

Village of Debden 2021 Newsletter

Debden Centennial

Debden's Centennial celebration is set for July 29th-Aug 1, 2022.

With the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the planning committee has lost over a year to prepare for this event.

There is still much uncertainty as to whether large groups will be permitted to gather by the Summer of 2022. Although it would be ideal for our celebrations to take place 100 years after the Village became incorporated, the committee is looking to postpone this event until 2023. We are asking for the community's feedback. Surveys will be sent out with tax notices and will also be available on the Debden website and Facebook Page. Thank you in advance for your input.

Please Recycle Responsibly

Residents are strongly encouraged to utilize the recycle bins located behind the hall. These are for **RECYCLE ONLY!** Shredded paper, must be in **CLEAR** plastic bags. Cardboard boxes should be flattened to reduce expense in emptying the bins. Placing items beside the bins is considered littering and may result in charges. It is not only illegal, but it results in additional work for our Foreman and additional costs to our municipality.

For more information on what can be recycled, please visit Highway 55 Waste Management Corp. at www.hwy55waste.ca. A reminder that ratepayers are only permitted **one** free bag of household waste for Tuesday pick-up. **ALL OTHER BAGS MUST BE AFFIXED WITH THE DESIGNATED TAG-A-BAG SEAL.**

Tags available at the Village Office and [Comite Culturel](http://www.comiteculturel.com) Office.

Any retailers interested in selling tags, please contact the Village Office for details.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Thursday
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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The following Documents are available for viewing at the Village Office and on our website:

2020 Audited Financial Statements

2020 Drinking Water Quality & Compliance

Annual Waterworks Statements

You may request to see them any-time during regular business hours.



Reminder to Residents

Municipal property and vacant lots, including ditches, **are not to be used** for grass clippings, branches or leaves. It is also illegal to dump these in the rural areas outside of the Village, including ditches. These items can be disposed of at the Hwy 55 Waste site. Grass clippings and leaves may also be bagged separately in a clear bag and tagged to be picked up with Garbage.

Residents are also reminded that as per Bylaw 8/2013, vehicles, including utility and camper trailers, are not to be parked on the Village streets for longer than Twenty-Four consecutive hours. Vehicles left on the street cause difficulty for Village Staff when clearing and maintaining the roads.

It is the responsibility of the ratepayers to be familiar with the Village's Bylaws and Policies. These and all Public Notices are available on the Village's website.

Business Licenses

Please contact the Village Office to renew or receive your business license for 2021.

If you do not operate your business from a property classed as commercial or industrial, you need a business license to operate within the Village.

All Contractors and all Door-to-Door Sales people are required to have a business license to work within Village limits. You should be requesting to see this License before they conduct any work on your property.

Thank you to all the businesses and contractors who purchase their license each year.

For any updated information and to view all current Bylaws and Policies for the Village of Debden, please visit debden.ca

The Village of Debden now also has its own Facebook page. Notices for residents will now be posted here as well as the website.

2021 Assessment and Taxation

As you may be aware, the entire province was re-valuated this year. In addition, the Province increased the Education Mill Rate.

Property Class	2020 Education Property Tax Mill Rates	2021 Education Property Tax Mill Rates
Agricultural	1.43	1.36
Residential	4.12	4.46
Commercial/Industrial	6.27	6.75
Resource	9.68	9.79

These values when combined with Tax Tools are used to achieve the 2021 levy required for our budget. Please note that the Village has no control over the values imposed by the Province for property values or school taxes.

Municipal taxes fund things such as police & fire protection, street maintenance & snow removal, equipment repair & replacement, water, sewer & municipal building infrastructure

upkeep &/or future replacement, training and certifications, plus other administrative, operational and municipal services including recreation, health and library contributions. Some major projects undertaken over the last 5 years include drilling and putting into service a new well, decommissioning of 2 old wells (1964) (1975), complete repair and relining of all Village sewer main lines, a new lift station and lagoon, replacement of sidewalk sections along main street, road reclamation on 2nd Avenue East and 1st Street East, establishing and/or increasing reserve funds for Fire Hall/Shop, Water/Sewer, Roads/Sidewalks, Emergency Planning, Equipment, and Debden's Centennial.

