

Town Newsletter

Town Office: 326 Main Street

Phone: 306-272-3359

New Office Hours: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm (Effective October 4, 2021)

Utilities and Taxes

Utility bills are due October 31, 2021.
Taxes are due December 31, 2021.
Property owners are strongly encouraged to take advantage of monthly payments towards property taxes. Contact the Town Office for more information on how to set up monthly payments.

Handi Van Changes

Effective September 1, 2021 the Handi Van will be operating Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Round trip rate will remain the same at \$5.00. Please contact the Town Office with any questions or concerns regarding the Handi Van.

Combine Lotto

Another great year and SELL OUT of the Foam Lake Recreation Combine Lotto . Thank you to the committee workers and volunteers, and a big Congratulations to all the winners!

Summer 2021 Hail Storm

Most construction requires a permit! Renovations from the hail storm require a Minor Renovation Permit issued by the Town Office. Please visit our website or the office to apply for a renovation permit. Please contact the Town Office with any questions or concerns.

Compost pickup

The last day for compost pickup is October 14, 2021.

Strategic Planning Resident Survey

Town Council would like to thank all residents who partook in the resident survey as part of our strategic planning program. These resident surveys allowed the Town Council and Administration to get a better understanding of the town you want Foam Lake to be! Thank you again for taking the time to complete these surveys!

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Town Office at (306) 272- 3359 or by emailing reception@foamlake.com

Water Line Flushing

Water line flushing will take place from October 5 - 8, 2021. You are reminded that the sediment in the lines is stirred up during this time and can create problems for laundry as water may be somewhat discolored. To reduce the sediment from entering your household lines, refrain or reduce water consumption during this time.

Pre-Authorized Debit Plans

Did you know that the Town of Foam Lake offers Pre-authorized debit plans for taxes, utilities, and AR accounts? This program makes paying bills easier on you! Sign up today by visiting the Town Office to complete the application form

Reminder: Shut off water to vacant properties before winter

Please be advised that vacant residencies need to request to have their curb stop water shut off in order to ensure that water lines do not freeze over the winter. Please contact the Town Office if you require this service. Note: \$30 fee. The Town is not responsible for any water lines that freeze in vacant properties.

Halloween

The holiday falls on a Sunday this year and with another set of guidelines out by the Government of SK - we have outlined a few suggested guidelines that take into account our community! Please see the Halloween flyer included in this package for more information.

Covid-19 Update

Effective September 17, 2021, masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces. This health measure will be in place until further notice. The Town of Foam Lake will follow the health recommendations set forth by the SHA. For the most up to date information, please visit www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19

Sask Lotto Community Grant – application deadline October 8
Applications are available to organizations that directly deliver sport, culture or recreation programs. Please pick up your application at the Town Office or RM Office.

If you have questions or concerns, please call Jaime at 306-272-3538

Thank- you Foam Lake!

Our community has been dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you to everyone for doing your part in following Government protocols. Having services cut or diminished provided us all with a better appreciation for what we do have. Our community has proven that we are stronger together. Thank you Foam Lake!



Town of Foam Lake Office Updates

The Town Office has undergone some personnel changes. We would like to welcome our new Chief Administrative Officer, Joleen Tuchscherer and our new Office Assistant, Anne Olafson!



Town Office Staff: Jaime Helgason, Denise Johnson, Darlene Wagner, Joleen Tuchscherer, Anne Olafson

Farewell

The Town of Foam Lake would like to wish the best to our recent Administrator Bailey Woloshyn as she begins her new journey at Law School. Good Luck to you Bailey!

Town of Foam Lake Summer Staff

We would like to thank all of our amazing summer staff for their hard work this year! Town Office, Public Works, Leisure Services, the Visitor Centre, and Water Park had amazing staff and a successful summer!

Town Office Hours

The Town Office will be Closed the following days:

- Thursday, September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On this day, Town Council, employees and committee members will be attending an educational webinar about Treaty Development and what the treaties mean for us all. This is a first step for our community to re-connect with our indigenous neighbours and learn and understand towards future positive relationships as neighbours.

- Monday, October 11: Thanksgiving

- Thursday, November 11: Remembrance Day

New Town Office Regular Hours

Effective October 4 2021, the Town of Foam Lake office will be open over the lunch hour. The office will now be open 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

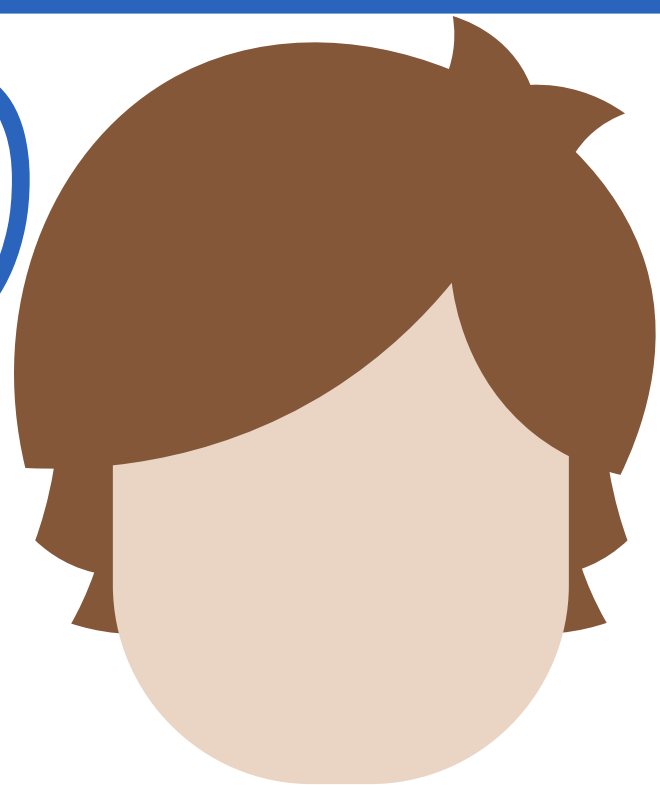


RECONCILIATION

WHERE WILL YOU START?

