



Monthly Newsletter – January 15, 2020 – Edition 1, Volume 4

Fire Protective Services New Letter for January 2020

Well, hope the holidays were what you wanted them to be and welcome to 2020. The time when back a few years ago, it was hoped we would be flying in UFO's and being beamed to our favorite travel destination. Now back to reality...

I bring this message with the intent to inform our community of a few things to think about over the next month.

Now that Christmas is over, that natural tree you had should be disposed of properly. That beautiful tree will dry out and become very flammable.

New Year's Celebrations have come and gone but are you aware that FIRE WORKS are not permitted within the Town Limits. They are for sale outside of Town but that also means they are to be fired outside of town. Anything from Selling, Possession or Firing will contravene the Town By-Law and it has a fine of \$500.00. This will also apply during summer Canada Day Celebrations.

plural noun: **fireworks**

a device containing gunpowder and other combustible chemicals that causes a spectacular explosion when ignited, used typically for display or in celebrations.

January is typically one of our colder months. Preparation before this cold comes will make life better. Think about doing the following as preventative measures for Safety and peace of mind.

- Check heat tapes on water lines if you have them. Ensure they are working properly and properly installed. This will prevent frozen water lines, prevent fires from overloaded circuits, and fires from malfunctioning tapes.
- Check furnace filters and furnace operation. A clean filter allows proper air flow and heating efficiency. Doing a quick check to see if the furnace is operating properly and not making odd noises or smells will ensure your house is warm over the cold spell. Making that panic call to the Furnace Tech when it fails is not on anyone's top list of things to do.
- Check appliance gas exhaust lines. See if there are any breaks, leaks or general breakdown for the Gas exhaust lines from your heating appliances. Doing this may prevent you from exposure to Carbon Monoxide and being forced out of your house when at the coldest. On this topic, consider purchase of a CO detector to detect problems. This gas is not something you will smell yet can kill you.
- If you use a wood stove, hope you had the annual chimney cleaning. This prevents chimney fires. If you enjoy the heat of a wood stove, make sure it has been installed correctly and used properly. Not paying heed to this has burned down many houses.
- Maybe stop to give your smoke detector a quick check... they save lives ... even though they are annoying when you burn your toast.
- Space heaters take the cold out of rooms but are they being used properly? They need to be plugged directly into the wall socket and not cheap power bars. These will fail with the power draw and possibly start a fire. Also clear the area around the space heaters so they don't start items on fire. This results from being too close to the heater.

And remember, Lets be safe out there folks

Upcoming Council Meetings

**Regular Meeting of Council
January 28, 2020
and
February 11, 2020
7 p.m. in Council Chambers**

**Special Meeting of Council Re: 2020 Budget
January 21, 2020
7 p.m. in Council Chambers**

Town of High Prairie 24 hour Utilities Emergency number 780-523-7620



Alberta 1 Call 7-800-242-3447 Call Before You Dig!



Snow Removal

Excerpts from Town of HP Snow Removal Policy 02-2018

2:01 Snow clearing of walking trails will only be plowed following plowing of downtown sector and residential sidewalks.

2:02 Snow removal on walking trails will follow a 1.5" (40 mm) snowfall accumulations.

3:01 Snow clearing on sidewalks will proceed when normal snowfall accumulations reach a depth of 1 ½ inches.

3:02 Sidewalks in the downtown sector of the Town will be plowed first, followed by residential sidewalks.

3:03 Sidewalks on north-south streets and arterial roads will be plowed first, followed by sidewalks on east-west streets.

4:01 Snow clearing on roads will proceed when normal snowfall accumulation reach a depth of 3 inches.

4:02 Snow will first be plowed on roads essential for emergency services (Hospital, RCMP, Fire Dept., schools)

4:03 North-south roads and arterial roads will be plowed first.

4:04 The loader will follow the grader to open up any roads or residential driveways that the grader has pushed snow onto.

5:01 The business area or downtown will have normal snow removal on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, when the "No Parking Zone" is in effect.

For the complete Snow Removal Policy please visit our website www.townofhighprairie.com



Enforcement Services Newsletter Addition:

Alberta Traffic Safety: Intersection Safety

Intersections are high-risk locations because drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists converge in intersections and need to safely cross each others' paths. Aggressive behaviours like speeding, running red lights, or entering the intersection without properly looking can result in collisions, injury, and death.



Safety tips for drivers:

Do not:

- Run red lights
- Roll through a stop sign
- Speed through intersections
- Follow too closely
- Make unsafe left-hand turns
- Rely on having the right of way

Safety tips for pedestrians:

- Be alert at intersections. Always look out for possible dangers when crossing the street.
- Make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street – when eyes lock, it's safer to walk.
- Abide by traffic signs and signals. They are in place to protect your safety.

For more information visit www.saferoads.ca

Bylaw Enforcement:

Dog License renewal notices were sent out this month and are due January 31st, 2019

- **Penalty for failing to renew Dog Licenses by January 31st is \$50.00***

Business License renewal notices were sent out this month and are due January 31st, 2019

- **Penalty for failing to renew Business Licenses by January 31st is \$250.00***

fine doubles each time a reminder letter is sent and the due date is missed. If you no longer have your pet, or business it is **YOUR responsibility to advise the Town Office in order to be taken out of the system!*

For more information on the Town of High Prairie Bylaws visit www.townofhighprairie.com