

# Council News

If you see our snow removal equipment working on the street, please respect the job they do by giving them room to work. Whenever possible move your vehicle or take an alternative route. If there is snow piled in the middle of the street please parallel park.

Please remember it is your responsibility to keep sidewalks and entrances free of snow and ice build-up. Whether it's your business or your home, making snowy and icy sidewalks and entrance ways safe for the public should be a priority. This is important for two reasons: preventing anyone from injuring themselves in a fall; and protecting yourself from a possible lawsuit.

## Utility Bill Increase

As of January 1, 2015 the Town of Castor will be increasing the Gas Commodity Charge, which combined with the Alberta monthly gas price, makes up the gas rate charged to you, the consumer on your utility bills. The commodity charge will go from \$1.60/GJ to \$1.70/GJ.

Due to an increase from the SMRWSC, the water rates will increase by \$.15 per cubic metre.

These changes take effect on the January utility bill that will be mailed out February 15, 2015.

### Council Meetings

Jan. 26	Feb. 9
Feb. 23	Mar. 9

# Castor RCMP Hours

Wednesday—Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Closed the 2nd Friday of the month.  
 Closed at noon



# Recreation News

Happy 2015! We hope that everyone had a safe and happy Christmas Season! We start the new year off by getting right back into hockey. Please check the website for a schedule of all games and practices. Also keep an eye on the board at the arena. Come and cheer on our local athletes!

The Skate A Thon was a huge success! We raised just over \$7000.00. Thank you to all the skaters for getting pledges and skating those laps! Good job!

Congratulations to Kathy Downey who was the winner of our first TV or Cash draw. Our new TV or Cash draw will be held in March. Make sure you buy a ticket!

Minor Hockey Day is Saturday, January 17. There will be Hockey games all day. The IP start us out at 10am against Forestburg, and the Novice follow at 12pm game against Forestburg. Atoms play the Stettler Female team at 2pm. Pee Wee's play Coronation at 4pm. Make sure you stick around to watch the CCC Midget Tier 2 team take on Hardisty/Hughenden. Puck drops at 7pm. Be sure to check out the hockey action on Sunday as well at our local Beaver Dome.

Have you been to the arena to check out our new Score Clock? Thanks to the Arena Improvement Fund and Progressive Waste Management for funding this project. It looks and works great!

Provincial games will be starting soon for our teams that are registered. Be sure to watch the schedule for these exciting additions!

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# PRWML

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## Paint and Aerosol Paint Recycling

Alberta Recycling Management Authority introduced the Alberta Paint Recycling Program in 2007. The program includes five objectives.

- Encourage better environmental handling of this valuable resource through Paint Recycling, Paint Container Recycling and Similar Processes.
- Reduce the quantities of paint being handled and processed through the Household Hazardous Waste Roundups.
- Ensure all areas of the Province have equitable access to the program
- Charge the Advance Disposal Surcharge on paint to the paint industry on products they supply into Alberta, thus avoiding adding to the workload of retailers.
- Include paint and paint containers from commercial and trade painters.

The program applies to:

- paint, varnish and stain sold in containers of between 200 ml and 23 litres.
- all paint sold in aerosol containers.
- Empty paint containers.

## Electronic Recycling

Alberta has the distinction of starting Canada's first electronic recycling program which began in 2004. Currently televisions, computer monitors, CPUs, cables, mice, speakers, laptops, notebook computers and printers are accepted at collection sites. There are 350 collection sites throughout Alberta where electronics can be dropped off. Alberta has recycled 6.4 million units of computer equipment and televisions since the program began. By recycling we keep hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium and cathode ray tubes out of landfills. The recycled materials total 129,000 metric tonnes of metal, plastic and glass that has been manufactured into new products.

Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd. is a registered collector which operates collections sites at all three of our transfer stations at Halkirk, Castor and Coronation. Please be responsible and use the paint and electronic recycling programs.

# PCALC



Happy New Year Lifelong Learners! Keep your eyes peeled, the **2015 Winter Spring Brochure** will be available very soon.

The New Year is a time for new beginnings, new goals and dreams. Does it feel like the right time to upgrade your education or learn a new hobby? Check out our website [www.paintearthlearning.ca](http://www.paintearthlearning.ca) for course ideas.

## Campus Alberta Central

([www.campusalbertacentral.com](http://www.campusalbertacentral.com)) offers credit courses and programs that allow you to change careers or get the promotion you have been dreaming about. Courses starting this spring include:

- Administrative Professional Certificate
- Health Care Aide
- Early Learning & Child Care Certificate
- Medical Terminology

**Magic Carpet Ride** in Brownfield and Castor started up again the week of January 5. This free weekly program models active parenting through play, crafts and snacks.