Reconciliation is about exploring the past and choosing to build a better future. Many people do not know where to start in this overwhelming process. This quick graphic is meant to be a general guide to help people find where to start the conversation. Reconciliation is about understanding each other, building trust, and creating a better future for us all. We are all Treaty people and we all have a role in reconciliation.

HEAD



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission asks Canadians to acknowledge and understand our collective past as a way to understand the present and move us towards a stronger and healthier future.

A starting point for Reconciliation is to get informed!

Next Steps:

- Read a book, look online, or chat with people about reconciliation!
- Read the 94 TRC Calls to Action
- Attend an event in your community. This is a great way to connect, listen, and learn with your local community.
- Go online! You can also find various resources online at otc.ca. You can also stay current on Twitter, Facebook, or by sign up to our newsletter.

HEART



In order for authentic reconciliation to begin, you must truly understand and feel that reconciliation is important and needed in Canada.

How do you feel about Reconciliation?

Next Steps:

- Look within your heart and write down all the reasons why you personally believe in reconciliation?
- Connect and listen to stories from Elders and community members to understand reconciliation from another perspective.
- Give students, colleagues, and family opportunities to share their feelings on reconciliation.
- Ask yourself what successful reconciliation will look like in a generation.

HAND



Reconciliation is a process, not an ending point. When Treaties were signed the handshake was an important symbol noting that they agreed to live together for mutual benefit.

Reconciliation: It's time to act!

Next Steps:

- Reconciliation is about small and big steps to making change. Think about what you can do today.
 - Make a list of ways in which you can move on reconciliation both personally and within the various communities in your life
 - Be an ally and support others who are making change! Make relationships in your community
 - Get started! Be humble, listen but don't be afraid.
- Stay current on twitter and facebook



**Office of the
Treaty Commissioner**



WELCOME!

FOAM LAKE HALLOWEEN 2021 - SUNDAY OCTOBER 31, 2021



Once again - questions regarding Halloween 2021 have been filtered through the Leisure Services Office over the past few weeks. Because the holiday falls on a Sunday this year, with another set of guidelines out by the Government of SK - the Board thought we would take initiative and outline few recommended guidelines that take into account **our community!** Even though the guidelines are not as strict as last year - here are some best practices to keep our community safe and healthy:

GENERAL:

- ◆ Stay home if you are sick or experiencing symptoms, do not hand out candy if you are sick or experiencing symptoms
- ◆ Wear a face mask – get creative – it's Halloween! Sanitize your hands often!
- ◆ Follow the 6ft rule!
- ◆ Wrapped, store bought treats only - we will sure miss the popcorn balls this year!
- ◆ **Suggested Trick or Treating hours: 1:00pm - 5:00pm**
- ◆ Look for the attached **PUMPKIN PICTURE** in windows – this means its okay to approach!

FOR BUSINESSES:

- ◆ Assign 1-2 employees outside the business to hand out treats
- ◆ Wear masks and gloves, sanitize frequently
- ◆ Set up a table to create a barrier between your employees & little goblins, disinfect this table often
- ◆ Pack each treat individually - no loose or unpackaged candies
- ◆ Post set “trick or treat times” in your window at least 1 week in advance
- ◆ Post the attached **PUMPKIN PICTURE** in your window so kids/parents know its ok to approach

FOR HOMES:

- ◆ If you are participating in handing out treats, place the attached **PUMPKIN PICTURE** clearly in your window for kids to see. This will indicate it is okay for them to approach the home
- ◆ Pack all treats individually - no loose or unpackaged candies
- ◆ Wear a mask to protect both yourself and kiddies, sanitize your hands often!
- ◆ Use tools like tongs or “candy shoot” to hand out treats! Another opportunity to get creative!
- ◆ Consider these ideas for handing out treats:
 - ◆ A “garage give out” – there is usually more room for kids to be safely 6ft apart here!
 - ◆ Placing a table between yourself and trick or treaters – disinfect this table throughout the day
 - ◆ Leaving a large bowl of treats on your doorstep with a note – ex. – “Please take one treat only”
 - ◆ Marking out with tape 6ft along your drive or walk way for kids to keep a safe distance



FOR FAMILIES:

- ◆ Whenever possible, accompany your children trick or treating. This will ensure they are trick or treating safely.
- ◆ Talk to your children about road safety and physical distancing guidelines/expectations
- ◆ Have your kids wear a mask & Sanitize hands regularly
- ◆ Show your children the attached **PUMPKIN PICTURE**, and ensure they know its okay to approach the homes or businesses with this picture in the window.

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY FOAM LAKE!

Any questions or
concerns - please call
306-272-3538!