

VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter

MARCH 2021

I THINK WE'VE MADE IT THROUGH THE WORST OF
THE WINTER, can spring be far away?



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COUNCIL NOTES

2021 is Municipal Election Year!!!

You have from now until September 20th to decide if you would like to sit on the Municipal Council for the Village of Vilna. **YOU CAN MAKE A CHANGE.**

VILLAGE OF VILNA MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Municipal Government Act was amended to require that every municipality must by bylaw adopt a Municipal Development Plan.

A Municipal Development Plan must address:

- the future land use within the municipality,
- the manner of the proposals for future development in the municipality,
- the co-ordination of land use, future growth patterns and other infrastructure with adjacent municipalities if there is no Intermunicipal development plan with respect to those matters in those municipalities, and transportation concepts, etc.

The attached bulletin was an invitation to attend a Virtual Open House to learn about this document and to address and comments or questions that you have. We didn't get a great turn out at our "Virtual Open House", so we've put the presentation on youtube.

YouTube Link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBlryMv32MWH8zu_II-Zw4Q

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To watch the session in "ten/view" only mode, use the YouTube link or search "Municipal Planning Services" in YouTube and click on the MPS channel.

A Virtual Public Hearing is scheduled for
Tuesday, March 18th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Village
Council Chambers to discuss the
Municipal Development Plan Proposal
5135 – 50 Street.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.



Message from Sgt. Chan

Smoky Lake RCMP invite the community to engage in consultation for 2021

Smoky Lake, Alta. – Sergeant Chan of the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment would like to hear from local community members in the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment area who may have any comments and/or concerns about policing issues in the following geographic areas:

Town and County of Smoky Lake, Villages of Waskatenau, Warspite and Vilna, Edward, Bellis, Spedden and localities within the Smoky Lake County.

Normally, a Town Hall Meeting would have been held in a local community hall; however, due to the current state of the pandemic, this was not possible. As a result, **for a two week period from Monday, Feb 22, 2021, until Friday, March 5, 2021, Sgt. Chan will be accepting input from community members through either regular mail or email.** If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Sgt. Chan at:

Smoky Lake RCMP, 4312 - 44th Ave,

Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0 or

email: KSmokyLakeCommunity@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Once the date closes, Sgt. Chan will review all of the correspondence received. Later in March 2021, Sgt. Chan will respond to the top issues and concerns as presented and publish her responses in the aforementioned communities' web pages and local & social media. Sgt. Chan would like to thank everyone in advance for taking the time to work with her to identify community concerns during this challenging time.

RCMP – 780-656-3550 days

780-656-3691 AFTER HOURS

EMERGENCIES – 911

COVID-19 UPDATE

Starting February 24 at 8 a.m., Albertans who were born in **1946 or earlier** can receive the COVID-19 vaccine. You will be able to book through our online tool or by calling Health Link. **"#811"**

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17295.aspx>



BYLAW ENFORCEMENT ...

The greatest challenge a small municipality has in keeping the community attractive and peaceful, is the enforcement of bylaws.

Bylaws are put in place as regulations and guidelines that set a standard for everyone to adhere to in order to have a safe and happy community.

In the past, if someone chose to ignore or defy the bylaws they would be fined for the infraction. Collecting bylaw fines can be a frustrating and tedious procedure beginning at notifications all the way to court appearances and court costs.

Here's is the proposal that has been put forward for consideration.

1. When a bylaw is deemed to have been broken:
 - a. The complaint will be investigated,
 - b. If deemed legitimate, a notice will be sent to the offender.
 - c. A reasonable time shall be given to correct the infraction.
 - d. If the infraction is corrected within the identified time no further action will be taken.
2. If the infraction is not corrected within the stated time, the condition will be rectified by the Village, either with Village staff or by contract.
 - a. Rather than issuing fines for infractions, an invoice will be sent to the offender identifying the infraction and the cost to rectify.
 - b. If the property in question is rented a copy of the correspondence will be forwarded to the owner of the property as well as the tenant.
 - c. Once the condition is corrected, the Offender will be sent an invoice for the Village costs and/or contractor costs.
 - d. The Property Owner will be sent copies of these documents at the same time.
 - e. Payment of the invoice will be required within 30 days.
3. If the invoice is not paid within the given time, the invoiced amount will be added to the property and collected as taxes.

It is proposed that this penalty system will also be used for pet infractions.

If the Offender or Property Owner wishes to appeal the decision of Administration, a written complaint can be addressed to Council for valuation,

I realize this might put added responsibility on the landlords, but hopefully it will encourage people to respect their neighbours.

PET OWNERSHIP BYLAW

Council has been reviewing a new Pet Ownership Bylaw. This will include the regulations for the keeping of urban chickens and bees.

The Bylaw will be presented to Council on March 18th.. If you have any comments or concerns contact me prior to that date.

WATER RATES WILL BE CHANGING on this bill.

WATER BREAK

To all the residents who were inconvenienced through our minus 40 waterline break, please accept our apologies. It took a little longer than normal to get it fixed, the fuel in the equipment kept jelling. But it's done.

Garbage Collection Day: Wednesday

Put your garbage in tied garbage bags and then into a garbage can with a lid on it. And have it out by no later than 8:30. They start on 52nd Avenue and work their way west and south.



TRANSFER STATION: Tuesday & Saturday 9-5

VILNA PUBLIC LIBRARY 780-636-2077

The library is still closed for in-person visits, but you can still get books ...

Go to the TRAC web site,

**Enter your library card number & password
Order books and pick them up at the library.**

It's a great way to get e-books too and you don't have to leave home.

Great resource for the price of your library card.
Give it a try.

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