Mondays—10—Noon Brownfield School  
 Wednesdays—9:30 – 11:30 am  
 Paintearth Lodge - Castor

Course	Time and Place	Cost
Toastmasters via VC	Jan 8 & 22 PCALC Coronation	FREE
Learn to Crochet	Jan 12, 19, & 26 PCALC Coronation	\$25
iPad Training	Jan 15 & 22 PCALC Coronation	\$20
Power of Attorney	Jan 28 PCALC Coronation	\$10
Zumba Fitness	Feb 2 & 4 Coronation & Castor	\$70

# Community Events

**Jan. 15 - Crib Tournament**

Golden Circle at 1:00 pm

**Jan. 24 - Laugh Again**

Castor Community Hall  
Saturday @ 7:00 pm

**Feb. 7 & 8- Castor Lions Toy Show**

Castor Community Hall  
Sat. 10 am-5 pm  
Sun. 10 am-4 pm  
Contacts: Vern 882-3157 or  
Donna 882-3238

**Feb. 19 - Crib Tournament**

Golden Circle at 1:00 pm

**Feb. - Castor Little Theatre**

Castor Community Hall  
Ticket Sales – Jan. 13  
General Night — Feb 24 @ 8:00 p.m.  
Dinner Theatre — Feb 20 & 21 @ 6:30 pm  
Feb 27 & 28 @ 6:30 pm  
Brunch — Feb 15 & 22 @ 12:30 pm  
Contact: Don Sisson—403-882-2548 or  
403-323-0359

## Our Lady of the Rosary Hospital ON CALL SCHEDULE

January	17 & 18	Castor
January	24 & 25	Coronation
January 31 & February 1		Castor
February	7 & 8	Coronation
February	14, 15, & 16	Castor
February	21 & 22	Coronation
February 28 & March 1		Castor
March	7 & 8	Coronation
March	14 & 15	Castor
March	21 & 22	Coronation
March	28 & 29	Castor

# FCSS

**January 22** - Donna Combes of Seniors Supports and Dean Ross from Parkview Funerals will be discussing funeral planning and the costs involved. Everyone is invited to join one of these sessions- It is a free event.

Halkirk Seniors' Centre 2:00 pm or  
Castor's Golden Circle 7:00 pm

**February 2, March 2 and April 16** - Donna Coombs from Camrose-Services for Seniors, Disabled, Low income and their families will be available at the Castor & District FCSS office from 10am-noon to assist any Seniors, people with low income or people with disabilities needing help with form filling in.

Castor & District FCSS and Castor Recreation need people to be part of a committee to plan, organize, and implement activities through the ChooseWell Program ( healthy living = activities, better choices in foods and social inclusion). We had the Fun Run last year and would like to hold more activities for our communities...we need people to help make this happen. Please contact Mandy at 403-882-2115 or Shawna at 403-882-3225.

Castor & District FCSS is planning a Family Day Afternoon event. Please check out the website for more information as it becomes available. [castordistrictfcss.com](http://castordistrictfcss.com)

## 2015 Winter Walking Challenge

Communities ChooseWell will be teaming up with UWALK ([uwalk.ca](http://uwalk.ca)) again in the New year to bring you the 2015 Winter Walking Challenge! The Challenge will start on February 4th - Winter Walk Day - and run until February 28th.

Castor FCSS and the Town of Castor have registered our community and district to join the challenge and help us show others we are a healthy community.

**How to Register:** \*Community members can join the challenge by creating their own UWALK account, clicking the "Find" button to search for Castor & District, and then clicking "Join Community." <https://uwalk.ca/groups/join/iw4mt3gsyx/>.

## Community Enhancement Fund of BFI Canada Inc. and Paintearth Regional Waste Management Ltd.

### GRANTING GUIDELINES FOR 2015

For the 2015 granting cycle the Community Enhancement Fund of BFI Canada and PRWML anticipates awarding grants up to \$25,000 and invites applications for eligible projects from not for profit organizations, registered charities, and community groups that provide services to the Paintearth Region. The intent of this community fund is to distribute its grant funds to as many groups as possible. Larger amounts may be considered depending upon expressed need and granting capacity. Projects should contribute to the development of a healthy and diverse community. The charitable purposes of this community are to:

- Foster and promote awareness and appreciation for community-based philanthropy;
- Promote the growth, development, and success of community endeavours

Deadline for applications is January 30, 2015.

To receive the application form, granting guidelines and/or to submit the application form, please contact the following:

BFI/Paintearth Waste Community Fund  
Attention: Tarolyn Peach  
PO Box 509

## FINAL REMINDER

### Remember to purchase your Dog Tag for 2015 Cost \$25.00

Must be purchased by January 31, 2015.

All dogs over 6 months must be registered with the Town.

**EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2015 the cost of  
Dog Tags will be \$50.00.**

As per the Dog Control Bylaw #1001,

The penalty for failure to license or renew a license is \$100



# JANUARY 2015



**Watch the Arena Board  
for Great Hockey Action.  
Provincial Playdowns have  
begun & Minor Hockey  
Games are still underway.**

### Town of Castor Hours

#### Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30am—4:30pm

#### Public Works Department:

Monday—Friday 8:00am—5:00pm

#### Landfill Hours:

Wed. 1:00pm – 5:00pm Sat. 9:00am- 4:00pm