

# FEB 26

## NEWSLETTER




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**COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Mondays, February 9 & 23 in Council Chambers at 6 p.m.

Public welcome to attend or listen via zoom; check fb for link.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>01</b> Ground Hog Day Chamber of Commerce AGM Supper 6:30 Meeting 7pm	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b> U7 game – 5pm Recycle Cart	<b>06</b> U9 Hockey Tournament Cards Night New Horizons 7pm
<b>08</b> Speed Puzzle Competition Herbert School 1-4pm	<b>09</b> Council Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Garbage Cart	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> BINGO night Lion's Hall 7-9pm Adult Rec Hockey Tour. 2on2 Stick Curling Spiel Valentine's Supper at the rink
U7 game 4:00pm <b>15</b> FAMILY DAY at the rink- Wiener roast, Public Skating 2on2 stick curling Office Closed	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Chinese New Year 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Recycle Cart	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Cards Night New Horizons 7pm
<b>22</b> Council Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> U7 game – 5pm U9 game – 6:30pm Garbage Cart	<b>27</b> U11 HOME Hockey Tournament Cards Night New Horizons 7pm	<b>28</b>

### METER INSTALLATION 101

Our Maintenance staff has been busy installing BADGER water meters & we thought it noteworthy to share with ratepayers what's required in order to make the installation process more efficient.



First & foremost, it's imperative that the meter location is immediately accessible & not covered (as in photo A to the left). Also, ensure stored items are removed from the immediate work area. Please do not block the meter upon installation completion.

Concerning the meter itself, an area of approximately 18-20" total; 5-6" above & about 8"-10" below the meter, by 12" wide (including the meter width), should provide sufficient exposure of the affected piping & shut-off valve. See photo B for reference.

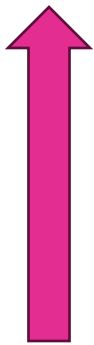
Back to photo A, in this particular instance the drywall must be removed from around the meter to the above specifications. This area should always be accessible in the event of leaks, or other possible water line issues. This will alleviate a lot of trouble regarding future repairs.

Prior to a scheduled meter replacement, it's an opportune time to exercise the shut-off valve ensuring that it's in working order. The valve may be seized & need to be replaced simply due to non-usage, corrosion, etc. Ideally, we'd prefer the valve be in working order prior to our visit. Call a licenced plumber to replace the valve.



Like anything else that ceases to function during extremely cold temperatures, water meters are of no exception. If they're located in an unheated area, meters can freeze, break, burst or leak. It's imperative that the water lines are properly insulated either with heat tape or foam pipe-wrap. which are both readily available at most hardware outlets. Of course, placing a safe & alternate heat source in the immediate area, like a space heater, might also be an option.

If you're worried about water lines freezing it's always advisable to keep faucets open & running with a very slow stream of water to keep lines open, but enough can't be said about proper insulation.



**Garbage Collection Rate Update** – Effective 2026 (February billing for January services). The Town of Herbert would like to let residents know that the monthly garbage collection rate will be increasing.

This adjustment is the result of rate increases from Triways Disposal, who provide our community's waste collection service. Triways' cost has risen due to higher operating and tipping fees at the Swift Current Landfill, and those increases flow through to all municipalities they serve.

The enviro charge will change from the current \$17.00 per **garbage cart** to \$20.00 per **garbage cart only**, adding an extra \$3.00 to the monthly billing. The actual monthly billing will change from \$123.50 to \$126.50 every month thereafter.

**This is for garbage cart only – recycle cart will stay the same.**

Should you have preauthorized payments set-up through your financial institution, please inform them of the new billing amount to preempt interest charges being applied to your account.

The Town of Herbert would like to remind dog and cat owners that all pet licenses have expired as of December 31 and needs to be licensed for the new calendar year.

As per Bylaw 2024-06, all dogs & cats (4 months of age or older) must be licensed and wear a tag. Visit the town office to license and collect your pet tag(s).

License fee:	Intact	Dogs - \$20.00/dog	Spayed/Neutered	\$15.00
		Cats - \$10.00/cat	Spayed/Neutered	\$5.00

**DOG/CAT LICENSE**

**EXPIRED**

**Time to RENEW**

## **A quick reminder never hurts—especially in Saskatchewan, where winter can return overnight.**

### **BEFORE YOU LEAVE**

#### **1. *Wear your seatbelt***

It may seem obvious, but you should always wear your seatbelt. It can save your life. According to Transport Canada, more than a quarter of drivers and passengers who were fatally injured in a collision were not using a seatbelt.

#### **2. *Turn on your lights***

Don't be a phantom vehicle. Make sure your lights are on. Not only does it make your path clearer, but it also helps other drivers see you. The Government of Canada is making automatic tail and headlights a standard lighting requirement for new vehicles sold in Canada as of 2021. For now, if your car does not have automatic lights, make sure to turn them on.

#### **3. *Make sure your view is clear***

Don't be that igloo on wheels. Clear ice and snow from all exterior windows and mirrors before you start driving. Don't forget about the inside of the car, either. Your AC is also a dehumidifier—use it to clear foggy windows for better visibility.

#### **4. *Be prepared***

Keep an [emergency car kit](#) in your car. You don't need to spend a lot of money – most items can be found in your home. Be sure to pack items such as gloves, hats, a blanket, a first aid kit, booster cables, a small shovel, a flashlight, and anything else that can help keep you safe in an emergency.

#### **5. *Put your phone away***

Your phone is an important tool, but you should never use it while driving. Decide what music you want to listen to and then put your phone away. Make sure your phone is charged, too – in case you need to call CAA.

### **WHILE YOU DRIVE**

#### **1. *Keep a full tank***

At a minimum, keep your tank half full. If you're ever stuck in an emergency on the road, you'll be able to run your car for short periods of time to stay warm.

#### **2. *Don't use cruise control***

Cruise control is helpful, but not on slippery roads. Stay attentive and be ready to brake. The best way to avoid a skid is by driving at speeds that are safe for the weather and road conditions. Remember, speed limits are posted for ideal weather, which means in the winter you should always drive below the speed limit.

#### **3. *Don't rely on GPS***

Winter driving safety begins even before you leave the driveway. First, check the weather forecast. Depending on the weather, your drive may take longer. If using a GPS, don't rely on the estimated arrival time. Add at least 15 minutes to your drive to allow for additional traffic due to weather.

#### **4. *Safe braking***

Proper braking is important to safe winter driving. Since it takes longer to stop on a slippery road, you should:

- Leave more distance than normal between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you
- Pay close attention to the road – as far ahead as you can
- Make sure that you don't release the brake pedal when the vehicle is out of control. Focus on steering with the brake pedal applied hard

#### **5. *Skidding***

Even careful and experienced drivers can skid, so be prepared. Skidding can be caused by panic braking when you're trying to avoid an obstacle on the road. Slow down. Allow extra travel time and be very careful when you brake, change lanes, make turns, and take curves.

To reduce skidding in bad weather, visit [Transport Canada](#) for more tips.