

TOWN OF LEADER

NEWS BULLETIN - July 2025

The 2025 budget was adopted by Council on June 17th. This year's budget was challenging to balance. Council needed to find the necessary operational and capital funds while trying their best to keep any tax increases to a minimum. Every four years is a revaluation year where all properties are reassessed by SAMA. These revaluations can see many different outcomes to the total taxable value of the properties in town. This year the Town of Leader saw an overall decrease to the taxable assessed values of \$3.2 million dollars. With this rather large drop in value, Council knew that there would need to be an increase to all property classes, the key was finding the most effective and fair rates. Council believes that the tax rates they have set have met their goals and although some will see some kind of increase on their property tax notice, there are properties that will see a decrease in the amount of taxes paid this year.

The base tax for all tax classes (Residential, Commercial and Agricultural) was increased by 10%. This resulted in the following change from 2024:

- Residential base tax increased by \$115.89;
- Commercial base tax increased by \$210.32; and
- Ag base tax increased by \$60.32.



In addition to the base tax increase, Council adjusted the mill rate from 6.4 mills to 6.65. This increase to the mill rate is equivalent to an increase of \$2.50 per every \$10,000 of taxable assessed value. (A property with a \$200,000 taxable assessed value would see an increase of \$50.00). It is important to remember that there was a large number of properties that realized some level of decrease to their assessed values.

So where is your tax money going in 2025?



Well, Council is focused on maintaining the current service levels while navigating the current needs of our Town. Council is reviewing procedures and determining what standard practices are in need of improvement. For example, is it worth paving over excavated water break sites when we know that there is likely to be another break in the near future or when we are planning to replace the lines in the next five years? Although these can be an inconvenience and a bit of a nuisance, Council is being careful to consider how your tax money is being spent and making changes to ensure these funds are not being wasted. Inside this edition of the News Bulletin, we will highlight some of the key funding areas and how Council is planning for the future.

The full budget can be viewed at the Town Office and on the Town of Leader's website. If you wish to discuss budget items, a meeting can be arranged with the Town CAO or a member of Council by calling 306-628-3868.



**Please see inside for the
July to December 2025
Garbage & Recycling Pick-Up
Schedule!**

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TOWN OF LEADER GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICK-UP SCHEDULE

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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28	29	30				

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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November 2025

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

GARBAGE PICK UP
 RECYCLE PICK UP
 ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP-OFF
 (Town Shop, 302 Hwy 21 S 9am-noon & 1pm-5pm)

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

Summer Hours (Apr 1 - Oct 31)
(closed on STAT holidays)

Mon & Wed: 2:00 - 6:00
Sat: 10:00 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 6:30

Winter Hours (Nov 1 - Mar 31)
(closed on STAT holidays)

Wed & Sat: 1:00 - 4:30

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

Summer Hours (Apr 1 - Oct 31)

Mon & Wed: 2pm - 6pm
Sat: 10am - Noon & 1pm - 6:30pm

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday- 8:30am - Noon & 1:00pm - 4:30pm
Closed Weekends & Stat Holidays

GARBAGE PICK-UP

Please have your bin on the street by 7:00am.

Tuesday, July 8

Tuesday, July 22

RECYCLING PICK-UP

Please have your bin on the street by 7:00am.

Thursday, July 10

Thursday, July 24

ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP-OFF

(Town Shop - 302 Highway 21 South / 9am - noon & 1pm - 5pm)

Monday, July 28

Thank You!

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of a new Handi-Van, generously purchased and donated by **Gordon Stueck**. This smaller companion vehicle to the Handi Bus will provide greater flexibility and convenience for transporting individuals to appointments, etc. Thank you Gord!



The Leader & District Handi-Bus is run by a team of volunteers who generously donate their time.
Thank you volunteers!

To book the handi-bus or handi-van (fees apply) please call
Craig at: 306-628-7862



Thank you to the Leader Lions
Club for paying for the insurance
on the Handi-Van

Recognition of Former Council Members

The Town of Leader proudly presented a commissioned art piece, from artist Geoff Phillips, to those who dedicated their time to serve on the Council of the Town of Leader. The commissioned piece is of the tracks south of Leader looking west towards an old elevator.



Albert Heck



Travis Feiffer

Missing: Kyle
Prosser



Brooke Clary

Council News

The latest minutes from Leader Town council

May 26, 2025

The regular meeting of Council was held on May 26th with Mayor Aaron Wenzel, Councillors Dustin Heatcoat, Riley Feiffer, Craig Tondevoid, Isabelle Blohm and John-Mark Bredeson, and Administrator Erin Romanuik.

