

WWW.ROSTHERN.COM | 306 232-4826 | TOWN OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 A.M. - 5:00P.M. CLOSED DURING LUNCH 12:00P.M. - 12:30P.M.

**Opening Date for
the VAC
Saturday, May 17
(Tentatively)**

Mayor's Note

Another month of challenges, opportunities, and routine Council affairs... Here are some April highlights:

I had the privilege of attending the Lion's Pasta Night Fundraiser on April 6th. A large attendance from Rosthern and neighbouring communities showed their support by raising \$10,000 for athletic programming at our Rosthern Community School. Well done Lions!

Council met several times to firm up our '24 budget. This annual challenge never gets easier! We've done our best to meet responsibilities with available resources. Budget information will be available shortly.

Along with Councillors Aebig, and Krentz, I attended the annual Prairie Rivers Reconciliation Circle conference hosted in neighbouring Hepburn. 130 Attendees heard moving presentations, learned about Treaty obligations, shared lunch together and made new contacts. I counted 10 other Rosthern citizens at this event. This is very commendable. It shows a caring spirit and willingness to hear truths and walk with our First Nations neighbours on the path of reconciliation.

Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, SUMA, held its annual conference in Regina. This event once again offered a full agenda of information, conversations, and opportunities to connect with Municipal peers. While in Regina, CAO Cortney Larsen and I met with several Cabinet Ministers and our Premier to discuss a variety of issues pertinent to our Town. We were grateful to get meeting times with the Premier and the Ministers and will continue to work closely with them to advance Rosthern priorities.

Always available,
Dennis Helmuth, Mayor, Town of Rosthern

Station Arts Centre

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION
VISIT STATIONARTS.COM

- Saturday, May 11 - Mother's Day brunch @ 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 15 - AGM and Social - 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 16 - Hands On! Art Activity Night - 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 30 - Live & Local - 7:30 p.m.
- Monique Martin: "Etc" exhibit will be on May 1 to June 22.

TRANSFER STATION

Winter Hours (November 1 - April 30)
Saturday's from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Summer Hours - (May 1 - Oct 31)
Tuesday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Rosthern Transit

Mondays & Fridays
First pickup: 8:30 A.M.
Last pickup: 3:30 P.M.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
First Pickup: 8:30 A.M.
Last Pickup: 11:30 A. M.

ROSTHERN LIBRARY

Tuesday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Story Time
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday

Large Item Pickup 2024

Monday, May 27th

- A maximum of three (3) items per residence will be picked up.
- Please start placing items on the curb Friday May 24 only. Any items placed out after May 27th, will not be picked up.

Please remove freon from appliances and all doors on fridges, washers, dryers, etc must be removed for safety.

Compost Pickup

Every Tuesday (Starting May 7th until November 5th)

Accepted Items:
Grass Clippings
Garden Waste, Leaves and Weeds
Fruit and Vegetable Waste
Sawdust, Coffee Grounds and Filters
Tea Bags
Egg Shells
Branches - Must be in 3 - foot lengths

Compost materials may be placed in containers or plastic bags (do not tie) and must be at the curb prior to 7:00 a.m. Containers weighing over 50 pounds will NOT be picked up

Rosthern Seniors Centre

The "Wine Not" Band
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
@ 7:30 p.m.

Join us Tuesday & Thursday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to enjoy a game of Pool, Shuffle Board, or any of our many card games. Coffee to follow. For inquiries please call Darryl @ 306-232-7661

Rosthern Lions Club

We Recycle: Used Eyeglasses
Used Hearing Aids
Aluminum Can Tabs



These items can be dropped off in the bin at the Lions Hall located at 2008 - 6th Street, Rosthern. Proceeds from the sale of can tabs support a children's diabetes camp in Saskatchewan, Camp Kornder.

Eyeglasses are forwarded to the Canadian Eyeglass Recycling Centre in Calgary and shipped around the world to those in need. Broken glasses or individual lenses are recycled.

Hearing aids are refurbished through the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association

Rosthern Lions Club
Serving Rosthern and District since 1957

April Council Highlights

- The 2024 operating and capital budget was approved by Council. More details will be available on the Town's website and with the newsletter.
- Council accepted the following 2024 education tax property tax mill rate as set by the Government of Saskatchewan:

i. Agriculture	1.42 mills
ii. Residential	4.54 mills
iii. Commercial/Industrial	6.86 mills
iv. Resource	9.88 mills
- Council proclaimed the week of May 19 to 25, 2024 as National Public Works Week to declare the importance of public works to the quality of life in our community and our Nation.
- The aquatic supervisor for the 2024 VAC season is being hired and pool is expected to be open by the May long weekend. (tentatively).
- April 8 was the last Council meeting for long-time Councillor James Crouch. He served on the Rosthern Town Council for 12 years. Thank you for your service to our Town!

UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Monday, May 21, 2024. at 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS:

Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Rosthern Agricultural Society

The Rosthern Agricultural Society is celebrating its 125th year in 2024! We have quite a few amazing events going on this year at our location out at Seager Wheeler National Historic Site. We have two Gymkhana's (June 22 & October 19), The Homestead Horseshow (July 13), Josh Lehmann Memorial Roping Jackpot (July 19), KCRA Rodeo (July 27 & 28), High School Rodeo (August 30 & September 1), Threshing and other events at Seager Wheeler (September 7), Gymkhana and other events at Seager Wheeler for the Harvest Festival (September 21), Fall event in Laird (October 11). Check out Rosthern Agricultural Society on Facebook & Instagram or <https://rosthernagsociety.ca> for more information and online ticket sales for each event, as well as additional happenings in the ag society!



Places of Worship - Service Times

- Eigenheim Mennonite Church- Sunday School (all Ages) 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
- Rivers Christian Ministry- Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church during worship hour
- Rosthern Alliance Church- Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
- Rosthern Mennonite Church- Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church- Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
- St. Odilon Roman Catholic Church- Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Lutheran/Anglican Church- Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Recreation

Rosthern Summer Program July 2 - August 23, 2024

Watch for more information in June on Activities, rates & registration



Swimming Lesson Registration Will Open online on Wednesday, May 22

The lesson schedule will be released prior to the date.

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Watch our website and social media for more info!



Rosthern Valley Aquatic Centre

We want to hear from you

Fill in a Rosthern Youth Sports Assessment Survey to give your input on local Sport, Culture & Rec Programs. Survey available on the Town of Rosthern Website and Social Media



Join Rosthern's Communities in Bloom! Help a little or a lot, there are tasks suited for all levels of time commitment: annual clean up, flower planting, ongoing pruning, weeding or special projects
Email: recreation@rosthern.com

Good Neighbours Food Centre

CALL (306)232-5623, FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK OR VISIT WWW.GOODNEIGHBOURSFODCENTRE.CA

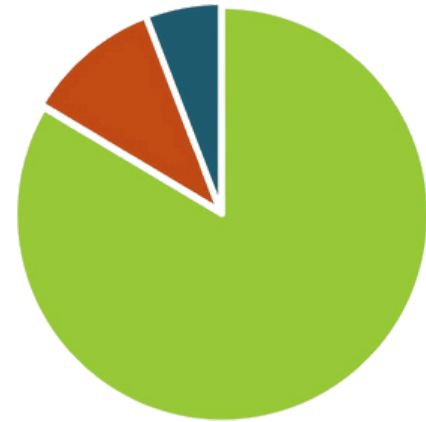
Good Neighbours Food Centre Highlights

- Thank you to all those who supported our Easter tart fundraiser! Our volunteers ensured they were delicious and we have received many compliments from those who purchased them!
- Our Free Tax Clinic has been very well utilized! As of April 15, our committed team of volunteers filed 235 returns. The tax clinic will run April 29th.
- NEED SOME SHREDDING DONE FOR YOUR CONFIDENTIAL HOME OR BUSINESS PAPERWORK? We will be hosting a "COMMUNITY SHRED & BBQ LUNCH FUNDRAISER" on May 30th From 10:00 AM - 2:00 p.m. Place: Good Neighbours Food Centre. GNFC receives 100% of the proceeds from this event. Save your confidential papers and come get them shredded/disposed of properly. Cost: \$5/bag or \$10/box.
- We continue to host our Community Lunch in partnership with Valley Action Abilities on the first Friday of every month. Lunch is by donation (if one is able). We ask for your continued support of this community gathering.
- Reminder: on the 3rd Thursday of each month we have our OPEN HOUSE/TOUR Day from 10:00 - 11:30! it's a great opportunity to join us for a walk about gnfc and see the work of our volunteers in action as we prepare for our food distribution day on Friday.
- Garden Helpers needed! if you would like to donate some time to help us with planting, maintaining and eventually harvesting our two garden plots, we would be very appreciative! Please contact us to be part of our 'foodraising' team of volunteers.
- We are excited about some big changes that will be unfolding over the next month, here at GNFC! Stay tuned and follow us on FB and/or Instagram to be kept in the "know"

2024 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



Total Town Budget	\$ 6,545,000
Operating	\$ 5,468,000
Capital	\$ 695,000
Debt Repayment	\$ 382,000



2024 Municipal Tax Rates

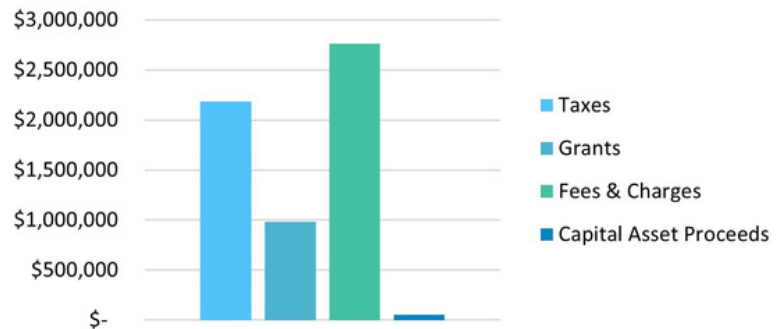
Uniform Mill Rate - 8.8 mills

Class	Mill Rate Factor	Base Tax*
Residential	0.85	\$ 1,245
Commercial	1.84	\$ 1,375
Agriculture	1.10	\$ 425

