

Charity Golf Foundation

With the outstanding community support in 2021, the Charity Golf Foundation raised \$160,000. The Charity Golf Foundation provided funds for the LIS system (\$140,000) in the lab. This is the system that connects our diagnostic result to ehealth.

Project List for 2022 (\$400,000)

Hospital

⇒ New x-ray machine (our share \$300,000 & will be installed in 2 years and will reduce radiation by 20%)

⇒ Security system for hospital \$45,000

⇒ Blood Storage fridge \$17,000

Care Home

⇒ Tub chair lift \$12,000

⇒ Ceiling track lift (2) \$26,000

## Important Reminders

- ⇒ **Business Licenses** — A reminder to all that it is required to have a business license in order to conduct any trade work within the Town of Esterhazy. Home owners, please ensure that all hired contractors have obtained a business license prior to beginning any work on your home.
- ⇒ **Building Permits** — Along with the wonderful weather, we have had an abundance of building and renovating projects underway within the municipality. Before starting projects, please contact the Town Office to see if a building permit is required. Most new residential building projects require a building permit and are required by the Town of Esterhazy bylaws.

ESTERHAZY SUMMER LANDFILL HOURS

Summer Hours Commencing MAY 3, 2022

Monday: CLOSED  
Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m  
Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.  
Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Friday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: CLOSED



Statutory Holidays CLOSED

Utility & Taxes Payment Options

1. Online Banking - Just search 'Esterhazy (TOWN of) -Taxes' OR 'Esterhazy (TOWN of) - Utilities'

2. Cash or Cheque (by visiting the office or dropping off a chq in the mail slot at the Town Office.

3. Debit (by visiting the Town Office)



## Annual Tree Ban Takes Affect

The annual ban on pruning elm trees is now in effect. This ban began April 1<sup>st</sup> and runs until August 31<sup>st</sup>. During this time period it is illegal to prune elm trees to prevent the spread of Dutch Elm disease (DED). Warm weather makes the elm bark beetle that spreads DED more active. Trees with open wounds from pruning attract these insects, increasing the chance of infection. These beetles breed in dead and dying elm wood. By not pruning your trees they will be healthier and better able to resist disease. You can however remove an elm tree during the ban period, but it's important to dispose of all elm wood promptly and properly. Elm trees must be burned or buried, the stump must be cut 2 inches under ground level and then covered with two inches of soil. To prevent the spread of DED, as well as other insects and diseases, it is illegal to use, transport, store or sell elm firewood. Regulations also restrict the use, transport, storage and sale of elm logs.

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NEWSLETTER

# Town of Esterhazy

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## Mayor's Message

Greetings



The calendar says it is spring but you wouldn't know it by the blizzard that's happening as I write this. Hopefully this is Mother Nature's last shot at winter 2022 and things turn warm soon.

Speaking of winter 2022, this was one of the worst winters in many years as we all know. We haven't seen snow and wind to this extent in years and it posed many challenges to the Town's ability to clear snow and ice from our streets. A huge thank you goes out to our Public Works crew for their efforts in dealing with the problem. Our Operations team is continually looking at ways to improve our ability to handle the huge snowfalls and be more efficient in this task.

Once the snow melt has finished, ground work will begin on our new Water Treatment Plant. Current project timelines has construction of the building itself set to begin in late summer. World supply chain issues are proving to be a challenge for us but our engineers are confident we will be able to bring the new plant online in 2024 as scheduled

Some members of council and administration attended this year's SUMA conference in Regina earlier this month. As usual it was an informative few days with lots of knowledge gained and contacts made. Councillor's Bot and Pfeifer each raised a question from the floor during the Bear Pit session with the government, pointing out the state of our hospital and the highways in our area. Council will be extending an invite to the Health and Highway Ministers to visit Esterhazy in the near future so they can see firsthand our concerns.

Council is also sponsoring an online petition regarding our need for a new hospital and care home multiplex facility. This petition will be available in the near future and I encourage everyone to sign the petition and show their support. For those without access to the petition online, the staff at the Town Office is currently working on an alternative to allow you to still sign and have your support noted.

Spring is budget time and council is beginning the budgeting process. As always, our focus is on keeping tax increases to a minimum while continuing to provide the services that you want and need. Unfortunately, with the current inflation levels we are experiencing, the price of oil and the Carbon Tax, this is proving to be a challenge. Council dislikes tax increases as much as anyone – we pay them too!

With the removal of the Covid restrictions in the province we should have a somewhat normal spring in town. I hope everyone gets out and enjoys things like playing ball, swimming, soccer and golf once again. Fingers crossed for a normal summer again!

Mayor Grant

## SUMA 2022

At the SUMA Convention, Councillor Bot discussed the condition of the Highways around Esterhazy and the need for repairs on Highway 9 from Esterhazy to Whitewood during the dialogue with the Ministers session. Councillor Bot invited Minister of Highways Fred Bradshaw and Minister Jim Reiter to visit our community and experience the condition of our roads.

In the "Bear Pit" session with the whole cabinet ministry, including our Premier Scott Moe, Councillor Pfeifer took the opportunity to address the cabinet regarding the status of our Hospital, Care Home and Highways. He was imploring them to realize we are in need and are community ready with land, doctors, and 10 million dollars sitting in the bank ready for a new combined facility.

After the SUMA convention Councillor Pfeifer and Council have decided to continue with the awareness of our need and are asking for support of the area to request this change. To support this initiative please sign at [www.change.org/EsterhazyHospitalAndCareHomeNeedSupport](http://www.change.org/EsterhazyHospitalAndCareHomeNeedSupport)