



### Deputy Mayor's Monthly Message

Greetings from Town Council. It has been a great summer! There have been lots going on in the past few months, and we are wrapping up projects as we say thank you and goodbye to our summer students. Look for the recap of all their work accomplishments further into our newsletter on page 3.

Some of the highlights these past months have been working with the Great Trail Team as they further improve the walking trails and look towards future needs such as ATV trails. More information to come as they work on what's possible and what our community wants and needs. Communities in Bloom have exceeded expectations, and we have enjoyed beautiful flowers all summer long. Thank you to all for the excellent teamwork. The best yards and gardens were judged on August 17<sup>th</sup> with 23 entries. I was privileged to co-judge with our MP Rosemarie Falk, and also with expert gardener Gabriele Trozduk. The yards were terrific and it wasn't easy to select the top six for awards. Congratulations to all the winners recognized on page 2 and congratulations to all those who were nominated.

Our term as your Town Council is coming to a close with the November 9<sup>th</sup> election fast approaching. We are in the process of ensuring the work of the past four years is captured and transferred to the next elected officials. A combination of work is being done to ensure that a smooth and timely transition is achieved. The nomination for Town Council begins on September 22 and closes on October 7; the forms are available to pick up at the Town Office.

As a new season approaches, thoughts go out to the students returning to school. Wishing all the St. Walburg students a successful and healthy year ahead. Harvest is beginning now, and the hopes are for a prosperous and safe fall to all farmers and ranchers.

Best wishes to all and enjoy our beautiful Saskatchewan Autumn.

*Nancy Schneider, Deputy Mayor*

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**ST. WALBURG &  
DISTRICT FOOD PANTRY  
@ THE UNITED CHURCH  
(117 MAIN STREET)**

**FIRST & THIRD THURSDAY OF  
EACH MONTH FROM  
1 PM TO 3 PM**

Serving St. Walburg,  
Loon Lake and Paradise Hill  
Contact information: Heather  
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### September Projects in St. Walburg

With Fall approaching, St. Walburg has a number of projects that Town Council would like completed for 2020. To accommodate the timely completion, the Town has extended the employment of Austin Petch until September 30, 2020.

- South Signing Corridor
- Replacement of three (3) fire hydrants at 1A Avenue Close, 2nd Avenue & 2nd Street, and 1st Street West & Railway
- Final application of calcium chloride to the gravel streets
- Water Treatment Plant—Semi-annual Compliance Inspection, Replacing dosage lines, Regulator maintenance, Transfer Pump Maintenance, Aerator Chamber cleaning, Detention Tank cleaning



## From the desk of the Fire Chief

Good day St Walburg!

What does it mean to be Fire Chief? Most people would think it just involves operating a fire department, training firefighters and keeping equipment in safe working condition. There is so much more to my title and a

lot more work I do around town and behind the scenes, let me take a minute to explain,

Along with Fire Chief, I am also Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner and Local Authority having Jurisdiction for the area I serve. As Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner, it is my duty to investigate every fire I attend to the best of my ability and report directly to the Office of Fire Commissioner. I can also be tasked with specific jobs to complete in my area, as requested. As Local Authority Having Jurisdiction, it is my job to ensure the Fire and Life Safety Act of Saskatchewan is being followed as per the National Fire Code of Canada. I do this through fire inspections on businesses and throughout my day to day life around town. If I see something that is not right and could pose a danger to life and safety, it is my duty to investigate it, request voluntary compliance, and, if necessary, as a last resort issue an order to correct the problem.

My position as Fire Chief is volunteer I don't have set hours, so I am pretty much always on duty. I also work a full-time job in which I am fortunate my boss supports my tasks as Fire Chief and allows me time off for responding, training and important meetings. With over 21 years in the fire service, I am still learning every day and attending courses to better help me perform my duties. Education has helped me, and I am using this letter in hopes of passing on a little knowledge to help you. We do our best to educate by using fire prevention week and teaching our children about fire prevention and safety, so this one is for the adults.

As Local Authority having Jurisdiction, I can at anytime inspect any business open to the public. Private Dwellings I can check by request from or with the permission of the homeowner.

Things that I look for can include but are not limited to, anything that can pose a safety risk to life and property. Examples are blocked fire exits, paths of travel for both evacuees and the paths fire can travel potentially stopping escape routes, overcrowding, fire escape plans, safety equipment placement, visibility, condition and certification.

