

# VILLAGE OF VILNA

## Newsletter November 2020



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

*Lest We Forget*

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY – NOVEMBER 11

Smoky Lake Legion will be holding an outdoor service at the Cenotaph.

#### COUNCIL NOTES

When I wrote the last newsletter I told you that we had written a letter to the County asking them to consider amalgamating with the Village. To date they haven't responded to the request. I expect that once their new CAO has a chance to look into the option, they will meet with us.

#### 2020 PROJECTS

##### 49<sup>th</sup> AVENUE CONSTRUCTION

The water and sewer lines have been replaced on the west side of 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The street and landscaping will be completed in 2021.

Thanks for your patience.

##### SEWER REPAIRS

Thank you for working around the necessary repair to the sewer main on Main Street last month.

And the manhole at the west end of 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue has been replaced. With winter on our heels.

#### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**



Remembrance Day is on Wednesday, therefore garbage will be picked up on Thursday, November 12, 2020

## VILNA PUBLIC LIBRARY



### The Library is looking for new Board Members.

Library Board of Trustees Responsibilities:

Be an advocate for the library and the community it serves. Major library board of trustees responsibilities include serving as an advocate for the *library* within the community, and also to advocate for the *community* as a representative of the library board.

To serve as an advocate of the library is to work for the improvement of the library services offered for the community.

Advocacy includes working on obtaining the required funds for the library, finding ways to work with the community and connect with public groups, and making sure that the needs and interests of the community are at the forefront of making board decisions.

**So, if you feel that you would like to have input into the programs and services offered by our Library, call Mandy at 780-636-3077**

#### VILNA LIBRARY IS OPEN

**Tuesday & Thursday – 3:30 to 7:30**

**Saturday – Noon to 4:00**

#### WASTE & RECYCLING

Had a bear in town this fall. Makes a good argument for making sure your garbage is in containers.

When taking your waste to the Transfer Station we have a few guidelines we would like you to follow:

1. Take the Styrofoam out of the cardboard and throw it with the waste. (it's toxic)
2. Dump the compost OUT of the bags. (bags don't break down).
3. Electronics and small appliances go in the special bin on the west side of the sight NOT IN THE METAL PILE.

There is a new bin at the Transfer Station. We can now dispose of :

- Small Appliances,
- Audio Visuals,
- Telecom,
- Power and Air Tools,
- Electronic Games, Toys and Music.

**TRANSFER STATION** Tuesday & Saturday 9-5

**GARBAGE PICK UP** Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

## Message from Sgt. Chan

- **Alberta RCMP launches online crime reporting across the province**  
The Alberta RCMP has launched a province-wide online crime reporting initiative. The online crime reporting tool allows Albertans to report select property crimes online. This project has been initiated to ensure the public is able to report select crime types in whatever way is most convenient or accessible to them. A goal for the Alberta RCMP is to make sure all crime is reported, no matter how small. This provides the most accurate crime data and allows our resources to be deployed appropriately in the areas that need it most. Citizens will be able to report the following crimes online:
  - \* Damage/mischief to property under \$5,000
  - \* Theft of bicycle under \$5,000
  - \* Theft under \$5,000
  - \* Theft from vehicle under \$5,000
  - \* Lost property
- To access: Google RCMP Online Crime Reporting
- Be an active member of your community and join the Rural Crime Watch or Bellis/Vilna Citizens on Patrol programs."

**RCMP – 780-656-3550 days**  
**780-656-3691 AFTER HOURS**  
**EMERGENCIES – 911**

**HOPE MISSION is open**  
**with Social distancing, masks and sanitizer**  
**5035 – 52 Avenue, Vilna**  
**Gently used clothing, household items, and some**  
**food items are available if you need them.**

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AT THIS TIME Hope Community Church is meeting at the  
Bellis Mission on Sundays at 11:00

SOON ... Hope Community Church will be holding  
services at their new location on Main Street.  
Watch for notices!

***The Seniors Recreation Centre is closed for***  
***social gatherings until further notice.***  
***Bingos have started again ...***  
***Sunday afternoons.***

Life is too short to be serious all the time. So, if you can't laugh  
at yourself, call me .... I'll laugh at you.

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC EFFECT ON VILNA

*The COVID Virus is all around us. Smoky Lake County, St. Paul County and probably here too. Statistics don't specify where in the regions..* **SO BE CAREFUL**

I think we're all tired of hearing that word "COVID", but it won't go away unless we continue

- **to wear a mask or**
- **keep more than 2 meters away from people**
- **and wash our hands**
- **or use hand sanitizers often.**
- **AND if you feel sick isolate yourself.**

Thank you for being cautious and responsible.

. **\*\* Masks are available at the Office\*\***

### **BYLAWS** (*aka Earla's Rants*)

Like it or not, winter will arrive. And of course, with winter we get snow. Remember, it is your responsibility to clear the snow off the sidewalks adjacent to your property

- g.1. The Owner or Occupier of any Property adjacent to a Sidewalk is responsible for the removal of all ice and snow from that portion of the Sidewalk within Forty Eight (48) hours of a snow fall or rain fall.
- g.2. Where an Owner or Occupier anticipates being absent, the Owner or Occupier must make arrangements to ensure the Sidewalks are maintained in accordance with this bylaw.

- Another reminder is if you plan to be away from home for any length of time, I think your insurance company requires that you have someone check on your home 2 or 3 times a week.
- There are more regulations, but you get the point. *Make the walkways safe for yourself and your neighbour.*

My sister tells me that Autumn is her favorite time of year, because now she can see what's on the other side of the trees. Here, we just chop the trees down.

*Speaking of that, we have an opportunity to buy 3 year old willows. How do you feel about planting them along the west side of the Village as a wind break?*

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