

VILLAGE OF VILNA



Newsletter MAY 2021

At the April 15th meeting, the Auditors presented the 2020 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 \$24,558.00; only \$87,970.00 remaining to be paid.
- We received \$482,762.00 in grants. The primary Capital projects in 2020 was the water and sewer line replacements on 49th avenue and the sewer main repair on Main Street. Funding has been set aside to complete this project including the paving and boulevard repairs.

General Summary:

Revenues:

• Net Taxes:	\$316,645.00
• Government Transfer (Grants)	317,964.00
• User Fees & Sales	248,480.00
• Investments & Other	<u>111,820.00</u>
	\$994,909.00

Expenditures:

• Contracted. & Gen. Svs.	\$364,620.00
• Salaries & Wages	226,278.00
• Goods & Supplies	253,082.00
• Transfers	38,739.00
• Other Expenses	<u>138,971.00</u>
	\$1,021,690.00
• Capital Projects	\$607,879.00

Copies of the Financial Report are available at the Village Office.

We were successful in getting a grant to determine the most efficient and effective delivery of services to municipalities using a regional approach.

The results of this study will give a good indication as to whether small municipalities can sustain if they can share services with other municipalities. The Regional Approach seems to be successful in many areas.

We will be hiring a consultant to research the options.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

TUESDAY, May 20, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, June 17, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.



Message from Sgt. Jeff Sehn for Sgt. Tina Chan

The RCMP are launching their 2021 Community Initiatives. They have 3 priorities that will help make communities safer. Their initiatives involve participation from YOU.

1. *Crime Reduction*
2. *Visibility and Enforcement in Community*
3. *Enhanced Public Confidence and Engagement – Consultation and Connection.*

The Alberta RCMP say many property crimes are crimes of opportunity, and they want to help you remove that opportunity from thieves by having a #9PMRoutine to **protect your property from theft.**"

- Is your front door locked?
- Are your tools put away?
- Is your dirt bike put away?
- Are your windows locked?
- Are your bikes put away?
- Are your vehicle's windows shut?
- Did you remove the keys from your vehicle?
- Are your outside lights on?

The RCMP encourages the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity. As more records are created, they will get a better picture of our community and the problems that might be brewing. *Those reports tell RCMP where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future.*

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



GARAGE SALES *will be permitted*
in Vilna

Council has 2 requests:

1. Follow ALL Covid regulations (i.e. **Hand Sanitizing, Social distancing & Masks**)
2. Keep a written record of everyone who attends along with their phone numbers. If you find out someone who attended was infected you will be able to contact everyone else.

It was suggested that if you are planning a Garage Sale, let the office know. (this is not mandatory).

2021 IS MUNICIPAL ELECTION YEAR.

THINK ABOUT RUNNING FOR COUNCIL



Camping

**Bonnie Lake is open
for the season.**

WITH COVID RESTRICTION.

Contact Matt @ 780-656-8984 for reservations

COVID-19 UPDATE

The May 4th Premier's message that the Province is announcing stricter measures to STOP THE SPIKE tells us that the pandemic is not over.

It is our hope that by the end of June everyone will have had at least 1 Covid injection. It is anticipated that this should begin to put the explosion of infections back under control. That is, if everyone who is able will get the injection. You will be able to book through AHS online tool or by calling Health Link. **"#811"**

RECOGNITIONS

With the world in such turmoil and people struggling financially as well as physically and mentally to get through this COVID stuff, perhaps this is a time to give everyone a pat on the back for their contribution in keeping our community alive and healthy.

When we watch the news and see the people who are blatantly choosing to put everyone else at risk for the sake of their own personal pleasures, we can only say

THANK YOU VILNA FOR RESPECTING THE NEEDS AND THE HEALTH OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS.

*We must work together
to get through this together!*

We can't give up now!

We need a unified front!

*We need your continued support to
successfully beat this.*

STOP THE SPREAD. Thank you.

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.**

Village Office:

Phone: 780-636-3620, Fax: 780-636-3022
email: vilna@mcsnet.ca webpage: vilna.ca
Address: Box 10, Vilna AB T0A 3L0
5135 – 50th Street



FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Historically, Vilna has always recognized the Smoky Lake County Fire Restrictions and asked that our residents follow suit. Fire Restrictions are in affect for **SMOKY LAKE COUNTY** and the **VILLAGE OF VILNA**

Vilna Fire Department will not be issuing any **burn** permits. ...**Fire** pits, warming **fires**, and barbeques will be allowed **but must** be supervised to ensure that they do not cause a secondary **fire**.

Smoky Lake Regional Heritage Board

A volunteer board is being established to work toward maintaining and sustaining some of the historic structures and historical events for the region. The board Objectives are:

- Adopt the new Heritage Management Plan to implement a consistent approach across municipalities to incorporate heritage decisions into their ongoing planning and operations.
- Pursue Economic Opportunities to fund the implementation of the Heritage Management Plan.
- Develop a more effective volunteer base and public involvement.

Celebrate and communicate the importance of all heritage work to date to those in leadership roles, stakeholders, and the general public, in order to sustain the momentum of the Heritage Management Plan.

If this is of interest to you call the office, I'll point you to the people to talk to.



Garbage Collection Day: Wednesday

Thanks everyone for putting your garbage on the front street through April. The alleys are dry, we can start using the back alleys again EXCEPT those homes on the north side of 52 Avenue between 48th street and 50th street.

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