

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Telmatik Message Express

The Town of Duck Lake has recently partnered with Telmatik - Message Express. This is a positive step toward enhancing communication within the community. This mass messaging system will allow residents to receive timely alerts and notifications through text, email, or phone call, ensuring they stay informed about important updates.

This messaging system will be used in times of inclement weather, water main breaks, street closures, etc.

To participate in this valuable service, residents are encouraged to reach out to the Town Office. We will require the following information: preference in method of notification (text, email or phone call), cellular number or land line number, email address and civic address.

Council Member Disqualification

The Town of Duck Lake has notified Council Member Ivan Doering that he is disqualified from serving on Council as stated in clause 147(1)(c) of the Municipalities Act:

(c) is absent from all regular council meetings held during any period of 3 consecutive months during which at least 2 meetings of the council have been held, starting with the date that the first meeting is missed, unless the absence is authorized by:

- (i) a resolution of council; or**
- (ii) a leave of absence policy adopted by council;**

Absent Regular Meeting of Council on:

July 10, 2024

August 14, 2024

September 11, 2024

And that he must resign immediately as per subsection 148(1) of the Municipalities Act:

Enforcement of disqualification

148(1) A member of council who is disqualified must resign immediately.

Resolution of Council: 397/2024

Animal Control Bylaw

The Town of Duck Lake's adoption of Bylaw 2024-07 on October 9, 2024, marks a significant step toward better animal management in the community. This new bylaw aligns with similar regulations in surrounding areas.

Key features of the bylaw include:

- **Licensing Requirements:** Clear guidelines for licensing cats and dogs, ensuring accountability among pet owners.
- **Regulations on Pets at Large:** Measures to address the issue of pets roaming freely, which can lead to safety concerns.
- **Designated Prohibited Areas:** Identification of locations where pets are not allowed, helping to maintain public spaces.
- **Transportation Guidelines:** Regulations regarding how animals should be transported to ensure their safety and the safety of others.
- **Litter Clean-Up & Accumulation of Animal Feces:** Clear responsibilities for pet owners to manage waste, contributing to a cleaner environment.
- **Noise Control:** Addressing disturbances caused by barking and howling, which can impact community harmony.
- **Prohibited Animals:** A list of animals that are not permitted within town limits, enhancing safety and public health.

Additionally, the updated fee and fine schedule reflects the town's commitment to enforce these regulations effectively, encouraging responsible pet ownership while deterring non-compliance.

Starting January 1, 2025, the new clauses will come into effect, giving residents time to familiarize themselves with the updated regulations. All the existing clauses from the previous bylaw about dogs are enforceable immediately. This phased approach allows for a smooth transition and ensures that the community is adequately informed.