

CARONPORT

December 2022

Village of Caronport

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Village Council Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. at the Village Office. Any Village concerns must be in writing, undersigned, dated, and addressed to the Village Office.



Property Taxes: All property taxes are due on December 31, 2022. **10% interest will be added to all outstanding taxes as of January 1, 2023.**

Cheques can be mailed or left in the receiving box outside the office or payment may be made online through RBC, BMO, CIBC, TD, Conexus and Scotiabank. **Please allow 3-5 days for online payments to be processed.**



Water Meter Readings –

Water meter readings are needed December 31st, 2022. You will receive an email. **Please read your meter and submit your reading to the office by the 1st of each month.** We would prefer you send in a picture of the meter to avoid any errors of a misread meter. Accounts over 30 days will be subject to 3% interest at the end of each month.

****If you are located in the Trailer Court you do NOT need to send us meter readings****



Please park vehicles in your designated parking areas and not on streets.

Please park off the street to assist with snow removal and to comply with bylaw 9/89(3)(g) which states *no vehicle or trailer shall be parked on any street continuously for any period of time longer than forty-eight (48) hours.*

Those of you who rent out suites, please be reminded that you are required to provide off-street parking for your tenants. We ask that those in the trailer court also use their designated off-street parking and not park on the street. Thank you!

Merry Christmas 



Christmas Hours: The Village office will be closed at 4:00 pm on Tuesday December 20th, 2022 and will re-open Tuesday January 3rd, 2023 at 9 a.m. We wish everyone a blessed and happy holiday season, and look forward to serving you in 2023.



From the Desk of Mayor Dan Buck –

*“The angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, for I proclaim to you good news that brings great joy to all the people: Today your Saviour is born in the city of David. He is Christ the Lord.’”
(Luke 2:10)*

All other greetings fade away in comparison to the immensity of this greeting spoken to common people just doing life like they had for the last many years. But this greeting would change them. And it would change others who heard it from these common people. And it still changes people. As you greet people who are just doing life all around you, may you share the message of the love of Christmas that brings purpose and joy to life.

Winter has come upon us rather quickly this year, but it has surrounded us with much beauty - a blanket of snow, kids skating on the rink, many many snowmen, tree lighting and fireworks, Christmas carols and house upon house lit for Christmas. Let's not miss all the beauty and the people all around us as we dash from one event to the next.

The winter months can bring many challenges with water, streets and heating. Let's all do our part to protect our homes and infrastructure and keep the community safe and accessible to all.

On behalf of all the Village Council and Staff, may I wish you a festive, safe and blessed Christmas and an amazing New Year!

Mayor Dan Buck



Garbage & Recycling Schedule –

Loraas Disposal Services LTD picks up garbage every Tuesday, and recycling is picked up every second Tuesday. **Please remove your garbage bins from the street as soon as possible after they are picked up in order to help with snow removal.**

Recycling is requested by individual homeowners directly to Loraas Disposal Services LTD. Contact their office in Moose Jaw at (306)691-2850 to set up your service and you will be invoiced directly from Loraas.



From the Desk of Caronport Community Safety Officer Randy Jesse –

As we celebrate this special season, I am very pleased to extend greetings on behalf of the Caronport Community Safety Office.

Although we have experienced some difficult challenges this year, with the decline of the pandemic and unfortunately an increase in the Flu, RSV, runaway inflation and war in the Ukraine, we have much for which to be grateful.

In particular, I want to thank everyone for their support for my office in its first full year of operation. The support for this year’s community projects such as the Bike Rodeo, social media blitzes, Caronport Days, Caronport Christmas and voluntary compliant to our traffic laws and bylaws has made my work very satisfying. It is because of your support that Caronport enjoys a low crime rate and increased public safety.

I want to thank members serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, Caronport Fire and Rescue and our medical first responders

I want to thank health care professionals, educators and front-line workers for going above and beyond the call of duty throughout these difficult times.

I am grateful to those serving in public office for providing leadership, especially during these uncertain times.

In Caronport, we are especially fortunate to be surrounded by generous and capable volunteers. I extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who is giving their time and energy to improve this Community.

I am grateful for everyone who has chosen to see challenges as opportunities to help others this year. Thank you for your inspiring examples of service. Giving back to our communities reflects the true spirit of the season!

