

Municipal News Port Blandford

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Seasons Greetings.

2012 Budget News

There is no tax increase for the year 2012. However, some residents will see an increase in their tax invoice due to an increase in the assessed values on their property.

We are please to say that we stayed within our budget for the year 2011 and our collections are doing fairly well. Let's continue to keep up the good work, pay our taxes and keep our rates as low as possible.

2012 Tax Rates

Poll Tax (Non-Property owner) \$200.00/year
Property Tax (Minimum Property Tax) \$200.00/year
 mill rate 6 mills
Business Tax (Minimum Business Tax) \$200.00/year
 Cable TV, NF Tel. & NF Power 2.5% of Gross Turnover
 Heavy Equipment Construction 30 mills
 All other businesses 10 mills
Water & Sewer Tax

- water only \$180.00/year - \$15.00 month

- water & sewer \$288.00/year - \$24.00 month

- hotel establishment 75 cents per day per washroom or unit

Disconnection Charge \$10.00/each

Connection Charge \$10.00/each

If services discontinued for non-payment of taxes the reconnecting charge \$50.00

Hooking houses into existing main water line ... \$100.00

Hooking houses into existing main water and sewer line\$150.00

Use of Waste Disposal Site

- for non-residents \$200.00/year

- for non-resident commercial ...\$20.00 per load (pick up/utility cart)

- for organizations\$250.00/year

Permit Fees

- residential \$50.00

- utility shed \$10.00

- erecting signs \$10.00

- general repairs & renewal permits \$5.00

- commercial 1/10 of 1 % of estimated value of development

Photo Copies

25 cents each for first 4 copies and each additional copy 15 cents each

Fax Messages

- Receiving messages \$2.00 per 5 pages and .50 cents per page after

- Sending messages in Province \$2.00 per 5 pages and .50 cents per page after

- Sending messages out of Province \$5.00 per 5 pages and .50 cents per page after

Tax Certificates & Confirmation Letters \$25.00 each

Discount :

5 percent will be granted, only on poll and property tax, if paid in full on or before April 30, 2012.

Interest:

Interest at 9.75% per year will be charged on arrears poll and property tax effective January 1, 2012. Interest at 9.75% per year on 2012 poll and property tax effective May 1, 2012.

Please Read Other Side

Snow Clearing Regulations

Vehicles are not to be left parked on town roads during snow clearing operations. Also, residents are asked not to push snow from driveways onto public roads. Council requests the cooperation of all residents so that town roads can be cleared in an efficient manner.

Holidays 2012

The following is a list of **designated holidays** for 2012 and the **dates on which they will be observed.**

- New Year's Day ... Jan. 02
- St. Patrick's Day .. Mar. 19
- Good Friday April 06
- St. George's Day .. April 23
- Victoria Day May 21
- Discovery Day June 25
- Memorial Day July 02
- Orangeman's Day . July 09
- Civic Holiday Aug. 06
- Labour Day Sept. 03
- Thanksgiving Day .. Oct 08
- Remembrance Day Nov 12
- Christmas Day Dec 25
- Boxing Day Dec 26

Christmas Schedule

Garbage Collection Wednesday Dec 28 and Tuesday Jan 03. Landfill Site will be closed Sat. Dec. 24 & Sat Dec. 31 will reopen Sat. Jan 7. Bulky Clean Up Wed. Jan 4. During a snow storm garbage days or bulky

clean up days will be delayed until the snow is cleared up or the following day. Town Office will be closed for the following dates: 12 noon Fri Dec. 23 in observance of Christmas Eve, Monday Dec 26 for Boxing Day, Tuesday Dec 27 in observance of Christmas Day, 12 noon Fri Dec 30 in observance of New Year's Eve and Mon Jan 02 in observance of New Year's Day.

Council Meeting Nights (Changed)

In 2012 our council meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays in each month unless otherwise notified.

Warning!

Snow Machines on Bay Ice. For your safety please be aware of the location of the channel. The channel runs underneath the causeway and well out into the bay. The channel area has **deep water** with a **swift current.** *This area should be avoided at all times.*

Office Hours

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 pm Monday-Friday.
Lunch hour noon-1pm unless otherwise notified.

Port Blandford Come Home Year

This event is scheduled for August 1 - 5, 2012 and plans are well underway. To keep up to date with all of their upcoming activities and take part in their discussion board go to their Facebook page: Port Blandford Come Home Year Aug 1 - 5, 2012 .

Safety Tips

Keep your family safe this Christmas with some of these safety tips.

- Don't overload electrical outlets or circuits.
- Keep matches away from children.
- Turn off the Christmas lights when you sleep or when leaving your home.
- Have a fire extinguisher readily available.
- The stand should hold at least one gallon of water. A six-foot tree will use a gallon of water every two days.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

The Town of Port Blandford and The Port Blandford Volunteer Fire Department wishes everyone a safe and fire free Christmas and a Happy New Year.