planning is well underway.*

*Over the summer we will be focusing on dust control of our roads and keeping our green spaces looking good.*

### **ROADS**

*The main project over the next four years is to have all our streets seal coated; we are starting this summer, which is why there are pylons on the roads to mark the services for the road works. We will continue for the next 3 years.*

*Please bear with us. We know that our streets are in need of repair.*

### **LONG TERM PLANS**

*Council is looking at alleviating the flooding problems with constructing a west side drainage that will go on the North end of the Town. This drainage ditch will help with the spring runoff and heavy rains throughout the summer.*

*This is an expensive undertaking, but most would agree, vital to help prevent future flooding of our town.*

### **TAXATION**

*2017 was a re-assessment year, where all properties in Saskatchewan are re-evaluated. On average, most of the Municipal taxes went up slightly.*

*The average tax increase is between 2-6%. This also depends on if you have any additions to your property such as adding a deck, garage or basement completion. The base tax went up from \$350.00 to \$400.00 on residential, and from \$500.00 to \$700.00 for commercial, however, some of the commercial property values went down and some have increased, depending on the circumstances such as being under assessed.*

*As for the school, the Government of Saskatchewan sets the school mill rate which will increase almost everyone's property taxes. Council doesn't have any say in the school taxes.*

### **WATER**

*Hopefully before the end of the year, you will be drinking water from your tap because we are installing a reverse osmosis unit at the water plant.*

*The water plant is also getting revamped with new pumps & electrical.*

*This is an expensive undertaking but will eliminate a lot of problems for the home owner, by not having to replace your hot water tank, taps, etc.*

*We believe that we may need to increase the utility rate one more time to help make the payment.*

*The amount right now is not known but it may be between \$10.00 to \$15.00 per month.*

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**Positive feedback is always welcome**