* \$200 per property allocated to the new hospital

Municipal Tax Levy - \$2,180,035

How the Town Funds your Services

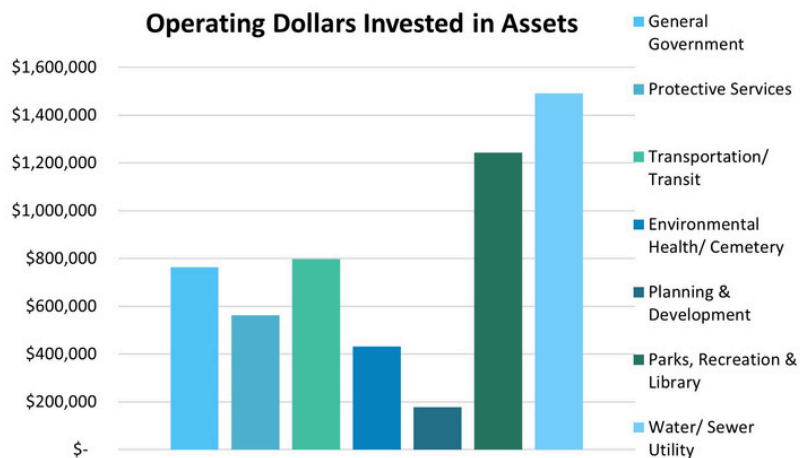


2024 GRANTS

Federal/Provincial Capital	\$ 116,402
Municipal Operating Grant (Provincial)	\$ 506,496
Summer Jobs (Federal)	\$ 8,600
Recreation (Local)	\$ 27,500
Recreation (Provincial)	\$ 35,250
Transit (Provincial)*	\$ 4,000
Library (Local)	\$ 26,041
Protective Services (Local)	\$ 45,888
Multi Material Stewardship*	\$ 38,000
Grant in Lieu (Provincial)	\$ 8,600
Grant in Lieu (Federal)	\$ 4,071
Municipal Surcharges*	\$ 164,100
Total 2024 Grants	\$ 984,948

*Unconfirmed Amount

Operating Dollars Invested in Assets



2009-2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS

General Government	\$	1,489,628
Animal Pound	\$	21,027
Building Improvements	\$	129,587
Leasehold Improvements	\$	610,221
Office Equipment	\$	43,158
Town Office	\$	630,300
Town Sign	\$	55,336
Protective Services	\$	2,007,757
Community Safety Officer Program	\$	119,064
Bylaw Enforcement	\$	38,089
Protective Services Equipment	\$	550,604
Fire Hall	\$	1,300,000
Transportation Services	\$	4,657,988
Town Shop	\$	1,770,319
Street Resurfacing	\$	1,994,688
Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Replacement	\$	387,690
Transportation Equipment	\$	505,292
Transit Services	\$	142,571
Land Development	\$	2,811,794
Parks & Recreation	\$	2,571,163
Arena & Curling Rink Upgrades	\$	2,420,052
Swimming Pool Upgrades	\$	65,805
Parks Equipment	\$	85,305
Water & Sewer	\$	6,667,585
Water Supply	\$	643,724
Water Distribution Upgrades	\$	651,806
Sewage Lift Stations	\$	2,364,259
Sewage Lagoon	\$	1,289,228
Sewer Main Upgrades	\$	1,165,932
Water/Sewer Equipment	\$	472,267
Water Fill Station	\$	80,368
TOTAL	\$	20,348,484

2024 CAPITAL PROJECTS

RM of Rosthern Property	\$	90,000
New Street Sander	\$	65,000
Sidewalk Replacement (1 block)	\$	132,000
Parks Equipment	\$	25,000
Pool Liner	\$	163,172
Wells	\$	200,000
Water Collection Equipment	\$	20,000
	\$	695,172

IN 2023

- The amount of Carbon Tax paid on Energy & Power on Town owned facilities was over \$31,000. Up 19% from 2022.
- Insurance premiums (including liability, machinery & vehicles) were over \$79,500. Up 12% from 2022.
- In addition to ongoing operations and maintenance there was also:
 - 2 water main line breaks
 - 86 fire hydrants inspected and serviced
 - 10 residential/commercial service repairs
 - 7 new residential services
 - 400 Meters of sewer line relining was completed on 3 blocks of Railway Avenue East
 - 8,240 meters of Sewer Main Line flushing was completed
 - Lagoon commissioned new Aeration system project and 2 blower units

Upcoming Water Project

The Town is continuing to work on a multi-year water project which includes the following works:

- New water treatment plant including mechanical & electrical components, distributions pumps, a back-up generator and 2,100 m3 of water reservoir storage.
- 5 additional water wells and 1 new water control building,
- Approximately 5.3 kms of 200 mm raw water supply line.
- Upgrading the existing 2 well control buildings.
- Demolition of the existing WTP building, reservoir chambers and sedimentation basin.

The project estimate is approximately \$19 Million dollars. The planning stages are continuing. More information and announcements to follow in the upcoming months.