

## Secondary Suites

Until July 10 2025, the Town of Olds will make it easier for homeowners to legalize their existing secondary suites. During this period, a simplified application process and reduced fees will be in effect to encourage registration. After July 10 2025, more robust enforcement measures, including fines and legal actions, shall be implemented.

The specific incentives that have been put in place are:

- Waiving of development fees for existing secondary suites.
- Relaxation of parking requirements for existing secondary suites.
- Relaxation of square footage requirements for existing secondary suites.
- Accelerated application process.

Visit the website to learn more and view the FAQ.

[www.olds.ca/planning-development/secondary-suites](http://www.olds.ca/planning-development/secondary-suites)

## Animal Licence Due Date

Animal licences are due by February 29. Starting March 1 there is a \$15 late payment fee. Please renew to keep your animal safe and compliant. You can easily pay for your animal licence through online banking. Simply set "Town of Olds AR" as the payee and use your customer ID as the account number.

[www.olds.ca/animal-services](http://www.olds.ca/animal-services)

## Utility Rate Changes

Effective January 1, 2024

### Water Rates:

Up by \$0.08 per cubic meter, from \$3.10/m<sup>3</sup> to \$3.18/m<sup>3</sup> for all customers.

### Wastewater Rates (Residential):

Up by \$0.05 per cubic meter, from \$4.72/m<sup>3</sup> to \$4.77/m<sup>3</sup>.

### Wastewater Rates (Non-Residential):

Up by \$0.05 per cubic meter, from \$5.18/m<sup>3</sup> to \$5.23/m<sup>3</sup>.

### Solid Waste (Residential):

Up by \$0.70 per month, from \$24.30/month to \$25/month.

These adjustments will be reflected in bills for services from January 1 to 31, 2024, mailed by February 10, 2024.

## Monthly Tax Payment Plan for Property Taxes

January is a great time to sign up for the Monthly Tax Payment Plan (MTPP).

Enjoy the convenience of spreading your payments evenly from January to December, steering away from a lump sum payment in June.

Contact [taxation@olds.ca](mailto:taxation@olds.ca) or visit our website:

[www.olds.ca/paying-your-taxes](http://www.olds.ca/paying-your-taxes)  
[taxation@olds.ca](mailto:taxation@olds.ca)

## Mid-Winter Green Bin Pick Up: January 2024

Mid-winter green bin (compost) pick up will be provided for all residents to support waste collection efforts.

January 22-26 (weather permitting)

For more information visit our website:

[www.olds.ca/wastecollection](http://www.olds.ca/wastecollection)

## Town of Olds Citizens Committee on Council Compensation

The Town of Olds is seeking (minimum of three to a maximum of five) citizen volunteers to form an Ad Hoc Committee to make recommendations on the Town of Olds Council Compensation and Benefits Policy for the elected term October 2025 to October 2029.

Appointments to the Committee will be made at a Regular Council Meeting. Once appointed, the Committee has 90 days with which to review the current policy on council compensation and present their recommendations at a subsequent regular Council meeting.

The Town of Olds process and guiding policies include: *Remuneration and Benefits and Recruit Public At Large Volunteers.*

Questions can be directed to the Legislative Clerk at 403-507-4801. If you are interested in this community opportunity, send your expression of interest to:

Town of Olds  
4512 46 Street,  
Olds, Alberta, T4H 1R5  
Or by email to: [legislative@olds.ca](mailto:legislative@olds.ca)

[www.olds.ca/abcc](http://www.olds.ca/abcc)

## COMPLETE YOUR BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWAL ONLINE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

Business owners who submit their completed Business Licence Renewal / Update Form online by February 29, 2024, will be entered into a draw to have their 2024 Business Licence Fee waived. (Value up to \$225.00)

Please visit our website by using the QR Code below or visit <https://www.olds.ca/business-license-update-renewal-form> and fill out the **NEW Business licence Update / Renewal Form.**



## Water Conservation: A Community Commitment

During summer 2023, several water basins in our province reached critical drought conditions due to low rainfall and high temperatures. The Government of Alberta is monitoring the situation through a network of water and snowpack monitoring stations, and, is preparing for a similar or worse drought in 2024.

Alberta's government is working closely with communities like Olds to support conservation and water management and prepare future water shortages.

The Town of Olds is anticipating direction from the provincial government and will support these water conservation efforts for our community and for those downstream from us! We will keep our residents informed and updated as we learn more.

Please visit our website to learn more about this provincial government initiative:

[www.olds.ca/water-wastewater](http://www.olds.ca/water-wastewater)