

# February Newsletter

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## Water Rate Increase and Billing Change

As residents were advised last year, effective January 1, 2014, your water and sewer rates changed. The rate will now be \$50.00 per month and the changes will start on this billing.

## History Book

The **Canwood and District History Book Committee** plans to publish an updated history book of the **Canwood and District Community** from the time of the earliest settlers to the present and we would like to ask you to help us do this. We would like to unveil the history book at the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration in August of 2016. For more information regarding this, please contact:

Barb Benson – (306) 468-2797

Shelley Andersen – (306) 468-2051

Donna Wyatt – (306) 468-2830

The Brochure that was mailed out is also available on the Village Website – [canwood.ca](http://canwood.ca).



## CAFT Pre-Authorized Payments

Worried about forgetting to pay your water bill? Want to set up paying your taxes in monthly installments? The Village of Canwood is now able to offer pre-authorized payments for utility bills and taxes!

If you are interested in this, please come see Lisa at the Village Office and bring a void cheque.

## Annual Notice to Consumers – Water Quality Report

Please be advised that the Drinking Water Quality and Compliance Report for 2013 is now available for your viewing at the Canwood Village Office during regular office hours or on the website – [canwood.ca](http://canwood.ca). Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Village & RM of Canwood 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Please be advised that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the RM Council Chambers. Everyone is Welcome!

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## Flood Bulletin 2014

The Provincial Government has stated that they expect the risk of flood for this area to be above normal again this year due to the amount of snowfall we have had.

As we all learnt in prior years, and by the never ending (it seems) snowfall, it is never too early to be prepared. By preparing for possible flooding this spring, you can reduce the potential for property damage and loss – and increase the safety of you and your family.

Some simple precautions you can take to protect your property and belongings from spring melt are:

- Clear additional snow from rooftops
- Remove snow from around the foundation of your home to at least 2 meters
- Install the drainage for downspouts a sufficient distance from the building
- Remove all debris from gutters and drains
- Ensure there is proper drainage away from your property
- Install a sump pump and zero reverse flow valves
- Use weather protection sealant on basement windows and ground level doors
- If needed, build a berm around your property
- Store important documents and valuables away from the basement.

Also, a reminder to residents, if you clear snow from your property, it CANNOT be placed on Municipal Property or your neighbor's property without permission. If you require a place to haul snow to, please contact Dean at (306) 468-7666 and he can advise you on the snow dump location. **Any residents that pile snow on Municipal Property without permission will be charged the cost of hauling that snow away.**

## Emergency Management

### How does it work?

Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility. While governments at all levels are working hard to keep Canada safe, individual Canadians also have an important role to play in preparing for emergencies. Emergency preparedness experts consistently say that by taking a few simple steps, such as knowing the risks specific to your community, making a plan to help you and your family know what to do, and getting an emergency kit that includes some basic supplies to be self-sufficient for at least **72 hours** in an emergency, you are taking a responsible and necessary step to protect yourself and your family from all types of emergencies.

Emergency management in Canada is a shared responsibility. That means everyone has an important role to play, including individuals, communities, governments, the private sector and volunteer organizations.

Basic emergency preparedness starts with each individual. If an individual cannot cope, emergency first responders such as police, fire and ambulance services will provide help. If the municipality needs additional assistance or resources, they can call on provincial/territorial emergency management organizations, who can in turn seek assistance from the federal government if the emergency escalates beyond their resource capabilities. Depending on the situation, federal assistance could include policing, national defense and border security, and environmental and health protection.





