

**February  
2021**



**VILLAGE OF HILL SPRING**

# Newsletter



## VILLAGE NEWS

Please note: Any outstanding utilities from 2020 that are not paid by Feb. 2, 2021 will be transferred to your taxes. All balances will be subject to monthly penalties.

According to the MGA (Municipal Government Act) “a municipality must annually, not later than March 31, prepare a tax arrears list showing parcels of land in the municipality in respect of which there are tax arrears for more than one year “ and “post a copy of the tax arrears list in a place that is accessible to the public during regular business hours.” Once your property is registered with the province a caveat will be placed on your title indicating that it is in arrears and that it is subject to this provincial legislation and will be subject to its placement in a public auction if the outstanding taxes are not paid in full by March 30, 2022. If you want to avoid having your property registered with the province and having it publicly posted please assure your property taxes are paid up to date. Property taxes are a debt owing to the municipality and must be paid accordingly.

Thank you to all those that have registered their dogs for 2021. Please remember that ALL dogs must be licensed and registered at the office. If you have not done this yet please come to the office and get it taken care of before you are issued a fine. It is \$10.00/altered dog and \$30.00 per unaltered dog and is an annual fee. Fee and penalty may be added to your taxes.

By Law 201-309—LICENSING

iv. “obtain an annual license for the dog on the first business day in January each year.”

If you are considering a Home Occupation please note that according to Village of Hill Spring Land Use Bylaw 107-274 you must submit an application to the Village Office prior to start-up. The cost for an application permit is \$100.00 and a business certificate is \$20.00. A business certificate is not mandatory.

Tough Country Communications is preparing a grant application under the “Universal Broadband Fund” for improved fibre internet service for the community. As part of the requirement they need to obtain internet speed tests from residents. They are hoping to have all tests completed by February 10th, 2021. Please visit:

[www.toughcountry.ca/internetsurvey](http://www.toughcountry.ca/internetsurvey) in order to take the survey. The survey takes only a couple of minutes, but will provide valuable information about the community internet speeds. Everyone that participates will be automatically entered to win one of two Visa gift cards of \$50.00 each. Your participation is greatly appreciated. For more information please call 403-627-4126 EXT 505.

Reminder: Speed limit in the Village is 40 km/h unless posted otherwise! Please be respectful of the speed and the Village residents.

## Village of Hill Spring

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## VILLAGE NOTES

Village Office Hours:

Monday 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Closed for lunch 12:00—1:00

Tuesday 1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday 10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Council Meetings will always be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office on 2nd Ave South unless otherwise posted.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, February 16, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.



## 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The nomination period for the 2021 general municipal election began January 1, 2021 and runs until 12:00 noon on Monday, September 20, 2021. You may pick up a nomination package at the Village Office.

Candidate Eligibility:

- A person may be nominated in any election under the Local Authorities Election Act if the person is eligible to vote in an election, has resided in the municipality for 6 consecutive months, is not otherwise ineligible.
- A person is ineligible to be nominated as a candidate in any election under the LAEA if the person is auditor of the local jurisdiction, if the person is an employee of the local jurisdiction, if the person is indebted to the municipality for taxes in default exceeding \$50.00, if the person is indebted to the local jurisdiction for any debt exceeding \$500.00 and in default for more than 90 days, and if the person has been convicted of an offenses under the LAEA, Election Act, the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, or the Canada Elections Act.
- Candidates who seek nomination for office must complete Nomination Paper & Candidate's Acceptance Form. Nominations must be signed by a minimum of 5 electors. In addition candidates must file Candidate Information Form.



## EVENTS

*Feb. 4—Special Council Meeting—7:00 p.m.*

*Feb. 14—VALENTINES DAY!!*

*Feb. 15—FAMILY DAY  
Village Office will be closed*