## Village of Earl Grey



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IF YOU EXPERIENCE A WATER OR SEWER EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS, PLEASE CONTACT CORLEY AT (306) 718-7040



#### **MUNICIPAL TAXES & 2024 BUDGET**

The 2024 municipal tax levy has changed compared to last year in the following ways:

- The base tax decreased from \$1,300 to \$1,075 for each improvement (building), this change consists of:
  - decreasing the base tax by \$325 to account for the garbage and recycling now being charged on the utility bills instead of the taxes; then
  - adding \$100 to the base tax to account for a minimal increase each year.
- The minimum tax has remained the same at \$3.50/front foot.
- The mill rate has remained the same at 2.0 mills.

#### Highlights from the 2024 budget are:

- \$40,000 for street repairs We plan to oil sections of streets again this year once the street patching is complete.
- \$10,000 for shop maintenance The village shop was in desperate need of siding, tin and trim has been installed this year to extend the longevity of the shop.
- \$110,750 for water treatment plant filtration and pump upgrades The filtration system that we currently have does not remove the particles from the water effectively and Water Security Agency has made it a requirement to upgrade the system. We are currently conducting a pilot study to determine the effectiveness of Bio-Filtration. We will be using \$75,000 of money in reserves to go towards this project.
- \$50,110 for water & sewer line repairs Each year the water & sewer line repairs can vary drastically but this is an average of the last 5 years

If you have any questions regarding the 2024 budget or tax levy, please contact Courtney at the office.

We ask that everyone please keep their properties tidy by cutting grass and weeds, removing derelict and junked vehicles and eliminating unsightly items from their lots. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Rocky Coleman, is inspecting properties within the Village and issuing warnings for nuisance yards.

# Please ensure that hedges along sidewalks and back alleys are trimmed.

Thank you to everyone that works hard to help keep Earl Grey looking beautiful!

Jane & Dennis Conway have once again done a fabulous job with the Village flower pots.

Thank you for taking the time to maintain these throughout the year!

A reminder to everyone to please keep your dogs contained within your property or ensure that they are on a leash while on public property.

When walking your dogs on public property (i.e. the street) please remember to clean up after them.

We hope all the kids have a great and safe summer holiday!

### **Garbage & Recycling Carts**

Please ensure that the roll out garbage and recycling carts are placed on the edge of the pavement/edge of the driving lane. This ensures that the Loraas truck remains on street and does not drive on the edge which ruins the pavement and creates ruts.

If garbage and recycling carts are not rolled out far enough to the street edge then they will not be emptied by Loraas.

Please remove your garbage and recycling carts from the edge of the street in a timely manner so that Corley can keep the grass cut along the street side.

Thank you to the Earl Grey
Longlaketon Fire Fighters and
First Responders for their
service to the community. Your
generosity is greatly
appreciated!

The office will be closed on the following days:

Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>

Canada Day

• Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

Saskatchewan Day

• Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Labour Day