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2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Town Council approved the 2012 Operating and Capital budgets. The approval has resulted in a municipal budget increase of 2.5% (\$30, 860). The budget included rate increases for the water and wastewater services; increases that have finally enabled full cost recovery of utility costs. Tax payers are no longer subsidizing the utilities and therefore further enable users to manage costs through conservation. Further changes include an increase in animal licensing; this change was instituted to help recover costs of installation of pet waste disposal containers. Other initiatives include road maintenance, economic development programs, cemetery upgrades, and continuation of the Town's frontage re-design.

MUNICIPAL CEMETERY UPGRADES

The town owned cemetery will see a new addition in 2012; Town Council approved the 2011 installation of a concrete pad that will provide the base for a columbarium. The addition will provide another option for a resting place for loved ones.

BYLAW CHANGES

With the approval of the 2012 budget, the existing bylaws were reviewed for shortcomings and have been constructed to underpin the new rates. The bylaws involved include the Water Bylaw, the Wastewater Bylaw and the Animal Control Bylaw; all of which come into effect on January 1, 2012. The new bylaws have been placed on the Town's website for reference.

WINTER WONDERLAND

The town's annual winter festival was a tremendous success. Newly incorporated activities were a hit by all those who participated. The day kicked off with a hot and healthy breakfast, feeding over 300 people and then progressed with ice carving, wagon rides, crafts, family skate, a local shopping event, dinner & entertainment, fireworks, and finished with a Town sponsored bus to A Very Cherdarchuk Christmas – where families were able to take in another local Town sponsored event. Our winter festival could not have been as successful without our sponsors and volunteers. Big thank you goes to our Sponsors – Sobey' Morinville, Kelly Davies and Patrick Earl of Animatters, Bon Accord & District Ag Society, and to the many volunteers that contributed to the overall success of the day.

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