This year the land base tax has increased to \$375.00 with the mindset that all properties in the Village receive the same services. The Mill Rate has been decreased to 8.3 mills.

Development/Building Moving/Demolition

Zoning Bylaw 2-87 (and accompanying Amendments) require that "every person before commencing any development or use within the Village shall apply for and obtain from the Development Officer, a **Development Permit**." This includes decks, fences, detached garages, new construction and/or renovations that may affect load bearing walls.

Moving and/or Demolition Permits are also required for **any** building being moved into or out of the Village, (including sheds, garages and sea cans) and for any demolition of buildings within the Village.

Permits are presented for approval at Regular Council meetings held the second week of every month. Please take this into consideration when submitting your application.

The Village has appointed **Chris Gates** as our **Municipal Building Official**. Forms, checklists and information are available at: www.buildtechinspections.ca

Permit Applications are available at the Village Office and on the Village Website.

Debden Summer Watering

*Effective May 1, 2021, You may water lawns and gardens
Between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
and
6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.*

East of Main Street- Monday, Wednesday & Friday

West of Main Street- Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

No watering on Sundays.



Notice to Consumers

*Debden offers residents the opportunity to receive their Utility and/or Property Tax Notices through email. **Consent forms are available at debden.ca.***

Customers may withdraw from this option at any time after signing up.

Saving Money

Did you know that you save 10% of your annual Utility fees by pre-paying your water by January 31 of each year?

Did you know that you can make monthly payments on your taxes starting in January to take full advantage of the tax discount incentive?

*This can be done by post-dated cheques or manually through online banking or **e-transfers**.*

Water and Sewer Lines

*As per **Policy 1/2014** and **Water and Sewer Bylaw 4/2020**, property owners are responsible for the repair and replacement of their water lines to the curb stop and for their sewer lines to the main line.*

Please check with your home insurance to see if there is optional coverage for this responsibility.

House Numbers

The Village would like to remind residents **how important it is to have your house number displayed** on the exterior of your home in a visible location. It could mean the difference between life or death in an emergency. This is valuable information for the Fire Department, the R.C.M.P. and the Ambulance to help aid you or someone calling on your behalf in an emergency.



ATV Use

As per Bylaw 2/89, ATV's are not permitted on Village owned public land, including vacant lots.

The Village receives numerous complaints each year on reckless use of ATV's within Village limits. This includes traffic violations and damage done to property in wet conditions. We remind you that there are not only Village bylaws to follow but also Provincial Regulations. Residents should contact the local RCMP to report traffic concerns as it is not the Village's jurisdiction to handle these.

Please operate respectfully.

Are you prepared for an Emergency?

Visit: getprepared.gc.ca or saskatchewan.ca/residents (Environment, Public Health & Safety/ Emergency Management) for checklists and additional steps you can take to be prepared at home for an Emergency.

The Village of Debden's **Resident Emergency Plan** will soon be available on our website. Please watch for it so you know what steps to take when an Emergency Alert is issued for the Village.

Emergency Response Team Volunteers are urgently needed. Please contact the Village Office for more information or to have your name added to the list if you have not already indicated your wish to be involved.

Residents are encouraged to download the **SaskAlert App** to your cell phone for immediate emergency notifications in our area.

BE PREPARED. BE SAFE.



Stand Up and Be Counted

Did you know that funding and some Grants are awarded to the Village on a per capita basis? Being counted in the Census directly reflects the funding that the Village receives from both the Provincial and the Federal Government. More funding received means less property tax revenue from ratepayers is required for operating.

Please complete your 2021 Census Forms and be counted. The Village relies on these funds.