

VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter March 2019

Your bill now reflects the new water rate of \$4.22/m³

OKAY ALREADY: March came in like a lion, please let it go out like a lamb (*but a meek lamb not a flash melt*).

REMINDER: Because winter is at its most dangerous and your water pipes are the most vulnerable, if you are at all susceptible to waterline freezing keep your water dripping.

If you have or are planning to install a drip device, remember that the device MUST be on the house side of the meter. And, once installed there MUST be a one inch gap between the hose and the drain (Safety Code). This will eliminate the possibility of backwashing and contamination of your water.

COUNCIL NOTES

January/February Council Meetings

(Minutes are available online at vilna.ca)

Neil O'Shea, Superintendent of Aspen View Public Schools and Donna Cherniwchan, local School Trustee met with Council at the February meeting.

- They indicated that schools are primarily funded on a per student basis, rather than a general budget to operate the facility and a budget to provide the education programs. This makes it more difficult for schools with smaller populations to provide a wide range of programs. If you are talking to your provincial politicians, this might be something you mention to them. The rural Alberta school populations have not grown substantially, so a new funding formula would be advantageous.
- Another topic they shared was the difficulty in getting teachers to live in rural communities. The primary inhibitor is the lack of spousal employment.
- The third item discussed was the possibility of sharing facilities. This may be a challenge based on the cost of security, maintenance and operations, but worth looking in to.
- The Dual Credit Program which is offered to all high schools will give students the opportunity to access post-secondary credits while attending high school. The courses available range from trades to administration programs to equipment operations.

SEWER LIFT STATION PROJECT

After a couple years of engineering and construction designing, and even longer to accumulate sufficient funds for the project, the sewer lift station has been rebuilt. The total project cost was \$562,248.15. This included replacing all the pumps, completely changing the electrical, installing a trash grinder, a new furnace, a back-up generator and a flow meter. You will be pleased to know that although it took longer than anticipated, all costs were grant funded, so will not affect property taxes.

SNOW

We received a lot of snow this winter. Piles will be removed to prevent additional melt volume. Please ensure that your driveway culvert is clear (if you have one). The Village staff do all they can to ensure that water can run out of the Village via the natural route. Water and weather do what they want, when they want. We are fortunate to have some awesome people here who are willing to step up and help out when things go sideways!!

The only way to achieve the impossible is to believe it is possible.

—Charles Kingsleigh, *Alice in Wonderland* (2010)

2018 SPRING FLOOD REPORT

April 21, 2018 was the beginning of the terrible flash thaw that flooded the Village. The cost to the Village to manage the disaster was approximately \$39,475.00 – so far. We were denied at first and then appealed. We have just received word that an Order in Council has been published and the majority of costs will be covered under the province's Disaster Relief Program.

THE DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM EXTENDS TO PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS who may have suffered damage resulting from the flooding.

If you experienced costs to repair damages that can be attributed to the flood contact the Village Office for the information you need. There is a deadline, so act now.

You must contact the office before May 24th, 2019.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

MONDAY, March 18, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, April 9, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

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.

Dog Licenses and Business Licenses are due for renewal NOW. (\$10.00 each)

No matter how long the winter,
spring is sure to follow. ~

Proverb

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

PORKY'S SIDESTREET CAFÉ 780-636-2506
Monday to Saturday – 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sundays – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
ALL YOU CAN EAT Tuesday Spaghetti Dinner
Thursday Rib Night
Friday Steak Night

The Senior's Recreation Centre –
offers many varied activities for
seniors all year round.

VILNA BOTTLE DEPOT

Has **EXTENDED IT HOURS** and **NEW STAFF.**

For information call 587-789-0973

GARBAGE

With spring approaching, soon the snow will be melting and the frost coming out of the alleys. When that happens we may require that your garbage be set out in front of your house for pick up. Notices will be sent out if this is required.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU **MUST HAVE** (AT A MINIMUM) **YOUR TRASH IN PROPER GARBAGE BAGS IN CANS WITH TIGHT FITTING LIDS. BAGS MUST NOT WEIGH MORE THAN 40lbs. IF YOU LEAVE YOUR GARBAGE OUT AND IT FREEZES TO THE GROUND, TO THE BOTTOM OF THE CAN 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.

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. ~Doug Larson

Be vigilant and report perceived
criminal activity!

RCMP – 780-656-3550 DAYS
780-656-3691 AFTER HOURS

911 EMERGENCY

DO YOU HAVE EVENTS YOU WANT IN
THE NEWSLETTER?

CALL THE OFFICE 780-636-3620
OR EMAIL TO: vilna@mcsnet.ca

SPRING SHOW
April 27/19 at 7:30 pm



with
country singers
**Kayla Patrick
&
Jackson
Mackenzie**

Vilna Cultural Centre
5431 - 50 St.
Vilna, AB

\$15 tickets at the door or
at www.eventbrite.com

Free snacks

CASH BAR



VILNA VESELKA
DANCING CLUB



40th Anniversary
Dinner & Dance

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
"THE PLAYBOYS"

CATERED BY CARMEN

Let's celebrate like Ukrainians!
March 16th, 2019
Stry 75th Anniversary Hall
For TICKETS contact:
Connie 780-614-5411
Kellie 780-614-7348
Donna 780-656-0276
Adults \$40
6-13 yrs \$20
5 & under Free
PIC-COLLAGE

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