

*M*ayor's Message

Opening the Pool in 2020.

In the first season of the pandemic, Council and Administration, in accordance with provincial guidelines, have decided to open the pool. This decision wasn't made lightly. Amidst the conversation, we were reminded that our decision to open was to a considerable extent, a continuation of our regular pool opening protocol and operating routines:

- 1) The staff is trained for the task. They are enthusiastic, and fully aware of their responsibilities as pool managers, life guards, and instructors. They know this season adds another layer of safety issues and procedures to their responsibilities.
- 2) The cost of running the pool will be more substantial this summer. The season is shortened and there are adjusted limits on pool occupants at any one time. Revenues will be lower. As a reminder, in previous years, pool revenues have covered a greater percentage of pool operation costs in comparison to other recreation facility budgets. In our judgement, benefits nonetheless outweigh added costs.

With our Recreation Manager's leadership and recommendations, Council concurs and stands behind the decision to open the pool.

Again, as in other years, a thorough analysis of the season will be presented. It would be great if the particular concerns of the 2020 season will be unique to this year alone. Here's hoping.

In any case, lessons learned in this unusual season will again compliment and inform our recreation program in years to come. Enjoy July, go for a swim with your children! And as always, please stay safe.

Dennis Helmuth, Mayor, Town of Rosthern

Congratulations Dr. Donald Greve
on receiving the **Saskatchewan Order of Merit!**
We deeply appreciate everything you have poured into the community over the years.

Council Highlights- June

- RES and RHS are being staged for demolition. This work will start in July and be finished by the end of November. Lots of memories and history in these two schools to remember and share! Rosthern Community School remains on schedule and slightly under budget according to the Prairie Spirit School Division, the school was turned over to them effective June 15. School staff will begin to move into the new building, making it their own to start a whole new chapter of memories for the children of Rosthern and area.
- Public Works has been busy as Safe Sidewalks is booked for annual work, the concrete sidewalk and curb tender was awarded, the fencing project at the lagoon was completed, they replaced the water main along 4th Avenue and 4th Street, and monitored the new gas service install at CMC. A reminder to please stay clear of all work areas throughout the summer as the school sites undergo these major changes.
- Valley Aquatic Centre opened July 6 after Public Health inspected on June 26 and was very happy with the facility and re-open plans. All pool maintenance projects are complete. Summer Program opened on June 29 and will operate under Day Camp Guidelines as posted by the Government of Saskatchewan. Things look a lot different this year but staff is working hard to create a safe, engaging, and fun environment.
- The new Bylaw Officer and Training Consultant to start July 6. Operating grants the Town normally gets from the government in payments throughout the year has been paid out in one lump sum. The Town of Rosthern is applying for the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program to continue the water line along the north service road. Hoping to receive \$242,614. The Government of Canada has announced that the federal Gas Tax will be delivered to municipalities this month in an accelerated one-time payment. Municipal elections are coming up on Monday November 9, 2020. Consider being on Rosthern Town Council and lending a hand in your community.
- **Next Council Meeting: Monday July 13th**

Transfer Station (New hours)

Summer (May 1 - Oct 31)

Tuesday 12:00 noon - 5:00p.m.
Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

Winter (Nov 1 - April 30)

Saturday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Library Hours

**Closed to the Public
until further notice.**

Online story time: posted on the
Rosthern Recreation
(@RosthernRec) Facebook page
every Thursday

Town Office Hours

Open to the Public
Monday to Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed for Lunch
12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m.

Closed on Stat Holidays

Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for submission to any
edition is the 3rd Friday of each
month.

Email: newsletter@rosthern.com
**Classifieds \$5.00 for a max of 25
words**

For a business wanting to spon-
sor a newsletter, contact the
Town Office.

**"IF YOU WANT
others to be happy,
practice kindness.
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practice kindness."**

- The Dalai Lama

ben's bells project



**Garage Sales are NOT permitted
at this time**



Rosthern Ministerial Service Times

- St. Odilon Roman Catholic Church - Sundays 9:00 a.m. and Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
- Eigenheim Mennonite Church- Online service for Summer
- Rosthern Mennonite Church- Sundays 10:00 a.m. (please wear mask)
- St. Augustine's Anglican Church- Sundays 10:00 a.m.

The Rosthern Town & Country Fair has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19.

Rosthern Summer Program

The Summer Program begins the week of July 6th! Activity kits for pickup, online activities, and 2 in-person activities/week at the arena for ages 5-14. Get registered now online or at the Town Office.

\$25/Single Child, \$50/Family for the whole summer. (Visiting for a day? Contact for Drop-ins)

For more details head to www.rosthern.com or email rosthernprograms@gmail.com

Valley Aquatic Centre (VAC) Update

The VAC will be open Monday July 6th!

There will be several new rules & policies this season to ensure we follow all guidelines from Gov of Sask and Public Health as well as Red Cross & Lifesaving Society. Please review these on our website so you can be prepared for the changes.

We will be offering swimming lessons this summer! The registration process & lesson sets have also been adapted to meet new requirements. Registration & set info is available on our website.

Head to www.rosthern.com for more information, Swimming Lesson Rates & VAC Schedule!

Email valleyaquaticmanager@gmail.com for rental inquiries.

2020 VAC Swimming Rates

Public Swimming Rate: \$5.00 (All ages 6+)

10 Punch Pass-Single: \$45.00

10 Punch Pass-Family: \$162.00

Aquacise: \$5.00



Join our new Rosthern Valley Aquatic Centre Facebook Page for updates.



Parks, Playgrounds & Ball Diamonds are open to the public

A reminder that playground equipment, ball diamond dugouts, and amenities in the park are not cleaned or disinfected. Please remember to: Stay home if you are sick, practice physical distancing & avoid overcrowding, practice good hand hygiene before & after use of play equipment, wash hands immediately upon returning home. Stay safe and HAVE FUN!

Centennial Park Tree Replacement Project

You will notice some action in Centennial Park as we begin tree removal for our tree replacement project this month. We will be replacing 10 of the aging Poplars & Willow trees with new Linden trees so they can continue to provide beauty & shade for generations to come!



The Rosthern Library is now open for book drop and curbside service!

Curbside service will take place during regular library hours. Books can be ordered online but only books from the Wheatland system will be available to order. Check your account at wheatland.sk.ca or on the SILS app to see if books are being held for you. Patrons will not have access to library browsing or computer use at this time. When you know a book is being held for you, please knock on the library door.

