

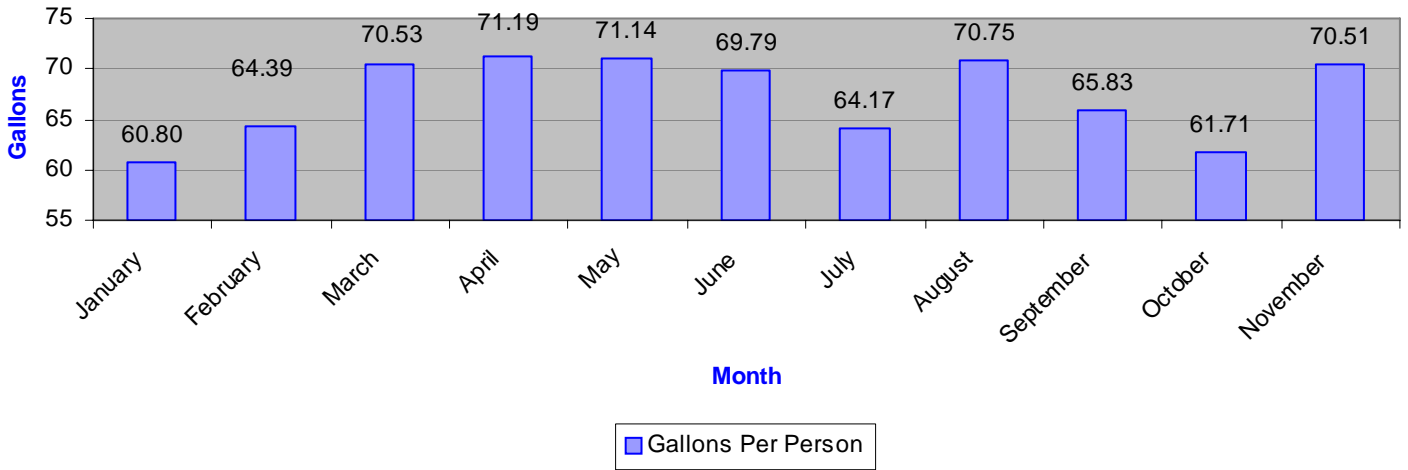
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# OUR CONNECTION

