

# VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter May, 2019

## COUNCIL NOTES

**March/April Council Meetings**  
(Minutes are available online at vilna.ca)



Throughout the year Council, and often Administration, attend numerous community committee meetings, such as

- Vilna & District Municipal Library,
- Subdivision Authority (if required)
- Subdivision & Development Appeal Board,
- Vilna & District Agricultural Society,
- Vilna Fire Department,
- Vilna Pool Hall Society.

The majority of the committee meetings attended by Council are of a regional nature:

• Smoky Lk. County Joint Municipalities,	• NE Muni-Corr (Iron Horse Trail),
• Capital Region Assessment Services Commission,	• Regional Emergency Mgmt. Advisory
• Evergreen Regional Waste Commission,	• Public Safety/Disaster Services/Policing,
• Highway 28/63 Water Commission,	• St. Paul/Smoky Lk Community Futures
• Regional Community Development,	• NE Alberta HUB (Economic Dev.)
• Intermunicipal Collaboration	• Regional Fire Services
• Smoky Lake Seniors Foundation,	• Veteran's Memorial Hwy Assn.
• AB Health, Primary Care Network.	• Northern Lights Library System
• Dr. Recruitment & Retention	

Each of the committees has an impact on the Village and our residents and a benefit to the community. Some impacts are immediate, such as maintenance of the Trail traversing the Village, or the Health Centre Medical Clinic. Others have a less visible affect, such as the Waste Commission or the Economic and Community Development Committees. Some are just taken for granted, such as the Fire Department, Library, or Ag Society.

With the twinning of the regional water line, happening now, we see activity along the Trail. This line will take water from Edmonton to Goodfish Lake Reserve.

Council approved the sale of two buildings in Town. The Hope Community Church has purchased the Grand Hall to renovate and develop into a church. Council also sold the Vilna Foods Building. This was a tax recovery property, so having it off the Tax Recovery Inventory puts it back on the tax roll.

At the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Auditors presented the 2018 Financial Statements. The complete report is available at the Village Office or on the Village website. A few highlights include;

- The Village's debt reduced by \$56,056.00; only \$163,089.00 remaining to be paid.
- We received \$415,921.00 in grants, \$148,510.00 for operating expenses and \$267,411.00 for Capital projects.

The primary Capital project was the Sewage Lift Station which took nearly 4 years to complete.

### General Summary:

#### Revenues:

• Net Taxes:	\$304,824.00
• Government Transfer (Grants)	415,921.00
• User Fees & Sales	214,739.00
• Investments & Other	<u>145,878.00</u>
	\$1,081,362.00

#### Expenditures:

• Contracted. & Gen. Svs.	\$292,128.00
• Salaries & Wages	226,726.00
• Goods & Supplies	215,102.00
• Transfers	35,450.00
• Other Expenses	<u>27,707.00</u>
	\$797,113.00
• <b>Revenue Before Amortization</b>	<b>\$284,249.00</b>
• Amort. Expenses (Depreciation)	(152,654.00)
• <b>Net Surplus at end of 2018</b>	<b><u>\$131,595.00</u></b>

Three factors contributed to the Village's financial position,

1. Council's ability to maintain a minimal tax increase over the past 8 years. From 2011 to 2018 taxes have increased by 7.89% overall, an average of 0.98% annually.
2. Most of the surplus is unspent grants and effective use of municipal revenues. Since 2012 Council has upgraded infrastructure/equipment for approx. \$2,475,000.00 without having to borrow or substantially increase taxes.
3. Collection of unpaid taxes and other receivables is a priority to ensure the Village maintains adequate cash flow to meet its obligations.

### Spring Clean Up

It's amazing how, every spring we find all the garbage that has been discarded over winter. It makes the community look messy. Let's make a special effort to clean our yards and the boulevards in front of our yards. And maybe even, when you're walking to your neighbour's house, and you see some paper that has blown down street, stop and pick it up and put it in a trash can.