To date, I have completed five inspections in town, there would be more, but this current pandemic has slowed my progress. My first inspection was the school. I had just been appointed Chief, and they pulled the microwaves from the school, and my phone didn't quit ringing, it wasn't my doing just a matter of bad timing. I looked into it and met with two gentlemen from the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency who assisted me with a complete inspection of the school. The most common issues I find are as easy as housekeeping, en-

suring escape routes are clear, fire exits aren't blocked, safety equipment is visible, and errors like using extension cords as a permanent source of power. As I got further into my inspections, I took more specific training, and I started to find other deficiencies. Although I don't know all the codes, with just a click or a phone call, I have access to an extensive network of help.

As business owners, we know we are obligated to have some of our equipment certified by trained professionals, and we hire it out, expecting it to be completed properly. Inspections include but are not limited to fire alarms, sprinklers, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers and first aid kits. Unfortunately, this isn't always the case. We don't know what the standards and codes are; that's why we hired the professional. As the business owner, it is up to you to ask the following questions: Are you trained? Can I see your certification? Do you have a valid town business license? Even then, I find that services aren't always up to code, and I have to intervene when it poses a potential or immediate risk to life safety. That doesn't mean I am going to issue an order immediately, but first, I will bring it to your attention and provide as much information to

you as possible. You can and should again ask questions. Second, I will write a letter and include specific codes and standards and set a date asking for voluntary compliance. If we can't agree, I will then have to issue an official order, something I hope to avoid with a little education.



Residential and private dwellings fall under a little bit different set of rules. If you would like a fire safety check of your home, you can request it I would be happy to help.

When it comes to safety at home most of the time, it is again a little housekeeping. We all live busy lives, and something as simple as throwing a blanket or towel over a heater can slip our minds or blocking a plugin. We should all know the basics like turn the stove off when not in use, don't let candles burn unattended, don't overload electrical outlets. Social media is another powerful tool we use to educate, posting safety tidbits throughout the year and holiday theme-related on our Facebook page. Although there is lots we can do to keep our homes safe and us as well I will give a few big ones, testing our smoke alarms twice a year, having an electrical issues repaired by a trained professional, checking the dryer vent making sure it's clear of lint and other debris, and cleaning the dust bunnies out from around the compressor on your fridge and freezer, if you have a wood stove, cleaning your chimney at least once a year, another small thing that can help save a life is sleeping with your doors closed as it can help slow the spread and give you time to get out a window before the smoke fills your room in the event of a fire, just a few small things can make a big difference.

On behalf of everyone at St Walburg and District Fire Rescue, stay safe.

Tyler Aldrich, Fire Chief



## Farewell to Our Students

Our summer students are wrapping up the summer and getting ready to head back to school. The Town Office would like to thank Austin Petch, Abigail Therrien, Matthew Robertson, Kendra Beland, and Jace Bronken for all their hard work. We appreciate all their effort and the awesome teamwork. They've worked extremely hard keeping St. Walburg looking great! Projects that have been completed by the Summer Students include a sump installation at the Municipal Cemetery, storm culverts have been cleaned and thaw lines inspected, historic land-fill site cleaned up, compound expansion at the Town Shop, hydrant re-painting and numbering, CN Railbed sight lines, Centennial Park clean up, CN Station maintenance, SGI Traffic Safety Grant sign installation, refuse and yard waste pick up, and beautification at the Recycle Grounds.



## 2020 St. Walburg Best Garden

The Town of St. Walburg would like to congratulate the top gardens of the 2nd Annual Best Garden Contest. The Town would like to recognize the hard work and dedication to create and maintain such an impressive garden. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and to thank you for contributing to the beauty of St. Walburg. There were 23 gardens nominated by Community Residents. The 2020 Best Gardens are: Barb and Dallas Glascock, Marie Simonot, Erica L'Heureux, Val and Jerry L'Heureux, Prue and John Jr. Hritzuk, and Della Augustine. Photos are available for viewing at the Town Office.

## St. Walburg Municipal Election—November 9, 2020

The 2020 General Municipal Elections are now scheduled, and our Town Council will see the voters out for the Election Day on November 9th. This is an exciting time for our Town, offering opportunities to anyone interested in running for Mayor or Council. Nomination forms will be available beginning September 14th at the Town Office, and nominations close on October 7th. There will be webinars available on the Municipalities of Saskatchewan website that give a general overview of what it means to hold a Council position, and offering information on main areas of work that are delegated to community representatives. Being a spokesperson for the residents in our Town is truly a privilege and is rewarding volunteer work. Give running for office some considerations. It's worth it!

To join either of the free virtual sessions on municipal governance please contact the Town Office at 306.248.3232 and we will forward you the link or you can join us to view either session. Due to Covid-19 restrictions pre registration is a must, so we can prepare for an adequate location to host.

### **MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE 101: Introduction to Local Government**

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Description: To help you prepare for the upcoming municipal elections, Municipalities of Saskatchewan is hosting free virtual sessions on municipal governance. These sessions are open to everyone—those running for re-election, planning to run for the first time, or who just want to learn more about municipal governance.