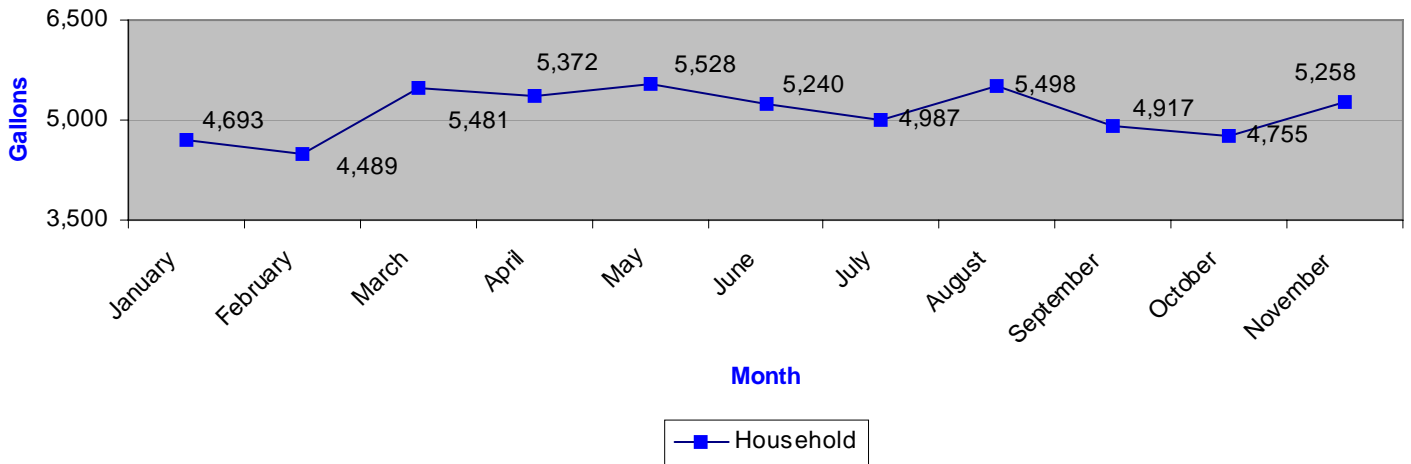


## TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE Water Usage

### TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE DAILY WATER USAGE Per Person (Population 1,474)

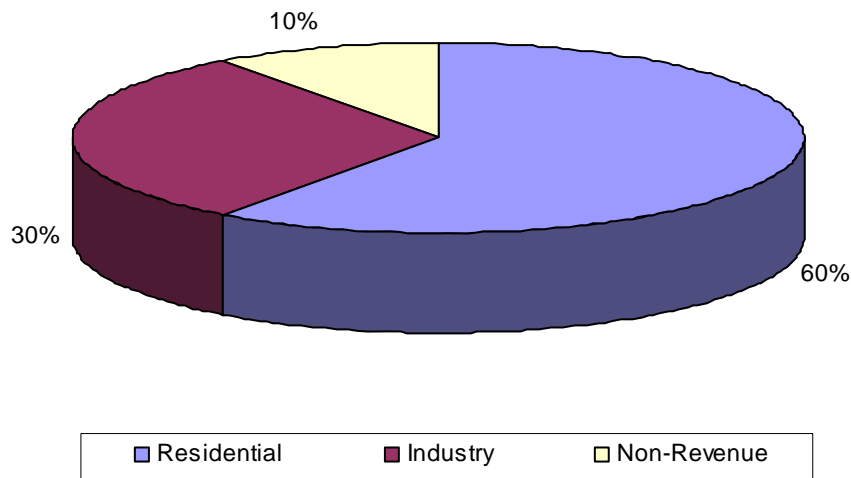


### TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE DAILY WATER USAGE Per Household

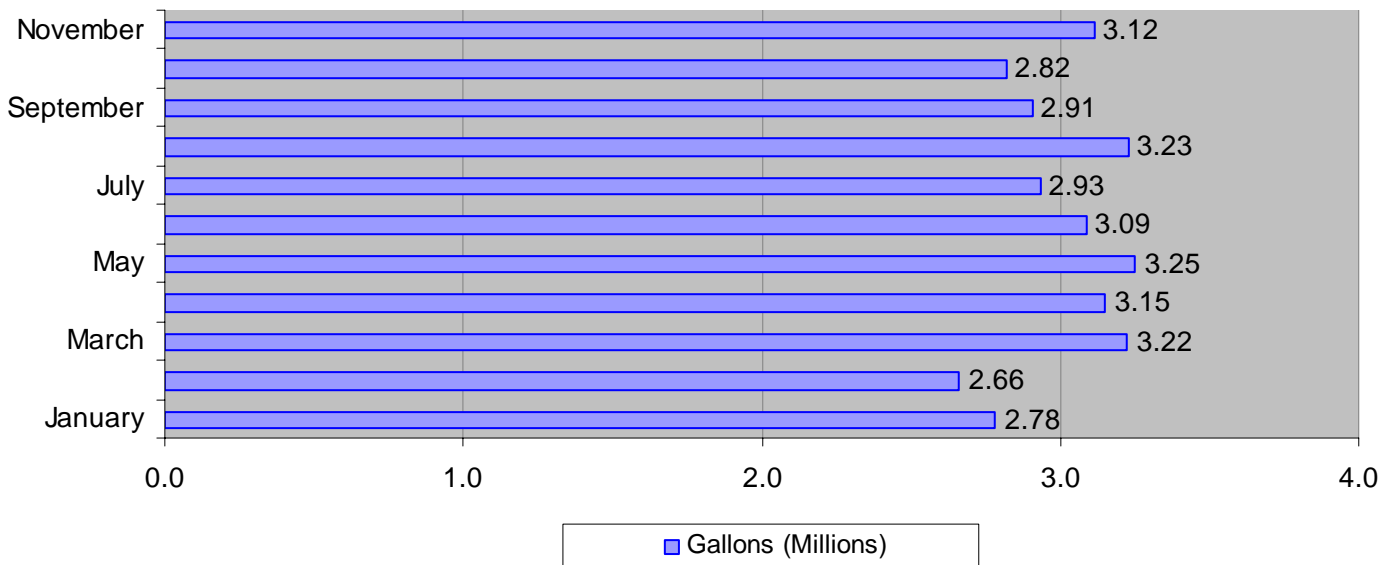


# TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE Water Usage Continued

## TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE WATER USAGE Per Classification



## TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE WATER USAGE Total Per Month



## TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE BYLAW BULLETIN

Over past six weeks, there have been several changes made to existing Bylaws and some new Bylaw passed by Council. All of these Bylaws can be found on the Town website [www.mayerthorpe.ca](http://www.mayerthorpe.ca) and click on Bylaw Enforcement.

### New Fire Protection Bylaw No.954

This is an all encompassing Bylaw pertaining to Fire Services in the Town of Mayerthorpe. It covers everything from the duties and responsibilities of the Fire Dept right down to fire pits and fire bans.

### New Fireworks Bylaw No.955

The Provincial government has passed down responsibilities pertaining to Fireworks to the Municipal level. Having said that, persons selling Fireworks, as well, as possessing them must meet certain criteria as set out in the Safety Codes Act. In August of this year, Lac Ste. Anne County passed their Fireworks Bylaw. In order to keep consistency in the area, the Town of Mayerthorpe simply copied their Bylaw with a few minor changes that were required due to size of properties in the country compared to urban properties. Persons who now wish to possess and discharge fireworks in Town must first obtain a permit from the Fire Chief via the Town Office. Once that is approved, the person must take that permit to the business that sells fireworks. That business is required to keep records of who they sell fireworks to etc. as well as follow strict guidelines with respect to the safe storage of the fireworks.

It was decided not to implement this Bylaw until January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 to allow time for businesses to sell off their existing stock if they chose to longer sell fireworks.

