

TOWN OF LEADER

NEWS BULLETIN - March 2026

Mayor Update 2026

I hope your new years is off to a great start, old man winter is almost behind us. As we look forward to 2026, we have much on the horizon that we continue to work on.

Council has continued to make critical infrastructure our top priority. Securing our water intake at the South Saskatchewan River continues to be a priority; we have explored all options and are narrowing in on a solution to bolster our current system at the river. Council is currently exploring the feasibility of a plan to upgrade the remaining water lines that are approaching the end of life over the course of the next seven years. It is a massive undertaking and a generational undertaking; the current infrastructure was installed in the 50/60's. There is a current grant application open for which we have already applied, and another opening soon for which we hope to be able to stack in order to bring forth to the town an executable plan for such a project. Stay tuned.

Protective services and Health care continue to be a priority. Council regularly attends SHA stakeholder meetings, and our group recently met with Minister Cockrill regarding the state of Healthcare in the Leader area. Overall, we are in good shape when compared to some regions in the province. It is a constant battle to attract and keep doctors, a topic we discussed with the Minister. I would like to thank all the local stakeholders who attend these meetings and continue to volunteer to enrich our local health care system!! I would also like to announce that Council has appointed John Kobelsky as our new fire chief. He will be taking over for Jarryd Elsasser. I would like to thank Jarryd for his efforts over the past few years. Thank you for your service to the community. On behalf of the town, we appreciate your contributions. Council is looking forward to working with John to continue improving the Leader Volunteer Fire Department!.

Also newsworthy is the AMAZING job our local RCMP detachment is doing, in the past year they handled the Queen of Canada situation, arrested a man wanted on a Canada-wide warrant, busted a multi-province car theft ring, and most recently busted the suspect in the Abbey area break and enters. Thank you to Don, Demitry, and Stephen for their dedication and efforts to make our communities safer.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Riley Feiffer for serving on the council. Unfortunately, the council has recently accepted Riley's resignation. Riley has a passion for politics, and I'm confident he will make his way back into the fold down the road. With that said, we will have a By-Election on April 29th. If you are interested in running, I would be happy to discuss what the role of a council member entails. I look forward to having whomever the winner of the By-Election join council in the spring.

Sincerely, Mayor Wenzel

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**FOR THE OFFICE OF
COUNCILLOR: TOWN OF LEADER**

Please see page 4 for more details.



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ISABELLE BLOHM - blohm@leader.ca

JOHN-MARK BREDESON - bredeson@leader.ca

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Environmental

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LEADER & DISTRICT HANDI-BUS

For more information please call
Craig at: 306-628-7862

**TOWN OF LEADER
GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

January 2026

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

February 2026

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

March 2026

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				

April 2026

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		

May 2026

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

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	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				

- 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

Winter Hours (Nov 1 - Mar 31)

Wed & Sat: 1pm - 4:30pm

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, March 3

Tuesday, March 17

Tuesday, March 31

RECYCLING PICK-UP

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

Thursday, March 5

Thursday, March 19

ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP-OFF

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

March 30

Council News

The latest minutes from Leader Town council

January 20, 2026

The regular meeting of Council was held on January 20th with Mayor Aaron Wenzel (via telephone), Councillors Dustin Heatcoat, Dustin Bischoff, Craig Tondevold, and John-Mark Bredeson, and Administrator Erin Romanuik.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm, the agenda was approved, and the minutes of the December 9 regular meeting, December 9 Utilities committee meeting, December 16 Utilities committee meeting, December 30 Special meeting of council and the January 13 General Government committee meeting were approved as presented.

Council moved to amend the regularly scheduled meeting dates in February and March as follows: Feb 3 - no change, Feb 17 - cancelled, Feb 24 - new date, Mar 3 - cancelled, Mar 10 - new date, Mar 17 - cancelled, and Mar 24 - new date.

Council moved to authorize Council and the CAO to attend the 2026 SUMA convention.

Council moved to join the Red Coat Waste Authority and will be included in their recycle program.

