

SNOWMOBILES



All operators of snowmobiles within the City must have licence plates, a valid driver's licence and stay on **public roadways, excluding Highway 4 & 55**. No operation is allowed before 7:00 a.m. and after 11:00 pm evenings. For more information please review the City's Traffic Bylaw.

2020 WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE

Utility rates will increase on January 1, 2020 with the change first appearing on the March 31st bill. The base rate will increase from \$121.25/quarter to \$130.95/quarter, and the consumption rate will increase from \$1.79/m³ to \$1.97/m³ for water and \$0.71/m³ to \$0.79/m³ for sewer. The goal of these increases is to bring the City's water and sewer services to the point of being self-sufficient.

TIPPS - Tax Installment Payment Plan Service

TIPPS is a convenient service that allows you to have equal monthly payments withdrawn from your bank account for your property taxes. Your tax levy is divided by 12, and your monthly amount automatically withdrawn on the 6th of every month. Payment amounts are automatically adjusted in June after the new levy has been passed. There is no fee charged by the City for using this service. There are also no late penalties charged on the payments made after the July 31st deadline. For more information and for an application form, please visit our city website or visit us at City hall.

IT'S A NEW YEAR, REMEMBER TO RENEW...

Dog Licenses - Due January 31st of each year. Licenses are \$20.00 per dog, and \$40.00 for dogs that haven't been spayed or neutered. Having a current dog tag helps the City and the shelter get in touch with you if your dog is picked up. The fine for unlicensed dogs is \$50.00 for a first offense.

BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWAL

Business Licenses are due for renewal February 28. All businesses that do not operate out of a commercial property within City limits are required to purchase a license each year. This includes home based businesses and businesses located outside the City who carry on business within City limits. For further information, including rates, check out the Business Licensing page on the City's website, or contact City Hall.

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Applications for the March 31, 2020 - September 30, 2020 grant period are now available online under the Parks and Recreation page. Application deadline is March 29th. Funding is for projects that promote culture, recreation and sport, and is made available through Saskatchewan Lotteries.

DAILY RADIO UPDATES

The City will be running daily radio announcements on CJNS in the mornings to keep residents informed about some general information and what is happening in Meadow Lake.

BUILDING/DEVELOPMENT - DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Permits are required in order to make sure your project meets all building and fire codes, as well as local zoning regulations. Even if you aren't building, you need a permit if you are changing the way a building is being used. Contact the City to discuss what permits you will need in order to avoid complications later.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Regular council meetings are always open to the public. Upcoming council meeting dates are: January 13th and 27th, February 10th and 24th, and March 9th and 23rd. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, which is located on the upper floor of City Hall. Access is by the south-east door. Any submissions to go to a council meeting for **information** must be received at City Hall by noon on the Thursday before the meeting. Submissions requesting a **decision or action** of council must be received by 12:00pm on the Monday before the meeting.

BYLAW REMINDERS



Traffic Bylaw

Please do not park on a street that is closed for snow removal or utility work, as this interferes with the Public Works Department's ability to complete their work. Violators will be towed at owner's expense and could be fined \$20.00.

Please do not drive around or move barricades that have been placed to block off streets for utility repairs or snow removals. Fines for doing so range from \$50.00 - \$500.00.

Please do not park any vehicle or trailer on your front lawn if it is not in a designated parking space (i.e. driveway or gravel pad). The fine for doing so is \$20.00.

False Alarm Bylaw

The City of Meadow Lake has a False Alarm Bylaw in place that will see property owners penalized if they have more than one false Fire Department call or more than two false RCMP calls. You can take steps to prevent false alarms from happening.

1. Get your security system checked at least once a year to make sure your system is operating properly.
2. Make sure your contact list is up to date with your security company.
3. Make sure you have a secondary key holder to check on your home/business if an alarm goes off and you are not available.
4. If your alarm goes off, be sure to verify that there is in fact no emergency, and answer your phone because your alarm company will be calling you.

The penalties are: \$500 for 3rd and \$750 for 4th false RCMP alarm; and \$750 for 2nd and \$1,000 for 3rd false Fire Department alarm. These penalties are charged because Fire Department and RCMP resources are used each time a false alarm call takes place.

Waste Collection Bylaw

Please remember to not allow your residential waste and recycling containers to be overfilled causing garbage to be scattered on the street. Overfilled bins with garbage scattered on the street may be issued a notice of Violation. Please remember to bring your bin in from the street within 24 hours, this time starts at 7:30am the day of your scheduled collection. Bins left out on the street over 24 hours may be issued a Notice of Violation. This helps protect garbage bins from being damaged, and keeps them off the street during snow removal.

Notice of Violation tickets for the Waste collection Bylaw start out at \$100.00 and could be as high as \$300.00. Please help to keep our city looking good.



Snow Removal Bylaw

Please ensure when removing snow from your property that you do not push snow onto a public street or sidewalk. Doing so can result in a fine of \$100.00.



OH CHRISTMAS TREE, OH CHRISTMAS TREE



The City Compost Site will remain open for residents to drop off Christmas trees.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Do you have an event open to the public that is taking place at a location within the City of Meadow Lake or immediate surrounding area that you would like to appear on our website? Simply use the form on the meadowlake.ca website to submit your event. Please note all events remain pending until approved by an administrator.

E-BILLING REMINDER

If you have signed up for e-billing and have not received your utility bill by the 3rd business day of the billing month (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct), please check your filters to ensure that your bill is not in your junk folder. If you wish to sign up for e-billing, forms are available at City Hall or on the city website under Government>Utility Billing.

FOR ANY INQUIRIES:

Please contact City Hall at (306) 236-3622 and we will be happy to hear from you. You may also email your inquiries to cityhall@meadowlake.ca. Or alternatively, you can drop us a line at PO Box 610, Meadow Lake, SK S9X 1Y5. We can be found at 120 - 1st Street East. Our hours are 8:30AM - 4:30PM, Monday to Friday.

OTHER CITY NUMBERS:

Fire Hall.....	(306) 236-5788
Aquatic Centre.....	(306) 236-2686
Tourist Booth (closed for season)	(306) 236-4447
Lakeland Library.....	(306) 236-5396
Museum & Historical Society	(306) 234-2455
Water Treatment Plant.....	(306) 236-5831
City Shop.....	(306) 236-6240
M.L. & District Arena.....	(306) 236-6693