### New Dog Control Bylaw No. 956

Due to the Town establishing an off leash area for dogs as well as the obvious lack of responsibility on the part of some dog owners, it was found necessary to look at the Town's current Dog Control Bylaw and make changes. As well as creating offences pertaining to improper use of the off leash park, fines were increased substantially in order to bring more dog owners into compliance with the Dog Control Bylaw. For example, the cost of obtaining a dog license remains at \$5.00 however, for those dog owners who do not obtain a new dog license within the first month of each year, the fine has gone from \$50.00 to \$200.00. If your dog is running at

large, the fine has gone from \$50.00 for the first offence to \$100.00 for the first offence and \$200.00 for the second and subsequent offence. Your dog is deemed to be at large if you are walking it without it being on a leash. If you have a dog that has been deemed vicious and you still want to keep it in Town, you must first obtain a vicious dog license for \$400.00, obtain \$500,000.00 in liability insurance, and follow the criteria as set out in the Bylaw in relation to securing the dog on your property and what you must do to take the dog off the property.

In addition to these new Bylaws, other changes have also been made.

### Traffic Bylaw:

**Parking on 52<sup>nd</sup> Street between 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue is prohibited as of November 1<sup>st</sup>** due to safety concerns. This stretch of Highway 22 contains a small hill. Several people have complained about reduced ability to see oncoming vehicles due to the hill and narrow lanes caused by vehicles parking on this hill compounds the problem further.

### RV Parking Bylaw:

As a reminder, as of October 15<sup>th</sup>, all trailers and recreational vehicles as prohibited from parking on any street in Town. This remains in effect until April 15<sup>th</sup> 2011. As in past years, exceptions will be made for construction companies at job sites, as long as the trailer remains hooked to a vehicle and is removed at the end of the day. This exception does not pertain to any company parking a trailer over night on the road, either at the job site or at their residences.

