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Town of Eston Newsletter

Reminder - NO WATER WEDNESDAYS

Election - Wednesday, November 13

2024 Election is coming up! Wednesday, November 13. Eston residents will be voting for one mayor and six council positions. Nomination forms will be available at the Town Office. Each nominee must have five nominators from the municipality. These nomination forms must be received at the Town Office by **Oct 9**.

Together, we can be the driving force for change. Be part of the solution!

Find more info on the election: eston.ca/2024-election/

Home Improvements

It's the time of year for home and yard improvements. Always be sure you are working with a reputable contractor. See our website eston.ca/permits for information on building requirements and permits. Things to be mindful of for your build and your contractor:

- Do you need a permit
- Check references for your contractor
- Do they have proper certification
- Do they have insurance
- Do they have a business license



Thank You

To the volunteers, sponsors, vendors, participants and all who attended the **2024 Summer Bull Bash** event, we THANK YOU!! We hope to see you all again next year. Special shout out to Garrett Turner, Kim Lane and the Rodeo Committee who spearheaded this event.

Parking Trailers on the Street

Don't forget there is a 96 hr limit to parking trailers (all vehicles) on the street. Please don't have your trailer crossing the sidewalk or have your pull-outs open, as it is difficult to maneuver and see around them.

Commissioner for Oaths

The Town Office no longer has a Commissioner for Oaths on staff. We will inform you if this changes in the future.

SaskTel Fiber Optics

Over the next few months you will be seeing activity around Eston as SaskTel is installing fiber optics. For more details regarding getting set up with this, please call SaskTel 1-800-727-5836 or sasktel.com

Sidewalk Policy

The Town of Eston has established a policy to determine the long-term locations for sidewalks within the community. Where the sidewalk policy identifies sidewalks are to be kept long term, sidewalks will be maintained as budget and resources allow. Problem areas are to be identified and documented by the Director of Public Works and considered as part of annual planning. For more information on this policy see eston.ca/bylaws

Outdoor Fire Policy

The Town of Eston has established a policy to ensure that outdoor fires in Eston are done with community safety in mind. Outdoor fires are permissible within Town limits. Should conditions become too dry, a fire ban will be put into effect. Outdoor fires must be contained within a non-combustible appliance constructed of material that is at least 16 gauge or 1/16" thick. Wood burning pits should be covered with a heavy metal screen. Width of pit cannot exceed 36".



The Town Office & Library will be closed Monday, August 5 for Saskatchewan Day

eston.ca | 306-962-4444 | contact@eston.ca



Hockey Registration Deadline Aug 1

Registration is open for the 2024/2025 hockey and CanSkate season. Register at the Town Office or online at www.eston.ca/hockey. KidSport applications must accompany registration. **Registration not accepted without payment.** Deadline for registration is August 1.



August Swimming Lessons

Register for swimming lessons online, eston.ca/recreation, or at the Town Office.

Aug 6-9 & 12-15 (registration deadline Mon July 22)

Parent/Tot, Preschool: \$35; Swimmer 1-6: \$55; Rookie, Ranger, Star \$60

For private lessons, contact Garrett Turner at (306) 962-4444

Summer Sports Camp

August 19- 22 Ages 5-7 and 8-10. Limit 20 kids per group.

\$60/child. KidSport Funding available. **Registration deadline August 6**

- baseball
- floor hockey
- soccer
- football
- lacross
- swimming
- arts & crafts at the Library



Register at eston.ca/summer-programming

Tiny Tales Time

Free Story & Craft Time for Littles **Ages 3-5**

July 22-25 10am-12pm Eston Wheatland Library

Please register by calling 306-962-3513



Pool Hours

Lane Swim - Mon/Wed/Fri - 6:30-8am; Tue/Thu - 6:30-9am

Aqua Fit - Mon/Wed/Fri - 8-10am

Public Swim - Daily - 1-5 & 6-8pm



Town of Eston Merch

You may have seen a sneak peek of the new Town Merch at the Summer Bull Bash. We've brought back the Gopher with our new logo!



