

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from all of us at The District of Lakeland!

Our office will be closed December 24th and 25th, as well as January 1st.

The transfer station will be closed on December 25th and January 1st.

HOW TO WEAR A MASK PROPERLY



Wear
your mask all the way up,
close to the bridge of your
nose and all the way down
under your chin. The mask
should fit snug around your
face without gaps.



Do not
leave your
chin exposed



Do not
wear a mask
loosely with gaps
on the side



Do not
wear your mask
so it covers just
the tip of your nose



Do not
push your mask
on your neck



Do not
wear the mask
below your nose

Masks are required in our building!

Whether it's for the library, District, or other matters, you are required to wear a mask. The District of Lakeland works to adhere to provincial standards. You can view the most current public health order [here](#).

For many District of Lakeland matters, you can work with us over the phone or through email. We accept all payments through e-transfer to office@lakeland521.ca. Outside our front door is a locked mailbox where a cheque can be dropped off. **Please add a memo in both cases letting us know what the payment is for!**

You can still come in one household at a time to pay via cash or debit, but we ask if you feel any symptoms to please stay home. There have been times when the social distancing policy has caused lineups, so if we can help you over the phone or by email, please let us!

Are you aware of a Covid19 violation? The provincial website

has online reporting [here](#), but you can also report locally to Lakeland District Protective Services by calling 306-982-4466.

2020 Taxes

If you haven't paid yet, taxes are due on December 31st.

2021 Pre-Payment

We can give you an estimate of your 2021 taxes based on the amount you paid in 2020 and apply the 6% discount to that amount in January. You get a 5% discount in February, 4% in March, etc.

Phone Numbers

General Inquiries.....982-2010
Protective Services....982-4466
RCMP (across SK)..310-RCMP
Prince Albert RCMP...765-5500
Waskesiu Lake RCMP
.....663-4400
Report a Bear...1-800-667-7561
(Sasktel customers can text #5555)
Report a Power Outage
.....310-2220

2021 Assessment

2021 is a revaluation year for all assessed properties in Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) conducts revaluations every four years. Assessed values will be updated to reflect a new base date or property value based on data collected 2017-2019. SAMA offers a [brochure](#) explaining their assessment process for 2021.

You will be mailed an assessment notice this spring. We advise ratepayers create an account with [SAMAVIEW](#) to view details of their property assessment. You can apply for an assessment appeal with the form on the back of the assessment notice to correct any errors. **Once you receive your tax notice, it is too late to change your assessed property value.**

Sasktel FAQ

In [November 16th's council meeting](#), council reviewed the survey sent out, and approved the Sasktel deal for Emma and Christopher Lake. 55% of Emma/Christopher responded, and the results were evenly split 52/48 against the DSL vs. for it. Here are some questions the office has been getting:

Why approve when more people voted no?

It wasn't a vote, it was a survey to determine interest. Including the 45% who didn't respond, less than 30% of ratepayers voted no. The survey was a factor to assist council in reaching the decision, but not the only factor considered. You can [ask your councilor](#) why they voted for or against this project.

What about Anglin Lake?

Council decided to go through with the DSL Sasktel in Anglin lake in October. You can read about that in the [October council update](#).

How quickly will this be happening?

Work starts in spring of 2021. You will be mailed over this winter with the exact details of payment options.

Isn't DSL slow? I've been hearing a lot of things about this being old technology.

DSL is older, but not outdated technology. Current services involve satellite/phone networks, and are extremely dependent on a number of factors many ratepayers struggle with. With an added option for underground lines, ratepayers will have the option of slower, but consistent internet. 5Mbps or 10Mbps at launch will not be affected by big tourist weekends using the network, cloudy weather, or bandwidth limitations. Even if you aren't using the Sasktel Internet, more users on that system will free up space on the satellite/network services available.

10Mbps, without dropping in bandwidth or other users limiting the network, is enough to stream consistently in 1080p on two devices. Sasktel has indicated that speeds will increase and Sasktel Max will be introduced to the area within a year of installation.

What about fibre?

Fiberoptic is not an option given to Lakeland by any company at the moment. Sasktel's business plan is to eventually upgrade their DSL networks to fibre based on usage. If Sasktel does determine that Lakeland has the useage to warrant fibre, it would be at no additional cost to the Municipality.

Always err on the side of caution with propane tanks.



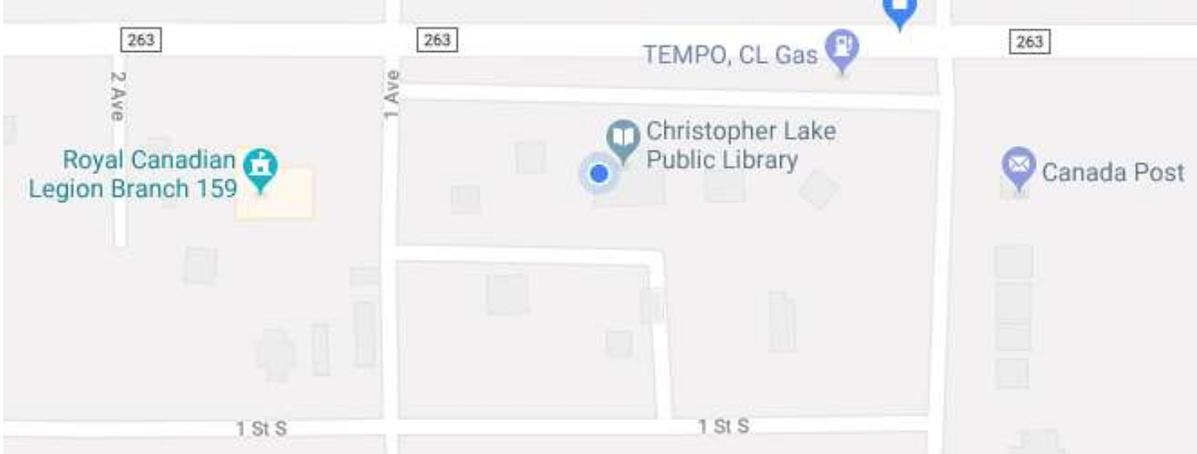
Running one in an enclosed space such as an ice shack can cause a buildup of dangerous amounts of CO, which is dangerous to human health at only 100ppm and can easily be lethal.

Propane is a relatively cheap way to heat an enclosed space, whether it's your garage or an ice shack. However, propane can very slowly increase the amount of carbon monoxide in the air you breath, an odourless gas that becomes lethal very quickly.



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