Council moved to amend the Utility Account Collection Policy as presented.

Council moved to review the contract renewal options for the SaskTel contract renewal/upgrade.

Council moved to a closed session at 8:25 pm to discuss matters pertaining to human resources. They reconvened to regular session at 8:44 pm.

The Administrator report was approved, the financial reports were approved as presented, capital and general Accounts are to be paid, and correspondence was read.

Bylaw No 01/26 - to supplement The Traffic Safety Act and to regulate vehicle and pedestrian traffic - was given three readings and is hereby adopted.

Deputy Mayor Heatcoat adjourned the meeting at 9:03 pm.

February 3, 2026

The regular meeting of Council was held on January 3rd with Mayor Aaron Wenzel (via telephone), Councillors Dustin Heatcoat, Dustin Bischoff, Craig Tondevold, Isabelle Blohm and John-Mark Bredeson, and Administrator Erin Romanuik.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm, the agenda was approved, and the minutes of the January 20 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Council accepts the written resignation of Councillor Feiffer, effective Feb 4, 2026, and declares the office of Councillor vacant.

Council sets Wednesday, April 29, 2026, as the date for the by-election to fill the current vacancy on Council. Returning Officer, CAO Erin Romanuik is authorized to proceed with necessary arrangements.

Council reviewed and adopted the amended Residential Commercial Business Policy.

Council reviewed and authorized the Administrator to move forward with the permit process for the submitted Development Permit application.

Town Office Roof Replacement is tabled until a later date.

Council authorized the Administrator to issue an Order to Remedy for the property located at 416 - 1 Ave East.

Council authorized the Administrator to transfer \$100,000 from the Town of Leader's chequing account to the high interest savings account held at IG Wealth Management.

The Administrator report was approved, the capital and general accounts are to be paid, and correspondence was read.

Bylaw No. 02/26 - to regulate the proceedings of municipal council and council's meetings was introduced and given a first reading.

Deputy Mayor Heatcoat adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.



DO NOT FLUSH

Please **DO NOT FLUSH** baby wipes, feminine products, cleaning and disinfectant wipes, toilet cleaning brush disposable heads, and paper towels. These items might be labelled as disposable or flushable, but they must not go down the toilet drain.

These products do not break down in the sewer system and can cause plugs in sewer pipes resulting in sewer backups.

THESE BLOCKAGES ARE DIFFICULT AND COSTLY TO FIX.

THE WANDERER



You may remember the stray dog seen wandering near Leader in 2024. Many community members showed kindness by feeding him and trying to ensure his safety, but despite numerous efforts, his owner was never located. The dog eventually made his way toward Burstall, where he was, in time, welcomed into a loving home.

Now named **Hobo**, he's thriving with his new family. Visit our website to read more about Hobo's heartwarming journey!



Form H

(Section 66 of the Act)

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (Municipal Elections)



Public notice is hereby given that nomination of candidates for the office of:

COUNCILLOR: TOWN OF LEADER Number to be Elected: ONE (1)

will be received by the undersigned on the **25th day of March, 2026, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm** and during regular business hours on **Monday to Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, March 11, 2026 to March 24, 2026 at the Town of Leader Administration Office.**

Nomination forms may be obtained at the Town of Leader Administration Office.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2026.

Erin Romanuik - Returning Officer



The 2026 increase for the Town of Leader utilities will appear on the next billing with invoices being sent out the first week of March 2026.

This is in accordance with the Water and Sewer Charges Bylaw No. 02/24. Please see below for details.

