


TOWN OF KYLE

June 2020 NEWSLETTER

2020 Budget

The 2020 operating budget is approved and posted on the kyle.ca website. Council has maintained the current mill rate for the last 5 years which will remain the same for 2020, but with several changes to the revenue stream.

Water Revenue and Expenses



A	Wtr Rat	50.00
	Sewer	10.00
	Deposit	0.00
	SLRWPU OPERATING	25.00
	SLRWPU MAINLINE	10.00

The monthly water utility billing is broken down as \$50 for the first 2500 gallons of water used in a month. The sewer charge is 20 % of that total with a minimum of \$10. The Town pays \$10 per 1000 gallons for water from the Sask Landing Rural Water Pipeline Utility, so the Town pays \$25 for the first 2500 gallons each month for the water. The extra \$25 per 2500 gallons must off set the water utility expenses in section 580 of the annual budget, which includes staff salaries for water testing, line repairs, water billing and receipting. Other expenses include: lab and weekend contracted water testing, water billing software, office supplies and postage, materials for water line repairs, amortization and debenture interest.

The SLRWPU Operating of \$25.00 and SLRWPU Mainline of \$10 are charges that go directly to Sask Landing Rural Water Pipeline Utility.

In October 2013 The Town raised Debentures in the amount of \$2,765,734.85 to pay for it's share of the water pipeline costs with 20 annual payment of \$210,780.65. The last debenture payment will be in 2033.

"The RM of Lacadena and Monet, chose to simply add a mill rate to their assessed properties sufficient to make their annual payments for their share of the debentures.

The Town of Elrose, chose to tax each lot, occupied or not, with an amount sufficient to cover their debenture payments for their duration. The Town of Elrose also gave their taxpayers the option to prepay their payments up front.

The Town of Kyle applied the revenue from the sale of the three existing wells towards repayment of its share of the debentures. The balance of funding would come from, 18 % of the annual municipal tax, the equivalent of the annual Federal Gas Tax refund (approximately \$30,000), the annual refund as per the agreement with the RM of Lacadena (\$60,243) and any remaining balance to come from the sale of water." As provided in a summary from Ansgar Tynning in September 2017.

The Federal Gas Tax funding (approx. \$30,000) has very specific requirements for allocation of these funds. Specified funding must be applied for, approved, and documented as expensed. The Federal Gas Tax funding has additional requirements the last 4 years that include Asset Management training for Administration staff and Council as well as completion of Asset management plans for the Town.

In reviewing past minutes of the Town of Kyle and Gas Tax funding records, there is no resolution by Council for the above funding formula for the Town of Kyle Debentures. There is also no application or approval on file from Federal Gas Tax for the use of these funds to offset the 20 year debenture payments.

The 2020 Budget has included a \$10 Kyle Debenture fee on all utility accounts to replace the Federal Gas Tax funding shortfall. Council and the Administration have been diligent in making changes to current operations to meet this financial obligation, not just in utilities, but also in all areas.

A comparison of our monthly utility bills with the Town of Elrose are \$113 per month for \$1000 gallons of water and including waste and recycle carts. The Town of Elrose charges an additional \$812 per lot per year for debenture payments. As of May 1, 2020 the Town of Kyle utility charges including waste and recycle carts will be \$125 for 2500 gallons.

WELCOME Roy Brown to the public works department and Summer Students Tristan Dashney and Hannah Speir.

COMPOST PICKUP

Compost pickup by public works staff will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month starting on May 13th and last day will be October 28, 2020. This service is by application only, so please call the office to request an application form.

New Compost and tree branch area on the north side of the museum. The area by the STOP sign is for grass, leaves and garden material.

The area west of that is where the area for tree branches. The branches have been mulched and this tree mulch is available for any town resident. Please take what you need. Public works will continue to mulch tree branches throughout the season.

RENT ME BINS

Six yard "rent me" bins are available for small renovation projects or to clean up an area that requires more than the garbage cart. Please contact Triways at 773- 7575 for details. The customer is responsible for payment of the 'rent me' bin.

Covid-19 Pandemic

The Town Office hours of operation have returned to Mon-Fri 9 to 12 and 1 to 5pm. Thank you for your co-operation and patience during our shut down. Even though the office is open to the public, we are still maintaining the social distancing requirements and request that if you are ill please do not come into the office.

All recreation facilities are closed and the recreation department is also closed as of April 22, 2020.

Please note: a badger has been sighted at the corner of 2nd Ave. W. and 2nd St. W. The authorities have been notified as well Public Works will be on the look out. Please advise the town office if you see it.