We have blue, burgandy and black caps as well as the retro Gopher Derby cap. Hoodies, half zips, sweatpants, and grey, black, charcoal and gold Tshirts. Sizes toddler to 2XL. Come down to the Town Office and check it out!

Waste & Recycle

Council has decided that the Town of Eston will begin collecting waste and recycling starting sometime in late fall. A truck has been purchased for this purpose. This change will result in full time employment in the community, a saving in costs and hopefully much less damage to our streets. We will continue to use rollout carts. Further details will follow.

Upcoming Events

Note: Council dates are Tuesdays through the summer

Sat July 6, 12, 20, 27 - **BBQ Lunch** - Museum

Tue Jul 17 - **Town Council Meeting** - 7 pm Town Office

July 22-25- **Tiny Tales Time ages 3-5** - 10am-12pm Eston Wheatland Library

Thu Aug 1 - Deadline for Hockey/CanSkate Registration

Town Office

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-12 & 1-5 pm; Fri: 10 am-12 & 1-5pm

Library

Mon-Tue & Thur: 2-5:30 pm; Wed: 2-8 pm; Fri: 10-noon & 3-5:30 pm

Landfill

Mon 9 am-4 pm; Tue 9 am-1 pm; Thu 12-7 pm; Sat 9 am-4 pm



2024 Utility Rates

Utility rates have been approved by the Saskatchewan Municipal Board as required and will take effect June 1, 2024.

Water and sewer must be self-sustaining.

Water consumption is billed per 1,000 imperial gallons. As shown in the table below, these rates have not increased since January 2019.

The water rates at the Town stand are higher due to the infrastructure costs which are included in the water price, whereas in other parts of town, these costs are charged separately.

Each year, the Town will conduct a water cost analysis. Based on this analysis, and subject to Council's discretion and approval from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, rates may be adjusted.

<u>Per 1,000 Imp Gallons</u>	<u>2019-2023</u>	<u>2024 (Bylaw 2024-05)</u>
Treated	\$18.00	\$20.00
Town Water Stand (Treated)	\$22.00	\$24.50
Snipe Lake Water Stand (Raw)	\$13.00	\$11.00

Infrastructure funding is allocated for both current and future water and sewer needs. This includes but is not limited to projects such as sewer lining, lift station maintenance, water treatment plant operations, and water line repairs.

These funds support ongoing operational requirements and also contribute to reserves for future.

<u>Infrastructure Fee</u> <u>(Water & Sewer)</u>	<u>2021 Rate</u>	<u>2022 Rate</u>	<u>2023 Rate</u>	<u>2024 Rate</u>
Residential	\$35/month	\$35/month	\$35/month	\$45/month
Commercial	\$55/month	\$55/month	\$55/month	\$65/month
Water Treatment Plant	\$10/month	\$20/month	\$30/month	



HOCKEY & CANSKATE

2024/2025

WINTER REGISTRATION OPEN



Registration

Registration forms available at the Town Office or at eston.ca/hocky

Fees MUST accompany registration form.

Registration Deadline is August 1.



KidSport funding is available and must be applied for prior to registration deadline. Apply at the Town Office with your KidSport application.

\$50 Late fee will be applied to each registration received after the deadline.



Rambler Hockey School

2024 Rambler Hockey School will be held in October. Registration will be available soon. The Rambler Hockey School has a separate application and must be paid for at the time of registration.

Division	Fees
Pre-Initiation - Learn to Play (2020)	\$200
U7 (2018 & 2019)	\$475
U9 (2016 & 2017)	\$475
U11 (2014 & 2015)	\$525
U13 (2012 & 2013)	\$525
U15 (2010 & 2011)	\$525
U18 (2007, 2008 & 2009)	\$525
Eston Skating Club (CanSkate & STARSkate)	\$200
Family Pass (Minor Hockey, Curling, Skating - up to 2 legal guardians & children under 18)	\$1200