### Renovations, Construction, Demolition or Replacements

If you are considering renovating your home, or replacing your hot water tank or furnace, keep in mind that most of these activities require a PERMIT. **Most of the time**, your plumber, gasfitter, or contractor will apply for the permits on your behalf, but it's your responsibility to ensure that this is done. Building, Plumbing, Electrical and Gas Permits can be accessed on line, by visiting the office or going to the Village website at: <http://www.vilna.ca/document/library/836/category/2303/Forms-and-Permits/>

The forms are not fillable, so need to be printed and sent to the Inspections Group with the permit fee. **YOU MUST ALSO APPLY TO THE VILLAGE FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT.** The development permit and other forms are online for your convenience. Check at the Village office or with The Inspections Group for the amount of required fees.

We will let you know if permits are required. Some sheds, decks and fences may also require a permit. If you have questions, just call the office.

**IT IS FIRE SEASON – WATCH FOR NOTICES,  
BE AWARE OF THE STRICT RULES FOR FIRE  
PITS IN THE VILLAGE AND BURNING  
RESTRICTIONS!!(Community Standards Bylaw  
#492-12 is on the Village website)**

**2018 SPRING FLOOD REPORT**

The Village was approved for Disaster Relief Funding. **THE DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM EXTENDS TO PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS who suffered damage from the flooding.** If you experienced **UNINSURED 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**AROUND THE VILLAGE**

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

TUESDAY, May 21, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

MONDAY, June 18, 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.

**VILNA LIBRARY HOURS**

**5431 – 50<sup>th</sup> Street (N. end Main St.)**

**Tues & Thurs – 3:30-7pm & Sat 12pm to 4pm  
Computers & Internet - 780-636-2077**

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

**New in Town?**

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

**If you have a dog, you need a license (\$10/year per dog at the Village office). Dogs must be on a leash 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. **Open Tuesday and Saturday 9am to 5pm.**

**GARBAGE**

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.**

**Be vigilant and report perceived criminal activity!**

**RCMP – 780-656-3550 DAYS**

**780-656-3691 AFTER HOURS**

**911 EMERGENCY**

**PORKY'S SIDESTREET CAFÉ 780-636-2506**

**Monday to Saturday – 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Sundays – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**VILNA BOTTLE DEPOT**

**For information call 587-789-0973**

**Hope Mission is open most Thursdays from 12:30-5:00pm at 5035 – 52 Avenue**

**Gently used clothing, household items, some food items are available if you need them.**

**DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT IN THE NEWSLETTER?**

**CALL THE OFFICE 780-636-3620**

**OR EMAIL TO: vilna@mcsnet.ca**

**FROM MAY 21-27/19 ALL SMOKY LAKE TRANSFER STATIONS AND LANDFILLS WILL ACCEPT REFRIGERATORS/FREEZERS FREE OF CHARGE!! (Normally \$20.00)**

**MÉTIS CROSSING HAS EVENTS ALL SUMMER!**

Check out their website at <https://metis Crossing.org/> 17339 Victoria Trail (S. 13km on Hwy 855 at Smoky Lk.)

**2019 Summer Season Schedule at Métis Crossing**  
Métis Crossing open daily Fri. May 17 - Mon. Sept. 2, 2019

Offer daily guided tours-Pre book your spot in the Paddle into the Past, a 4-hour cultural program with Voyageur Canoe ride offered on select dates, group bookings available.

Camp sites are available: powered, non-powered and tents. Comfort Camping is also available in outfitted trapper's tents overlooking the river (Please bring your own bedding)

May 17: Opening Day	July 13: Jamtron 4
June 14: Paddle into the Past	July 19: Paddle into the Past
June 22: National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration	July 26, 27, 28: Sasquatch Gathering
June 28: Paddle into the Past	Aug. 2: Paddle into the Past
July 5, 6, 7: MNA Youth Camp	Aug. 16: Paddle into the Past
July 12: Paddle into the Past	Aug. 23, 24, 25: Voyageur Days

**Village Office:**

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OR  
5135 – 50<sup>th</sup> Street

Doors are open Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-4pm

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

Closed Fridays