

VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter



COUNCIL NOTES

May June Council Meetings

(Approved Minutes are available online at vilna.ca)

In May Council approved the 2019 Budget and Tax Bylaws, and you were issued your Assessment and Tax Notices.

Major **projects for 2019** will include

- treatment, maintenance and repairs to the sewage lagoons,
- repair to some sewer mains.
- Geographic Information System (GIS) identifying the municipal infrastructures.
- Fire Hydrant repairs and replacements
- Three old buildings in the Village have been sold and will be seeing renovations:
 - The store referred to as Vilna Foods,
 - The old garage at the corner of 51 St, and 51 Ave.,
 - The Grand Hall.

The **regional water main construction** through the Village is approximately 65% complete. The crews anticipate being completed by summer end.

Lemonade Day, sponsored by Community Futures, brought a couple young children to Main Street on June 22nd. Through the program the children are learning the basics of small business.

Smoky Lake County is hosting a **Youth Fire Camp** for kids for one week in July – 11 youth are participating – Vilna Firefighters Assoc. donated \$1000 to that camp.

The Town of Smoky Lake is requesting the Province to replace **H. A. Kostash School**. Advocacy efforts are ongoing.

There will be no Council Meeting during summer. The next scheduled meeting is September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

A REMINDER – That recreational vehicles are permitted on Vilna streets only between the Iron Horse Trail and the destination and vice versa. RCMP will be issuing tickets. Also, these vehicles must be licensed

IMPORTANCE OF TREES

With the worldwide concern about greenhouse gas and the excessive generation of Carbon Dioxide, the importance of trees in our communities is vital. But there is one way to reduce your emissions that also makes your property and community more beautiful, improves water quality, and provides numerous economic and social benefits... planting trees!

Trees are Natural Carbon Eaters

Every living thing on Earth is made up of four basic elements - carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen. Those four elements make up about 96 percent of your body, and most of a tree's roots, trunk, branches, and leaves.

While we humans get most of our carbon through eating, trees breathe it in the way that we breathe in oxygen.

When a tree breathes, it inhales carbon dioxide and exhales

oxygen - the exact opposite of humans. As a tree matures, it can consume 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year (among other greenhouse gases like ozone), and releases enough oxygen for you to breathe for two years!

Removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and releasing oxygen in its stead also helps limit climate change providing for a cleaner, healthier climate.

So, by planting trees, you can help clean the air and fight climate change! **LET'S PLANT SOME TREES!!!**

Renovations, Construction, Demolition or Replacements

If you are considering renovating your home, building on your lot, demolishing a building or replacing your hot water tank or furnace, keep in mind that most of these activities require a PERMIT. **These are legislated by the Alberta Safety Code and are mandatory when requirements are met. Most of the time**, your plumber, gasfitter, or contractor will apply for permits on your behalf, but it's your responsibility to ensure that this is done.

Building, Plumbing, Electrical and Gas Permits can be accessed 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 as well. Check at the Village office or with The Inspections Group for the amount of required fees. Some sheds, decks and fences may also require a permit. If you have questions, give us a call.

✂ SO MANY THANKS!! ✂

The Vilna Firefighters Assoc. has once again purchased the flowers for Main Street flower pots! One of the classes from the school helped plant them early June and Jen Soch volunteers to water them (when needed, which hasn't been much this spring/summer so far!). We are so appreciative of our volunteers. If you get a chance, Thank them!!

SUBNOTE: On Thursday July 4th at night – Someone ripped out flowers from the pots on Main St. If you know anything about who did this please contact the office.

ISN'T IT SAD THAT SO MUCH GOES INTO TRYING TO MAKE TOWN BEAUTIFUL, THEN THERE'S JUST ONE ACT/PERSON WHO RUINS IT FOR EVERYONE!! WOW.....

*It takes a lot of work and a whole community's effort to make a municipality look nice. Every property owner has a part to play in those efforts. If more people decide to move into town (buy property, build property etc.) it benefits everyone (i.e. lower taxes). If you see that your neighbor is perhaps struggling to keep up on their property – **maybe lend a hand.... Be a great neighbor, it will come back to you as you pay it forward.** It really doesn't help anyone to grumble about others. **Talk to your neighbors, maybe they need you and maybe you'll need them someday, too.***

JULY 13 & 14, 2019 Big Garage Sale at the Cultural Centre. You can book a table - Marion 780-636-2750

HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Alberta Health Services Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council (HAC) is **looking for new volunteers from our community** (meals and travel expense are covered, of course!). This HAC's work is primarily **advocating for the local area's health care priorities**. The HAC does not currently have a member for the Vilna and surrounding area.

So, are you passionate about healthcare? Do you wish to have a say in the information and input shared with Alberta Health Services about health services in our area?

If this sounds interesting to you, please apply at AHS.ca/advisorycouncils has a link to the application form. Or call Reaghan Gamble 403-312-1523 or email her at reaghan.gamble@ahs.ca

The Vilna Ag Society's Parade and Fair is coming in August! Bench show starts on Aug. 16; the Parade and Boomtown Days Fair on Saturday Aug. 17/19 and Sunday Aug 18 a free pancake breakfast and music jamboree.

ENTER THE PARADE!! Best dressed bicycle, Best Clown, Best dressed Pet & Owner, and many more categories – Cash prizes and Ribbons!

Games and Lots of fun to be had at the Fair!! WATCH FOR POSTERS AND CHECK ONLINE

VilnaAgSociety.com and Vilna.ca for news ☺



AROUND THE VILLAGE

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, September 16, 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 – 50th 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

YOUR TRASH MUST BE 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

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, Vilna

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

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

CALL THE OFFICE 780-636-3620

OR EMAIL TO: vilna@mcsnet.ca

Congratulations to Ron Cyr and his wife for the opening of Cyr's Store with the ATB branch in Vilna. Carol has happily retired and looks forward to traveling and spending time relaxing!!

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 Village website has a lot of information you may need, such as forms, Minutes, Bylaws, event information, local news. Consider checking the home page now and then for updates and information.

DID YOU KNOW??

In 1925 Vilna settlers were terrorized by hungry wolves driven north from over hunting. One night a group of "merry makers" were pursued for miles (this is in horse and sleigh days!) by a pack of about 20 wolves. This news made it all around North America at the time and for months social affairs were cancelled at night because of the danger of hungry wolf packs. (Sioux City Journal, March 15, 1925)