### Property Maintenance Bylaw:

As a further reminder, snow must be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours of a snow fall for residences and 24 hours for businesses. This Bylaw has been in place now for several years. In prior years, property owners who were not in compliance with the Bylaw were sent out a Notice and given time to clean the sidewalks. This created a long period of time before the sidewalk was cleaned which in turn meant the sidewalk was unsafe for a long period of time. This year, fines will be issued along with a Notice to those who have not cleaned their sidewalks for several days when others in the neighborhood have taken the time to clean their walks. If after the Notice has been sent and the sidewalk has not been cleaned in the required time given, the Town or a contracted person will clean the snow and the property

owner will be invoiced. It is hoped that these changes to procedure will get the sidewalks cleaned in a more timely fashion. \*\*\* **If you are going to be away or require assistance in clearing the snow from your sidewalks, please call me and I can provide you with names of people who can be hired to this work for you \*\*\***

Again, all of these Bylaws can be found on the Town's website at [www.mayerthorpe.ca](http://www.mayerthorpe.ca) and go to Bylaw Enforcement. You can also contact me at 780 786-2416 and I will be more than happy to help you out or answer any questions that you may have.

Gord Sedgewick

Community Peace Officer

Town of Mayerthorpe

[bylaw@mayerthorpe.ca](mailto:bylaw@mayerthorpe.ca)

## What is a Compliance Certificate?

A Compliance certificate is a formal written response from the Town of Mayerthorpe stating that the development on a property meets the regulations of the Land Use Bylaw.

Standard real estate purchase contracts often require the seller to obtain a compliance certificate. The Town does not require you to obtain a compliance certificate. The Town only provides compliance certificates as a service and upon request of an applicant.

The accuracy of a compliance certificate response depends on the quality of the real property report. Applicants are advised to use a current real property report that shows all buildings and structures on their property and any alterations made.



Garbage Schedule

December 3rd, 2010

December 10th, 2010

December 17th, 2010

December **22nd**, 2010  
(Wednesday)



Recycle Schedule

December 10th, 2010 will be the **only** recycle pick up in December. Regular Pick up will resume in January

Holiday Hours

Mayerthorpe Town Office will be closed:

December 27, 2010

December 28, 2010

January 3, 2011



Town of Mayerthorpe

Council & Staff

Wish you a

Very Merry Christmas

& a

Happy New Year



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## LIVE LOCAL

“Live Local” means supporting local independently-owned businesses, which means supporting the local economy.

For example, if we spend **\$100.00**:

- a) in a global/big box store, it generates **\$13.00** in local economic activity.
- b) in an independently owned store, it generates **\$48.00** in local economic activity!

We can triple your economic impact by shifting **where** we buy stuff, not **what** we buy!

This has a positive and direct impact on economic growth and development, local wealth generation, wages, and jobs.

This means that we can enjoy higher wages, increased donations to our service clubs, and an enhanced character.

The environment, too, is impacted in a positive way with shorter supply lines, sustainable business practices, and reduced urban sprawl.

Consumers want low prices and value for their bucks. Because communication between customers and management is often lacking, we, the customers, should ask for specific products and ask why prices are so high!

There is no need to get rid of the big box stores. We just need to balance the two.

As an example of good balance, in Puget Sound, consumers began to purchase 20% of their food locally, which yielded an astounding \$1.5 billion of annual income. This led to an improvement in market relationships and community building, better distribution, and value-added products.

Some things that we, as individuals, can do to ‘live local’ include:

- reduce consumption
- understand cost

-shift 10 to 20% of our spending to local ownerships

-share local finds with friends and neighbors

Let’s support our local businesses, the backbone of our economy.

