

# TOWN UPDATES & INFORMATION

#### **JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025**

## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

**JANUARY 14 - 7:00 PM** 

JANUARY 28 - 7:00 PM

**FEBRUARY 11 - 7:00 PM** 

FEBRUARY 25 - 7:00 PM

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED ON THE TOWN FACEBOOK PAGE.

## **HOLIDAY CLOSURE:**

**FEBRUARY 17 - FAMILY DAY** 

## **KEY DATES/EVENTS:**

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP JANUARY 16, 2025

DOG LICENSES DUE FEBRUARY 28, 2025



TIPP APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2025

## **SNOW REMOVAL:**

REMINDER TO TOWN RESIDENTS THAT AS PER BYLAW 05,24, COMMUNTY STANDARDS, ALL ICE AND SNOW MUST BE REMOVED FROM ANY SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO YOUR PROPERTY WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS OF A SNOWFALL OR RAINFALL THAT CREATES ICY CONDITIONS.

# Lamont Christmas Light UP!

A big thank you to all of the volunteers of the Light UP! Committee. Their hard work and dedication has made this year's Light Up something to remember for years to come.

# Just for Kids Christmas Store

Thank you to the businesses, including Lamont Home Hardware, Lamont Value Drug Mart, and Lamont Foods and to the individual donators for the many items received.

Also thank you to the volunteers including students from Lamont High School, Town employees and their families, and residents who helped the children shop and wrap their gifts.

The event was a success raising over \$700 to be donated to the Lamont County Food Bank. We look forward to next year!

## **Christmas Tree Pickup Day**

Mark your calendar for Christmas Tree pickup. This year's pickup date will be January 16, 2025. Please have your tree to the curb by 7:00 a.m.

# 2024 Property Taxes

The 2024 tax season is now closed. All outstanding balances are now in arrears and have received an 18% penalty. Contact the Town Office at 780-895-2010 to make payment arrangements.

# **Tax Installment Payment Plan - TIPP**

The Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) allows residents to sign up for a monthly, direct withdrawal of their property tax payments from their bank accounts.

This plan provides taxpayers the opportunity to pay their property taxes in monthly installments rather than the one large single payment that comes due once per year. The plan runs from January 1 - December 31, yearly. For the 2025 taxation year, 2024 taxes must be paid in full and your application must be received no later than March 15, 2025, provided that a pro-rated portion of your taxes are paid in advance.

For more information or to apply, please contact the Town Office at 780-895-2010, email general@lamont.ca or visit www.lamont.ca

# **Public Skating/Shinny**

Public Skating and Shinny hockey times are scheduled weekly throughout the ice season.

Go to the Town of Lamont Facebook page or website for details.

# **Utility Bill Changes**

In an effort to minimize the impacts of an 18% increase from the water commission, Town of Lamont Council approved a new Utility Rate Structure that identifies a variable and fixed component. These changes will see the removal of the current minimum billing model.

The new rate structure will come into effect January 1, 2025, and will be reflected on your March 2025 utility bill.

Understanding your new bi-monthly Utility Bill:

	2024	2025		Comments
Minimum Billing	\$66.56	\$4.10	Bi-Monthly	\$0.36 per m3 increase
Metered Water	\$3.83	\$4.10	Per m <sup>3</sup>	from region
Water Access Fee *		\$25-\$35	Based on	≤ ¾ = \$25
Fee for most residential			meter size	≥ 1.75 = \$30
properties will be \$25				> 1.75 = \$35
Water Capital Investment	\$7.94	\$7.94	Bi-Monthly	
Water Cost Recovery	\$7.19		Included in Access Fee	
Metered Sewer	30%	\$1.30	Per m <sup>3</sup>	Of water consumption
Sewer Access Fee		\$15.00	Bi-Monthly	
Sewer Only (No Water)	\$39.00	\$39.00	Bi-Monthly	
Residential Container	\$64.58	\$66.51	Bi-Monthly	
Commercial Garbage Bin	\$104.94	\$108.08	Bi-Monthly	
Restaurants – Garbage Bin	\$187.93	\$193.56	Bi-Monthly	
2 Yard	\$237.33	\$244.45	Per Bin	
4 Yard	\$376.62	\$387.92	Per Bin	
6 Yard	\$552.66	\$569.24	Per Bin	
8 Yard	\$736.50	\$758.60	Per Bin	

Water Consumption Did you know 1 cubic meter of water is equal to:

20 Showers

111 Toilet Flushes







Explained

The average water consumption within the Town is 7.49 m<sup>3</sup>. Previous billing cost \$166.24 and included up to 13.6 m<sup>3</sup> of water consumption. Below are some examples of residential billing costs, using the new rate structure, based on different water consumption:

Water Consumption	<u>Utility Bill Cost</u>
7.49 m³	\$154.90
13.6 m³	\$187.89
20 m <sup>3</sup>	\$222.45

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## **IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:**

5307 - 50 AVENUE BOX 330, LAMONT, AB TOB 2R0

PHONE: 780-895-2010 **EMAIL: GENERAL@LAMONT.CA** WEBSITE: WWW.LAMONT.CA

PUBLIC WORKS (EMERGENCY) 780-719-6865

ANIMAL CONTROL 780-998-7914

FORT SASKATCHEWAN RCMP: 780-992-6100 (NON-EMERGENCY)

FOR EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL 911

## **COUNTY OF LAMONT** FOOD BANK

TO REQUEST A HAMPER CALL: 780-619-6955

Hampers are distributed on Thursday mornings.

**Donation or Volunteer** Information: countylamontfoodbank.com





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