## TOWN OF MILLET BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER



The Prettiest Little Town in Alberta.....
Come Play in Our Backyard!

Town Administration Office
4528 - 51 Street, PO Box 270, Millet , Alberta T0C 1Z0
Phone 780-387-4554 Fax 780-387-4459

Open Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Millet Civic Centre at 4:00pm Wednesday January 10 & 24, 2024 Wednesday February 14 & 28, 2024

## ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

## DEPARTMENTS 24 HOUR ON-CALL

825-303-0095

**PUBLIC WORKS** 

publicworks@millet.ca

# COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER 24 HOUR DISPATCH

780-387-4224 enforcement@millet.ca

## FIRE DEPT

milletfire@millet.ca

**EMERGENCY - Call 911** 

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE The office will be closed:

January 1, 2024 for New Year's Day

February 19, 2024 for Family Day



Mayor: Doug Peel

#### Councillors:

Mike Bennett Rebecca Frost Gerdie Hogstead Susie Petrisor Mathew Starky Charlene Van de Kraats

Chief Administrative Officer:

Lisa Schoening

## **NEWSLETTER OPTIONS**

Printed copies of the newsletter are now available at the Town Office, Millet Public Library and Agriplex. If you wish to receive an emailed copy of the newsletter, please email admin@millet.ca to be added to the bimonthly distribution list.

#### **TAX PENALTY**

A 16% tax penalty will be levied on all outstanding properties after January 15, 2024. This includes utility transfers, current and arrear taxes and any other balance on the tax roll.

## **FAMILY DAY PUBLIC SKATING & SHINNY**

Please join us at the Agriplex February 19th for public shinny from 12:15-2:15pm & public skating from 2:30-4:30pm. Sponsored by the Town of Millet.

#### **2024 BUSINESS LICENSES**

The 2024 Business License fees are due January 31, 2024. If you no longer require a business license, please notify the Administration Office in writing by email to development@millet.ca or by mail to PO Box 270, Millet, AB TOC 1Z0.

## **ONLINE UTILITY & TAX PAYMENTS**

The Town of Millet Administration kindly requests that when making any online payments to the Town of Millet, please be sure to use the appropriate account number to ensure your payment is applied to the correct account and to avoid penalties.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL**

If you have a real Christmas tree that you would like to dispose of, please drop it off in the marked location at the Public Works Shop (4507 - 49 Street) from Jan 2nd - 9th

## **RESIDENTIAL HOUSE NUMBERS**

In the event that emergency services are required to respond to any homes in Millet, residents are encouraged to ensure that their house numbers are clearly marked, lit and visible at all times.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

Visit www.millet.ca to view the Event Calendar.



LOCATION: MILLET COMMUNITY HALL PLEASE EMAIL FCSS@MILLET.CA OR CALL 780-387-4554 TO REGISTER

Monday January 8th 6-8pm -Make and Take Cooking Class, recipe to be determined, all supplies provided. (ages 12+) Monday January 22nd 6:30-8:30pm - Blue Monday Wellness Nightlearn about the myths and truths of the Winter Blues and management tips for your mental health and wellness. (14+) Tuesday Jan 23rd 6-8pm Winter Craft night: (14+ unless supervised by a parent/guardian) Families, seniors, individuals all Welcome. Create a custom throw pillow to cozy up your space. Tuesday Feb 6th 6-8pm - Valentines Craft night: (14+ unless supervised by a parent/guardian) Families, seniors, individuals all Welcome. Create a lovely Valentines décor item for your porch. Monday Feb 12th 6-8pm - Make and Take Cooking Class, recipe to be determined, all supplies provided. (ages 12+) Tuesday Feb 20th 3-5pm - Free Tax Seminar- Disability Tax Credits and Scams

<u>Tuesday Feb 20th 3-5pm</u>- Free Tax Seminar- Benefits and Credits for All





## 2024 Utility Rate Change Information

The Town strives to keep utility bills as reasonable as possible and Millet will continue to enjoy one of the lowest water and sewer charges in the region. To maintain the utility's stability, the Town is implementing some changes to utility rates.

The following table highlights the 2024 changes to utility rates in Millet.