WATER & SEWER RATES

As per Schedule “A” of the Water and Sewer Charges Bylaw No. 02/24:

The following monthly rates shall apply for use of the water supplied by the Town of Leader:

Within Town Limits

<i>(in gallons)</i>	2024	2025	2026
Base Rate: up to 3,000	\$59.00	\$60.75	\$61.50
Tier 1: 3,000 to 100,000	\$7.50/1,000 gallons	\$8.00/1,000 gallons	\$8.50/1,000 gallons
Tier 2: over 100,000	\$15.00/1,000 gallons	\$16.00/1,000 gallons	\$17.00/1,000 gallons

Out of Town Limits - Farm Accounts

<i>(in gallons)</i>	2024	2025	2026
Base Rate: up to 3,000	\$59.00	\$60.75	\$61.50
Tier 1: 3,000 to 50,000	\$15.00/1,000 gallons	\$16.00/1,000 gallons	\$17.00/1,000 gallons
Tier 2: over 50,000	\$27.00/1,000 gallons	\$28.50/1,000 gallons	\$30.00/1,000 gallons

Out of Town Limits - Raw Water

<i>(in gallons)</i>	2024	2025	2026
Base Rate: up to 3,000	\$31.25	\$32.75	\$33.50
Tier 1: 3,000 to 50,000	\$3.75/1,000 gallons	\$4.00/1,000 gallons	\$4.25/1,000 gallons
Tier 2: over 50,000	\$15.00/1,000 gallons	\$16.00/1,000 gallons	\$17.00/1,000 gallons

Monthly Infrastructure Fee

2024	2025	2026
\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00

Bulk Water - Treated

	2024	2025	2026
Per 1,000 gallons	\$27.00	\$28.50	\$30.00

Sewer Rates

	2024	2025	2026
Residential	\$21.75	\$23.25	\$24.00

Commercial, Industrial, Multi-Residential

0 to 3,000 gallons	\$21.75	\$23.25	\$24.00
Over 3,000 gallons	\$3.25/1,000 gallons	\$3.75/1,000 gallons	\$4.25/1,000 gallons

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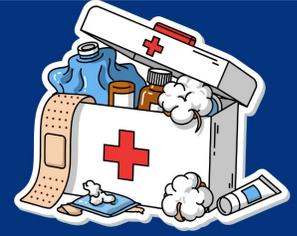
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St. John Ambulance



FIRST AID & CPR-C

April 18, 2026

Leader Community Centre

Course includes:

Online Component
One Day In-Person

Online component must be completed prior to course day.

Instruction By:



Full Course \$130
9 am - 5 pm

6 REGISTRANTS NEEDED TO RUN COURSE.



REGISTER BY CONTACTING ROCHELLE:
PHONE: 306-628-3868
Email: recreation@leader.ca

SWIM FOR LIFE LIFESAVING INSTRUCTOR COURSE

LSI

Full Combination Course



July 17-19 & 24-26, 2026

Fri 2pm-6pm

Sat/Sun 8am - 6pm (1hr lunch break)

\$400

(includes manual & course fees)

Instructor: Hailey Harrison

For more information
or to register, please
contact Rochelle.

 **306 628-3868**
 **recreation@leader.ca**



Pre-Requisite:
Minimum 15 years of age,
Bronze Cross Award
(need not be current)

Did you know...

Toilets are a leading source
of household leaks.

TAKE THE DYE TEST! IT'S EASY.

1. Carefully remove tank cover.
2. Drop several drops of food coloring into the toilet tank.
3. Wait about 15-20 minutes.
4. If color appears in the toilet bowl, you have a leak!

A leaky toilet can waste as
much as 12 bathtubs a day!

RUM RAGGED



ADVANCED TICKETS
\$35

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY:



LEADER COMMUNITY HALL

MARCH 12, 2026 7:30 PM

TICKETS:

\$40 AT THE DOOR
\$5 YOUTH (15 & UNDER)

Town of Leader Office
www.3common.com



WWW.LEADERARTSCOUNCIL.COM



The Great Sandhills Museum and Interpretive Centre

Looking for a fun summer job where you get to meet people and share local history and stories?

The Great Sandhills Museum in Sceptre, Sask are hiring 2 Museum Guides for the summer season.

We welcome applications from the Government of Canada's job equity groups (women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, and Indigenous people).

1st position starts May 15/26 and 2nd position starts June 28/26

What you'll do:

Assist with educational programs, workshops or special events as needed. / Lead engaging, energetic tours for all ages and backgrounds, be able to adapt content to different groups. / Answer visitor questions, becoming a go-to resource. / Keeping the building and artifacts clean. / Will be in charge of the gift shop and keeping it stocked. / Collecting admission fees.

