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Village Council Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. in Council Chambers at the Village Office. Any Village concerns must be in writing, undersigned, dated, and addressed to the Village Office.



**Christmas Hours:** The Village office will be closed at 4:00 pm on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and will reopen January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 9 a.m. All property taxes are due on December 31, 2018. Cheques can be mailed or left in the receiving box outside the office or payment may be made online through RBC, BMO, CIBC, TD, Conexus and Scotiabank. Please allow 3-5 days for online payments to be processed. We wish everyone a blessed and happy holiday season, and look forward to serving you in 2019.



### From the Desk of Mayor Dan Buck –

“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, for I proclaim to you good news that brings great joy to all the people: Today your Saviour is born in the city of David. He is Christ the Lord.’” (Luke 2:10)

All other greetings fade away in comparison to the immensity of this greeting spoken to common people just doing life like they had for the last many years. But this greeting would change them. And it would change others who heard it from these common people. And it still changes people. As you greet people who are just doing life all around you, may you share the message of the love of Christmas that brings purpose and joy to life.

As we transition into these wintery months I hope you will find time to visit with neighbours and friends in warm houses. (Thank you SaskPower workers for restoring our power quickly). I also hope you will venture out to build a snow fort or go skating on the outdoor rink, or partake in the many sporting and cultural activities that are offered in the community.

The winter months can bring many challenges with water, streets and heating. We hope not to have another event like last year’s water break, but as situations occur we will work as quickly and efficiently as possible to rectify them. Let’s be careful as we use and share our streets with pedestrians. Thank you to Stephen Brown for your excellent work of maintaining our roads. And thank you Paul Kozun for maintaining so many walkways for all of us. Council has been working hard reviewing this year’s projects and have begun to make plans for next year. There are of course more things to do than time or money permit, so we will need wisdom to make the best decisions. If you have thoughts or questions about next year’s plans, please visit with a council or staff member, we would be glad to hear from you.

On behalf of all the Village Council and Staff, may I wish you a festive, safe and blessed Christmas and an amazing New Year!



### Slogan Contest –

We would like you to create a new motto/slogan/catch-phrase that you believe best captures the heart of life in Caronport. We could outsource this project to some company who would study us and tell us who they think we are, but we think no one can do that better than you who actually live here and make Caronport the community it was, is, and is becoming.

So spend some time thinking about Caronport. Jot down some ideas. Package it up. And submit it. You can post it on the village or community Facebook page or turn them in at the office. Council will be watching the ideas, narrow them down, and maybe have some form of shortlist we can all vote on. And yes, there is a prize to the winning submission if council believes it will best serve as our new slogan.



### Water Meter Readings –

Water meter readings are needed December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. You will receive an email. Quarterly billings in 2019; March 31<sup>st</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. **Please read your meter and submit the reading to the office within 5 days.** We would prefer you send in a picture of the meter to avoid any errors of a misread meter. Due to increases in water rates by the Public Utility Board, expect a rate increase for water January 2019.



**Please park vehicles in your designated parking areas and not on streets.** Please park off the street to assist with snow removal and to comply with bylaw 9/89(3)(g) which states no vehicle or trailer shall be parked on any street continuously for any period of time longer than forty-eight (48) hours. Those of you who rent out suites, please be reminded that you are required to provide off-street parking for your tenants. We ask that those in the trailer court also use their designated off street parking and not park on the street. Thank you!



### Garbage & Recycling Schedule –

Loraas Disposal Services LTD. picks up garbage every Tuesday, and recycling is picked up every second Tuesday. Recycling is requested by individual homeowners directly to Loraas Disposal Services LTD. Contact their office in

Moose Jaw at (306)691-2850 to set up your service and you will be invoiced directly from Loraas. Please note the remainder of December's garbage schedule: Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>  
The last recycling day of the year will be Saturday December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Click here for the 2019 schedules:  
<http://loraasdisposal.com/pickup-calendar/search/keyword:Caronport>



### **Outdoor Skating Rink –**

First off I want to thank all of the volunteers and sponsors who have given time, money, and equipment to the outdoor rink. It would not have been possible without all of you! The outdoor rink ice was installed a bit later this year due to the warm weather, however I am sure our typical Saskatchewan winter will give us plenty of ice time. Please respect the rink and all the work that has gone into it and most importantly have fun!

Work done this past year:

- Surface painted white to help ice retention in warm weather
- Boards oiled
- Benches and rubber matting installed.
- Seacan installed to house Zamboni and have warming area.
- Sign installed for rules and to thank our sponsors

I just want to say it has been a privilege to join council this spring. I look forward to the New Year and the joys and challenges it will bring.

Jordan Rempel



### **Moose Jaw RCMP Information –**

Moose Jaw RCMP Detachment address: 240 Saskatchewan St. East Moose Jaw, Sask S6H 6E8

Moose Jaw Detachment email: [FDiv-Moose\\_Jaw@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:FDiv-Moose_Jaw@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

Front Office hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 4 pm.

