

# Municipal News Port Blandford

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## Seasons Greetings.

### 2013 Budget News

We are pleased to say we were able to lower our mill rate by one mill. For 2013 our mill rate will be 5 mills. This is one of the lowest mill rates in the province.

However, some residents will see an increase in their tax invoice due to an increase in the assessed values on their property.

We also stayed within our budget for the year 2012 and our collections are doing fairly well. Lets continue to keep up the good work.

### 2012 Tax Rates

**P**oll Tax (Non-Property owner) ..... \$200.00/year  
**Property Tax** (Minimum Property Tax) \$200.00/year mill rate ..... 5 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-resident \$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, 2013.

#### Interest:

Interest at 9.75% per year will be charged on arrears poll and property tax effective January 1, 2013. Interest at 9.75% per year on 2013 poll and property tax effective May 1, 2013.

### 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 2013

The following is a list of designated holidays for 2013 and the dates on which they will be observed.

- New Year ..... Jan 1
- St. Patrick's ..... Mar 18
- Good Friday ..... March 29
- St. George's ..... Apr 22
- Victoria Day ..... May 20
- Discovery Day .... June 24
- Memorial Day ..... July 1
- Orangeman's ..... July 15
- Civic Holiday ..... Aug 5
- Labour Day ..... Sept 2
- Thanksgiving ..... Oct 14
- Remembrance .... Nov 11
- Christmas Day ..... Dec 25
- Boxing ..... Dec 26

### Adopt a Hydrant

If you wish to adopt a fire hydrant to keep it cleared from snow please notify the Town Office. Thank you for your help.

### Warning!

**S**now 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.*

### Christmas Schedule

**G**arbage Collection Thursday, Dec 27 and Wednesday, Jan 02. Bulky Clean Up Thursday Jan 03, Landfill Site will be open on Saturday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, Dec 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 Closed 12 noon Monday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve, Tuesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> - Boxing Day, 12 noon Monday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - New Years Eve. and Tuesday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> for New Years Day.

### Christmas Tree

**T**his year we have added a Christmas Tree to our decorations. The Town supplied the materials and we wish to thank Tom Hood who

donated his time and made the tree for us.

### Safety Tips

**K**ee your family safe this Christmas with some of these holiday safety tips.

- Don't overload electrical outlets or circuits. -
- Keep matches away from children.
- The stand should hold at least one gallon of water. A six-foot tree will use a gallon of water every two days.
- Secure the tree with wire to keep it from tipping and keep it away from floor heaters, fire places, or other heat sources.
- Turn off the Christmas lights when you sleep or when leaving your home.
- Have a fire extinguisher readily available.

### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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