

# GOPHER BITES

## Town of Eston Newsletter

### Call for Nominations Monday September 16



The Municipal Election will be held on Wednesday, November 13 for Mayor and Councillors. **Call for nominations starts Monday, September 16 and the final day for nominations is October 9, 2024.** Nomination documents available at the Town Office. Find election information at [eston.ca/2024-election/](http://eston.ca/2024-election/)

### SaskTel Email Addresses - Utility Bills

There have been some issues with residents who have SaskTel email addresses not receiving their utility notices. Here is a link that will instruct you how to tag Town of Eston as a "trusted sender". Hopefully this will fix the problem.

<https://collegeofparamedics.sk.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/SaskTel-Spam-Instructions.pdf>

### Landfill Hours Change October 1

The landfill hours change October 1 to Winter Hours.

Monday - 9am-4pm  
Tuesday - 12 - 4pm  
Saturday - 9am - 4pm



### Save the Dates:

#### Friday October 18

"This is Us" - 7pm AGT Community Centre  
Community and Newcomer Event



More details in the next edition of Gopher Bites

#### October 25-27 Winter Kick Off



U-11 3 on 3 Hockey Tournament "A" Division & Carded; U-13 Exhibition game; Pancake Breakfast; \$2 Bowling; Boozy Bingo; Wiffle Ball & Pickle Ball Tournament; Booth open; Mezz.; Chili Cook Off; Family Pumpkin Carving...

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### Upcoming Events

- Wed Sept 4 - **Town Council Meeting** - 7pm Town Office
- Thu Sept 5 - **Bingo**- 7pm Wheatland Plus 50 Club
- Mon Sept 16 - Call for Nominations Municipal Election**
- Wed Sept 18 - **Town Council Meeting** - 7pm Town Office
- Thu Sept 19 - **Bingo** - 7pm Wheatland Plus 50 Club
- Tue Oct 1 - **Deadline for Rambler Hockey School Registration**
- Wed Oct 9 - Municipal Election Nomination Deadline**
- Fri Oct 18 - **"This is Us" Community & Newcomer's Event-AGT CC**
- Oct 18-20 - **Rambler Hockey School** - AGT Community Centre
- Oct 25-27 - **Winter Kick Off** - AGT Community Centre
- Sat Nov 2 - **Bizaare Bazaar** - Eston Legion
- Wed Nov 13 - Municipal Election - 7pm - AGT Community Centre**
- Sat Nov 16 - **Christmas in November** - AGT Community Centre
- Sat Nov 30 - **Santa Claus Day** - AGT Community Centre

### Back Alley Improvements



This fall the Town is launching an initiative to clean up back alleys. The Public Works crew will start by addressing some of the worst alleys, focusing on dragging, leveling and drainage issues. This is an excellent opportunity to tidy up your back yard and remove any obstructions in the back alley to help facilitate their work.

Be a good neighbor! Keeping areas clean not only enhances appearances but also helps prevent issues with harbouring rats and mice.

**As SaskTel is currently installing fibre optics in the alleys, this project is on hold.**

### Eston Nurture & Grow Childcare Co-Operative



Congratulations to Eston Nurture & Grow Childcare Co-Operative on being approved for funding for 40 full-time spots. They are seeking individuals to join their parent board of directors. If you would like to contribute your time, knowledge, or expertise or have any questions, please reach out to Sandy King (306) 962-7418 or email [nurtureandgrowchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:nurtureandgrowchildcare@gmail.com)

### Little Free Pantry - Wheatland Regional Library



The Little Free Pantry is a self-service food pantry for those in need. The pantry is located in the back of the Eston Wheatland Regional Library, 218 Main St. and is available during regular library hours. Donations must be shelf-stable and non-perishable. **Frozen food donations can be made at the Library.** Non perishable donations can be made at the Library or Eston Coop. Thanks for your support!

### eTransfer



Did you know the Town of Eston accepts eTransfers for utilities, taxes and AR payments? Email [contact@eston.ca](mailto:contact@eston.ca) and use the security word Eston.

### Rambler Hockey School



Rambler Hockey School will run Friday October 18-Sunday October 20. Register online at [eston.ca/hockey](http://eston.ca/hockey). Registration deadline October 1. Payment is due at registration. Notice of absence from Rambler Hockey School must be received by October 10 to receive a refund.

### Thanks Eston Lions Club



We would like to thank the Eston Lions Club who sponsored the Toonie Lunch at the Pool Party on August 31. It was another great year at the pool!

### Eston Wheatland Regional Library Happenings



- Thursdays - **Craft Club** - ages 7 and up - 3:30-5pm
- Fridays in September - **Drawing Classes** - ages 7 and up - 3:30-5pm
- Wed Sept 18 - **Tiny Tales Storytime** - ages 3-5- RSVP 306-962-3513

### Town Office & Library will be closed Friday September 30 for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

#### Town Office

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

#### Library

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

#### Landfill

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

# Election 2024

## Consider running for Municipal Council

### Get informed, be part of the solution

#### Candidate Criteria

A person is eligible to be nominated as a candidate in a municipal election and to hold office as a member of council if the person:

- is at least 18 years of age on the day of the election
- is not disqualified pursuant to this or any other Act;
- is a Canadian Citizen at the time that he or she submits the nomination paper;
- has resided in SK for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which he or she submitted the nomination paper and;
- has resided in the municipality, or on land now in that municipality, for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which he or she submitted the nomination paper.

#### The Role of Head of Council (Mayor):

The mayor has a prominent and very public profile. Many residents will have high and often varied expectations for the mayor and the council must find a way to balance these expectations and special responsibilities. Decisions, however, are made by council as a whole. The mayor does not have any more power than any other member of council to make decisions on behalf of the Town. Each council member has one vote.

#### The Role of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO/Administrator):

The CAO/Administrator is the only employee of Council. The CAO/Administrator's main role is to advise the council and make recommendations on all facets of the Town's operations. The CAO/Administrator coordinates, leads, and directs department heads and employees in the administration of the Town in accordance with the policies and plans approved by the council. The CAO/Administrator is responsible for the hiring, supervision, and dismissal of all employees of the municipality with support provided by council.

#### What is a Municipal Councillor?

The council's main role is to represent the public, provide leadership, make policy and steward. The council's responsibility is to collectively make decisions about municipal services, establish policies and plan that provide direction for operation of the Town in a manner which encourages participation in the governance process. The key responsibilities of council member are to support the Town and its operations while ensuring that our residents and the Town's well-being and interests are maintained.

- **Policy Making:** Councillors participate in making decisions and setting policies related to local government functions, such as budgeting, land use planning, and infrastructure development.
- **Advocacy:** They advocate for the needs and concerns of their constituents, addressing issues like local services, community development, and public safety.
- **Budget Oversight:** Councillors help develop and approve the municipal budget, ensuring that financial resources are allocated efficiently and effectively.
- **Bylaws & Regulations:** They contribute to the creation and modification of municipal bylaws and regulations that govern various aspects of community life.
- **Public Engagement:** Councillors engage with the community by attending meetings, hosting, public consultations, and being accessible to constituents.
- **Oversight of Municipal Administration:** They provide oversight and guidance to the municipal administration, including the hiring of the Chief Administrative Officer. Not to confuse oversight with operation, these are two completely different things.

#### Eligibility & Voter Registration

Who can vote? To vote in a town election in Saskatchewan, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen;
- be at least 18 years of age;
- have lived in SK for at least 6 consecutive months immediately before election day and;
- lived in the municipality for at least 3 consecutive months immediately before election day; or
- be the owner of assessable land situated in the municipality for at least 3 consecutive months immediately before election day.

