

Early Bird Animal Licensing Rates Available for Town of Ponoka Residents

Residents can now access the early bird rate by renewing their animal licences between October 1 and December 31, 2024 for the 2025 year. Residents who purchase pet licences during this period will receive a free pet waste bag dispenser with a roll of bags, while supplies last.

The early bird rate also applies year-round to:

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

Why should I license my pet?

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, who would have an up-to-date record of how to contact the pet's owners.

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.

All cats and dogs six months of age and older in Ponoka must be licensed annually under the Town's Animal Control Bylaw #424-19.

For more information, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [Ponoka.ca/p/dog-cat-licences](https://ponoka.ca/p/dog-cat-licences)



Join the Ponoka Community Enhancement Committee

The Town of Ponoka is inviting applications for the Community Enhancement Committee, an Advisory Committee to Ponoka Town Council:

The Committee's mandate includes:

- Strengthening and increasing recreational opportunities for Ponoka residents;
- Being a liaison and advising Council on matters related to the use of services, facilities, programs and special events;
- Receiving and reviewing capital requests for new and existing recreational facilities;
- Considering and recommending initiatives that support the Town's growth and economic health; and
- Considering ideas that enhance and redevelop downtown Ponoka while maintaining its historical significance.

For more information and to apply, please visit the Town website at [Ponoka.ca/p/council-appointed-boards-committees](https://ponoka.ca/p/council-appointed-boards-committees). Paper copies of the application form and related Bylaws are available at the Ponoka Town Office at 200, 5604 – 50 Street.

Committee members are required to follow the Town Council Appointed Boards and Committees Code of Conduct Policy. A copy of the policy and Code of Conduct are available on the Town's website and at the Town Office.

Deadline to apply is October 23, 2024.

Please submit completed application forms to the Ponoka Town Office at the above address or by email to: legislativeservices@ponoka.ca



~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Public Skating and Shiny Hockey on Now at the Ponoka Arena Complex** – To view the ice season programming schedule, please visit [Ponoka.ca/p/ice-season-programming](https://ponoka.ca/p/ice-season-programming)
- **Waste Transfer Station Switches to Winter Hours** – On Friday, November 1, the Waste Transfer Station will change to winter hours, which are Tuesday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please note that all items brought to the Waste Transfer Station for disposal at the regional landfill must be less than 8 feet long.
- **Green Carts Switch to Winter Pick-Up Schedule** – Green Carts for compostable yard and kitchen waste will continue to be emptied weekly for the month of October. Starting Friday, November 1, curbside pick-up of Green Cart compost waste will happen every second week until April 30, 2025.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 16, 17 and 18 – depending on your Zone.
- **Green Carts and Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up October 23, 24 and 25 – depending on your Zone.
- **Missed Pickups** – If your curbside recycling, green cart or grey cart was not picked up on your 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 [Ponoka.ca/p/waste-management](https://ponoka.ca/p/waste-management) or call the Town Office at 403-783-4431.
- **Recently Issued Development Permits** – To view a list of the most recent development permits, please visit the Town's website at [Ponoka.ca/p/development-permits-and-decisions-issued](https://ponoka.ca/p/development-permits-and-decisions-issued).

Halloween Pool Party

Tuesday, October 29, 7 - 9 p.m.
At the Ponoka Aquaplex (5315 46 Avenue)
Cost: \$2

Join us for a spooktacular night of music, fun games, and plenty of Halloween-themed excitement!



~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, October 22 at 6 p.m.**
- **Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, November 19 at 6 p.m.**
- **2025 Budget Deliberation Dates: October 29 and 30 starting at 9 a.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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