

### ANIMAL CONTROL

The Town of Melita would like to remind all pet owners that there are rules to follow to ensure the safety of their own pets, as well as others within our community. It is your responsibility to make sure your pet does not become someone else's nuisance. Town of Melita By-Law #1669 states "every dog or cat over the age of six months shall obtain and renew annually, a license to keep the dog or cat."

### NUISANCE GROUND

The Nuisance Ground is now operated by the Municipality of Two Borders. Some fees may apply. You may call (204) 522-3263 or visit the office at 138 Main Street, Melita for more info.

Hours are: Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



### GARBAGE & RECYCLING CURBSIDE PICKUP

Garbage & Recycling pick-up is contracted to Municipal Waste Management Ltd. For inquiries, contact (204) 483-3986 or visit [www.mwmltd.ca](http://www.mwmltd.ca). Recycling pick-up is on Tuesdays and waste pick-up is on Thursdays. Pick-up schedules can be found on our website or attained at the town office during normal office hours.

### CIVIC ADDRESS VISIBILITY

It is imperative that all property owners display the civic numbers assigned to them by the Town. These numbers have been registered with the 911 call center to identify the location of properties. The civic numbers should be of an adequate size and displayed in a location that is clearly visible from the street.

### YARD MAINTENANCE

The Town wants to ensure that residents maintain their neighborhoods. Be a good neighbor by preventing unsightly or hazardous conditions.

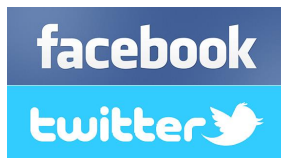
### CODE RED

The Town of Melita is currently working on getting our CodeRED System up and running. More information will be available by the end of July on our website, Facebook, and Twitter. Please stay tuned.



[www.melitamb.ca](http://www.melitamb.ca)

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## 2019 Property Tax Insert

Taxes are due **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.**  
Current taxes cover the calendar year of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

### Options to Pay Your Property Taxes

1. In person at the town office, 79 Main St., Melita, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed during the lunch hour). We accept cash, cheque or Debit. PLEASE NOTE CREDIT CARDS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
2. Online banking, allow 3-5 business days for posting. The date the Town receives the payment is the date considered paid. Payee information is Melita (Town): Property Tax; the account number is your property tax roll number.
3. Drop-off a post-dated cheque at any time prior to the due date.
4. 24-hour drop box located on the front entrance door at the town office.
5. By mail to Box 364, Melita, Manitoba, R0M 1L0, ensuring we receive your payment by cheque or money order on or before the due date. Postmarks will not be accepted as proof of payment. Please reference your tax roll number.

Penalties of 1.25% per month will be added to outstanding taxes November 1<sup>st</sup> and on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month thereafter, until paid.

### TAX ARREARS

Any amount shown as arrears represents the balance owing to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. An arrears balance on your 2019 tax bill could exist for a variety of reason. For example, prior year's taxes have not been paid in full, an outstanding utility charge has been applied to taxes or the prior year tax payment was received late and monthly penalties are outstanding. Please ensure your payments include the monthly penalty on the arrears portion of your tax bill up to October 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact the town office for a current balance if you are unsure.

**UTILITY BILLING** for Water and Sewer are distributed quarterly. For online banking, use your account # entering all 8 digits without the decimal point. Please note, the water or sewer accounts that are outstanding at the end of the year are added to your tax account.

### ADDRESS CHANGES

Please notify the town office of any changes for utilities, property assessment, and taxation purposes. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the owner from the obligation to pay taxes when due.

## **BOARD OF REVISION**

The Town of Melita 2020 Board of Revision will be held on **October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. It reviews assessments and makes impartial decisions based on the evidence which you, as the property owner and the assessor present. You can appeal your property's assessment, but not your taxes. Deadline to submit your written appeal for your 2020 assessment is **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.** Contact the town office for more information on how to appeal. Please note: If you have filed an appeal against your property assessment you are still required to pay your property taxes by the due date.