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm, the agenda was approved, and the minutes of the May 6 regular meeting and May 15 General Government meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Dustin Bischoff addressed Council, presenting his concerns about the delay in completing the sidewalk removal and the delay to his expected start date. Mr. Bischoff exited the Chambers at 7:03 pm.

Council instructed the Administrator to engage a consulting or engineer firm to develop a backfilling and compaction policy for use when restoring an excavation from a utility line repair or replacement.

Councillor Heatcoat declared a conflict of interest on agenda item 6.2: Business Arising from Delegate and exited the Council Chambers at 7:25 pm. Councillor Heatcoat re-entered the Council Chambers at 7:42 pm.

Council approved the issuance of two community event licenses: Leader Curling Club for the beer gardens at the ball diamond during Wild West Daze and the Leader Lions Club for the beer gardens on the NW 1/4 of 21-22-26 W3 during the Wild West Mud Bogs on June 21. Council also approved two Special Occasion Permits: Aimee Resch for a private event at the Leader Ball Diamonds and to the Leader & District Chamber of Commerce for the Market Kickoff on June 19.

Administration Staff wages were reviewed and it was moved that the staff would see a 3% cost of living increase and the CAO shall receive an additional 3% adjustment to better align the salary to the UMAAS Salary Guide.

Treena Redman was appointed Acting Administrator from June 30 to July 11 to cover vacation days being taken by the CAO.

Council reviewed a tax abatement request from the owners of Lot 10 Block 27 Plan DV541 and found that the request complied with the current Tax Abatement Policy of the Town of Leader and therefore shall receive an abatement of 35% on their 2025 municipal taxes and an abatement of 20% on their 2026 municipal taxes.

The Administrator's Report was accepted as presented, the financial report was reviewed and the capital and general accounts are to be paid.

Mayor Wenzel adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

A **Special Meeting of Council** was held on June 4, 2025 with all members Council present except Councillor Heatcoat and Tondevoid. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm. It was moved to implement Level 1 Water Restrictions due to the ongoing low levels of the South Saskatchewan River and inability to maintain two pumps operating at the river pump site. These restrictions shall remain in place until the Town is able to restore the reservoir levels and can operate two pumps at the river pump site.



THE BUDGET

OPERATIONS, CAPITAL & RESERVES



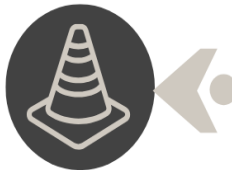
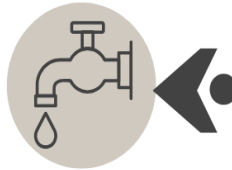
★ **TOTAL** ★
TAXES LEVIED

\$990,812

RESERVES BALANCE

@ Dec. 31/2024

\$365,703



TRANSFER TO RESERVES

\$197,900

Equipment Upgrades:

\$20,000

Utility Infrastructure Fee:

\$106,000

Landfill Planning:

\$25,000

Transfer to 2026 Sidewalks:

\$37,900

Closure of Lemsford Park:

\$9,000

Key Operational and Capital Costs

- Waterline Replacement Plan - \$19,575
- Water Intake Test Wells - \$55,500
- Water Treatment Plant Upgrades - \$147,000
- Site Compaction Policy - \$4,200
- Paving Roads - \$80,000
- Support of Healthcare Housing - \$30,000
- Contingency Allowances - \$25,900

NEW



All utility and accounts receivable (cardlock, commercial garbage, hall rental, etc.) invoices are due within 30 days from the date of the invoice.

If they are not paid within the 30 days there will be interest charged.

There will be no exceptions made.

Thank you for your cooperation.

VETERAN BANNER PROJECT



If you or your family is interested in the purchase of a banner to honour your veteran, or for more information, please contact:

**Jackie Mertin at
306-628-3333**

Banners will be about 20 X 36 inches and printed on one side.
Cost will be \$100

The following information will be required for the banner.

Name of person or family giving this banner (phone #/Email):

Veterans Name and Rank:

Photo of Veteran (online or hard copy accepted):

Hometown:

Branch of Military served in (Army, Navy, Air Force):

Years and place of service (if desired)(Korea War, Europe, etc.:

**LEADER & DISTRICT AREA
BUS TOURS**

TOUR DATES:
JULY 26th &
AUGUST 9th
\$115

LUNCH INCLUDED!