Main phone number: 306-691-4670

If the nature of the call is an emergency please call 911 or 310-RCMP (7267)

\*If you call the main office after hours and you need to speak with a Police Officer, follow the instructions and your call will be connected to the RCMP Dispatch Centre.

\*If you have left a message on the main phone and have not received a call back in a satisfactory time limit, please call 310-RCMP and ask to speak to a Moose Jaw RCMP member.



### **From the Desk of Caronport Recreation Board –**

Caronport Rec Board has had a year of transition once again, as new members have joined and some already have pulled away. A full complement worked together with Council members and other volunteers to organize and pull off Caronport Day in August.

Currently, our board includes Ian & Shelby O'Brien and Loree Buck. We would welcome any interested community members who would like to join the Rec Board to be in touch with Shelby by email to [schleb5@hotmail.com](mailto:schleb5@hotmail.com).

What is involved in being a Rec Board member?

Responsibilities include: 1 or 2 meetings per month at the most with a few extra in June to August leading up to our major event – Caronport Day, general meetings run from 7:30-9pm; offering insight, direction, and opinion of Rec Board responsibilities; sharing in responsibilities of the board as they arise; take leadership in certain aspects of events and board responsibilities; contribute to vision and direction of the board

Partnered within the Rec Board Team: event planning and event execution; being in contact with Web Master; web management; agenda creation; volunteer recruitment and coordination; support of our rec clubs and their coordinators; communication between Rec Board major stakeholders

Clubs that are connected with the Caronport Rec Board include: Caronport Skating Club, Caronport Minor Hockey, Caronport Youth Soccer, Caronport Minor Baseball, Caronport Minor Basketball, and Play Patrol. Caronport Rec Board is also involved with the Spray Park and Walking trail, and welcomes ideas and initiatives related to sport, recreation and culture for residents of Caronport and surrounding area.

Loree Buck

Treasurer



### **From the Desk of Public Works Superintendent Stephen Brown –**

As I sit at my desk thinking about the year that is quickly passing before me I realize a couple things... It is the end of another year filled with so much that I haven't near the time to process really any of it. There have been many things in the Village that were tackled and completed this year. They included countless decisions by the Village council, hours of faithful work by the Village office staff, the retiring of Don Taylor after faithful years of protecting the Village, untold hours of service from the fire department, Village committees who give back to the community out of their busy lives and the public works department who remains committed to improving the Village. And this is just our little part of the world.

We have also all witnessed via the media and other social media connections what the world has also been faced with throughout 2018. I don't know about you, but so often it's too much for my brain to process and I long for quiet moments. And so as I write this letter, I trust in these last few days of 2018 that somewhere you are able to slip away and have a few quiet moments where you can maybe simply breathe or realize the blessings in your life.

I know that in the quiet moments I realize I am getting older and many things that were important to me when I was younger no longer hold any significance in my life. In actuality, there are only two things that I hold dearly... the relationship with others because I believe they can be eternal and they are what make my life rich. I can't remember the last time I share a special moment with my TV, my vehicle or some of my tools, but I sure do with family and friends. I long for those moments but in the business of life everywhere I look it seems harder and

harder for people to actually spend time together. May I encourage each of you to spend less time with things and more time with each other. May you remember that He came to this earth because He wants to spend time with each of us... and that is why I hope each of you celebrate CHRISTmas.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you, to be your neighbour and friend. All the best!  
Stephen Brown & Family



**From the Desk of Caronport Fire Chief Appleby –**

The twenty members of the Caronport Fire Department wish everyone a safe and joyful Christmas season. We continue to serve the Village of Caronport, Hamlet of Caron, RM of Caron, Village of Mortlach, RM of Wheatlands, Hamlet of Parkbeg, Gainer the Gopher's underground condo and about 25 miles of the Trans Canada Highway.

Please take added precautions as you drive when weather and roads conditions may suddenly become precarious and holiday traffic will increase. It's hard to see oncoming highway traffic from the east these days when the sun is coming up; take extra care at our intersection. If a westbound semi is turning into Caronport, don't cross the highway because you cannot see what other vehicles may have been "hidden" behind it. Many deer have also been along the highways in recent weeks.

Make sure your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are functional as your furnaces work overtime; vents may also frost over in extreme weather. Candles are beautiful but use great discretion with them and other decorations. The Fire Chief is especially wary when a power outage ends; what was left on the stove, on the candle stand or elsewhere when the power went out and has been forgotten when the power returns?

The department is thankful for the recent donation from Trans Canada Pipelines of a Chevy Silverado 2500 truck for rapid responses, the donation of a grain rescue system from the G3 elevator system, new lighting for two of our fire trucks and financial help from Glen Emmons Trucking in repairing the pumper. We will also be taking possession of some new turnout gear in the very near future.

Firefighters / First Responders have responded to 75 dispatches so far this year. That compares to a record high 91 calls in 2017 and 82 in 2016. Ten years ago the number was 40.