

VILLAGE OF VILNA



September, 2018 NEWSLETTER

It is with shock and sorrowful hearts that we advise of the passing of Carmen, who was our Transfer Station Attendant for 5+ years. Without doubt, we will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

COUNCIL NOTES

July/August Council Meeting

Bylaw #538-18 ADVERTISING BYLAW - EXCERPTS

Any notice required to be advertised under section 606 of the Municipal Government Act of a bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing may be given in accordance with the timelines prescribed in Section 606 by all of the following means:

- (1) electronically by posting the notice prominently on the Village of Vilna official website. Vilna.ca
- (2) electronically by posting the notice prominently on any of the Village of Vilna's official social media sites. **Facebook: [Vilna Alberta](https://www.facebook.com/VilnaAlberta), Twitter: [@VilnaAlberta](https://twitter.com/VilnaAlberta)**
- (3) by posting the notice prominently at the Village of Vilna Municipal Office located at 5135 - 50 Street, Vilna Alberta.

This Bylaw can be found online at Vilna.ca

POLICY #109-18

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY - EXCERPTS

Purpose:

Public input is essential to the municipal decision making process. Council believes it is advantageous to identify the levels and process of communication and citizen engagement prior to making certain levels of decisions. Additionally, it is incumbent upon the public to participate and to share ideas, concerns, requests or needs to Council.

This Policy can be found online at Vilna.ca

The legalization of cannabis in Canada is going to have an effect on everyone. Each of us has a different viewpoint on this issue, but as a municipality there are decisions that will have to be made regarding the public use of, sale of, and growth of the product.

Some of the questions Council will be considering at the next Council meeting will include:

1. Should cannabis be sold in Vilna?
 - If yes, should there be limitations on the location of the retail site?
 - Such as distance to schools or health facilities?
 - What hours should sales be allowed?
2. Should people be allowed to smoke cannabis in public?
 - If yes, where?
3. Should Council permit the growth of cannabis within the Village?

A Bylaw regulating public use of cannabis will be presented at the next Council meeting Sept. 17, 2018 at 7pm.

A new committee has been struck for Council – the Inter-Municipal Collaboration Framework Committee, working with municipalities in the Smoky Lake Region. This is a requirement of provincial Municipal Government Act Part 17.2 and Regulation #191/2017,

Sewer flushing was recently completed in the Village to help identify problems before they are emergency repairs. Funding for this project was obtained through a grant.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW AND SALE!!

SAT. NOVEMBER 10/18 AT THE CULTURAL CENTRE – START AT 10am

Utility Rate Increase

A friendly reminder that your September Utility Bill will be reflecting the increase in utility rates.

Water: Increase - \$0.60/m³

Sewer: Increase \$2.00 /month

PLEASE READ YOUR WATER METER at the end of each month and phone the reading to the Village Office 780-636-3620 & leave a message. Then, you only pay for the water you use and not an inflated estimate.
Thank you.

Sewer Lift Station

The Sewer Lift Station Project is 98% complete. New pumps have been installed as well as an electronic system that will notify the staff if there is a malfunction or power failure. Also installed is a new generator that will automatically switch on if there is a power failure.



**SCHOOL IS IN
WATCH FOR KIDS
WHEN DRIVING.**

AROUND THE VILLAGE

VILNA LIBRARY HOURS

5431 – 50th Street (N. end Main St.)

Tues & Thurs – 3:30-7:00pm and Sat Noon to 4:00pm – 780-636-2077

- Mental Health Coloring Day .. 2nd & 3rd Saturdays of each month, Noon – 4:00 p.m.
- Book Club Java – if interested, get in touch with us.
- Youth Computer Savvy? – Teach cyber safety. 1st Saturday of each month – Noon – 4:00 p.m.
- Book-A-Librarian – one on one time to help with common tech issues. Drop In – Thursday 6-7:30

Vilna Public Library 780-636-2077

www.vilnapubliclibrary.ab.ca

Facebook: Vilna Public Library

- ✓ **When you walk your dog(s), a leash is required.**
- ✓ **Dogs MUST be kept in your yard (fence, leash, runner etc.) This is for their safety and for the safety of your neighbors and others.**

PLEASE be considerate of others!!
FINES AND PENALTIES APPLY.

The Senior's Recreation Centre – offers various activities to seniors all year round.

DO YOU HAVE EVENTS YOU WANT IN THE NEWSLETTER? CALL THE OFFICE 780-636-3620 OR EMAIL TO : vilna@mcsnet.ca

New in Town?

Garbage and Recycle (cardboard, metals, compost (separated)) pickup is on **Wednesdays** - Items for pickup should be out for 8am.

If you have a dog, you require a license (\$10/year per dog at the Village office). Dogs must be on a leash when off your property.

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

PLEASE ensure you maintain your yard (summer) and sidewalks (winter)

Vilna Transfer Station (dump) is west about a mile west 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.***

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, September 17, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

Village Office:

Phone: 780-636-3620, Fax: 780-636-3022

email: vilna@mcsnet.ca webpage: vilna.ca

Address: Box 10, Vilna AB T0A 3L0

OR
5135 – 50th Street

Doors are open Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-4pm

Mondays & Wednesdays, **please call ahead.**
Closed Fridays

The Government of Alberta is seeking up to 25 people to join a new Anti-Racism Advisory Council that will advise the Minister of Education on how to combat racism and implement the new anti-racism initiatives being rolled out as part of the "Taking Action Against Racism" report. Details of the public recruiting process are available on the Anti-Racism Advisory Council website.