This virtual education session is designed for anyone who has an interest in municipal politics or who is thinking of running for council in a city, town or village. It will include a presentation from the Ministry of Government Relations.

### **MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE 101: Town Hall**

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Description: To help you prepare for the upcoming municipal elections, Municipalities of Saskatchewan is hosting free virtual sessions on municipal governance. These sessions are open to everyone—those running for re-election, planning to run for the first time, or who just want to learn more about municipal governance.

This virtual forum is designed for anyone who has an interest in municipal politics or who is thinking of running for council in a town. There will be a panel of individuals experienced in municipal governance available to answer your municipal governance questions. This open forum builds on Municipal Governance 101: Introduction to Local Government.

## Committees of Council

### Priorities & Planning

Nancy Schneider  
 Jamie Hallett  
 Kim Gardner  
 Jean Steinacher  
 Dawn McKellar  
 Virginia Mowery

### Asset Management

Jamie Hallett, Chair  
 Jean Steinacher  
 \*\*The Deputy Mayor is  
 a Non-voting Member  
 of all Committees of Council

### St. Walburg Rec Board

Dawn McKellar

### Finance

Kim Gardner, Chair  
 Dawn McKellar

### St. Walburg Library

Jean Steinacher

### Community Planning

Virginia Mowery, Chair  
 Jean Steinacher  
 Kim Gardner

### St. Walburg and District Fire and Rescue Association

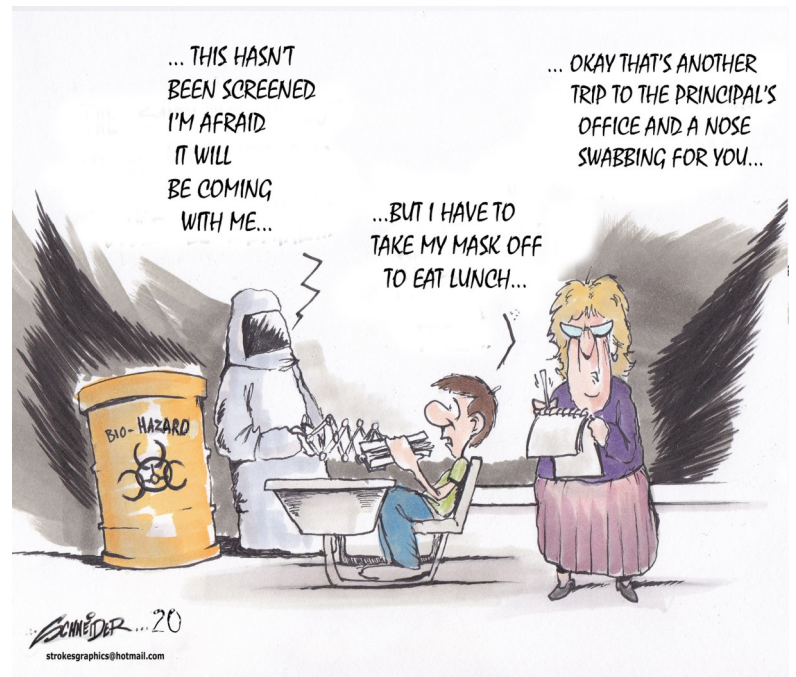
All Council Members

### Public Works/Utilities

Jamie Hallett, Chair  
 Jean Steinacher  
 Virginia Mowery

### EMO Mutual Aid Area

Jamie Hallett  
 Nancy Schneider



*“That old September feeling, left over from school days, of summer passing, vacation nearly done, obligations gathering, books and football in the air...Another fall, another turned page: there was something of jubilee in that annual autumnal beginning, as if last year’s mistakes had been wiped clean by summer.”*

*Wallace Stegner*

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### Council Meeting:

**September 24 at 3 pm**  
 (last Thursday of month)

### EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Should any resident experience a Town Emergency, please call the 24-Hour Emergency Line at (306) 248-3447. For all other life threatening emergencies, please call 911.



## ST. WALBURG CLINIC & LAB SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Schedule is subject to change without notice.

Please call the St. Walburg Clinic to confirm at (306) 248-3434

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson	2 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson  LAB	3 NP Peterson	4 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson  LAB
7 <b>STAT HOLIDAY</b>	8 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson	9 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson  LAB	10 NP Peterson	11 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson  LAB
14 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson	15 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson	16 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson	17 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson	18 NP Peterson  LAB
21 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson  LAB	22 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson	23 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson  LAB	24 NP Peterson	25 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson  LAB
28 Dr. Forghanirad NP Peterson	30 NP Peterson	31 NP Peterson	*Phone appointments are available with all providers *In-person visits are at the providers discretion	