

General Message

Thank you to everyone who came out and voted in the 2024 election for Mayor. For those who voted for me, I thank you, and those who did not, I thank you for making your voice heard and I hope to win your trust and confidence through my actions over the next four years.

I want to thank Karl Niedzielski and Welsey Myers for stepping forward and running for Mayor. I hope to work with you to understand your concerns and ideas.

A huge thank you to the outgoing Mayor Curtis Boyes and Councillor John Gourdeau for their hard work and contributions over the past four years.

Congratulations to the new Councillors Tanner Doroshenko and Gary Grady and returning Councillors Cody Deringer and Clayton Connell. I look forward to working together with you to help our community grow and prosper.

My hope for this new Council is to work hard together to benefit our community. We are all entrusted with one vote and have a voice to be heard at the table. The diversity of opinions make us stronger, and we look forward to serving all of you.

As Mayor, I plan to provide strong leadership and represent the Town with enthusiasm and pride. I intend to be present for Council duties and hope to attend/support as many community events as possible. Please reach out to me or the Town Office to let us know of any events you would like to have Mayor or Council representation at.

Lastly, please visit the Town <u>website</u> to find contact information for members of Council and Administration.

Council Highlights for November 2024

First Meeting of Council – November 19, 2024

- The new Mayor and Council took their Oath of Office and assumed the powers, duties or functions as a council member for the 2024-2028 term.
- Regular business tasks and approvals for administrative, financial and correspondence matters.
- Council appointed Cody Deringer as Deputy Mayor until such time as a change is made.
- Council Appointments for memberships, committees, commissions, and utilities were updated and can be found on the <u>website</u>. If you have any questions about these appointments or services they represent, please contact the relevant member of Council or Administration.
- Council approved the rental of the former upstairs chambers and adjoining room through rental agreement available at the office. These rooms are great for meetings or low impact activities and are subject to review to minimize disruptions on the office space below.

Town Updates

As I committed in my campaign, I wanted to provide regular updates on activities around the Town that impact our ratepayers.

Spot Reconstruction on 3rd Street

You may have noticed the deep reconstruction of spot locations on 3rd Street in October. This work was part of a targeted approach to address the poorest locations of our priority roads. There are plans to surface these locations with asphalt in the spring. The Public Works team has been building a comprehensive asset management plan for roadways and sidewalks. It is important that Council provide a predictable level of funding for this to allow for an improved condition of these assets.



Snow Removal

With the winter season upon us, I wanted to remind everyone of our <u>Snow Removal Policy</u> and associated <u>Priority Street Map</u>. Our Public Works Staff may begin the initial response during the storm (safety permitting) and to maintain mobility on priority/emergency routes. Post storm, the response will follow the priority sequence outlined in the policy with a focus on restoring mobility, followed by fine cleanup and in certain areas removal of the snow.

Thank you to Trevor Richmond and Patrick Anderson for all their long hours and hard work over the last couple of major storms. For the safety and efficiency of these snow removal efforts, we ask the following:

- Watch for the blue/yellow flashing lights and use caution when driving or walking near working equipment.
- Move your waste bin off the street to reduce obstacles for the team.
- Be mindful of our <u>Traffic Bylaw</u>, Section 21 to keep ATV and Snowmobiles on public roads (stay off private property, parks, sidewalks, and pathways)

Dundurn Sports Centre -

The Dundurn Sports Center is fully operational and hosting public skating, competitive and recreational hockey. If you are interested in attending, have a look at the <u>schedule (mobile version</u>) to see what is going on. Interestingly, this season the Dundurn Wolfpack have an all-female U11 Team and they are competing against other regional female teams like Clavet, Davidson, Outlook, and Saskatoon Comets. They have a full slate of all-female games and tournaments throughout the province. Come on down and cheer on your local teams and enjoy a snack or drink from the kitchen.

You may also know that the Saskatoon RC Club operates out of the former curling rink space and has invested substantial time and money to covert the space into their racetrack and event space. More information can be found on their <u>website</u>.

Upcoming Council Matters

Next 1-3 Months	Next 3-6 Months	
Year End Financials	Prepare for 2025 SAMA Property Re-Assessment	
Annual Employee Reviews	Deliberate and Approve 2025 Budget	
Annual Financial Audit	Approve Tax Strategy (Mill Rate & Tax Tools)	
Preliminary Budgeting Considerations	Assessment and Property Tax Notices	
Marketing & Branding Strategy	First Ratepayer Public Meeting	

To find out what will be discussed at any particular meeting, please keep an eye on the Council Agendas which are posted on the <u>website</u>.

If one of the topics is of interest to you, please feel free to attend a meeting or tune in via the livestream on the <u>website</u>. You may also request to attend as a delegation and will be given the opportunity to address Council on an agenda item. Please contact the Town Office if you have any questions.

Community Engagement

Event	Date	Purpose
Library – Learn to Play Crib	November 16	Support Community Events
Wilson Museum – Volunteer Appreciation	December 4	Represent the Town – By Request