

# Municipal Newsletter

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## Council Meeting Schedule

Council Meeting Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Municipal Office @ 6:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole Meeting Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Municipal Office @ 5:00 p.m.

Agendas are posted on the website <a href="https://www.redlake.ca">www.redlake.ca</a> after 4:00 p.m. one business day preceding the regularly scheduled meeting.

### Board/Committee Meeting Schedule

Police Services Board
Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023
OPP Detachment at 3:00 p.m.

Heritage Centre Board
Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023
Heritage Centre at 6:00 p.m.

Public Library Board Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>,, 2023 Red Lake Library at 6:00 p.m.

Committee of Adjustment & Planning Advisory Committee
Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023
Municipal Office at 5:15 p.m.

Red Lake/Ear Falls Joint Community Safety & Well-Being Committee Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 TBD at 2:00 p.m.

All meetings are open to the Public



**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT -** We, the Municipality of Red Lake acknowledge that our foundation and the spaces in which we live and maintain are on the lands of the Anishinaapek of Red Lake; the traditional lands of Lac Seul and Wabauskang First Nations, and Treaty 3 territory. As we are all Treaty people, we will continue to cherish the reciprocity of all our relationships on these sacred Lands and Waters.

## Changes to Recycling Program

The Ontario Government passed the Blue Box Regulation, costs for recycling wherein all programs are borne on the (Previously these costs producer. split evenly between were Municipalities and the producer). To that end, effective October 1, 2023, the Municipality of Red Lake's Recycling Program will be managed by Circular Materials. There will be no costs to residents and no change to the way recyclables are accepted.

For more detailed information, refer to the FAQ on the back of this Newsletter.



## No Parking By-Law in effect November 1st

Effective November 1<sup>st</sup> until April 30<sup>th</sup> there is no parking on any street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m. within the Municipality of Red Lake (Cochenour Townsite is exempt).

Now is a good time to start cleaning properties in preparation for snow removal – this includes ALL Municipally owned roads and laneways. Campers, trailers, snowmachines, boats, basketball nets, etc. on roadways and laneways interfere with snow removal. Please remove these items from roads and lanes as soon as possible. We thank you for your cooperation.

## User Fees and Charges By-Law

NOTICE is hereby given of Council's intention to amend the User Fees and Charges By-Law as it relates to Digital Sign Rental Fees at its Regular Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

A copy of the proposed amended fees and charges is available for inspection in the Office of the Clerk, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the municipal website at <a href="https://www.redlake.ca">www.redlake.ca</a> after 3:00 pm on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **Proclamation**

As Mayor of the Municipality of Red Lake I hereby proclaim

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

as

"Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day"

in the Municipality of Red Lake

Fred Mota

## **Proclamation**

As Mayor of the Municipality of Red Lake I hereby proclaim

October, 2023

as

"Seniors Month"

in the Municipality of Red Lake

Fred Mota

## **Proclamation**

As Mayor of the Municipality of Red Lake I hereby proclaim

October 15th, 2023

as

"Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day"

in the Municipality of Red Lake

Fred Mota



## **Red Lake Age-Friendly News**

Promoting healthy aging for current and future seniors living in Red Lake

## Are you 55 + and would like to:

- Access information about programs and services available to you?
- Participate in social, cultural, and recreational activities for older adults?
- Increase your skills with social media and using your cellphone and other devices?
- Volunteer to support community programs or causes that matter to you?

If so, join us on Tuesday, October 17, at the Red Lake Adult Learning Centre (232 Howey Street, corner of Hammel and Howey) from 10:30 to 1 p.m., for an introductory information session on the Municipality's Age-Friendly initiative. Coffee and tea and a light lunch will be provided at no cost. Please contact Michèle Alderton, Project Coordinator, at michele.alderton@redlake.ca (cell 807-728-3392) by Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., to let us know if you will be attending, so we can prepare the appropriate amount of food. Contact Michèle as well if you would like to attend the event but don't have access to transportation. We may be able to help.

