



**VILLAGE OF VILNA  
NEWSLETTER  
January, 2018**

**COUNCIL NOTES**

2017 ended with a broken water main in -38C weather. Thank you everyone, for your patience. And a special thank you to Ken Danyluk, his crew and Vilna public works staff for working in the frigid weather and on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Let's hope that's it for the winter.

In November, Council passed final reading of a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw, changing the zoning from R1 to R2 on a property located on the north side of the alley north of 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue at 48<sup>th</sup> street. This will allow the owner to put a manufactured home on the property.

Administration is always working on the collection of outstanding taxes. At the end of 2017 we are still showing \$109,314.29 in uncollected taxes. It's difficult to operate a municipality when 1/3 of the anticipated annual tax income is outstanding.

*If you're struggling to make your tax payment, please call the office and work out a tax payment program. We'll do everything we can to help.*

**TAX SALE January 17, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.**

Notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Village of Vilna will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Village Administration Office at 5135 – 50 Street, Vilna, Alberta, on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. the following lands:

**LINC Number Lot Block Plan**

- LINC 0015792956 1 7 1999HW
- LINC 0016241838 2 2 6356HW
- LINC 0016241820 1 2 6356HW
- LINC 0013701768 12 7 6808MC

Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

These properties are being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and the Village of Vilna makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the

adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the ability to develop the subject land for any intended use by the successful bidder.

No further information is available at the auction regarding the lands to be sold. No bid will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms or conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by the Village of Vilna.

Terms: Cash, Bank Draft, or Certified Cheque, with a minimum 25% deposit at the time of sale and the balance within 10 days of the date of public auction. Bidders or their agents must be present at the public auction.

The Village of Vilna may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the auction.

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

This list is subject to deletions.

Dated at Vilna, Alberta on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

Loni Leslie, *Chief Administrative Officer.*

**Water Rate Increase**

As you know, we no longer treat our own water - we are a member of, and purchase water from, the Highway 28/63 Water Commission. The water is treated at and piped from Edmonton. This virtually eliminated the cost of treatment.

Effective January 1, 2018 we received an increase from the Commission (as they received an increase) in our purchase rate of **13 cents per cubic meter** and this will show on the February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 utility bill. Water will be billed to users at \$3.538 per cubic meter (currently 3.408).

In 2017 St. Paul County entered into a contract with the Water Commission to purchase water for some of its small communities. This was added at no cost to existing commission members. This means there is no cost to you.

In 2018 the Commission is negotiating to add an extension to Mallaig and a twin line to Whitefish Lake First Nation. These extensions will be at no cost to existing commission members.

**Alberta Carbon Levy**

Type of Fuel	Jan 1, 2017	Jan 1, 2018	Increase
Diesel	5.35 c/litre	8.03 c/litre	<b>2.68 c/litre</b>
Gasoline	4.49 c/litre	6.73 c/litre	<b>2.24 c/litre</b>
Natural Gas	\$1.011/GJ	\$1.517/GJ	<b>\$0.51/GJ</b>
Propane	3.08 c/litre	4.62 c/litre	<b>1.54 c/litre</b>
Farm Diesel	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt

**AROUND THE VILLAGE**

- ✓ *It's time to renew your BUSINESS LICENSE*
- ✓ *It's time to renew your DOG LICENSES*
- ✓ *The Village does not have a Cat Bylaw but 4 cats maximum are allowed under S. 8.11 - Bylaw 446-06.*
- ✓ *Snow removal – the grader is out of commission.*
- ✓ *The garbage truck requires repairs to its hydraulics.*
- ✓ *It is crucial that you call in your meter reading monthly to 780-636-3620. Then, you only pay for the water you use and not an inflated estimate.*

**The Ag Society - PUBLIC SKATING WILL BEGIN  
SAT. JAN. 20/18 FROM 2:00-5:00PM AT THE ARENA. ICE  
CONDITIONS ARE DEPENDENT ON THE WEATHER.**



**VILNA LIBRARY - 780-636-2077**

The Library opens Tuesday & Thursday 3:30-7:30pm & Saturday 12 – 4:00pm. Internet and computer use is available

**A New Horizons Seniors Project at the  
Vilna & District Municipal Library**

**MUGSHOTS**

Lots of Fun and Freebies!!  
Free Seniors Photography Course.  
Taking Registrations Now!!

- ❖ How to take a photo with your smartphone, point & shoot camera, iPad or tablet.
- ❖ How to save photos to USB or SD devices and print.
- ❖ How to share photos on social media with family & friends

**Mugshots Classes on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

**SHARPEN UP THURSDAYS**

This time is available for seniors of our community to come and practice the skills they have learned over the past workshops held at the library. Someone will be available to help.

**Sharpen Up Thursday Classes start on January 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

Call the library at 780-636-2077 to register – Free to Seniors  
Leave a message stating your time preference and Julie will call you back to confirm.

*NON-SENIORS CAN ATTEND- \$60.00- 6 weeks*

**UPCOMINGEVENTS**

- ❖ Council Meeting January 15, 2018 - 7pm
- ❖ Public Skating Saturdays starting Jan. 20/18 at the Vilna Arena
- ❖ Fireman's Ball - February 10, 2018
- ❖ Community Supper – February 17, 2018
- ❖ Family Day – February 19, 2018

**Senior's Recreation Centre – Various  
Activities all year round.**

**New in Town?**

**Garbage and Recycle** (cardboard, metals, compost (separated)) pickup is on **Wednesdays** - Items for pickup should be out for 9am.

**If you have a dog**, you require a license (\$10/year per dog at the Village office).

**If you have or are starting a business** you require a business license – \$10 at the Village office.

**PLEASE** maintain your yard (summer) and sidewalks (winter)

**Vilna Transfer Station (dump)** is west about a mile on the north village boundary road #594. It accepts household garbage, cardboard, garden waste, trees/trimmings, unpainted untreated wood, some

*household hazardous waste containers, batteries, tires etc.  
NO Building materials are permitted.*

**New Staff** - A big welcome to Dale, our new Public Works staffer!! We had a few applicants answer our ad, and some great candidates. Thanks all who applied!! Out of 90 points, only 3.5 points separated the top two contenders.

Please realize that it will take some time to get Public Works settled in to a new routine. So far, the two staff are a great team and working well. We look forward to cleaning up the long list of things to accomplish over the next months.

Please do not distract the workers while they are doing their jobs. If you wish to have something done, call the office and request a work order. Thanks!!

**The new public works phone #  
(after hours/emergency) is 780-521-7124.**

**If you ever have questions about  
Village operations - Please feel free to  
call the Village office ☺**

**Village Office:**

Phone: 780-636-3620, Fax: 780-636-3022  
email: [vilna@mcsnet.ca](mailto:vilna@mcsnet.ca) webpage: [vilna.ca](http://vilna.ca)  
Address: Box 10, Vilna AB T0A 3L0  
OR  
5135 – 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Doors are open Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-4pm

**Want to get something into the  
Newsletter? Give the office a call or  
send an email with the information and  
we will do our best to get the word out.  
Next newsletter – March 2018**

*Success is not final. Failure is not  
fatal. It is the courage to continue  
that counts. -Unknown.*