**WHERE WE SHOP IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT WE BUY!**

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

## BE A GOOD AMBASSADOR FOR MAYERTHORPE

The summer holiday season is now over. Many of us had family and friends come to visit and the “Fallen Four Memorial Park” had over 12,000 people visit this year. Some of us took off for well-deserved rest and relaxation and, along the way, we met many new people.

How did we do as “Ambassadors” for our Town of Mayerthorpe? Did we tell everyone we met about how fortunate we are to be living here and in this part of Alberta?

“What can we brag about?” you ask. How about:

- the 54 service clubs and organizations and the 15 recreation groups in the area
- our medical, educational, and protection services (RCMP, Fire Dep’t)
- the friendly people
- the peace and quiet
- our close proximity to lakes, wilderness, mountains, and a major city

And this is only a small part of it. We have so much more to be thankful for!

Let’s tell the whole world about it! Let’s always be “**Good Ambassadors**” for Mayerthorpe!

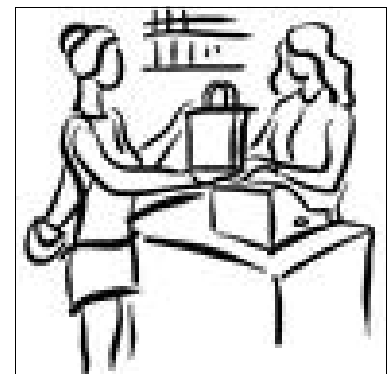
## TOURISM PLAN

Did you know that Tourism is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest industry in Alberta? To capitalize more on this important economic opportunity, a group of dedicated people have worked closely with Travel Alberta to develop a “Tourism Marketing Plan” for Mayerthorpe. This plan is now in its final stages and will be presented to Town Council for their approval later this month.

As part of this plan, CAO Karen St. Martin and EDA Sylvia Krikun attended a “Brand Camp”. The purpose of this 2 ½ day workshop was to come up with a ‘brand’ for our Town. It had to be something that would be **unique** to us, one that would **set us apart** from all other communities. It had to evoke an **emotional** response, tell people **why** they should visit, be **memorable**, and **deliver** on a promise.

After discussions with other participants and with input and direction from Travel Alberta representatives and from the facilitator, the following ‘brand’ was recommended for Mayerthorpe: **‘THE PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL CAPITAL OF ALBERTA.’**

Our next step is to work with a group of enthusiastic people to develop and promote the new ‘brand’. If you’re one of those people, please let Sylvia know.



## Utility Bylaw No. 957

On October 12, 2010, Town Council passed the new Utilities Bylaw. Starting January 1, 2011, there will be an infrastructure charge added to the monthly utility bill. The infrastructure replacement fees will be set as follows:

### Water Line

R-1 Residential – Single Detached	\$ 2.50
R-2 Residential – Mixed Housing	\$ 5.00
R-3 Residential – Medium Density	\$ 10.00
R-4 Residential – High Density	\$ 15.00
RMHS – Manufactured Housing Subdivision	\$ 2.50
RMHC – Res. Manufactured Home Court	\$ 90.00
Direct Control	\$ 2.50
C1 – Commercial Office Retail	\$ 10.00
C2- Commercial Secondary	\$ 25.00
C3 – Commercial Vehicle Oriented	\$ 35.00
M – Industrial General	\$ 75.00
US – Urban Services	\$125.00
P – Recreational	\$Exempt

### Sewer Line

R-1 Residential – Single Detached	\$ 3.40
R-2 Residential – Mixed Housing	\$ 6.80
R-3 Residential – Medium Density	\$ 13.50
R-4 Residential – High Density	\$ 20.25
RMHS – Manufactured Housing Subdivision	\$ 3.40
RMHC – Res. Manufactured Home Court	\$121.50
Direct Control	\$ 3.40
C1 – Commercial Office Retail	\$ 13.50
C2- Commercial Secondary	\$ 33.75
C3 – Commercial Vehicle Oriented	\$ 47.25
M – Industrial General	\$101.25
US – Urban Services	\$168.75
P – Recreational	\$Exempt

The revenue generated from the monthly infrastructure rate will be directed to the Water Infrastructure Reserve and Sewer Infrastructure Reserve at the end of each calendar year.

