





# **December 2023 Newsletter**

Carbon Tax Rates for Natural Gas: April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024 - Carbon Tax rate is \$ 3.327/GJ Effective April 1, 2024, Carbon Tax rates will increase to \$ 4.095/GJ

## All of us from G.L.D.C. Gas would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New year

### Community Sponsorship

2023 was a busy year supporting local events & charities. We look forward to supporting our community in 2024.

#### Latest sponsorships for 2023

- G.L.D.C. Gas sponsored the Rimbey Hospital Legacy Committee in support of their 2nd annual Oktoberfest on October 14.
- G.L.D.C. Gas signed up as a participant in the 2023 annual Rimbey Elementary School Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser on September 21. See you all again next year.

### Children's Hospitals Sponsorship

The Federation of Alberta, along with its Utilities & Partners, support the Stollery Hospital in Edmonton and Alberta Childrens Hospital in Calgary. Both hospitals are critical to Alberta's rural communities. G.L.D.C. Gas Co-op, along with neighboring Co-ops, had a chance to tour the Stollery and see firsthand, the hard work and dedication of staff to ensure the kids have the help and resources they require.



### Annual Achievement Award

The Federation of Alberta Gas Coop's, annually recognizes deserving students of Members across rural Alberta in academic achievements entering into postsecondary education. Four \$1,000 awards are handed out annually to youth of gas utility members within the Federation, as well as youth of landowners who are serviced by Member Utility Towns, Villages, Counties or First Nations. G.L.D.C. Gas Co-op is proud to announce that Grace Houston (daughter of Tyler and Juli Houston) was selected for this year's \$1,000 achievement award. Congratulations Grace on your

future academíc studíes.



We hope to see more applicants in 2024. We will continue to reach out to local schools, post the application process on our company Facebook page, company website, and list it in our quarterly newsletter. Deadlines for submissions are October 1 of each year.

### **Christmas Hours**

Our office will be CLOSED for business on Monday, December 25, 2023 Tuesday, December 26, 2023 And Monday, January 1, 2024

We will be **OPEN** for business:

8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday December 27<sup>th</sup> Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup> Friday December 29<sup>th</sup>

We will resume regular hours on Tuesday, January 2, 2024

In case of an emergency, please contact our 24-hour emergency number (403) 843-1050. Merry Christmas



### Winter Preparedness

With winter upon us, Members should ensure all natural gas appliances are in good working order. Ensure all gas appliances, furnaces and gas fireplaces have had regular maintenance and cleaned. Do not block your furnace, air vents or registers; ensure new furnace air filters are installed. Carbon monoxide detectors should be tested and installed on all levels of your home. Some Highlights of 2023 💥

2023 has been the biggest construction season we have seen in over 30 years. The construction crew installed over 40 km of pipe including loop replacement and leak repair. In order to keep up with the volume demand, G.L.D.C. Gas is continuously working on replacing <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>", 1" and 1-1/2" diameter pipe with 2" pipe or larger, to service our members more effectively. The average load requirements from consumers for natural gas is significantly larger than compared to 15 years ago. We continuously see an influx of people moving into the franchise area building on our infrastructure with larger homes, increased supply of heat to outbuildings and the addition of multiple homes on properties. In order to keep up with this supply and demand, we have to grow and upgrade our current systems.

In 2023, we serviced 32 new infills requiring gas to fuel their homes as well as local residences switching over from propane to natural gas.

- In 2023, we completed over 1500 locates and 104 meter recalls.
- Worked on Underground Leak Detection in subdivisions.

Need gas hook-up in 2024? Sign up early to avoid any delays or potential cost increases due to inflation.

