

VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter JANUARY, 2019

We start the year with a new slate and hope that the year will bring great events and positive effects.

2018 closed with oil prices down, interest rates going up and the world in turmoil. How can things not get better?

A year from now you may wish you had started today Karen Lamb

COUNCIL NOTES

November/December Council Meetings

As you may know, the Provincial Government has amended the Municipal Government Act to encourage regional cooperation. The municipalities within Smoky Lake County have been working regionally for at least 10 years sharing resources and expertise. The new Act also requires that long term planning shall become mandatory. Another initiative that your Council has been advocating. This year a new cost share grant was announced that makes long term planning more tangible.

This is the **Alberta Community Partnership** program. The first phase of the program allows us to hire consultants who have begun to do an in-depth study of our infrastructure.

The objective of the ACP program is to improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities by providing support for regional collaboration and capacity building initiatives.

The ACP program is designed to support municipalities in attaining the following key program outcomes:

- New or enhanced regional municipal services;
- Improved municipal capacity to respond to municipal and regional priorities; and
- Effective Intermunicipal relations through joint and collaborative activities.

The 1st project we have been working on is the evaluation of the condition of our sewer system (Condition and Data Assessment). The 1st report has been submitted to Council and priorities have been identified on a yearly scheduled basis. You will see activity within the next year as a result of this report.

The 10 Year Capital projects will include sewer line repairs, paving and sidewalk repairs.

Another new initiative is **the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework**.

Municipalities that share a common boundary must create a Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with each other. Frameworks are intended to:

- provide for integrated and strategic planning, delivery and funding of intermunicipal services
- allocate scarce resources efficiently in the providing local services
- ensure municipalities contribute funding to services that benefit their residents

Municipal councils adopt their framework by passing matching bylaws that:

- list services currently provided by each municipality; services being shared on an intermunicipal basis by the municipalities; and services provided by third parties
- identify how each of these services would be best delivered
- outline how intermunicipal services will be delivered and funded

Municipalities have until April 1, 2020 to complete the ICF.

2019 BUDGET

Council has adopted an Interim 2019 Operating Budget. The numbers are based on the 2018 Budget and will be amended once the year end books have been audited and Council has had a chance to review the anticipated projects. To date there have been projected increases in the areas involving:

- *Regional Community Development Committee,*
- *A minimal increase in the Regional Library Requisition,*
- *An anticipated increase in the Smoky Lake Seniors Housing Foundation*
- *A sizeable increase in the Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee,*

WATER RATE INCREASE

Effective January 1st, 2019 the Highway 28/63 Water Commission has increased its rate to the Village by \$0.082. This will increase the water rate to \$4.220 per cubic meter.

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.

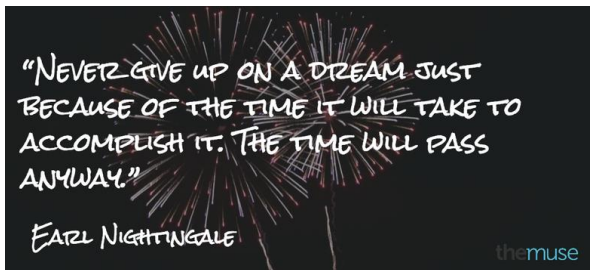
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NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

TUESDAY, January 22, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, February 19, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.  
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Dog Licenses and Business Licenses are due for renewal NOW.

Each year the Village provides a service to seniors and residents with disabilities by clearing snow from driveways. The service costs \$50.00 for the season. Register at the Village Office.



GARBAGE

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU **MUST HAVE** (AT A MINIMUM) **YOUR PROPER GARBAGE BAGS IN CANS WITH TIGHT FITTING LIDS.** IF YOU LEAVE OUT YOUR GARBAGE (NOT IN A CAN) AND IT FREEZES TO THE GROUND OR IS RAVAGED BY BIRDS/ANIMALS, **IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

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) - whether you rent or own.

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.

Open Tuesday and Saturday 9am to 5pm.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

FIREFIGHTER'S DINE & DANCE

SAT. February 9, 2019

AT THE CULTURAL CENTRE - watch for posters

VILNA COMMUNITY SUPPER - SAT.

February 16th, 2019 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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**

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

When you have driven down town you will notice the plywood repairs to some of our businesses.

Crime in Rural Alberta is ramped.

Be vigilant and report any perceived criminal activity.

RCMP - 780-656-3550

PORKY'S SIDESTREET CAFÉ NEW HOURS

Monday to Saturday - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sundays - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

And take advantage of their "ALL YOU CAN EAT" Tuesday Spaghetti dinners.

VILNA BOTTLE DEPOT

Has EXTENDED IT HOURS and NEW STAFF.

For information call 587-789-0973

DO YOU HAVE EVENTS YOU WANT IN THE NEWSLETTER?

CALL THE OFFICE 780-636-3620

OR EMAIL TO : vilna@mcsnet.ca

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

If everything seems under control,
you're not going fast enough!

Mario Andretti