



Village of Duchess May 2018

Village Council has approved an increase to the 2018 tax mill rate:

Residential Rate – from 10.657 to **10.757**

Non-residential Rate – from 13.657 to **13.957**

Some of our **projects in 2017** were:

Margaret Avenue got a facelift with paving and curbs and sidewalks. We implemented a GIS system. We had an October Election.

The bulk water fill received a replacement cement pad.

We decommissioned the Rock Lake pump house.

Additional drainage measures were installed in Princess Park and around the Hall corner. Annual sewer line flushing and lift station maintenance.

We purchased a new-used Public works truck and an additional utility trailer.

An Infrastructure plan was started, with a grant application to work with our neighbours Rosemary and Bassano.

On July 7th.....there is an entire day of fun and activities planned in the Village of Duchess for Duchess Days. The organizers are planning a great weekend of activities...some old and a lot of new ones. If you'd like to be involved...please call Tina 793-0847- Duchess Days, Please watch the LED sign, posters, Facebook posts and check our website for updates and a schedule of events.

Information and applications regarding the Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program are available in the Village Office. More information can be accessed through Alberta Supports Contact Centre 1-877-644-9992 or 780-644-9992 or visit the Alberta Seniors website @ www.SeniorsPTDP.alberta.ca



Trailers....Please remember that trailers cannot be left on the street unhooked. A 72 hour time limit for trailers hooked to a vehicle is in effect and tickets will be issued for violations. Trailers may not be parked on your lawn. They must be in an obvious designated parking area. This means either a driveway or a gravel area on your property, designed for parking.

The alley cleanup will start on Tuesday May 22nd and run, weekdays, until Monday May 28th. Public Works employees will work their way through the Village all week and take items by category...so don't worry if they only take a portion of your items, they will come back for the rest. If you have any questions, call the office 378-4452. Please remember, it is not permissible to store garbage or other items in the alley other than during our cleanup week.

The walking trails around the Village have been very busy...Please remember that these trails are not for motorized vehicles....and a reminder to pet owners: please pick up after your pet.

Please check out the Duchess Recreation Centre's Facebook page or give Sara a call at 378-3311. She has a great summer full of events planned.

Financial Statements are complete for 2017 and available for viewing. If you are interested in having a look, please let us know and we will book a time to go through them with you.

In 2018, we are planning many thingswe have summer students starting after the long weekend...we are finalizing our infrastructure plan...we are looking at building a new office ...Street lighting additions on Margaret Avenue....
...sidewalk repairs ...a land use bylaw update... and of course; Alberta Transportation is resurfacing Railway Avenue. We have already had a few big water repairs and a lagoon repair...So, we can now focus on the back alley cleanup and e-waste and paint roundup and get everyone on a whipper snipper or a mower and get down to business for summer.

An MGA update has mandated several additional requirements that we must work on over the next while - policies and bylaws, Intermunicipal collaboration framework, municipal development plans.

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