I wish you Seasons Greetings from my family to yours,
Merry Christmas!



From the Desk of Caronport

Recreation Board –

It was great to see more programming open up again this past year. Thank you to all of those who are involved at the club level to restart and recreate the recreation opportunities that we have missed during the “C” season.

Our Rec Board itself is seeing decline as its members move on, and we are currently at three members, which is not a good representation of what is happening in our community. I will add my plea to the Council’s for adults of our community to consider this a valuable opportunity to invest in, whether you are a lifer or temporary resident of our wonderful community.

If you have enrolled your children in any of our recreational opportunities in the past or present, you know that it takes a team to make these programs happen. It is the same for the Rec Board. The existence of the Rec Board allows our community to access grants that help to keep the costs of those programs affordable for our community. The Rec Board can also look outside of the programming for further opportunities that we can bring in and offer to Caronport and the surrounding residents.

Having representation from our active clubs is the goal, so if you have children involved in community based recreation, please consider this your invitation to explore joining our board. You can convey your interest through the Village office and we will let you know when the next meeting will be.

Thank you,
Loree Buck, PCP
Treasurer

CARONPORT REC BOARD

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Outdoor Skating Rink –

The outdoor rink committee has been busy getting ready for the season. Many hands make light work. If you would like to join the Outdoor Rink Committee or have any questions or concerns please contact Councillor Jordan Rempel.

The temperatures are staying consistently cold and flooding has begun.

Please respect the rules that are posted at the rink and have fun!

Thank you to our current members for your many hours volunteering to help make the outdoor rink a great place for our community to enjoy!



**From the Desk of Public Works
Superintendent Stephen Brown –
*Peaceful Unity in Diversity***

“Thank You” or “TNX”, whatever form it takes is one of the most powerful words one person can speak or write to another. In doing so, we build one another up by showing them that we notice them and what they contribute to our shared existence. But how many of us take the time to understand its impact on another person. Well let me tell you my thoughts... many of you have just done that to me this year. You have not only personally expressed to me your gratitude but also how you see and experience my presence amongst you. It has been an overwhelming year for me but because of the time you have taken to share this message with me... it has truly touched my mind, heart and soul... Thank you!

To truly receive words of gratitude, affirmation, love is no easy task for most us... it requires the honed skill of hearing one another and ourselves.

I wonder how many of us take the time to truly be still long enough for our brains, plus our hearts to become uncluttered... allowing ourselves to actually hear and honestly see who we are within this messy world we live in.

You might be wondering what in the world am I talking about and what does this have to do with Christmas. Well let me explain... each one of us has thoughts and emotions running around within us in attempt to explain the world in which we experience and find ourselves. We do this both consciously and unconsciously in a desperate need to survive the journey we know we are on. The journey every human finds themselves on is simply that of birth to death.

To be honest, so little of our own personal storytelling makes any sense and because it doesn't we grasp at any wisp of control or power... anything that gives us the sense that we will have the life we believe we should have and deserve. And there are those that carry it to the extremes where they believe the insane lies that they tell themselves, which only adds to the insanity of the world.

So let me ask again... how many of us take the time to be quiet long enough to not listen but to actually hear ourselves.

There is a genuine difference between listening and hearing. I have found through the years that very few people really know how to hear. Here's a little test... when was the last time you truly heard the heart and soul of another person. It takes time, which we never seem to have. It takes surrender of your “self” to truly hear another person and enter into their world... to care. To be moved to act... even if it is to simply give them a tissue to dry their tears. Do we create an environment where they feel safe so they can be real and vulnerable? We are so quick to have others listen to us... but for what gain... our ego?

So how do we ever hear ourselves if we struggle with hearing others. Do we know how to care for ourselves? To take the steps to hear what we truly need in order walk this journey. I am not talking about control but surrender. I am not talking about power but serving others. I am not talking about gain but emptying oneself to be free of the entanglements of this world. I am not talking about diminishing the fears within us but drive them out with love and that means starting with ourselves, which does not include the number of hits we get on any of the social media arenas. But to realize that the only hope we have is not the amount of money we have, our intelligence, beauty, possessions or whatever but in the One who started the whole message of Christmas... Jesus of Nazareth. It takes a quieted mind, heart and soul to hear your need for Him. Let Him be the One who brings you Hope, Peace and Love this Christmas and throughout your future.

S.R. Brown
2022