Also be advised that a penalty of five percent (5%) will be added to all accounts remaining unpaid at the end of the current month.

A copy of the new bylaw is available on line on our website [www.mayerthorpe.ca](http://www.mayerthorpe.ca) or can be viewed at the Town Office between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm.

### **Bylaw No.956 Town of Mayerthorpe Dog Control Bylaw**

Dog licenses will be up for renewal for the 2011 year. Starting **December 15, 2010 at 10 a.m.**, licenses may be purchased at the Town Office. They will be issued on a first come first serve basis and will not be taken out of order. Licenses should be renewed on or before January 31, 2011, in order to avoid any fines. Please be aware that the dog fines have increased considerably with the passing of the new Dog Bylaw.

### **Bylaw No.610 and Amending Bylaw#691 Business Licenses**

Business Licenses must also be renewed before January 31, 2011. Any one doing business in or for the Town of Mayerthorpe is to purchase a Business License to operate for the 2011 year. Please be aware that if you have or are starting a new Home Based Business, you are also required to apply for a one time Development Permit before a Business License will be issued.

### **Bylaw No.855 Hawkers and Peddlers**

Hawkers and Peddlers are also required to purchase a license if doing business in the Town of Mayerthorpe. If approached by anyone either door to door or by phone, please be aware that it is your right to ask for identification and proof that they hold the necessary licenses.

### **Property Taxes**

Please be advised that if you have a balance owing on your tax account as of December 31, 2010, a 12% penalty will be added to your account. For your convenience, the Town will accept post dated cheques dated for December 31, 2010.

If you obtain a "0" balance on your tax account by December 31, 2010, you may enter the Tax Installment Payment Plan which will allow you to make twelve easy payments on your account without incurring any penalties. If you wish to sign up for this program, please contact Melodie Golden at the Town Office before January 5, 2011. The monthly cheques will be deposited and should be made out for the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. You will be required to fill out the Tax Installment Agreement.

### **Bylaw No. 921 Property Maintenance**

The owner or occupant of any private property adjacent to a sidewalk shall be deemed responsible for the removal of ice or snow from that portion of the sidewalk.

With respect to residential properties, within 48 hours after the ice or snow has been deposited.

With respect to business properties, within 24 hours after the ice and snow has been deposited.

No person shall remove snow, ice, dirt, debris or other materials from any sidewalk or other property a place:

- (a) onto any portion of a highway; except to the extent that removal of the snow and ice to private property is impractical;
- (b) onto any other public place adjacent to such property; or
- (c) onto any private property other than their own.

## Santa Claus Word Search

Find the hidden words pertaining to Santa Claus.

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# We are on the Web

## [www.mayerthorpe.ca](http://www.mayerthorpe.ca)

### Women's Self Defense

Saturday, January 15, 2011

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Mayerthorpe Seniors Centre

\$20.00

To Register please contact the Town Office (780) 786-2416



### Illegal Dumping

Please be advised that anyone caught dumping garbage on public roadways, parks etc. will be fined under the Environmental Protection Act Section 179(1) and fined up to \$250.00 Section 228 (3) (a). Further assistance from the public is needed to identify anyone who may be illegally dumping their waste. For more information please contact the Town Office.

### *Council Meetings Dates*

December 13, 2010—7 pm

December 20, 2010—7 pm P & P

January 10, 2011—7 pm

January 17, 2011—7 pm P & P

January 24, 2011—7 pm

February 14, 2011—7 pm

February 21, 2011—7 pm P & P

February 28, 2011—7 pm

March 14, 2011—7 pm

March 21, 2011—7 pm P & P

March 28, 2010—7pm

If you wish to meet with Council please notify the Town Office the Thursday before the P & P meeting.

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