



Town of Ponoka Holiday Hours

Town Office at Ponoka Civic Centre

The Town Office at the Ponoka Civic Centre will be closed January 2 and open for regular hours on all other days throughout the holiday season.

Ponoka Arena Complex

The Ponoka Arena Complex will be closed on December 28 and January 1 for routine maintenance.

The Arena Complex will be open for:

- Public skating and shinny hockey at various times throughout the holidays;
- 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.

The Outdoor Rink (ODR) will be open for public use throughout the holiday season.

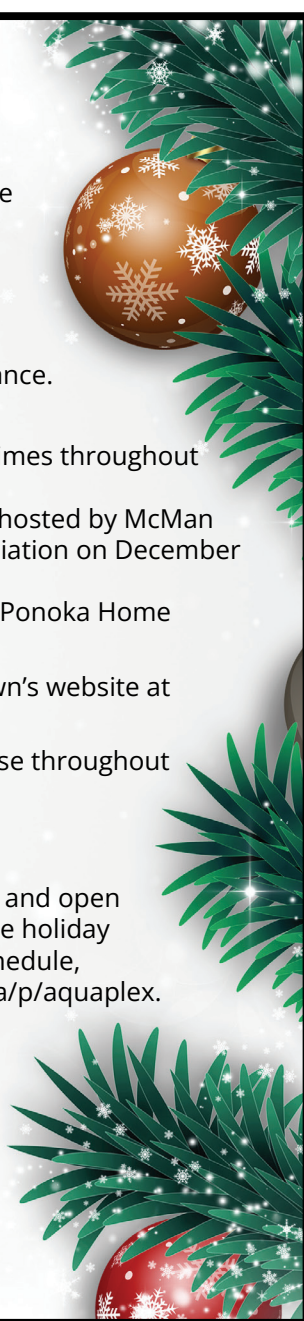
Ponoka Aquaplex

The Ponoka Aquaplex will be closed on January 1 and open for regular hours on all other days throughout the holiday season. To view the Ponoka Aquaplex holiday schedule, please visit the Town's website at www.ponoka.ca/p/aquaplex.

Waste Transfer Station

The Waste Transfer Station will be closed on January 1 and 2. The facility will be open for regular winter 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.



Early Bird Animal Licensing Rates

Ends this Friday,
December 30



Citizens can access the early bird rate by renewing their animal licences for the 2023 year by Friday, December 30, 2022. The early bird rate also applies to:

- New Ponoka residents who move to town and own a dog and/or cat; and
- Residents who become first-time animal owners of a dog and/or cat.

The early bird rates are \$15 annually for spayed or neutered animals or \$30 for unaltered animals. Documented proof of spay or neuter is required to qualify for the discounted altered animal rate.

If you have provided proof of spay/neuter (such as an official letter from your veterinarian or a receipt from the procedure) last year, the Town of Ponoka will have this record on file. The Town of Ponoka keeps proof of spay/neuter for the lifetime of the animal.

Why should I license my pet?

- All dogs and cats six months of age and older must be licensed annually in the Town of Ponoka, as per the Town's Animal Control Bylaw #424-19.
- An animal licence is your pet's ticket home and helps ensure they can more easily be returned home safely by the Town's animal control contractor, Old MacDonald Kennels.
- Licensing also saves pet owners added cost if your animal accidentally escapes your property, which can result in a fine for failing to license your cat or dog. Animal licence fees help offset the cost of the animal control contractor services provided by the Town of Ponoka.

For more information, please visit the Town of Ponoka's website at www.ponoka.ca/p/dog-cat-licences.

~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **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.
- **Registration Open for Winter Ponoka Aquaplex Programming** – Registration is open for winter swimming lessons and advanced programming, such as Babysitting and Stay Safe courses at the Ponoka Aquaplex. Learn more by visiting the Town of Ponoka website at <https://www.ponoka.ca/p/aquaplex>
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on December 28, 29 and 30 – depending on your Zone.
- **Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on January 4, 5 and 6 – depending on what Zone you live in.
- **Missed Pickups** – If your curbside recycling, compost (green cart) or waste (grey cart) was not picked up on your designated collection day, please contact E360S dispatch at 403-341-9300 or by email at rddispatch@e360s.ca. For more information on the curbside waste collection program, please visit the Town website at www.ponoka.ca/p/waste-management or call the Town office at 403-783-4431.

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

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

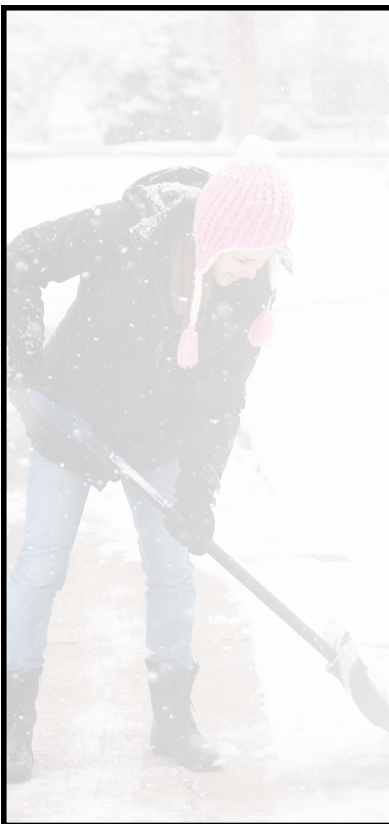
Please Help Keep Our Community Safe this Holiday Season

By helping keep sidewalks that border your property clear of snow and ice, you are protecting the safety and well-being of your fellow citizens in Ponoka.

Clearing sidewalks that border your property within 48 hours after the snow or ice has been deposited is a requirement under the Town of Ponoka Community Standards Bylaw #384-17 and can result in fines for non-compliance.

When shovelling, residents are asked to please only deposit snow and ice onto your own property – not the roadway or someone else's property.

This is also a requirement under the Bylaw. Shovelling snow onto your own property is also good for your grass when the snow melts in the spring.



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