



# Town of Norman Wells Newsletter

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## Town of Norman Wells Telephone Numbers

### Town Office

587-3700

### Town Manager

587-3703

### Public

587-3719

587-6531

### Water/Sewer

587-3725

587-6566

### Recreation

587-3721

587-6678

### Animal Control

587-6569

### **Emergency Numbers**

#### Fire

587-2222

#### RCMP

587-1111

#### Nursing Station

587-3675

After hours

587-6688

Join the adventure.

Live the northern life.

65°16'63" N

126°49'53" W

### *Mayor's News*

*I am very pleased with the cooperation of the towns residents and businesses in completing the conversion from natural gas. The entire process went quite smoothly. I would like to thank all residents and businesses for being so diligent in having their properties converted, and a thank you to all contractors that provided the conversion services.*

*On Behalf of the Town Council and Staff, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas. We are looking forward to a great new year!  
Please enjoy the holiday season responsibly.*

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#### **Town Office Holiday Hours**

December 24th: Closing at Noon

December 25th - December 28th: Closed

December 31st: Closing at Noon

January 1st: Closed

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### *A Reminder to Utility Customers using Online Banking*

*Please be sure you are paying into the correct utility account when paying your bill. If you have moved, your account number will have changed, and you will need to update this in order to have your money deposited into the correct account. Also, please be sure you are using the Water/Sewer payee as opposed to the Tax payee. It's a simple mistake which can cause us great confusion when applying payments to accounts.*

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# Departmental Updates

## Mayor:

Gregor Harold  
McGregor

## Councillors:

Renee Closs  
Sherry Hodgson  
Tim Melnyk  
Nathan Watson  
Ann Marie Tout  
Frank Pope

## Council Meetings

Regular meetings of Council are every third Tuesday commencing on August 27, 2013, 7PM, Council Chambers.

Committee of the whole meets every Tuesday that is not a scheduled Regular Meeting of Council

This is a rotating schedule and can be viewed on the calendar located on the [www.normanwells.com](http://www.normanwells.com) front page.

## **Recreation**

The Arena is now open for the season! Copies of the schedule are available on the town website, town facebook page, and at the Town Office.

Fitness Centre December Special is in effect from December 1st - 31st. You can pick up a One Year Fitness Membership for only \$225+tx! And add an additional member for only \$112.50+tx for the year.

\* Just a reminder: we accept debit, cash and cheque as form of payment

## **Animal Control**

Brrrr...it's cold outside! If it's too cold for you to go outside, it's too cold for your pet! Winter's chill affects animals, just like it affects people. Exposure to harsh conditions can cause serious illness or death to animals.

Below are some useful cold weather safety tips:

- Never leave your pet alone in a cold car. Cars hold in the cold, acting like refrigerators and freezers, which can cause your pet to freeze to death.
- Keep your pets warm. If it's too cold for you to stay outside, it's too cold for your pet.
- A warm place to sleep. Ensure your pet has a thick, cozy bed or blanket away from any drafts and off the cold floor.
- Dress for the weather. Use booties and winter sweaters/coats to help keep your pets warm during outdoor excursions.

## **Lands**

Notice of Assessments Property Assessments will be mailed out on December 18th. Remember, you have until February 2nd to make a complaint.

\* If you are 65 years of age or disabled, you may qualify for a property tax rebate.

## **Water and Sewer**

Please help keep our sewers clean! Avoid flushing grease down the drains, and disposal of paper towels down the toilets. These items block up the sewers and overflow the piping system.

Periodically checking that the circulation pump is operating will ensure water flow and reduce the chance of freeze up issues.

## Business Licenses

If you are a business owner don't forget to renew your business license for 2015. They are valid from January until December!

## 2015 Animal Licenses

Make sure that you license your animal for the new year.

As per By-law 10-23, pet licenses are:

- \$10.00 per neutered or spayed dog
- \$20.00 per non-neutered or non-spayed dog
- Hobby license for each dog \$5.00 (keeping of more than 4 dogs where the owner is not in possession of a valid business license for keeping of the dogs for a business)
- \$10.00 per cat

# A Letter of Thanks

We are writing to express our sincere appreciation for the hospitality and kind assistance we received from the members of your community and the staff of the Town of Norman Wells this past summer. We were canoeing from Fort Simpson to Inuvik and made it to Norman Wells on July 7. We had been in the bush nearly two weeks. And although we had no problems, we were a bit bedragnled and needed to tend to a few things. Your staff and neighbors were very helpful. They saw that we were able to charge our satellite phone batteries, get the weather forecast, and navigate our way around town in the few hours we had. Just as important, they were extraordinarily friendly and good-humoured, and offered welcome and encouragement to us.

We shall not forget our brief time in your town. We thought it important to express these sentiments to you in hope that you might share them with your staff and neighbors. In the event anyone from your community should ever find themselves in our part of the world and we can be of any assistance to them, we hope they won't hesitate to contact us.

With Kind Regards  
and great Respect,

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Teresa Bruce

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# Recreation

## Youth Sports

For info call Myles Erb,  
Recreation Programmer

587-3730  
Rec\_programmer@normanwells.

## Curling Club

Contact JP Michaud at 587-6560

## Circuit Training

Contact Sheena Bailey  
sheenabailey1@yahoo.ca

## Cribbage

For info Call Jane McGregor  
587-4222

## Yoga

For info call Lorraine Tremblay  
587-3069



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- ◇ **What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?**  
Claustrophobic
- ◇ **Why was Santa's little helper depressed?**  
Because he had low elf esteem
- ◇ **What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?**  
Frostbite
- ◇ **What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wraper?**  
Ribbon Hood
- ◇ **Where does a snowman keep his money?**  
In a snow bank
- ◇ **How do Snowman get around?**  
They ride an icicle