



## Mayor's Message

A month ago few of us had ever heard of COVID-19, yet today it dominates our thoughts, it is changing our lives.

This viirus is the focus of Your Council and we are concerned about you—our ratepayers, our relatives, our co-workers, and our friends. We worry about your welfare and economic fall out.

We know that there are those that cannot drive. We know that there are people that don't wish to leave their homes, yet there are some people who need groceries, items from the pharmacy and they might wish take-out from one of our restaurant's.

To assist with the above, we offer a Delivery Service free of charge, within Town Limits. You simply need to call 306-248-3518 and make arrangements. Of course, you need to pay for your items but we can deliver them or pick you up in the Transit Bus. At this time, until April 30, 2020, there will be no charge for the Transit Bus. This deferral will be reviewed by Council on a monthly basis going forward, with respect to COVID-19.

As well we know that the virus has had an economic impact on the entire community. The Town has limited resources but Council has passed a resolution that enables administration to issue utility bills with charges only reflecting minimum. Any residential property bill will be \$61.78 and any commercial property will be \$86.78. Each bill will have an accurate reading with the consumption reduced to four (4) cubic meters. This reduction in utility bills will be reviewed monthly by Council.

In these difficult times, we need to help each other. Help your neighbor, make certain that they are ok and have their groceries and medications; while practicing Social Distancing. Please do not enter any residence except your own.

Be kind to each other—this too will pass.

*Mayor George Prudat, on behalf of Town Council*

## MLA's Message

The events of the last week triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic have been unprecedented in the history of our country and province. The world is collectively facing a crisis unlike any faced since at least the Second World War.

I want you to know that I and your government will do whatever is necessary to face this crisis. As a senior Minister in your government I can tell you that the last week has been the most intense of my life. There is no rule book. There are no easy answers. The guiding principle is that we will do whatever is needed to keep you and your family safe. We will allocate whatever resources that need to be allocated. We will take whatever extraordinary measures need to be taken. Politics don't matter. What matters is keeping you and your family safe.

This will be tough on many of you and the most difficult decisions have yet to come. Please pull together—by staying apart. Keep yourself up to date on what our medical professionals are telling you to do. And then do it.

You are my friends, neighbors, and colleagues. I know what good people you are. The best in the world. Representing you has been the great honour of my life. I will do all I can to live up to that honour.



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## Responding Together to COVID-19

As the situation with COVID-19 evolves, the health and safety of Canadians remains the top priority. A big thank you goes to all the health care workers on the front lines and all the essential workers who are delivering necessary services to Canadians. I also thank everyone who has been following the guidelines set by our public health authorities and implore everyone to continue to do so. During these unprecedented times, we all have a role to play and together we will navigate it.

The Government of Canada is responding to the financial impact of Covid-19 through measures like temporary wage subsidies, extended tax deadlines for businesses and individual taxpayers, small business loans, a boosted Goods and Services Tax Credit, a temporarily increased Canada Child Benefit, and more. Conservatives are working to support these measures and offering additional solutions particularly to help small businesses who have been hit hard.

If you need assistance navigating the above-mentioned measures or any government program, my office remains available to help. While in-person meetings are suspended, my team continues to be available by email ([Rosemarie.Falk@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Rosemarie.Falk@parl.gc.ca)) or by phone at 306-825-5005. If you are online, visit my Facebook page @RosemarieFalkMP or my website [www.RosemarieFalk.ca](http://www.RosemarieFalk.ca) for regular updates.

In times of crisis, if we look for it, we can always find a silver lining. It is so rare to slow our pace and even to be still. For Christians marking lent – a season of reflection – we have added time to pray and reflect on the power of this Easter season. We can all use this time to reflect, spend quality time with our family or catch up by phone with a friend. While we are physically practicing social distance, let's continue to be a community. Together we will emerge strong.

*Rosemarie Falk*, Member of Parliament—Battlefords-Lloydminster

# What Can You Do?

## Importance of Civic Address—Display

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Your civic number is the main physical feature used by emergency responders when locating the source of a 9-1-1 call. Every owner of a residence or business in the Province must display their civic address number in a way that is clearly visible from the main roadway. This allows emergency responders to find the address quickly in an emergency situation. The Town would like to see all properties to have their Civic Address prominently displayed.

## Up-To-Date Contact Information

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The Town of St. Walburg is requesting that each resident update their contact information with the Town Office. The Town Office occasionally needs to contact residents to discuss important information such as snow removal, billing information, water breaks, etc. Without the proper information, ratepayers are left in the dark ~ by ensuring that the Town Office has the most current phone number, email address and mailing address will aid in the communication. Please contact the town Office at (306) 248-3232 to check the contact information that is on file, or email updated contact information to: [info@stwalburg.com](mailto:info@stwalburg.com). **IF the Town Office does not have your phone number, then we cannot keep you informed quickly. Please check with your family and friends to see if they are receiving our Dial-My-Call Information Updates.**

## Community Updates

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The Town of St. Walburg will be updating the Community as the situation changes. Methods of communication that are being used include Dial-My-Calls, Facebook Postings, and Website Messaging. Beginning on Friday, March 25, 2020 the Town will also include a posting in the Town Office window on bright paper with the most up to date information.

## Delivery Service—FREE WITHIN TOWN LIMITS (306) 248-3518

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Sunday thru Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., the Town is offering a FREE Delivery Service. Call the local business to place and pay for your order. Confirm the time that your order will be ready. Call 306-248-3518 to arrange for Delivery Service—including your civic address and phone number. Should anyone require additional supports, please contact the Town Office at 306-248-3518. Local Businesses include: St. Walburg Pharmacy, Graham's Foods, St. Walburg Inn, The Farmhouse Inn, Subway, Route 26 Coffee House, and Ying's. We are just a call away to help you during this time.

## Utility Billing for March 2020

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Council has reviewed the utility billing process with respect to the current situation that is occurring. Town Council has requested administration to complete the monthly billing for **March 2020** and provide each residential and commercial property with a minimum billing—based on four (4) cubic meters of usage. Each bill will have the most recent reading, however the consumption for the period will remain at maximum 4. This will mean that residential utility bills will be \$61.78 and commercial utility bills will be \$86.78. While COVID-19 is prevalent, Council will review on a month to month basis.

## Social Distancing

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Town Council is encouraging all members of our Community to practice Social Distancing. Avoid large crowds and do not shake hands, hug, etc. Social distancing involves avoiding interactions with people outside of those who live in your household.

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