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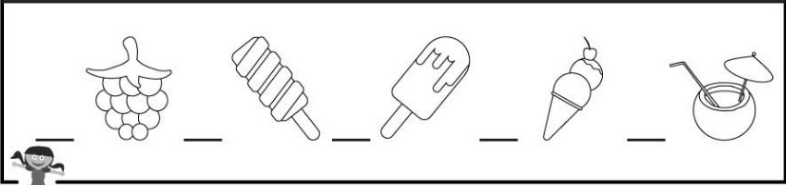
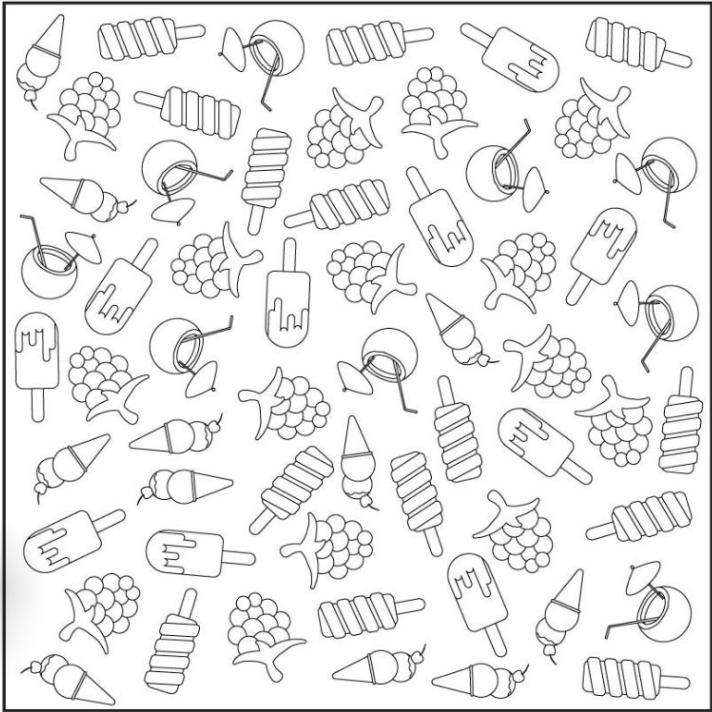
* Water Management Systems

Looking for Land to Rent and Trees to Plant

KID'S CORNER



Summer Medium I-Spy!



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The world's largest frog is the goliath frog of West Africa. It can grow to 15 inches. One of the smallest is the Cuban tree toad, which grows to half an inch long!



What kind of shoes
do frogs wear?
Open toad!

The Town of Leader is asking for your help in ensuring the yard waste trailer is not being abused.

This is a service that is offered by the Town of Leader to help those that may have difficulty getting to the transfer station to dispose of their yard waste and for those to utilize when waste is created outside of transfer station hours.

The yard waste trailer is for unbagged grass clippings (those in brown paper bags are acceptable) and small branches from trimming shrubs. Please do not use this trailer for large branches or large pruning jobs. These should be hauled directly to the transfer station.

At this time, the Town will be observing the usage of this trailer and if it is abused, the service will be no longer offered. The trailer was dumped **11 times in 21 days**, and it takes one employee approx. 45 minutes to complete the task. This is time being taken away from their daily tasks and results in their daily work not being completed.

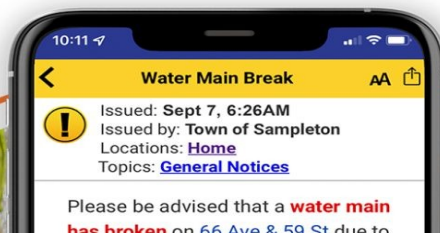
If the trailer is not at its usual location beside the Town Shop, DO NOT leave your yard waste on the ground. Please return once the trailer is back in service or take your waste to the transfer station.

Please respect these guidelines and keep this **FREE** service available to all residents.



WATER MAIN BREAK IN YOUR AREA?

Stay informed with Voyent Alert!



ATTENTION!



The Council of the Town of Leader intends to introduce an

Urban Hen Bylaw

at the regular scheduled meeting on July 15th.



Those wishing to show their support or oppose this bylaw are encouraged to submit written correspondence by July 14. All correspondence will be read before the first reading of the bylaw.

Western Canada
Tour Kickoff!
featuring

BERK JODOIN



17 JULY 2025 • 6:30 PM

LEADER MILLENNIUM
GARDENS (Leader Community
Centre if weather is bad)
Concession Available

SUMMER CONCERT

with



Aspen Beveridge

and



Kurtis Kopp



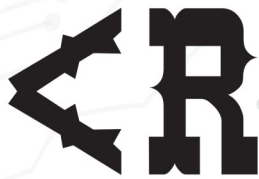
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Vern & Joanne
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COMMUNITY
CONCERT

LEADER
DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL





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Flooring Fund

Donation
deadline

**Sept. 1,
2025**

Leader Library

Leader Library invites you to help replace the well-worn flooring in our library.