Fee Type	Change	
Water and Sewer Capital Fee	\$20 per month	
Water and Sewer Operational Flat Fee	\$2.50 per month	
Solid Waste Collection Fee	-\$12.70 per month	
Total Change	\$9.80 per month	

## Water and Sewer Capital Fee

In 2021 the Town implemented a water and sewer capital fee. The purpose of these fees is to create a reserve to fund necessary replacements to water and sewer infrastructure. It is critical to have a utility reserve to prepare for the eventual replacement, not creating a situation where utility rates are required to increase quickly and dramatically to cover unanticipated replacement. Residents will see an increase in their water and sewer capital fees by \$20 a month.

## Water and Sewer Operational Flat Fees

The operational flat fees for water and sewer have increased \$2.50 per month because of increased costs such as insurance, power, etc. The \$2.50 increase is comparable with past increases.

## Solid Waste Collection Fees

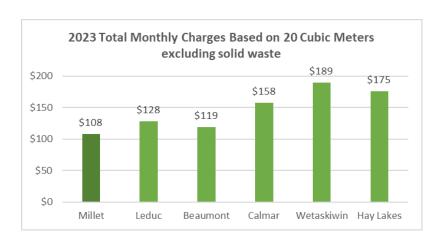
For 2024, the Town of Millet will also see a reduction in their garbage bills of \$12.70 a month. This is a result of a request for proposals in 2023 that resulted in lower monthly costs with a new service provider being Integrity Waste Solutions.

#### **Total Change**

Overall, the average utility bill will increase by \$9.80 a month or \$19.60 on the bi-monthly utility bill.

## 2023 Water, Sewer, and Storm Rate Comparisons

Millet remains competitive compared to surrounding communities. In 2023 the **average** Town of Millet household received a water and sewer bill of \$107.88 per month. The Town of Millet's monthly water bills are approximately \$31.20 lower than other communities. In 2024 the Town of Millet will still be lower than the average monthly water bill.





January 1, 2024

Dear Property Owner,

Please be advised that there is a change to the fee schedule for water, sewer and solid waste effective January 1, 2024, as per Town of Millet Bylaw 2023-10.

If you have any questions regarding your invoice or classification, please contact the Town of Millet.

If you wish to either apply for the pre-authorized debit program or to adjust your payment amount to reflect the changes please contact the Town of Millet to obtain a Pre-Authorized Debit form for utilities.

See the table below summarizing changes beginning January 1, 2024. Service rates are levied and collected on bi-monthly basis.

January 2024 Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Service Rates				
Classification	Base Consumption Fee	Additional Consumption Fee	Flat Fee	Capital Fee
Residential - Water	\$58.25 first 15 m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.50 per additional m <sup>3</sup>	N/A	\$32.50
Residential – Sewer	N/A	N/A	\$47.50	\$35.00
Mobile Homes - Water	N/A	N/A	\$103.50	\$32.50
Mobile Homes - Sewer	N/A	N/A	\$47.50	\$35.00
Commercial/Industrial – Water	\$70.00 first 15 m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.50 per additional m <sup>3</sup>	N/A	\$35.00
Commercial/Industrial – Car Wash - Sewer	N/A	\$1.75 per additional m <sup>3</sup> water consumption over and above 15 m <sup>3</sup>	\$122.50/per stall	\$37.50
Commercial/Industrial – All Other - Sewer	N/A	\$1.75 per additional m <sup>3</sup> water consumption over and above 15 m <sup>3</sup>	\$67.00	\$35.00
Public/Institutional Schools - Water	\$71.50 first 15 m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.50 per additional m <sup>3</sup>	N/A	\$55.00
Public/Institutional Schools - Sewer	N/A	N/A	\$243.50	\$55.00
Non-Profit – Water	\$36.50 first 15 m <sup>3</sup>	\$3.50 per additional m <sup>3</sup>	N/A	\$7.50
Non-Profit - Sewer	N/A	N/A	\$48.50	\$7.50
Residential/Mobile Homes – Solid Waste *some exceptions apply*	N/A	N/A	\$32.60	N/A

Sincerely,

Utility Department, Town of Millet