



Town of La Ronge

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To say the world has changed over the last few months is an understatement. As the COVID-19 situation continues to develop worldwide, there has been a significant change to many daily activities worldwide. The Town of La Ronge Council and Administration would like to thank everyone for keeping up the good work to ensure the community continues to stay safe.

The Town of La Ronge would like to extend its appreciation to all health care workers, who have been on the frontlines of battling the coronavirus (COVID-19) disease. These courageous individuals have put themselves in the path of the virus during this unprecedented crisis. Your dedication, commitment and courage deserve our deepest gratitude and admiration.

With the upcoming Victoria Day holiday, the Town of La Ronge would like to remind its residents of the following information:

- Individuals should continue to respect social distancing recommendations. Keep in touch with extended family and friends over the phone or by hosting “virtual gatherings”.
- A Fire Ban is in effect for the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Town of La Ronge and Northern Village of Air Ronge. This ban is for all open fires. All burn permits are hereby suspended until the ban has been rescinded.
- Effective May 06, the Government of Saskatchewan issued a Public Health Order restricted travel to and from the Northern Saskatchewan Administrative District. Checkpoints are in place and monitored 24 hours per day. Questions pertaining to the travel restrictions may be directed to 1(855) 559-5502 or via email at COVID19@health.gov.sk.ca. No person shall travel outside the community in which their primary residence is located unless they are:
 1. Indigenous persons engaging in constitutionally protected activities including hunting, fishing, trapping and other traditional land uses;
 2. Persons travelling for medical treatment;
 3. Persons travelling for the purposes of attending court where legally required to do so;

4. Employees of, and persons delivering, critical public services and allowable business services as identified by the Government of Saskatchewan;
5. Returning to their primary residence; or
6. Travelling to the community closest to their community of primary residence to obtain essential goods and services whereby those goods or services are not available in their primary residence.

Additional Reminders:

Although all Town facilities remain closed to the public, representatives are available to answer your questions by phone or e-mail to respond to any inquiries. For information, please contact (306) 425-2066 or via email at executiveassistant@laronge.ca. Furthermore, the Town has been taking additional steps to serve its residents and business community better including:

- Installing a drop box at the main entrance of the Town Office, located at 1212 Hildebrand Drive for your convenience. The box is secured and checked daily. Please do not deposit cash.
- Payments can be made via e-transfer, CAFT or as online payments. Residents needing assistance with any of these options, may phone our office and we will gladly assist you with this.
- All interest charges on outstanding water and sewer accounts will be waived retroactive to April 01 2020 until the first day of the first month after the Province lifts its Provincial State of Emergency Order. Furthermore, water will not be shut off on any overdue accounts until sixty (60) days following the commencement of interest charges.
- Many Town application forms are available on our website, and can be completed and submitted electronically, in order to be processed.
- Provisions have been made for individuals to access public Council meetings. For more information on this, please contact our office at (306) 425-2066.

Please remain informed by accessing the Provincial Government's website at www.saskatchewan.ca, for the latest information related to COVID-19 and follow their recommendations in order to prevent transmission of the virus in the community.

As a reminder, press releases for the Town of La Ronge are released weekly and updated information is available on our website at www.laronge.ca and through our FaceBook page (TownLaRonge).