Qualifications:

- must be college, university or high school student
- must be between the ages of 15 - 30 years old.
 - moderate computer knowledge
- willing to work at least 30 - 35 hours a week
 - CPR & First-Aid would be an asset

Send resume to:

Great Sandhills Museum, Box 29, Sceptre, Sk. S0N2H0

or email: gshs@sasktel.net

Deadline for applications April 15, 2026

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN NOW HIRING

The Town of Leader is currently seeking applications for the position of PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN.

Qualifications Required:

- Valid Class 5 driver's license
- Working knowledge of computers
- Experience with supervision and management of staff
- Water Treatment Distribution Level 2 certification*
- Waste Water Treatment & Collection Level 1 certification*
- Supervisory Certificate*
- WHIMIS, TDG, Confined Spaces and Ground Disturbance*

*Denotes qualifications that may be obtained within the first two years of employment.

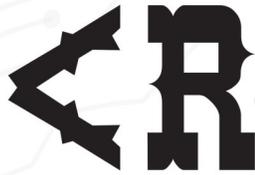
This is a full-time, permanent position with full benefits. The wage scale for this position is in accordance with the Town of Leader/SEIU-West Collective Agreement. The successful candidate will be required to enroll in the SEIU-West Union.

Applications for this position will be received until a suitable candidate is hired and can be sent to: cao@leader.ca.

We thank all applicants; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



A COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION CAN BE OBTAINED BY VISITING WWW.LEADER.CA OR BY CALLING THE TOWN OFFICE AT 306-628-3868.



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OXYGEN STORAGE

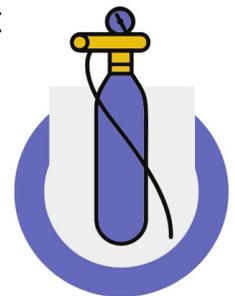
The Town is asking residents who store oxygen in their homes to voluntarily register with the Town Office. This information will be shared with the Leader Volunteer Firefighters to assist them in the event of an emergency.

Having an up-to-date registry helps emergency responders act quickly and safely if they are called to your residence.

If you or someone in your household uses or stores oxygen at home, please contact the Town Office to register. Your cooperation helps keep our community and our first responders safe.

To register please call the Town Office at 306-628-3868 or send an email to clerk@leader.ca

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!



RADON GAS IN YOUR HOME

Radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.
TEST to find out if you have a dangerous level.

1 PURCHASE

Purchase a long-term radon test online
www.takeactiononradon.ca

2 TEST

Follow the instructions provided to properly place the test kit in your home.

After 3 months send your radon test kit to the lab to be analysed using the return packaging and instructions provided.

You will receive your result within a few weeks.

3 TAKE ACTION

If your radon level is below 200* no action is required.

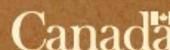
For radon levels above 200*, take action to reduce.

Contact radon@hc-sc.gc.ca or visit Canada.ca/radon

Health professionals visit: radon.machealth.ca

* Radon is measured in becquerels per metre³ (Bq/m³)

Are you interested in participating in future radon research? Email radonsurveys-enquetessurleradon@hc-sc.gc.ca



Pub: 19009

If you are a Chinook Regional Library card holder, you can borrow a radon detector from the local branch - Leader Library. Contact Leader Library and they will place you on a hold list. You would then be contacted once the detector is available. This program is available until April 1.



Use code **NEWHOME** for a **\$5 discount** on your radon test!

