



Happy Holidays!

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A Christmas Message from the Mayor

Once again I have the great pleasure and opportunity to wish all citizens of Sedley and the surrounding area a safe and joyous Christmas and I do so on behalf of myself, Deputy-Mayor Gerard Parent and Councillors Graham Anderson, Shawn Forbes and Mervyn Klein and your municipal staff.

This past year has presented Council with challenges and rewards as we collectively strive to move this community forward. We all look forward to serving you again in the upcoming year.

Please accept our sincere hope that you and your families make the most of your holiday season to enjoy family time together in true Christmas fashion.

Have a truly magical Christmas!

Village of Sedley Council and their families

Tree Lighting Ceremony & Children's Christmas Shopping

On December 15th the Sedley Library is pleased to be involved in the **Children's Christmas Shopping** once again this year.

For a small donation, children can choose a gift for each of their parents. Santa's helpers will be on site to wrap the gifts. The kids just love the idea of buying a surprise gift for their moms and dads.

Prior to the Children's Christmas Shopping we will be having the annual **Tree Lighting Ceremony**. Join us beginning at **7:00 PM** for hot chocolate, goodies and some caroling while the lights on the great Christmas tree in front of the Village Office is lit for the festive season.

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Important Dates

Nov 29 -	Office Closed
Dec 14 -	Council Meeting
Dec 15 -	Tree Lighting Ceremony & Children's Christmas Shopping
Dec 27 to 29 -	Office Closed until Jan 4, 2011

www.villageofsedley.com to be re-launched in 2011!!!

In 2008 after receiving a suggestion from the community, the Village of Sedley took a step into the 21st century and launched its first ever web site.

As with many first ventures, we have outgrown the current format of our web site and are looking for something a little more dynamic.

Working with Vital Effects Web Design, we are in the beginning stages of our new web site. The new design will have a ton of new features we feel will provide residents and the surrounding area with current, relevant information at their finger tips.

One of the new features is a brand new upcoming events calendar that will allow YOU to submit your event directly on the web site. The content will be reviewed for appropriateness and then published to the web site. A business directory is another exciting feature of our new design which will list all the commercial and home based businesses in Sedley and the surrounding area. The directory will include your contact information and a link to your web site if you desire.

Be on the lookout for the re-launch!!!

Strategic Planning has begun!

As part of the 2010 initiatives, Council budgeted to hire a strategic planner to facilitate a strategic planning session. It took some time to find the right planner, but Council is very pleased with the selection they have made.

Tracey Bakkeli of Bakkeli Consulting Ltd. met with Council in October to draft a mission, vision and values for the Village of Sedley. Once Council has developed this draft, focus groups with members of the community will take place to ensure the mission, vision, values identified by Council coincide with what you as residents see as the future for the Village of Sedley. We hope to begin the focus groups in the next few months.

Although the format for choosing members of focus groups has not be finalized, if you're interested in being involved in the focus groups, please contact Sam at the Village Office.

Message from the Administrator

2011 begins my 4th year as being Administrator for the Village of Sedley. I can't believe how quickly time has flown by!

For those of you who don't know me, I live with my husband, 2 dogs, 2 indoor cats and 3 barn cats near Tyvan. We operate a mixed farm with a herd of about 70 head of cattle. I have 2 children Allyson, 23 and Jaydene, 19. We're very excited for 2011 as Allyson will be getting married in September. Prior to switching to a career in local government administration I worked for a credit card issuer.

I've had the opportunity to meet most of the residents and for those who I haven't had the opportunity to meet, stop by the office if you have a chance and introduce yourself. I'd love to meet you and answer any questions you may have and if you have any comments or suggestions for improving Sedley, please feel free to share. My commitment to you is I will always take your suggestions to Council...in confidence if you prefer.

Wishing you and your family a happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in 2011!

Samantha Gillies
Administrator
Village of Sedley



Water / Sewer Infrastructure Upgrades to be completed in 2010 & 2011

Village Council is very excited to update you on 2 upcoming projects related to water / sewer infrastructure.

The first initiative will be to install a flow meter at the water well, water treatment plant and sewer lift station. This initiative is a direct result of the engineer's study completed in 2009. The meter at the well will tell us how much water is being taken from the well and transferred to the water treatment plant. The meter at the water treatment plant will provide additional information on water being treated and sent to residents for use. The data logger installed at the sewer lift station will advise how much waste water is being sent to the lagoon. This information is the first step in determining water and waste water volumes. Once an appropriate amount of data has been logged, we will move to the next phase of the project which is to hire by a hydro-geologist to review and evaluate the Village's aquifer.

The second project will see the water / sewer lines extended down Prairie Avenue. A few years ago a local developer subdivided a lot on Grey Street into 4 lots. Most of these lots have been sold and in an effort to attract homebuilders, the Village has partnered with the developer to extend the water / sewer lines to provide serviced lots to the area. This will also enable future development should the Village wish to develop property near the Wilson Centre.

Want more information? Feel free to attend a Council meeting and ask questions regarding these initiatives. Council meetings are usually the 3rd Tuesday each month. Check the web site (www.villageofsedley.com) or Village Office for council meeting

**Pay your water / sewer bill by December 31st
to avoid unnecessary penalties!**

Year End is fast approaching!

During the first part of January, as Administrator I am busy closing 2010 and getting ready to look forward to 2011. As part of the year end process, water / sewer arrears are transferred from your utility account to your tax account.

As a result, any outstanding balance in your utility account will be transferred to your tax account and begin to accrue penalties on a monthly basis.

Avoid unnecessary penalties and pay your water / sewer bill today!

Can't get to the office during office hours? You can drop your payment in the slot to the right of the Village Office door and I will apply the payment to your account the next day I'm in the office.



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