Donations of any size may be made to the Town of Leader.

- please note Library Flooring Fund (donation receipts provided over \$25)

Leader library wishes to thank the generous donations by **Leader Lions Club** and **Sandhills Credit Union**

to kick start our fundraiser to the half way mark.

Please help us raise the second half.

Further thanks to the **River Hills Lions Club** for sponsoring the recent purchase of 4 new armchairs.

Come into the library and have a look!

We are most grateful for your support.

For more information

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Summer Picnic

On this warm summer day, let's spend our time together as a community with a picnic in the park!

AUGUST 24, 2025

Location: Leader Town Park

Time: 1pm-4pm

Bring your family/friends and join us together in the park with some fun old fashioned races, facepainting and more!

Watch for more details to follow closer to date!

See you there



WHAT'S HAPPENING

A column used to promote non-profit community events as well as a bonus promo for our advertisers.
If you would like to have your non-profit event listed here please contact the Town Office.

July 2	TD Summer Reading Club starts at Leader Library
July 17	Foodbank Day - To register or for more information please call: 639-932-7446
July 17	Free Community Concert - Berk Jodoin & Guests - presented by the Leader & District Arts Council - 7pm -

Leader Swimming Pool

SCHEDULE

MON - FRI

9 am - 12 pm	Lessons
12 pm - 1 pm	Lane Swim
1 pm - 5 pm	Public Swim
6 pm - 7 pm	AquaFit M&W
7 pm - 9 pm	Lane Swim T,T&F
	Public Swim

Starts July 7

SAT - SUN

12 pm - 1 pm	Lane Swim
1 pm - 5 pm	Public Swim
6 pm - 7 pm	Family Swim
7 pm - 9 pm	Public Swim

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PRICES

Daily Admission

Tot (5 & Under)	\$4
Individual	\$6
Family	\$20

Season Pass

Tot (5 & Under)	\$55
Individual	\$160
Family	\$300

Punch Card

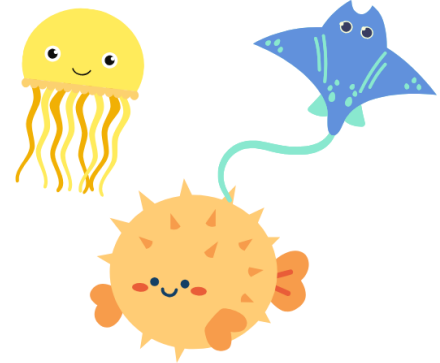
Tot (5 & Under)	\$36
Individual	\$54

Lessons

	With Pass	W/O Pass
Parent & Tot	\$65	\$80
Preschool 1-5	\$65	\$80
Swimmer 1-2	\$65	\$80
Swimmer 3-6	\$75	\$90
Rookie/Ranger/Star	\$75	\$90

DATES

1	Jul 7-11
2	Jul 14-18
3	Jul 21-25
4	Jul 28 - Aug 1
5	Aug 11-15



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Town of Leader SUMMER Programs

2025



Junior Youth (Ages 5 - 10)

SLIP N' SLIDE & POPSICLES **FREE**
JUL 9 1:30 PM
LIONS PARK

Meet at the Lions Park! No need to pre-register. Bring your swimsuit, a towel and something to keep hydrated.

TIE DYE TSHIRTS **\$5**
AUG 13 1:30 PM
COMM CENTRE

Join us to make your very own tie dye t-shirt!

PRE-REGISTER BY AUG 5



Senior Youth (Ages 11 - 16)

PHOTO CHALLENGE **FREE**
JUL 7 7PM
MEET @ TOWN OFFICE

Complete photo challenges in the allotted time frame???

Teams of 4. Bring a team or come yourself and be put on a team!

POUR PAINT INITIAL **\$5**
AUG 14 1:30 PM
COMM CENTRE

Join us to create your own paint pour wooden initial.

PRE-REGISTER BY AUG 5

Several programs require pre-registration.

To pre-register, or if you have questions, please stop in or contact the Rec Office.

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Canada Day Celebration

TUESDAY 1 JULY

11AM

BIKE PARADE 

Bikes, strollers, wagons.....everyone welcome!

Meet at the Community Hall. Parade will go down 1st Avenue and proceed to the Millennium Gardens.

11:30AM

Join us at the
Millennium Gardens

**FLAG RAISING
CEREMONY
& CUPCAKES**



**1PM - 5PM
7PM - 9PM**

FREE SWIMMING!


1PM - 4PM

**BOUNCY
CASTLES**

Bring your swimsuit!
These castles include foam!

2PM - 4PM
At the Lions Park!

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