

Newsletter...December 2005
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WEB PAGE LAUNCH

Council is pleased to announce the official launch of the Town of Reidville's official web site. This site can be access through the following web address: **reidville-nl.ca**

Council would like all residents to take the time to surf the site. It has a lot of interesting information contained on it about our town, about the town's regulations, the town's newsletters and has many, many links and a photo gallery.

Council would like to sincerely thank Mr. Clifford Reid, our very own historian and now web designer for his magnificent design of the page. Throughout the web site, you will see places where you can e-mail either Mr. Reid or the office at your convenience.

Also there is a guest book, please take the time to view the site and then sign the guest book. For those residents with family members living out of the province, why not share the web address with them.

PHOTOS: Even though there are a lot of photos on the web page, more are still required.

We require any photo of our town that has historical value. Mr. Reid is in the middle of trying to complete the **history** - which, upon completion will also be featured on the web page - **your photos could help in this area.**

Why not just browse through your collection and pick some out. Even if you are unsure if they would be any good, let us have a look and you never know, maybe your photo with your family members could end up on the world wide web!

FIREMEN'S BALLS: A section of the web page is dedicated to our firemen. One of the things we are lacking here is some fun photos (and official photos) from balls from 2005 and prior. If you have anything from 2005 and before, please let us know.

RECREATION: Any recreation photos or community events photos whether it is from softball, the recreation program a sliding party - any and all photos are welcome.

UPDATES: check the "what's new" section regularly for updates on the web page.

NOTE: All photos will be returned to you in the same condition that we received them.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REMINDER

Your Reidville Volunteer Fire Department

would like to remind residents that this is the time of year when you are at greater risk for chimney fires - for the safety of your home and your family, please clean your chimney regularly!

BOIL ADVISORY LIFTED

The pre-cautionary boil order that was in effect as of November 22nd, 2005 was lifted December 2nd, 2005.

CHRISTMAS SPARKLE COMPETITION

After the great success this past year with regards to the “Tidy Towns” competition, council decided to try and keep the community spirit that was awakened alive by offering an incentive to residents in honor of “Christmas Spirit” and the Christmas Season. This year, for the first time in the history of our town, council has decided to have a “Christmas Sparkle” competition.

This competition is for outdoors only and will involve judges traveling around our town on **Wednesday, December 28th any time after 6 pm** in the evening until about 10 pm. The purpose of the event is to encourage outdoor decorations with the following in mind:

- originality
- creativity
- Christmas Spirit

Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place with the third place family receiving an honorable mention.

NOTE: All winners will be photographed for our new town’s web site and will be listed in the January 2006 newsletter.

Let’s all share some Christmas Spirit and enter the “Christmas Sparkle” competition!

BUDGET

On November 28, 2005 council met for the annual budget meeting. At this meeting, it was determined that water, property and business taxes would stay at the same rate as 2005 - with no increases or decreased. Currently the revenue/expenditure budget stands as such:

REVENUE:

Taxes	\$185,373.00
Grants in lieu of taxes	\$0.00
Sales of Goods and Services	\$24,998.00
Other Revenue from own Sources	\$0.00
Government Transfers	\$64,375.00
Other Transfers	\$0.00

TOTAL REVENUES \$274,746.00

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$99,659.00
Protective Services	\$10,970.00
Transportation Services	\$49,314.00
Environmental Health	\$17,780.00
Planning & Development	\$995.00
Recreation & Cultural	\$8600.00
Fiscal Services	\$87,428.00
Other Services	\$0.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$274,746.00

The tax information rates are as such:

Tax Group	Rate
Property	9.0 mils
Water	\$240.00
Commercial Industrial Water	\$569.00
Commercial Other Water	\$375.00
Commercial Farmer Water	\$537.00
Poll Tax	\$250.00

Business Tax Information

Farmer-wholesale	3.5 mils
Farmer-retail	5.5 mils
Confectionery	8.5 mils
Home Based Business	8.5 mils
Logging/Contract/Trucking	8.5 mils*
Surveying	8.5 mils
Tourist Attraction/Accomm.	8.5 mils*
Meat Cutter	8.5 mils
Backhoe Hire	8.5 mils
Utilities	2.5% of gross revenue

NOTE: All business taxes categories have a \$150.00 minimum yearly tax except for those marked with a *. Those categories have a \$175.00 minimum yearly tax.

FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE

The Reidville Food Bank Food Drive in support of the Deer Lake Food Bank took place on Saturday, November 19th. It was a phenomenal success this year! Thank you to everyone for your generous donations. A special thank you goes out to the volunteers who traveled door to door to collect the items. These people include:

- Carson Young
- Rosemarie Young
- Spencer Young
- Debbie Hiscock
- Oscar Hiscock.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The 25th Annual Santa Claus Parade will be held on Saturday, December 17th under the theme of “*Christmas Wish List*”. All residents are encourage to enter a float in this year’s event. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing as chosen by the judges.

NOTE: Please bring along an item for the Deer Lake Food Bank...just bring it along to the Community Hall and it will be collected while Santa is giving out presents.

Parents are reminded that Santa requires a little help in the “gift” area...so don’t forget this Saturday, after the parade that Santa will be at the Community Hall.

THEFT

It seems that theft has hit us yet again - this time at the town’s water tower. The town had stored at the tower, about \$400.00 worth of KB Sheeting. This item was finally approved for council to re-sell in late November. Before council had a chance to sell it, it was taken.

The RCMP have been notified and an investigation is ongoing.

COMPOST BINS

The Multimaterials Stewardship Board of Newfoundland and Labrador have compost bins available for purchase. If at least 25 people from the town are interested in purchasing these bins, the town can order them in for free.

If this is something you are interested in, these items are \$23.00 each. Please contact the office and your name will be added to a list.

NOTE: Council will only order them if at least 25 people are interested.

ROAMING ANIMALS

It appears that more and more dog owners are allowing their animals to roam. Please note that animal control for this area has increased and any animal roaming will be captured and subject to the town's animal control regulations.

For the safety and convenience of residents, please ensure that your pet is secured at all times. Thank you.

WRECK VEHICLES

A number of residents have started to accumulate wreck vehicles on their properties again. Please note this is not permitted in town boundaries.

If you have a wreck in your yard and would

like it removed, you can either contact a wrecker yourself or call the council office and arrangements will be made for you.

NOTE: In the new year, council will be taking an extra initiative to ensure that all wrecks are removed from the town. If you are wondering if a vehicle is a wreck, council have defined a wreck as a vehicle that is not intact (does not have doors, fenders, etc) and does not have all four wheels. A wreck vehicle is "not licensable".

PRIZE BINGO

The Reidville Recreation Committee along with the Reidville Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their first bingo of the new year on Tuesday, January 24th.

Any resident who would like to donate an item for this event, your donation would be greatly appreciated. If this is an area you would like to help with, please contact Patsy Pittman at 635-3044 or Bonnie Reid at 635-3462.

NOTE: Doors are expected to open for this event between 6:30 and 7 pm with the event set to begin at 8 pm.

BUY AND SELL/LOST & FOUND

New Log Carrier: Terrance Curlew is the new Log Carrier for the Reidville area. If you wish to become a customer, please call 635-5840

YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

XAVIER AWARDS NIGHT: At the recent Awards night held at Xavier Junior High School in Deer Lake for accomplishments in the 2004-2005 school year, Amberlee Elms received honors for her academic accomplishments in Grade 9. Congratulations!

SWIMMING: Cora-Lee Reid recently traveled to a provincial swim meet in Gander where over 200 swimmers from across the island competed in different categories. Cora-Lee placed 4th in her 100 meter backstroke and 5th in her 100 meter butterfly.

COLLEGE: Recently Melanie Reid completed her training at the College of the North Atlantic and became an official hair dresser. Melanie has since managed to obtain a full-time position at the new salon in Deer Lake "Salon Bell" located on Old Bonne Bay Road. Congratulations and good luck.

***NOTE:** If you have an item you would like listed in the newsletter, please contact the office at any time and your item will be noted for the next newsletter. The only means we have of accumulating information for the newsletter is from the residents' input - so please help keep us all informed on the successes of our youth!*

NEW YEARS BALL

The Reidville Recreation Committee Inc.

will be holding their regular New Years Ball again this year. DJ for the event is Kevin Bell under Jake Macwen's sound system. Tickets are \$15.00 double or \$10.00 single with a door prize available for all to win.

For more information or for tickets, please contact Bonnie Reid at 635-3462 or the council office during regular business hours.

BOXING DAY DANCE

The Reidville Recreation Committee Inc. will be holding their annual Boxing Day Social at the Community Hall with all beer going for \$1.65 each (this is the lowest amount permitted to sell beer). DJ for this event is Jeff Chaulk.