## **COUNCIL INFORMATION**

Council meetings are generally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month beginning at 9:00 a.m. Meetings are open to the public and attendance is welcomed and encouraged. If you wish to address Council on a particular matter or concern, please contact the town office to be scheduled as a delegation.

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*Brian Teetaert* – Councillor/Deputy Mayor

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*Jocelyn Skelton* – Councillor

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MILL RATE COMPARISON	2018	2019
GENERAL MUNICIPAL @ LARGE	24.535	22.997
EDUCATION SUPPORT LEVY	9.770	9.770
SOUTHWEST HORIZON	10.402	10.547

EXPENDITURES	BUDGET 2019
General Government Services	381,474.24
Protective Services	215,694.36
Transportation Services	509,000.00
Environmental Health Services	115,000.00
Public Health & Welfare Services	25,689.00
Environmental Development Services	13,450.00
Economic Development Services	64,805.48
Recreation and Cultural Services	209,630.00
Fiscal Services	356,095.86
School – Education Support Levy	138,428.00
School – Southwest Horizon	445,833.00
Transfer to Reserves	133,077.00
Allowance for Tax Assets	33.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,608,210.24</b>
REVENUES	BUDGET 2019
Tax Levy	2,082,655.28
Grants in Lieu	35,734.96
Other Revenue	419,820.18
Transfers	70,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,608,210.24</b>

\*\*To view the full 2019 Financial Plan, you may request a print out from the Town office or download a copy from [www.melitamb.ca](http://www.melitamb.ca). \*\*

## **MANITOBA EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX CREDIT ADVANCE (EPTC)**

A provincial legislative amendment has changed how the EPTC will be applied to resident homeowners' property taxes. Effective for the 2019 tax year, the calculation of the EPTC will be based on school taxes only and the credit will no longer offset municipal property tax.

To qualify, the property must be your principal residence; a single-dwelling unit; you must have occupied as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019; and you must not be receiving the credit for another residence.

The **deadline to apply is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Application forms are available at the town office or on the Province of Manitoba website.

## **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN No. 2019-001**

Between 2010 and 2016 the Town completed a number of watermain and sewer renewal projects at a cost of \$1,450,000.00. These utility capital projects were funded through the Town's general operating fund. In 2018, Council recovered \$250,000.00 through the general municipal mill rate. Town Council is proposing to borrow the balance of \$1,200,000.00 through a local improvement By-law to replenish the general operating fund. This By-law has been sent to the Municipal Board for approval after the Public Hearing on June 25<sup>th</sup> and second reading of the By-law by Council at the Council meeting preceding the Public Hearing. This Local Improvement Levy does not appear on the 2019 notice.

## **BUILDING & DEMOLITION PERMITS**

The Town of Melita requires building permits for all structures that are constructed, altered, renovated, removed, and demolished. Demolition requires a permit to ensure the structure is removed from property tax assessment.

## **CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS & HOME BUSINESSES**

A Conditional Use permit is required for the operation of all home businesses within the town limits.

## **LOTTERY LICENSING**

All non-profit and charitable organizations planning a lottery/raffle are required to obtain a lottery license. Please contact the town office for more information.

## **TRAFFIC BY-LAW**

Vehicles over 5400 kg that need to park more than one (1) hour, must obtain a permit from the Town Office at no charge. No vehicles shall park or travel through Town streets if carrying **dangerous goods**.

No semi, trailer of any sort (utility or camper) or bus can be parked at any time on any street in Melita other than a truck route, except when loading or unloading. Vehicles parked contrary to this By-law may be moved or placed in a more suitable location. Costs and charges for moving or placement or both are a lien on the vehicle.

## **BULK WATER**

Treated water can be accessed from the bulk water station at the Water Treatment Plant. Prepaid cards can be purchased or replenished at the town office.