

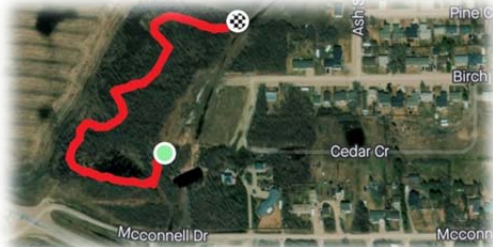


Town of Maidstone Newsletter – September 2023

WESTSIDE PATHWAY SYSTEM



A walking trail system is being installed on the west side of Maidstone this fall. These paths connect the new Cedar Crescent Park and greenspace with the surrounding neighborhood, and continue west through a forested area. They will also circle the west-end catch basin, which is being converted into a usable public area. The paths, marked in red below, are now open while construction is being completed.



The Town of Maidstone extends its sincere appreciation to the Wakefield family for allowing these paths to be built on their land.

WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATE

Construction of the new wastewater pumping station is well underway. Foundation, subsurface framing, concrete, and backfilling have now been completed. Focus now shifts to the force main pipeline installation taking place September through October. The pipe boring method will be used to install the line beneath the highway and railway without using trenches. Construction of the above-ground portion of the station, including electrical and mechanical elements, will proceed for the remainder of 2024.



COMMUNITY

Transfer Site Hours

Saturday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm



Upcoming Events

- September 13 - Maidstone Museum Corn Roast
- September 13 – October 25 (every Wednesday) Maidstone Health Care Pie Bingo
- November 2 – Last compost pick up

Mayor

Brennan Becotte

Councillors

George Bray
Scott Breadner
Mark Foster
Eleanor Pegg
Blair Ryan
Marc Telenga



Good day,

We hope that everyone had a great summer and was able to find some time to relax and enjoy the nice weather! I hope to provide you with a brief synopsis of what the Maidstone RCMP have been up to over the summer. For July and August, Maidstone RCMP dealt with 526 occurrences. With that they handed out 31 ticket violations and many more warnings. A few calls that we attended are as follows:

- 20 911 calls
- 8 Assaults
- 6 Drug files
- 19 Breach of conditions
- 5 Fraud
- 26 Theft investigations
- 2 Impaired driving
- 4 3-day suspensions
- 34 Traffic collisions

Recently, we have responded to a few drug overdoses - Maidstone RCMP would like to remind people that drug use is dangerous and to have Narcan on hand in the event of an accidental overdose. Contact your local pharmacy for information on how to obtain Narcan to have on hand. In both instances, Narcan was used upon police & EMS arrival and worked.

With harvest and school around the corner, we would like to remind road users to be patient with slow moving farm machinery as well as school buses.

We wish all the farmers a safe harvest and all the parents can now celebrate that the kids are back in school!

Sgt. Jolyne Harrison



TOWN OF MAIDSTONE

ANNUAL WATERWORKS INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR 2022

(The Municipalities Regulations, Sec. 54 & 55)

Waterworks Financial Overview:

- Total waterworks revenues: \$665,179.45
- Total waterworks expenditures
- (includes interest paid on waterworks infrastructure loans): \$477,369.90
- Total debt payments on waterworks infrastructure loans: \$131,808.92
- Reserves allocated to waterworks infrastructure repair/replacement: \$0.00
- Comparison of waterworks revenues to expenditures plus debt payments, expressed as a ratio:

$$\$665,179.45 / (\$477,369.90 + \$131,808.92) = 1.09$$

For 2022, waterworks revenue covered 100% of waterworks expenditures.

Comments:

Waterworks revenue includes custom work, sale of water and supplies, infrastructure and connection fees, and interest charges. Waterworks expenditures include salaries, wages and benefits, training, repairs, materials, and utilities. Council closely monitors the waterworks policy to ensure revenues cover operating costs.

The objective of the waterworks rate policy is to ensure waterworks are self-financing, where the users pay for the cost of the service. To accomplish this, rates need to increase over time so that revenues cover both operating and replacement costs, to the extent possible.

Waterworks Rate Policy:

On September 21, 2021, Council passed Bylaw No. 04-2021 to establish rate policy.

The new bylaw lowered the base rate maximum water allowance to 50 cubic meters bi-monthly. The base rate remained steady at \$92. The infrastructure fee structure also changed from seven categories to three and the fee was increased to \$48 bi-monthly. Finally, the Commercial Plus water base rate was set at \$310 and the infrastructure fee at \$150. This rate is only available to those accounts whose water usage equals or exceeds 200 cubic meters bi-monthly.

Capital Investment Strategy:

The motivation to pass a new utility bylaw arose from an increased awareness of infrastructure replacement costs. The waterworks system is in good condition overall, but the majority of waterlines are approaching the end of their useful lives. Drilling a second water well and purchasing reverse osmosis membranes are necessary investments in the near term.

The capital investment strategy is outlined in the Town of Maidstone's 2023-2027 Capital Works Plan.

Available for public inspection at the Town Office:

- Town Bylaw No. 04-2021
- Current municipal reserves
- Waterworks Assessment 2016
- Capital Works Plan 2023-2027
- Waterworks service agreements

August 31, 2023