



**VILLAGE OF VILNA**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
*March, 2018*

**COUNCIL NOTES**

The 2018 Council meetings have been highlighted by summaries of the previous year as well as proposals for the coming year.

- **The Northern Lights Library System** has indicated that they will not be asking for an increase in their requisition.
- **The Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC)** has also indicated that their funding requirements will only be increasing by \$166.00.

**RCDC** (Regional Community Development Committee) initiative is intended to reflect the diversity of interests and wide range of business, community and volunteer-related experience and expertise available within the Smoky Lake region.

The RCDC is intended to serve as both a strategic advisory committee to the four member municipalities and as a senior-level, multi-stakeholder oversight committee.

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the development of the Economic and Community Development Strategic Plan. The strategic Plan consists of an Assessment of the region's/individual municipality's current economic situation and overall business climate;

It shall recommend actions to ensure the municipalities are proactive to responding to economic challenges;

Recommend actions that will allow members to take full advantage of emerging business opportunities; and to prioritize each municipalities needs.

- A regional letter was sent to Alberta Health requesting a **Community Needs Assessment** to determine whether it would be deemed necessary to offer a Kidney Dialysis Service in the region.

- Under the new Municipal Government Act it is now mandatory for all municipalities, no matter the size, to have a **Municipal Development Plan (MDP)**. An MDP is used as a guide to govern the community growth and development for the next 10 years, and

provides a strategic policy directing development based on a long term development concept plan.

- We have applied for a provincial grant to assist us to develop the plan. The project will consist of reviewing current growth and development plans, public notifications and public meetings to solicit ideas and garner feedback from you; draft preparation, followed by a Public Open House to present the draft and get further feedback. Then, further Council review and amendments if necessary; followed by the Plan being presented for acceptance. Once it has been given 1<sup>st</sup> reading another Public Open House will be held where further input can be made. It will finally be given 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings. It is then submitted to Municipal Affairs for their acceptance and finally will become the formal Municipal Development Plan for the Village.

- Also, under the new Municipal Government Act it is required that all municipalities adopt an **Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework** with each municipality they share a common border with. This initiative is designed to improve municipal relationships, planning processes, and local decision making.

Since this affects each municipality in the County an application has been made for a joint grant to cover some of the costs of this initiative.

- **Fire Services Agreement** with Smoky Lake County Bi-Annually the Joint Agreement is reviewed to determine if there needs to be any amendments or additions. The basic agreement includes but is not limited to – Level of Service, Training, Memberships, Indemnity, Operating Costs & Sharing, and Equipment Assessments.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018, 7:00 P.M.**

**TAX SALE**

The Tax Sale in January resulted in one property sold with outstanding taxes recovered. The two remaining sites are still available for purchase. If you are interested in either of them, contact the Village Office.

LINC Number	Lot	Block	Plan
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| • LINC 0016241820 | 1&2 | 2 | 6356HW |
| • LINC 0013701768 | 12  | 7 | 6808MC |

These properties are 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.

Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive. Elbert Hubbard

- *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.*

**AROUND THE VILLAGE**

*With any luck, we might see spring before the next newsletter ...*

We've had more snow this winter than in many previous winters, so let's be aware that if we get a fast thaw the water is going to be filling the ditches. We will be watchful to keep the ditches from overflowing, please let us know if you see any areas that need attention.

**GARBAGE PICK UP**

Once the snow starts to melt and until the alleys are dry we will be picking up your garbage from the front streets.

**SNOW REMOVAL**

With the heavy snow we've experienced this past month, and with the understanding that our grader is broken down, we are very grateful to our **Volunteer of the Year, Jen Soch**, who freely removed snow from streets and driveways so vehicles could move.

Keep in mind that when you move the snow from your driveway or sidewalks, please don't push the snow onto the streets or any public land/roadways (Bylaw #492-12).

- ✓ **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. THANK YOU to those who bring/call in their readings regularly!!**

**The Ag Society - PUBLIC SKATING**  
 Saturdays FROM 2:00-5:00PM AT THE ARENA. ICE CONDITIONS ARE DEPENDENT ON THE WEATHER.

***Do you have any unused skates? How about donating them to the Ag. Society. They will let kids who need them use them 😊.***

**2018 PARALYMPICS – SOUTH KOREA**  
 DID YOU KNOW? This year the Paralympics are going to be more exciting because a young man from **Smoky Lake, Derek Zplotinsky** is participating in the Para Nordic ski event. He will be competing in Cross Country Skiing and Biathlon events in the Male, Sitting Class. ***Let's all cheer him on and wish him well. Congratulations To Derek for making it to the 2018 Peongchang Paralympics!!!!***

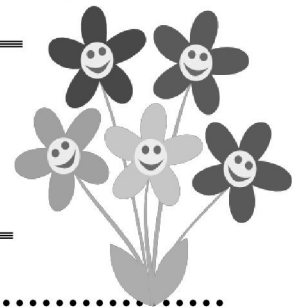
**UPCOMINGEVENTS**

- ❖ **Council Meeting**
  - **March 19, 2018 – 7 pm**
  - **April 16 – 7 pm**
  - **May 28, 2018 - 7pm**
- ❖ **Public Skating Saturdays 2-5pm started Jan. 20/18 at the Vilna Arena**
- Senior's Recreation Centre – Various Activities all year round.**

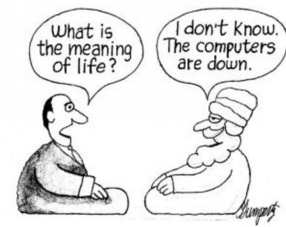
**New in Town?**

- 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.

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.” —Albert Einstein



To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.  
 Reba McEntire



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