TOWN OF KYLE February 2020 NEWSLETTER

Public Works Update

We would like to welcome James McCann to our team as the new Public Works Foreman. Thank you to Bram for holding everything together for us!

WINTERUPTION

Come on out and celebrate "WINTER" with events sponsored by the Kyle Chamber of Commerce. Events start on Fri. Feb 7 with a Board Game Bash at the Kyle Mammoth Bakery 1- 5 pm: Free skating at the rink from 4 – 6 pm and finished off with a Movie night at the school, show starts at 7:00 pm.

Lots of events on Saturday, Feb 8 – Come and Go Crokicurl Tourny by Wally Park 1- 4 pm – Community bonfire and snow painting at Wally Park; Warm up station (hot chocolate at PCCU). The ever popular Thrift Store will be open 1 - 4 pm. Wally's is hosting a cribbage tournament from 2- 4. Don't miss the first SHA playoff game with the Kyle Elks taking on Mackin at 8:00 pm... Cap the day off with fireworks display by the Sports Centre.

2020 Budget

Budget meetings and deliberations are currently underway. Items of importance in this budget are Waste/Recycle collection; Landfill closure/transfer site; water debenture payments; street repairs; public works equipment; Official Community Plan/Zoning Bylaw update.

Official Community Plan

Associated Engineering is preparing a new Official Community Plan and Zoning bylaws. The current plan we are working under is 32 years old. There will be community consultation meetings and surveys in the new year. Please participate when you can. This is an important template for future planning for our town.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The current ambulance staff consists of 3 Emergency Medical Responders who all have full time jobs. In order to keep our service we need to find more interested volunteers who take the training required to work EMS. Education cost may be funded on successful course completion. Our service is grassroots driven, so if we want it here we must provide the resources to keep it. With only 3 on staff, the services in Eston, Elrose and Beechy have had to come to our assistance on many occasions. This can't continue.

The Council will organize an information meeting for local EMS service when enough interest is generated.

2020 Business license

Business licenses are now due for 2020. A business license is required for: *" all persons carrying on any of the businesses, industries, callings or occupations defined in this bylaw who are not already assessed on the tax roll of the Town for such trade, occupation or business. Or those persons who due to the nature of their business are required to be licensed."* So what this means is, if you do not pay a commercial property tax for a business that operates in the Town of Kyle, you are required to have a business license. This includes all door to door salespeople, home based businesses and street vendors. A copy of the bylaw as well as the application and fee schedule are available at the town office. All businesses with a current business license will be listed in the business directory on the town website. Please include a business card for your business with your license.

We appreciate the community's assistance reminding businesses to get their licenses and refraining from purchasing goods or services until this has occurred.