

GOPHER BITES

Town of Eston Newsletter

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Town Council Meetings

Town Council typically meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Town Office. Council meetings are open to the public, meaning anyone is welcome to attend. Business for council such as invoices to be paid, permit applications, written correspondence and request to speak as a delegation to council must be received by the Town Office by noon on the Monday prior to the meeting.

Council meeting agendas and minutes are available at www.eston.ca/council-minutes.

August Council Meeting is Tue Aug 15.

Let Us Know...

The Town of Eston does not currently have a bylaw officer. If you see something in town that you think requires our attention, please let us know.

Reduce waste, save money

Consider receiving your monthly utility bill by email. This will reduce paper waste, postal costs and you will save the \$1 per month that is charged to send out these bills by mail. Contact the office, and we will switch you over!

Tree Pruning

The Town has hired a company to come in and do tree pruning at the end of September, beginning of October. If you are interested in hiring them for your yard, please let us know and we will put you on the list. They will be in touch directly as to cost.

Gallery of Glory

Nominate a resident of Eston & District who, in their time of residency, were distinguished as being exceptional at athletics, scholastics, the arts, innovations or public service. Pick up nomination forms at the Town Office. Nominations close September 15.

CLOSED

The Town Office & Library will be closed Mon Aug 7 for the Civic Holiday and Mon Sept 4 for Labor Day.

The Eston & District Landfill will be open both days.

Thank you

To Lori Robinson, volunteers and all involved in the success of the outdoor booth which ran during ball season, thanks! \$3,615 was raised for improvements to the ball diamonds.

No Water Wednesdays

We ask that residents refrain from watering your lawns & gardens on Wednesdays. This is the day the Town waters the park.

Register for Soccer

Forms available at the Town Office or register online at www.eston.ca/soccer.

Deadline for registration is August 31.

Fees are \$40 and a shirt is provided.

KidSport funding is available and must be applied for prior to registration deadline. Soccer is for children ages 4-12 and the season is Sept-Oct.

New Rec Programs!

Bowling - Youth K-12; Adult - \$60

Register online at www.eston.ca/bowling or at the Town Office. KidSport application must accompany registration form.

Deadline October 13.

Co-Ed Rec Hockey (ages +19) - \$60

Mondays 8:15 - Oct 30-Feb 12

Register online at www.eston.ca/hockey

Deadline October 20.

END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY

Sun Aug 20

Free swim.

BBQ lunch.



Council & Committee Highlights

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Coaches & Players Code of Conduct:

The Eston & District Recreation Committee approves the Coaches & Players Code of Conduct as a new policy. The Code of Conduct will be implemented for the 2023-2024 hockey season and all sports going forward.

Baseball Pants:

The Eston & District Recreation Committee approves the change of all baseball & softball pants in Ull age group and higher to be white starting in the 2025 season. Starting 2024 any new pants bought are to be white and in 2025 all pants are to be white.

Winter KickOff:

The Eston & District Recreation Committee approves the creation of a committee that will start planning a 2023 Winter Kickoff Event.

Fairground Clean-up:

The Eston & District Recreation Committee would like to proceed with removing the backstops on diamonds 5 & 6, remove row of trees between diamonds 4 and 6, remove power shed, and grade the entire area of diamonds 4, 5, and 6.

This is being done so we can proceed with future plans for building new baseball diamonds in the area.

We would like to ask the RM for their assistance grading, and the Town for help with removing trees and the white shed.

Removing the backstop will be done by the Recreation Committee and volunteers

Pool Injection

Council accepts the recommendation from the Eston & District Recreation Committee that they accept a quote given by Vector Construction for the Urethane Injection necessary to stop the leaks under the swimming pool pending verification of labor included on the provided quote. Furthermore, they were unable to get other quotes as there are no other companies in the area that offer this service.

Minor Ball Committee Request

The Eston & District Recreation Committee will set aside \$10 of the registration fee for the T-Ball and U9 age divisions to go towards indoor ball equipment.

Paint Door Project:

The Eston & District Recreation Committee approves a \$400 arena door project. All doors inside the AGT Community Centre are to be painted blue.

Public Works:

New Staff:

We are happy to announce three new staff members to the Public Works Department with the Town of Eston

We were happy to hire Kianna Tatomir & Emmett Ryland as summer students this year.

Darren Innes joined our team on June 29 as a full-time Public Works staff.

Dayton McIvor has been hired as our Public Works Director and Jamie Kleppe as the Facility Maintenance Director, both starting in August.

Council:

Tree Service Quotes:

Council received two quotes for tree service and will proceed with Viking Tree Service for a maximum of three days to prune and maintain trees on town property and parks.

Mass Text Renewal:

Council will take the recommendation from Chief Administrative Officer, Jody Schmidt, to look into other more cost effective options.

