

**Village Hours**  
Mon-Wed, Fri  
9-12 & 1-4  
Thurs  
9-12 & 1-5

# Grand Coulee

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## **Village Council Meeting December 2, 2014**

All councillors were in attendance. Mayor Brunas called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were no taxpayers present.

- Minutes of the regular meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>, payment of accounts, bank rec, financial statement, balance sheet and Waterworks Monthly Log Records were approved.
- The mayor called a special meeting for December 9 @ 7:30pm to discuss the proposed Water and Sewer Rate Bylaw.
- Council adopted Bylaw 04-2014- Records Retention and Disposal Bylaw as well a Privacy Policy for the Village.
- Council has tabled 2015 Council Remuneration until January 6, 2015 regular council meeting.
- The office will be closed December 24-26 and open again on the 29<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- Registered letters have been sent out to those residents with water and sewer arrears. If those arrears are not paid by December 30, 2014 they will be transferred to and form part of their 2014 property taxes. 2014 property taxes are due December 31, 2014.
- Formal complaints were made regarding several vehicles being parked for longer than 24 hours on the road. Several warnings have been issued and if not rectified the vehicles will be towed and impounded at the owner's expense, as per the Traffic Bylaw.
- The Administrator is going to look into the new Building Canada Fund and report back to council.
- The Village received \$7500 grant from the Community Initiative Fund to be used towards the purchase of boards for the new rec site.
- Infrastructure Committee is going to have a meeting December 9 at 7:45pm to discuss Capital Works plan
- Budget Committee is going to meet December 16 at 7:30pm to discuss preliminary 2015 budget.
- Canada Post asks that you check your mail daily, especially if waiting for a parcel. If mail is not picked up after 15 days Canada Post has the to return to sender.
- The Grand Coulee United Church would like to thank everyone for their amazing support, donations, and help. This was our most successful supper yet, raising almost \$2600. It's amazing just how wonderful our community is – the generosity and support of community members reaffirms our belief that Grand Coulee is home to great families.
- The next recycling pick-up will be Tuesday December 30. Garbage pick-ups over the holidays will be Monday December 29 and January 5. There will be NO pick-up December 25 and January 1.
- The next council meeting will be **Tuesday, January 6, 2015** @ 7:30pm.

## **What's going on Around Town...**

- December 5- The CP Christmas Train will be passing through Grand Coulee. It will arrive in Regina at 6:30pm and has to be in Moose Jaw at 8:30pm. <http://www.cpr.ca/en/community/holiday-train/schedule>
- December 21- The Community Carol Night will be held in the community hall at 6:00 PM with a social time following. Please take some time out of this busy season to come enjoy some Christmas music and share some festive baking over a cup of hot chocolate while you visit your neighbors.
- December 24- The Grand Coulee United Church will hold a Christmas Eve at 7PM, everyone is welcome to attend.

- **GC Windshield Wizard**

Need your windshield replaced? Don't have a glass insurance package? Don't want to pay high shop rates? I'm your guy to call! I have 15+ years in the auto body and paint industry and can help you get your glass done cheaper. All it takes is one call. I can also have your vehicle shiny and rid of minor scratches as I am experienced in sanding and buffing. For bigger jobs and/or SGI claims regarding an accident I can guide you in the right direction. Feel free to call anytime, Thanks. Troy Kocur 306-515-3940

**Wanted:**

- I am interested in having a small pile of mixed dirt and river rock removed from the front of our house to make room for another car during Christmas. Hoping that someone in town or nearby may be interested in earning a few bucks and have a powerful enough machine to pick up and remove the small amount we have. Please let me know if this is something you can do. If so, our contact information is Ron at 359-6482 or 596-5130. Address is #1 Fairfax St.

Love having a real tree at Christmas...but don't love the hassle of disposing of it after Christmas!!!



Let our Novice bulldogs team take care of this chore for you and get the tree you really want!

Please Help Support our Minor hockey kids.

Trees will be collected/recycled by the kids following Christmas (January 3<sup>rd</sup>) for \$10/tree.

**To book a tree pickup please contact**

**Jann Robertson at [bentleydog@hotmail.com](mailto:bentleydog@hotmail.com) or 306-586-0879**



### **Christmas Tree Safety**

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

#### **After Christmas**

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

#### **Facts**

**One** of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical failures. Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every five** of the fires.

### **Have a Fire-Safety Holiday Season**

#### ***Christmas Trees***

- Select a dark green, fresh cut tree with a strong evergreen smell.
- Make sure the base of the tree is immersed in water at all times—check the reservoir frequently.
- Use only CSA approved lighting strings—throw damaged light strings away.
- If the tree starts to turn brown—remove it immediately.
- Don't leave the tree up too long—safely dispose of trees right after the holiday.

#### ***Space Heaters***

- Place all space heaters at least 1 meter (3 feet) away from anything that can burn - wallpaper, bedding and clothing.
- Turn off/unplug space heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Don't leave children/pets unattended with space heaters.
- Check electric space heaters for frayed cords or overheating.
- Use only the recommended fuel for liquid fuelled heaters. Never use gasoline. Always turn off the heater and let it cool before refueling.
- An un-vented fuel-fired heater can produce deadly amounts of carbon monoxide. Ensure combustion gases are vented outdoors.

#### ***Fireplace Safety***

- Burn small amounts of wood at frequent intervals.
- Don't burn paper, wrapping paper or pine boughs. This can cause sparks to drift out of your chimney and ignite your roof.
- Have your chimney checked and cleaned by a professional each winter.
- Use a screen in front of the fireplace to keep sparks in.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable liquids to light a fire. The vapours will explode.
- This holiday season protect your children from fire.
- Keep matches and lighters out of sight and reach of children.
- Supervise children at all times when they are in a room with a fireplace, a Christmas tree, lit candles, space heater or other open flame or hot surfaces.
- Dispose of ashes in a metal container, stored outside away from combustibles.

***Test your Smoke Alarms***

- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- Never remove the batteries from your smoke alarms for another purpose.
- Clean your smoke alarms by vacuuming the cover.
- Smoke alarms don't last forever. Replace detectors that are more than 10 years old.

***Plan Your Escape***

- Plan and practice a fire escape with your family. Plan two ways out of every room.
- Have a family meeting place outside.

*Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season*