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**PROTECT YOUR FAMILY.
TEST YOUR HOME TODAY.**



For more information on radon or to purchase your own radon test kit, please visit any of the following sites:
takeactiononradon.ca or homeradontest.ca or lungsask.ca

CEMETERY TREE CAMPAIGN



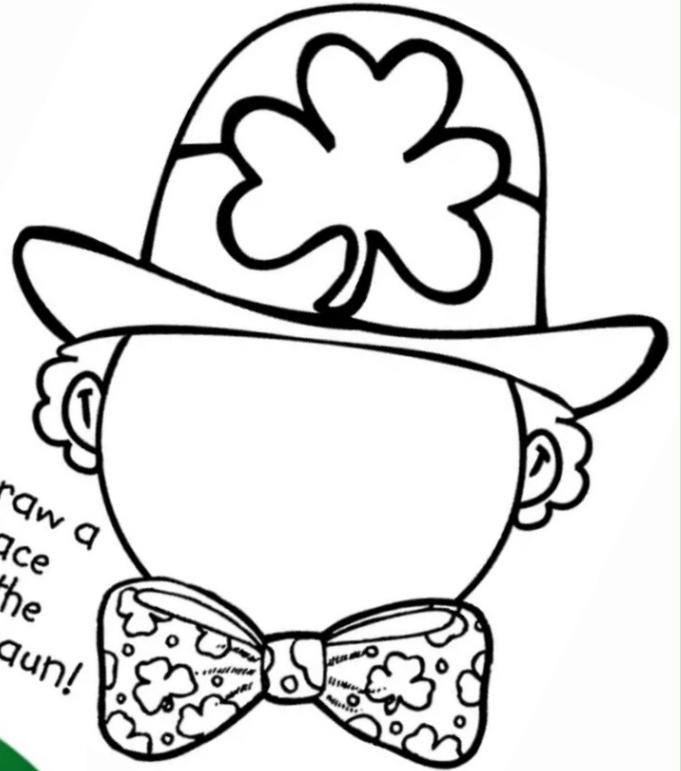
**Give \$100.
Grow 3 trees.**

The Cemetery Committee is excited to announce our tree campaign!! This year we will be planting 130 Colorado Spruce trees around the perimeter of the cemetery.

A donation of \$100 will provide two - 10" and one - 30" tree to be planted at the cemetery. Every donation will be recognized on a donor board to be displayed at the cemetery.

**Donations to be made at the Town of Leader
Administration Office.**

KID'S CORNER



Draw a face on the Leprechaun!

What's your LEPRECHAUN name?



The first letter of your name:

- | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| A - Adorable | H - Helpful | O - Outgoing | V - Vibrant |
| B - Bubbly | I - Itchy | P - Playful | W - Witty |
| C - Cheerful | J - Jolly | Q - Quiet | X - X-tra Special |
| D - Dreamy | K - Kind | R - Restless | Y - Youthful |
| E - Eager | L - Lucky | S - Silly | Z - Zany |
| F - Fussy | M - Musical | T - Timid | |
| G - Grouchy | N - Noisy | U - Useful | |

The month you were born:

- | | | |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Jan. - McCheesy | May - McWiggles | Sept. - McBlarney |
| Feb. - O'Gratin | June - O'Lucky | Oct. - O'Doodles |
| March - McMuffin | July - McNoodles | Nov. - McWobbles |
| April - O'Really | Aug. - O'Wacky | Dec. - O'Goofy |

What do you call a frog that jumped into a pot of gold?

A Leap-rechaun!!



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CLOSED HOLIDAYS & SUNDAYS



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.

Tuesdays	Toddler Time (ages 1.5 to 3) at the Leader Library - 10:30am - 11:00am
Mar 12	Rum Ragged - Presented by Leader & District Arts Council - 7:30pm - Leader Community Hall
Mar 17	Afternoon Book Club - Leader Library - 1:30pm
Mar 17	Kaleidoscope Book Club - Leader Library - 7:00pm
Mar 19	Foodbank Day - To register or for more information please call: 639-932-7446
Mar 23	Soup Day - Leader Friendship Centre (135 - 1 St W) - 11:30am - 1:00pm
Mar 25	Bingo - Leader Friendship Centre (135 - 1 St W) - Doors Open @ 6:15pm, Bingo Starts @ 7:00pm

If you are elderly and love to read. If you are unable to visit Leader Library. Arrangements can be made for books to be delivered to your home. Call 306-628-3830 for more information.