

OFFICE HOURS

The council office will be closed from Monday, December 20th until 9 am Tuesday, January 4th. If you require urgent assistance during this time, Kimberly can be reached at home at 635-3947 or a councillor may be contacted at:

Mayor Louie MacDonald 635-3144
 Deputy Mayor Helen Reid 635-5612
 Councillor Mary Reid 635-5257
 Councillor Roy Pittman 635-3044
 Councillor Stanley Pinksen 635-3345

Please note that garbage days will be the same as always - on Wednesdays - with no service interrupted during the holiday season.

BUDGET 2005

Council met on Monday, November 29th to discuss the budget for the up and coming taxation year. They are pleased to announce that there are no new tax increases - in fact, there is one tax decrease. Poll taxes will decrease from \$300.00 per year to \$250.00 per year.

The budget for 2005 looks like this:

Revenue:

Taxes	\$174,104.00
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	\$0.00
Sales of Goods and Services	\$22,395.00
Other Revenue from Own Sources	\$2,781.00
Government Transfers	\$62,500.00
Other Transfers	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$261,780.00

Expenditures:

General Government	\$83,052.00
Protective Services	\$17,125.00
Transportation Services	\$47,000.00
Environmental Health	\$18,150.00
Planning & Development	\$725.00
Recreation & Cultural	\$8,595.00
Fiscal Services	\$87,133.00
Other Services	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$261,780.00

Tax structure:

Poll Tax	Minimum \$250.00
Property Tax	9 mils minimum \$300.00
Water	\$240.00 minimum
Comm. Industrial Water	\$569.00 min.
Comm. Other Water	\$375.00 min.
Comm. Farmer Water	\$537.00 min.
Business Tax Information:	
Farmer (wholesale)	3.5 mil \$150. Min.
Farmers (retail)	5.5 mil \$150. Min
Confectionery	8.5 mil \$150. Min
Home Based Business	8.5 mil \$150. Min
Logging/Contract/Trucking	

Surveying	8.5 mil \$175. Min
Tourist Attraction/Accommodation	8.5 mil \$150. Min
Meat Cutter	8.5 mil \$175. Min
Backhoe hire	8.5 mil \$150. Min
Utilities	2.5% gross revenue

NEW YEARS BALL

The Reidville Recreation Committee Inc. will be holding its annual New Years Ball again this year. There will be bar specials, spot dances and a \$25 gift certificate for gas as a door prize.

Tickets are \$15 double or \$10 single and can be picked up from Bonnie Reid at 635-3462, Patsy Pittman at 635-3044 or Fabian Carroll at 635-2861. Music by DJ duo, Ruby and Jim Cumby.

BOXING DAY SOCIAL

The Recreation Committee's annual Boxing Day event at the Community Hall is set to go ahead again this year. As before, all beer will go for cost: \$1.65

FAMILY SKATING

The next scheduled family skate held by the Reidville Volunteer Fire Department is set

for Sunday, January 9th. For more information, please contact any member of the fire department

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Reidville Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce the posting of Boyd Ford to the treasurer's position. They are also pleased to report that this year, the 24th annual Reidville Santa Claus Parade was a great hit with the following winning in the float categories:

- 1st Place - Philip Fudge
- 2nd place - Melvin Ball
- 3rd place - Headline Holsteins

Dishes: If you donated a dessert for the Firemen's Ball, please check your cupboards and verify that you have your dish back. The fire hall is home to three bowls that they did not have before...

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Reidville Recreation Committee Inc. recently held their election of officers meeting. Elected to the new executive were:

Chairperson: Roy Pittman
 Co-Chairperson: Michelle Martin
 Secretary: Bonnie Reid
 Treasurer: Patsy Pittman
 Directors: T e r r i - L y n n

Curlw
Crystal Carroll
Fabian Carroll
Lisarae Curlw

YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Hockey: Congratulations to Jeremy Curlw and Stephen Simms who were both members of the Elwood High School Hockey Team and were successful in winning the Abitibi Consolidated Challenge Cup in Stephenville Nov 19-21. There were five teams in the competition and this is the first time any team besides the host team took home the cup. Congratulations guys!

Swimming: Congratulations to Cora-Lee Reid who traveled to Gander Dec 3-5 and took part in the provincial Pentathlon. She placed 3rd in both her 100 meter back stroke and 100 meter breaststroke, 4th in the 100 meter butterfly, 4th in the 200 meter individual medley and 6th in the 100 freestyle.

BROADBAND UPDATE

It will soon be here! The estimated date for completion of high speed broadband to Reidville is April 2005. Other towns taking part in the project expect to be completed as follows:

Wight's Road	January 2005
River Bank Road	January 2005
Cormack	March 2005
Eastern Brook	April 2005
Cormack East	May 2005
Reidville	April 2005

We will keep you updated as new information arrives.

NOTES FROM THE RCMP

Council recently held a meeting with the new RCMP officer responsible for Reidville. This gentleman informed council that he would be doing patrols in Reidville this year on snowmobile. He also asked council to pass the information below on to residents regarding snowmobile use, what is legal and what is not.

- 13-19 years old must be accompanied by a person 19 years old or over
- Insurance is required for people operating a ski doo between 13 and 19 years of age
- Insurance is required for everyone driving a snowmobile across a road
- Accidents involving damage over \$200 and/or injury must be reported to police
- It is prohibited to consume alcohol while operating a snowmobile. Zero tolerance
- It is unlawful to operate a

- snowmobile without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons or property
- Must cross road with 100 yards visibility each way.

TAX COLLECTION

As of Thursday, December 16th the town's tax collection rate stands at 91.65%. This is up just slightly from the same time last year by .1% but down from 2002 by 1.08%. Council has had some unforeseen expenses this past year and hopes each resident who still carries a balance on their account will either take the initiative to pay their account off by year end or place a cheque in the mail and have a big chunk paid by year end. Tax collection is the life blood of our town. With the town still owed \$25,877.46 from 2004 and prior, it makes it quite difficult to keep all records up to date. If every resident does their part, year end for 2004 should have a collection rate of 99%-100%. When the budget is done for each year, it depends on a 100% collection rate - imagine if your family income was decreased by 8.35% - you would have difficulty keeping your accounts up to date - council is no different!

Please make your payments promptly either by mail or contact Kimberly at home over

the holidays at 635-3947 and she will meet you at the office at your convenience! Thank you!

SEASONS GREETINGS

On behalf of the Volunteer Fire Department and the Recreation Committee, council would like to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year! This is an extra special time, a time for families to gather, for friends to meet and a time for celebration. May the joy of the season stay with you through all the holidays and for the whole year through! Mayor Louie MacDonald, Deputy Mayor Helen Reid, Councillors Mary Reid, Roy Pittman and Stanley Pinksen and staff.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Doctor on Call.....1-800-261-0741
Fire Alarm.....635-5600
RCMP.....635-2173
Ambulance.....635-3020
Newfoundland Power.....1-800-474-5711
Council Office.....635-5232
Fax: 635-4498

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**