



Village of Ferintosh



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Water Meter Readings a Success

After several frustrating months of trying to calibrate the new portable water meter reader with the CAO's computer, we were able to take start point readings at the end of October. Then we read everyone's meters on December 2, so that we could produce the first bills based on actual consumption for the month of November.

One of the advantages of this new system is the ability of the reader to detect leaks in your home water system. On the report readout that we get each month is whether your home has either an "intermittent" or "continuous" leak somewhere in the water system (i.e. dripping taps, running toilet etc). You will be advised each month whether you have a problem, and if you do, please take immediate steps to find the fault and fix it - why you may ask, well because you are billed for what you use now.. And leaks or drips can quickly add up to lots of wasted water! Check your taps and toilets..

Your utility bills can be paid at the Village Office or at the ATB Financial branch in the General Store. The Village office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Closed for lunch.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Did you know that the lights on a school bus hold the same significance as any other traffic light? Amber lights warn you that that school bus is going to stop, so **YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED TO STOP AS WELL**. Once the red lights come on, you **MUST** stop until the lights are cancelled. Traffic from both directions on a two lane highway must stop. Do not attempt to creep by on the shoulder of the road as a child (your child!) may be stepping off the bus.

This message is brought to you by your Village school bus driver, who has seen too many violations already this year. Remember - these are your children and your neighbours' children who are riding the bus every day - please help protect them!!

AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL, FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND VILLAGE STAFF

Events & Important Dates

Council Meetings

Dec 10 - Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm
Jan 14 - Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

Hi-U Centre regular events:

Coffee every morning
Floor curling Mondays and Fridays at 2:00 pm
Community breakfast 8-10 am on the first Wednesday of each month

Christmas Open Houses - Village residents are cordially invited to enjoy two events as a kick-off to the festive season..

ATB Financial Customer Appreciation Days - Dec 22nd 9am-1pm, Dec 23rd 9am-3pm and Dec 24th 9am-1pm. Drop by for Xmas goodies! They will be joined for some of the time by our local hotel owners **Stan and Darlene**.

The Mayor, Council and staff will host an Open House in the Village office from 2 - 4 pm on Tuesday Dec 23rd. Please drop by for a chat and a glass of egg-nog or punch and Christmas treats...

Garbage Pick Up Reminder

To help keep the Village more attractive and less open to animal foraging in your garbage every week, residents are kindly asked to ensure that all garbage is placed in garbage bags, and then placed in proper receptacles (i.e. garbage can or large plastic container). You are asked to place these containers in the alleyways, being sure not to block the roadway. We ask for your cooperation here, because there have been too many recent incidents of garbage bags being tossed recklessly out back, thus blocking the alley ways. And there is the continual problem of animals getting into the garbage bags foraging for leftovers. Unfortunately, the Village cannot and will not collect garbage bags that have been torn open by animals. This is why we are asking those of you who place your bags out early (even the night before) to please put them in secure containers

Thanks very much!