

# Ponoka's Christmas Lights Tour

## Self-guided Christmas Lights Tour map is now available!

The tour map is available on the Town of Ponoka's website [www.ponoka.ca/p/christmas-in-ponoka](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/christmas-in-ponoka). Paper copies can be picked up from the Ponoka Aquaplex, Ponoka Arena Complex and the Town Office at the Ponoka Civic Centre.



## Town of Ponoka Holiday Hours

### Town Office at Ponoka Civic Centre

The Town Office will be closed starting at 1 p.m. on December 23 and all day on December 26, 27 and January 2. The Town Office will be open for regular hours on all other days throughout the holiday season.

### Ponoka Arena Complex

The Ponoka Arena Complex will be closed starting at 1 p.m. on December 23 and all day on December 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and January 1 for routine maintenance and private bookings.

The Arena Complex will be open for:

- Public skating and shinny hockey at various times throughout the week;
- A free family public skate and shinny hockey hosted by McMan Youth, Family and Community Services Association on December 30 from 1 - 3 p.m.; and
- A New Year's Eve free family skate hosted by Ponoka Home Church on December 31 from 7 - 9 p.m.

To view the holiday schedule, please visit the Town's website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/ponoka-arena-complex](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/ponoka-arena-complex). The Outdoor Rink (ODR) will be open for public use throughout the holiday season.

### Ponoka Aquaplex

The Ponoka Aquaplex will be closed starting at 1 p.m. on December 23 and all day on December 25, 26 and January 1. The Ponoka Aquaplex will be open for regular hours throughout the rest of the week. To view the Ponoka Aquaplex holiday schedule, please visit the Town's website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/aquaplex](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/aquaplex).

### Waste Transfer Station

The Waste Transfer Station will be closed starting at 1 p.m. on December 23 and all day on December 25, 26, 27 and January 1 and 2. The facility will be open for winter regular hours (8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday) on all other days.

**Curbside Waste Collection** will continue uninterrupted throughout the holiday season.



## Notice of Increase to the Franchise Fee on Natural Gas Billings

The Town of Ponoka is proposing to increase the natural gas distribution franchise fee which it charges ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. for the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Ponoka and for use of municipal lands for its natural gas lines, effective February 1, 2023.

The franchise fee applies to all customers that receive gas services in Ponoka and is required to be billed as a separate charge on gas billings. The current franchise fee is set at 23 per cent of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. delivery revenues and will increase to 27 per cent effective February 1, 2023.

For an average residential customer using 115 GJs per year, this will result in an annual increase of approximately \$26.43 from the average that would otherwise be paid in 2023. The franchise fee is anticipated to account for approximately \$178.38 of the average annual residential bill in 2023.

### For questions or concerns please contact:

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## ~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Early Bird Animal Licensing Now Available** – Pet owners in Ponoka can take advantage of early bird discounted rates for animal licences until December 31, 2022. Come and renew your animal licence this month to receive the early bird rate. Learn more by visiting the Town's website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/dog-cat-licences](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/dog-cat-licences).
- **It's Time to Renew Your Business Licence** – Businesses in the Town of Ponoka have until December 31 to renew their business licence for the 2023 year. To renew your business licence and to learn more, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/business-licensing](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/business-licensing).
- **Snow and Ice Control Updates** – For regular updates on snow and ice control operations in the Town of Ponoka, please visit [www.ponoka.ca/p/snow-and-ice-control-updates](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/snow-and-ice-control-updates).
- **Please Watch for No Parking Signs** – With snow and ice control operations ongoing throughout the winter, motorists are asked to please watch for 'No Parking' signs and move parked vehicles from roadways where 'No Parking' signage is posted. Moving parked vehicles from roadways allows crews to conduct snow and ice control operations more safely and efficiently. Moving your vehicle is also a requirement under the Town of Ponoka's Traffic Bylaw No. 388-17 and may result in fines and the towing of the vehicle at the owner's expense if needed.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on December 14, 15 and 16 – depending on your Zone.
- **Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on December 21, 22 and 23 – depending on what Zone you live in.

## ~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, January 10 at 6 p.m.**
- **Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES MEETING: Tuesday, January 17 at 6 p.m.**
- The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings. Meetings will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).



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## Town of Ponoka News and Events

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