

Enjoy Skating and Tobogganing in Ponoka on Family Day

Family Day is a great opportunity to get outside with your family and enjoy all that Ponoka has to offer!

Outdoor Skating

There are a growing number of outdoor skating opportunities in Ponoka this winter! The Downtown Skating Plaza, Centennial Park Ice Skating Trail and Outdoor Rink (ODR) at the Ponoka Arena Complex all have ice surfaces for citizens to enjoy.

Town staff have set up hockey nets at the ODR for citizens to play shinny. The Downtown Skating Plaza and Ice Skating Trail are for public skating only.

The Downtown Skating Plaza features straw bales and picnic tables for seating, and fire pits on designated days for warming your hands. Fire pits will be lit from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. on Fridays and on Family Day. The fire pits at the Skating Plaza are to be lit and operated by Town staff only.

For more information about ice skating facilities in Ponoka, including COVID-19 restrictions, please visit www.ponoka.ca.

Other Outdoor Recreation in Ponoka

Ponoka offers a number of other outdoor recreation opportunities that can be enjoyed on Family Day and all winter long, including:

- Trail system in the Battle River Valley;
- Walking paths throughout the Town's park system; and
- Tobogganing at the Tom Hamilton Memorial Hill.

Cross country skiing will also be available at the Ponoka Golf course when there is enough snow to set the trails. The cross country skiing trails have not been made yet, as a minimum 15 centimeters of snow is needed to protect the grass from damage.



~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Thank You for Helping Keep Sidewalks Clear of Ice and Snow** – The Town would like to thank Ponoka residents who have been working hard to help keep sidewalks that border their property clear of snow and ice this winter. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, more people are getting exercise by going for walks in neighbourhoods around Ponoka. By keeping the sidewalks that border your property clear of snow and ice, you are helping to protect the safety and well-being of your neighbours and fellow citizens in Ponoka. When shovelling, residents are asked to please avoid depositing snow and ice onto the roadway and properties other than your own. Shovelling snow onto your own property is not only good for your grass when it melts in the spring, it is also a requirement under the Town of Ponoka Community Standards Bylaw #387-17. Keeping sidewalks that border your property clear of snow and ice is also a requirement under the Bylaw and can result in warnings and fines when necessary. Thank you again for your continuing efforts in protecting the safety of others in our community by keeping sidewalks safe for pedestrians.
- **Incentive for Major Home Renovations** – Ponoka homeowners who complete major renovations in 2021 that increase their property's total assessment value by at least 20 per cent can receive a reduction on their municipal taxes for the first three years after the renovations are completed. For full details, please visit www.ponoka.ca, and click the link under 'New Resident Attraction and Incentive Program' on the home page.
- **Tax Incentives for New Builds on Commercial Land** – The Commercial New Build Incentive offers business owners a tax break for the first three years after building a new property on commercially zoned land in Ponoka. For full details, please visit www.ponoka.ca, and click the link under 'New Business Grant & Commercial New Build Incentive' on the home page.
- **Brief Power Outages Possible** – The Town of Ponoka Electrical Services Department will be doing routine electrical maintenance in residential areas of Ponoka where there are overhead lines. There may be a need for a brief 30-minute power outage while the maintenance is being completed. The maintenance work will happen between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays, pending weather conditions. The work is expected to be completed by the end of February.
- **Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up Feb. 3, 4 and 5 – depending on what Zone you live in.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on Feb. 10, 11 and 12 – depending on your Zone.

File an Online Service Request

Do you have a question or service request for the Town of Ponoka? Use our new Online Customer Service Request Program. It's fast & easy! Service requests can include:



- Bylaw enforcement requests (including slippery or snow-covered sidewalks that may require attention);
- Reporting slippery intersections or alleyways that may require attention;
- Questions about curbside waste collection or reporting missed pickups; and
- Any other questions or concerns residents may wish to report.

Go to www.ponoka.ca to fill out the online form. Just click the link under 'Online Service Request' on the homepage. You will receive notification once action on our request begins and once it's completed. Or you can phone the Town Office at 403-783-4431 where staff can help fill out the form for you. Questions? Please call 403-783-4431.

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 @ 6 p.m.**
- **Next COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 @ 6 p.m.**
- **The public is welcome to observe all Council and Committee of the Whole meetings electronically due to COVID-19. Please register first** by no later than 12 noon on the day of the meeting by phoning 403-783-4431 during office hours Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You will be provided with details on how to observe the meeting by telephone or an online audio link.
- **Public Forum:** If you would like to address Council via telephone during the Public Forum portion of the meeting, please register by no later than 12 noon on the day of the meeting by phoning 403-783-4431.



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