

# Town of Fort Macleod Newsletter

August —September 2016

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Hello Everyone!

As we all enjoy the final dog days of summer I would like to share with you some of our biggest successes for the first part of 2016. 1) The Municipal Inspection report is completed and was presented to residents on Monday July 25, 2016. There is a lot of very positive direction that will assist council and staff in moving forward and providing the best services we can for our residents. 2) As promised I am happy to report the NEW web site will be up and running on September 1. The new format will be user friendly and interactive and I welcome all comments residents may have. And 3) Both of the major capital projects, water treatment upgrades and 8<sup>th</sup> Street Water/Sewer are pretty much on time and definitely on budget. So let's celebrate those successes. Finally as everyone knows – YES we can always improve! That will continue to be my ongoing commitment to all residents in the Town of Fort Macleod. If at any time you have a question or an issue please do not hesitate to contact me directly or drop by the office.  
Cheers Sue

## RECYCLING SITE

The Town is pleased to be able to offer its residents the opportunity to recycle and are happy that residents are making use of the Recycling site and keeping excess waste out of the landfills.

In order for this service to be run and managed efficiently and effectively please take note of the following:

- The cardboard recycling area is not a dump site for building or construction materials, nor any household waste that will not be accepted by regular trash collection. It is your responsibility to dispose of your refuse in the appropriate manner.
- If the cardboard bins are full when you visit please do not place cardboard on the ground between the bins. Take your cardboard home and return to the bins after they are emptied on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.
- To maximize space in the bins, all cardboard must be flattened prior to placing in the bins.
- If any of the recycle bins in the trailer are full please return with your recycling once the trailer has been emptied. The trailer is emptied Mondays from 8:00am—12:00 pm and will be unavailable during this time.

Please read signage on the trailer about what is accepted, and a reminder that NO STYROFOAM is accepted in the recycle bins, this can be disposed of with your household refuse.

Town crews appreciate all residents cooperation in helping keeping our public areas clean and tidy, and showing pride in our community.



## New Hours for the Fort Macleod Library

Sunday closed  
Monday 9:00-5:00pm  
Tuesday 9:00-5:00pm  
Wednesday 9:00-5:00pm  
Thursday 1:00-9:00pm  
Friday 10:00-2:00pm  
Saturday 10:00-2:00pm

## FCSS COMING EVENTS



On August 10<sup>th</sup>, meet at the Fish & Game Park from 6:30-8:30pm with a catapult and launch items of your choice in our Angry Bird Activity!

Boarderline is coming to the skateboard park on August 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm to teach riders the basics of boarding and they will also ride with those who are already confident. There will be treats, prizes and a DJ!



Dads! Enjoy an afternoon at the pool with yours kids on us!

August 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 & 7-8:50pm.

**Back to School Connect** will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. This is a fun event for the entire

community at the Fort Macleod Arena. There will be a huge clothing & footwear exchange, free professional services, free haircuts, games, give-a-ways, snacks and lots of family fun for parents, caregivers, children and youth.

Drop off your “gently used” clothes for the whole family to FCSS.

**LOTS MORE HAPPENING CHECK OUT THE FULL CALENDAR AT [WWW.FORTMACLEOD.COM](http://WWW.FORTMACLEOD.COM)**

## 2016 Pool Rates

3 and under:	FREE
Children(4-12):	\$ 3.50
Student (13-17):	\$ 4.00
Adult (18+):	\$ 5.00
Senior (55+):	\$ 4.00
Family ( Max 6)	\$15.00
Rental \$ 90.00 / Hour	



Full size schedule and all information including early bird and aqua fit can be found at [www.fortmacleod.com](http://www.fortmacleod.com)

Fort Macleod Triathlon August 20, 2016 Public Swimming Hours may vary  
Last Day of swimming is anticipated to be August 30, 2016



## Ultraviolet Rays from the Sun

The sunlight that reaches the earth has ultraviolet A and ultraviolet B rays. These ultraviolet rays are the main causes of damage to the skin from the sun. UVA and UVB affect the skin's sensitivity to the sun exposure in different ways. Use a sunscreen that has a sun protection factor of (SPF) of at least 15 or higher. Sunscreens that say "broad-spectrum" can protect the skin from ultraviolet A and B rays. Sunscreens come in lotions, gels, creams and ointments. [myhealth.alberta.ca](http://myhealth.alberta.ca)

As many projects are on going throughout the Town, we ask that all residents watch for construction signs and slow down when passing Town crews.



## UNSIGHTLY PREMISE NOTICES

Yellow notices are being placed on some residential and business doors. These are **NOT** tickets but rather a formal notice requesting any party responsible for the affected property to cleanup their property. The process for cleaning up a property requires Officers follow the steps necessary which can sometimes appear time consuming, but are necessary in order to have successful resolution. If you are a recipient of a notice the officers are trying to bring your property into compliance in the areas noted and are very willing to work with you on time frames to help you achieve success. Enforcing the unsightly premise legislation is done only so we can ensure we are showcasing the best appearance for the Town reinforcing that Macleod Proud spirit.



## SAVE PAPER

Consider signing up for utility e-bills, and receive both the newsletter and utility bill through your email. Forms are available in the office or on the website.

## ELECTRIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE UPDATE



The electric department continues to make steady progress in the improvement to our electrical services with the old electric load being switched over onto the new system. Portions of 9th, 10th and 11th streets, through 1st -5th Avenues have been completed. The department will continue to move through town starting in the south end and moving north.

The electric department also asks that if a resident notices any street light outages that they please report the outage to the Town Office at 403.553.4425 or [administration@fortmacleod.com](mailto:administration@fortmacleod.com)

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Development Permits ARE REQUIRED for:

- **MOST** signage within the Town boundaries ("A Board" signs do not require a permit however, they DO require Town permission to erect "A Board" Signage on a public sidewalk.
  - **ANY** structural changes to a building (includes additions and some renovations)\*
  - **SOME** types of fences (height and materials variance);
  - **ALL** development within the Historic Area (Including and not limited to: change of use, signage and minor repairs) \*
  - **ANY** change of use/intensity to a building used for a business
  - **MOST** Home Occupations (some exceptions)\*
  - **ALL** decks constructed 2 ft. or more above grade (attached/detached, covered/uncovered)\*
  - **ALL** new developments (homes, garages, shops, businesses etc.)
- \*Some developments may require a BUILDING PERMIT (Safety Codes Issued) **in addition to** a DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (Town Issued)

**ALL INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED**  
**You must submit all information and the required fee as stated in the permit application checklist.**

If you are unsure if your proposed development requires permitting, please contact the Town's Development Officer via email at [Development@fortmacleod.com](mailto:Development@fortmacleod.com)

## TOWN COMPOST SITE

### REMINDERS

The compost site is for compostable materials only, please ensure that no plastic of any kind is left at the site .

Please note that building materials are not accepted at the compost site.



## ONLINE BANKING FOR UTILITY AND TAX PAYMENTS

If you are making utility and tax payments to the Town for Fort Macleod through your online banking please note the following:

Ensure that you are selecting the correct payee for your payments:  
\*Town of Fort Macleod "utility" payee for utility payments  
\*Town of Fort Macleod "tax" payee for tax payments  
Please also ensure that your account number is entered correctly.