For more information, please contact either member of the Recreation Committee as listed below:

Chairperson	Terri-Lynn Curlew
Co-Chair	Donna Rumbolt
Treasurer	Patsy Pittman
Secretary	Bonnie Reid
Directors	Michelle Martin Roy Pittman

SPECIAL GREETINGS

A number of residents have Birthday and Anniversary Greetings they would like to share. They include:

Birthdays:

Date	Name	Age
Nov. 27 th	Paula Anderson	27

Nov. 29 th	Jeremy Simms	16
Dec. 1 st	Hilda Rumbolt	?
Dec. 2 nd	Gloria Burden	?
Dec. 5 th	Geraldine Stagg	50
Dec. 16 th	Thomas Reid	?
Dec. 17 th	Michelle Martin	37
Dec. 23 rd	Jean Hiscock	?
Dec. 27 th	Wayne Stuckless	52
Dec. 29 th	Patsy Pittman	42
Jan. 4 th	Stephen Simms	18
Jan 5 th	Janine Curlew	24
Jan. 5 th	Carla Curlew	19

Anniversaries:

Date	Name	No.
Nov. 20 th	Rex & Colleen Elms	20
Dec. 3 rd	Dave & Minnie Reid	

DARTS

Adult fun darts is now be held at the Community Hall in Reidville on Friday evenings. For more information, please contact Patsy Pittman at 635-3044.

NOTE: Darts for December 23rd and December 30th is canceled.

TAX COLLECTION

As of December 13th, the town’s collection rate for 2005 stands at 93.50%. Compared with the same time last year, the town’s collection rate is up from 91.49%.

Council would like to sincerely thank residents who have been diligent with the payment of their account and to those in

arrears, would like to remind them that notices are being drafted for further action. The town is currently owed: \$15,688.66 overall for taxes. This breaks down as such: \$13,463.35 for current year for 2005 \$2,225.31 for taxes from 2004 & prior.

The town’s goal this year is to hit an overall collection rate for 2005 of 96%. If you have a small balance on your account, please pay it off promptly to ensure your credit rating remains positive.

To those accounts that are constantly reminded to pay their accounts - NOTE: accounts have been forwarded to the collection agency as well, some wage taps have been put in place. *If you have an agreement with the office on the payment of your account, this will not affect you.*

CHRISTMAS “CHUCKLES”

- Q: What do elves learn at school?
- A: The Elf-abet!

- Q: If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get?
- A: Missletoe!

- Q: Why does Santa have 3 gardens?
- A: So he can “ho, ho, ho”!

- Q: What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmas time?
- A: Sandy Claus!

- Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
- A: Snowflakes!

Q: Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?

A: Because it "sots" him!

Q: Why does Santa's sled get such good mileage?"

A: Because it has long-distance runners on each side.

Q: Where do polar bears vote?

A: The North Poll!

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Did you know...

The Christmas Tree originated in Germany in the 16th century. It was common for the Germanic people to decorate fir trees, both inside and out, with roses, apples, and colored paper. It is believed that Martin Luther, the Protestant reformer, was the first to light a Christmas tree with candles. While coming home one dark winter's night near Christmas, he was struck with the beauty of the starlight shining through the branches of a small fir tree outside his home. He duplicated the starlight by using candles attached to the branches of his indoor Christmas tree. The Christmas tree was not widely used in Britain until the 19th century. It was brought to America by the Pennsylvania Germans in the 1820s.

Merry Christmas and May the Spirit of the Season be with you and yours long after the decorations have been taken down!

From Council and Staff

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Office will be closed from December 22nd and will re-open 9 am January 3rd. If you have an emergency during that time, Mayor MacDonald will be out of the province however all other council members will be in town. Their number are listed below for your convenience.

If you would like a payment to be placed on your account, please either call Kimberly at home at 635-3947 or place the payment in the mail.

Councillors contact information:

Deputy Mayor Helen Reid 635-5612

Councillors:

Mary Reid 635-5257

Stanley Pinksen 635-3345

David Reid 635-3272

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Doctor on Call.....1-800-261-0741

Fire Alarm.....635-5600

RCMP.....635-2173

Ambulance.....635-3020

NF Power.....1-800-474-5711

Council Office.....635-5232

Fax: 635-4498

*Merry Christmas & Happy
New Year from the Council
and Staff at the Town of
Reidville!*