The meeting will take place in the basement of the building. A stair lift is available for those with mobility restrictions.

The **Red Lake Age-Friendly Group** is now on Facebook. Join our page to stay informed on topics of interest to older adults.

The Age-Friendly program is an initiative of the Municipality of Red Lake, funded by New Horizons for Seniors Program.

### Call for Committee Members

The Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake is looking for individuals to serve on the following Committees:

- Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre Board (1 Member)
- Red Lake Public Library Board (1 Member)

Appointment is for the remainder of the term ending November 14, 2026. For information regarding the Committee's Mandate please refer to the Municipal website at <a href="https://www.redlake.ca">www.redlake.ca</a> under 'Boards & Committees'.

Application forms and mandates are available on our website at www.redlake.ca.

## Fire Prevention Week – October 8th – 14th, 2023



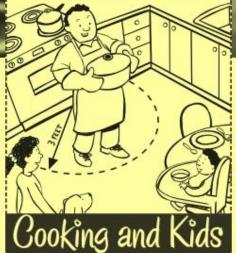
- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

## If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

## If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

### **FACTS**

- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.





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### Ontario's Blue Box Transition

### **Questions & Answers**

### What's happening to Ontario's Blue Box Program?

In 2021, the Ontario government passed a new regulation that shifts the financial and operational responsibility of blue box recycling programs to producers – those that produce and supply blue box materials to residents. In this new extended producer responsibility framework, producers will become fully responsible for collecting and recycling blue box materials.

Transition to extended producer responsibility will take place between 2023 – 2025, with the new framework fully in place by January 1, 2026. As a result, The Municipality of Red Lake's blue box recycling program is now managed by Circular Materials, who is the administrator of the common collection system and a not-for-profit organization that is committed to building an efficient and effective recycling system in Ontario.

### What can I expect when Circular Materials manages my recycling program?

There will be no change to how you currently recycle your materials or to your recycling collection schedule. More information on recycling in Red Lake can be found at <a href="https://www.circularmaterials.ca/red-lake">www.circularmaterials.ca/red-lake</a>.

### When will Circular Materials be managing my recycling program?

Circular Materials began managing The Municipality of Red Lake's blue box program as of October 1, 2023 with Chukuni Sanitation continuing to be the contractor responsible for collection.

### Who do I contact for recycling collection questions and inquiries now?

Please contact Chukuni Sanitation for recycling collection questions: <a href="mailto:chris@chukuniclean.com">chris@chukuniclean.com</a>.

### Why is the program changing?

Historically, Ontario's blue box programs were operated by municipalities who were responsible for paying about half of the costs of the program, with producers responsible for the other half. Now, under the Blue Box Regulation, Ontario is transitioning to a new model where producers – the organizations that produce the products and packaging – are 100% responsible for operating and funding the program.

#### **How does Circular Materials Ontario fit into this?**

Circular Materials is the administrator of the common collection system and a not-for-profit organization that is committed to building an efficient and effective recycling system in Ontario. The Municipality of Red Lake is collaborating with Circular Materials to deliver a best-in-class system that continues to deliver recycling services and support our residents.

During the transition period, there will be no change to how and what residents can recycle. Following transition, Ontario can expect to have a convenient, consistent, and effective recycling system in place that will improve recycling rates and meet the needs of Ontarians. Learn more about Circular Materials at <a href="https://www.circularmaterials.ca/ON">www.circularmaterials.ca/ON</a>.

### What does extended producer responsibility (EPR) mean?

EPR is a framework in which producers – the businesses that supply paper and packaging to residents – are responsible for managing the end-of-life management of these materials. EPR enables innovation, operational efficiencies, increased standard levels, and access to materials. It is recognized as one of the most effective mechanisms to improve recycling rates.

#### What advantages are associated with this new system?

EPR is recognized as one of the most effective mechanisms to improve recycling rates and advance a circular economy where materials are collected, recycled, and returned to producers for use as recycled content in new products and packaging.