



Town of Maidstone Newsletter – May 2023

CEDAR CRESCENT PARK ANNOUNCEMENT

With the financial support of the Government of Canada, the Town of Maidstone is pleased to announce the Cedar Crescent Park project. Construction will commence this June and proceed throughout the summer.

This project will address the need for outdoor recreation opportunities on the west side of Maidstone by transforming undeveloped land into a community park and greenspace. The area between Birch Drive and McConnell Drive will be landscaped, a playground will be installed at the eastern end, and a walking trail system will connect the park with the neighborhood around it.

The Town of Maidstone has allocated \$64,085 to this project, with the remaining \$192,254 to be contributed by Prairies Economic Development Canada through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF).

About the CCRF: The Canada Community Revitalization Fund helps communities rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic. The CCRF is a two-year, \$500 million national program to revitalize communities through smaller infrastructure projects across Canada. The fund assists non-profit organizations, municipalities, community groups and Indigenous communities to build and improve community infrastructure projects.



The Maidstone Waseca & District Fire Board have instituted a full fire ban in the Town of Maidstone and area until further notice. No burning in backyard firepits and receptacles is permitted for the duration of the ban.

TRANSFER SITE OPERATING HOURS CHANGE

In an effort to keep tax and utility rates affordable, the Maidstone Eldon transfer site will be closed on Wednesdays beginning June 1, 2023. The new operating hours will be:

- Saturday
11:00 am to 7:00 pm

COMPOST

- Compost pick up has resumed and will continue every Thursday until autumn. Leave your compost in clear plastic bags in your back alley. If you have no back alley, please leave it on the street. Also, please observe the following:

- No bags heavier than 40lbs
- No pine cones
- No branches
- No garbage

Bags not complying will be tagged and left.

- Pine cones or branches must be taken out to the transfer site by the property owner.

GRASS CUTTING

Residents are asked to cut the grass from their lawn to the street and from their back lawn or fence to the back alley.



LEARN TO DISC GOLF

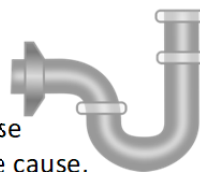
Free disc golf lessons and tips from local players. Located at Delfrari Park. Discs provided. Weeknights May – September.
maidstone.disc.golf@gmail.com

TAXES

All taxes paid before July 31, 2023 will receive a 2% municipal discount.

SEWER BLOCKAGES – TOWN POLICY

If you are experiencing problems with your sewer system, please call the Town at 306-893-2373. This allows us to investigate the cause, provide information to contractors, and notify your neighbors if necessary. The Sanitary Sewer Blockage policy will provide guidance through each step of the process until the problem is solved.



BLACK KNOT

Black knot is a tree fungus which can infect anything in the cherry family, including plum, mayday, and chokecherry. The fungus presents as black, hard masses that encircle twigs and branches, which if left untreated will spread and kill the tree. Black knot can be pruned out by cutting at least 10 cm (4”) below the infected area. Sterilize your pruners with alcohol-based disinfectant in-between cuts to avoid spreading the fungus. Pruning when the plant is wet can also spread the disease.



THANKS TO DISC GOLF SPONSORS

The Delfrari Park Board would like to thank and acknowledge all the people involved in getting the Delfrari Park Disc Golf course to its present stage. Matthew and Dave Speirs, funding partners Maidstone & District Chamber of Commerce and Sask Lotteries, and Jug’s Trucking and Intercore Environmental for providing equipment and labour. Thanks also to all volunteers from the Board and the local disc golf community for making this the best disc golf course around.

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If you have any concerns, please contact the Town Office at 306-893-2373 or administrator@townofmaidstone.com



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Fellow residents,

Under the direction of Town Council and guided by the Capital Works and Strategic Plans, the 2023 Budget has been prepared. Budget decisions are based on three principles:

1. Invest in that which benefits everyone
2. Provide a high level of service in an affordable fashion
3. Balance the needs of today with those of tomorrow

Revenues of \$6.1M will be used to support operational costs of \$2.0M with the remaining \$4.1M directed toward capital asset expenditure.

This municipality continues to face rising operating costs, including insurance, utilities, and emergency services; some increasing more than 25%. At the same time, households in this community are facing the same challenges. In recognition of both of these realities, the mill rate factor for each property class was increased by 0.10 resulting in a 4% tax revenue increase from 2022 actuals.

Two main projects will be delivered this year:

1. Wastewater pumping station and force main pipeline
 - Collects and pumps all municipal wastewater to the sewage treatment lagoon
 - Replaces original station and pipeline built in 1962
 - Designed to manage wastewater flows to 2,628 users
 - \$3,479,000
 - \$2,424,334 Municipal revenues and borrowing
 - \$994,666 Federal/provincial grant
2. Cedar Crescent Park and walking trail system
 - Transforms undeveloped land into a community park and greenspace
 - Includes playground, benches, picnic tables, and walking trails
 - \$256,339
 - \$64,085 Municipal revenues
 - \$192,254 Federal grant

For the past three years, the Town has refrained from purchasing road dust control products in favor of saving for a more permanent solution. In 2023, another \$25,000 will be added to the road surfacing reserve, bringing the total to over \$70,000. These funds will begin to be used in 2024 to apply thin-surface membrane pavement to municipal roadways.

The other priorities of the community as expressed in the 2023 Budget will direct administration through the many other tasks to be done this year. Each will be completed with a two-fold focus: maintaining the standard of living we enjoy today, while striving to improve on it for the future.

We look forward to serving you,

Brennan Becotte, Mayor

Joshua Langill, Administrator