



## District of Lakeland Spring Newsletter



Spring is here in the District of Lakeland!

### 2021 Taxes

The office can give you an estimate of your taxes based on 2020's taxes, please note you may see changes once the tax notices are mailed in May or June. **Whatever amount is paid by the end of this month will still get a 4% discount on the municipal portion!** Taxes are payable by cheque, debit card, cash, e-transfer, or through your bank with BMO, Scotiabank, and any Credit Union, and are due by December 31st, 2021.

### Transfer Station

The transfer station's hours are still 9:00AM-4:00PM, but they will be additionally open on Sundays starting on **April 30th**. Starting April 30th, the transfer station is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Right now, the bins are located at the shop, which is your first left when driving in to the old landfill road.

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## UPDATE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

And other contact information including phone or email.

**With assessment notices and tax notices coming up, please contact the office to ensure we have your current mailing address**

## HOW TO WEAR A MASK PROPERLY



## 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](#).

### 2021 is a Reevaluation Year

Every property in the District will be reevaluated this year by the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA). For the 2021 Revaluation, all property types will have their values updated in relation to the January 1, 2019 base date, regardless of being subject to a market valuation standard or a regulated property valuation standard. This is done every four years.

According to SAMA, "the provincial average for assessments of residential properties are set to decrease approximately 7%. Commercial properties are set to increase approximately 15%. Rental apartment property assessments are set to decrease approximately 3% over their 2017 values."

However, "It is important to note that this is the anticipated increase to the **provincial average** for properties in SAMA's jurisdictions. Specific local increases in property values between 2017 and 2021 may vary from these figures depending on the overall trend in market values between 2015 and 2019 (the base date years)". You can find more information about SAMA's assessment process on their website, and they have provided [a brochure related to 2021's assessment](#).

### Council Meetings & Zoom

The front page of the website, [Lakeland521.ca](http://Lakeland521.ca), contains recent posts that include updates from council meetings, notices of public meetings, and more. As the office does not have the space to social distance in council chambers, every public hearing and council meeting is broadcast on Zoom. Zoom information is generated the Friday before regular Monday meetings (see the calendar on the website for exact dates) and is available to the public. Call or email the office if you are wanting to listen in!

While anyone can listen in, listeners will be muted. In order to speak to Council directly, you have to fill out a [Presentation to Council form](#) and submit it the prior week by end of Wednesday. Letters addressed to council must also be presented by the Wednesday before meeting, and all documentation to be addressed by Council appears on the [meeting agenda](#), which is not finalized until after Wednesday. The office creates council updates following meetings for the front page, but the minutes for a meeting won't appear until after the next council meeting (minutes must be read and accepted by Council before they can be put on the website).

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