

VILLAGE OF VILNA



Newsletter *SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2021*

WATCH FOR NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES!

In an attempt to reduce the amount of speeding in the village, Council has asked that 4-Way Stop signs be put up at THE INTERSECTION OF

- **50TH AVE AND MAIN ST AND**
 - **52ND AVE AND MAIN ST. AND**
- SPEED BUMPS be put down on**
- **49TH AVENUE EAST.**

COUNCIL NOTES

- **The term of this Council is almost over.**
- **It doesn't look like any of the incumbent Council are going to run in the election this year.**

2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

October 18, 2021

Vote at the Village Office

5135 – 50 Street

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- **Nominations are open until noon of September 20th, 2021.**
- **To be eligible to run in the Municipal Election you are required to fulfill 6 criteria.**
 - You must be 18 years of age,
 - You must be a Canadian citizen,
 - You must have lived in the Village for 6 months prior to the election;

- You can't be in default on a debt owed to the Village for an amount over \$500.00,
 - Can't owe more than \$50.00 in taxes,
 - In the past 10 years you have not been convicted of an offence under the Local Authorities Elections Act, the Provincial Elections Act nor the Canada Elections Act.
- **To be eligible to vote there are far less conditions,**
 - You have to be 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen and a resident of Vilna.

ADVANCE POLLS

An Advance Poll will be held at the Village Office, 5135 – 50 Street, Vilna on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2021**
1:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Election for School Board representation will be held in conjunction with the Municipal Election.

PROVINCIAL REFERENDUM AND SENATE ELECTION

- At the Municipal Election on October 18th, at the Village Office, you will be given two Provincial Ballots,
 - 1) to select 3 Senate nominees who may be summoned to the Senate of Canada, to fill a vacancy or vacancies relating to Alberta.
 - 2) Two Referendum Questions;
- Should section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 – Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the constitution?
- Do you want Alberta to adopt year-round Daylight Saving Time, which is summer hours, eliminating the need to change our clocks twice a year?

WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Within the next month you will be contacted by someone from NEPTUNE TECHNOLOGY GROUP. They are the company that will be replacing your water meter, so will be contacting you to set up a time for the work to be done.

They will be identifying themselves and you will receive confirmation from the Village.

The new meters will have a remote reader on them so you will no longer be asked to read your meters for us.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

**The final Regular Council Meeting for this Council is
Thursday, September 23rd 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

PET OWNER'S BYLAW

In June Council gave 3rd reading to a Bylaw that would allow you to raise up to 6 hens (not roosters) in the Village, or you can raise one hive of bees.

BEFORE YOU RUSH OUT AND BUY CHICKENS OR BEES, the rest of the Bylaw requires that you apply for a permit. The permit will ask you to talk to your neighbours and ensure that they are in agreement with you having chickens or bees.

You also have to indicate that you have proper fencing and shelter for the chickens and indicate that you have met the site regulations.

Only property owners have the luxury of owning chickens or bees.

The Bylaw also regulates the ownership of dogs. All dogs in the Village must be licensed, detained on the owner's property or held on a leash in control of the owner when off the property.

Fees and Charges levied against violators will be charged against the property taxes if not paid within 30 days. So if you're a landlord, you're going to want to make sure your tenant is following the rules.

The enforcement of the Bylaw isn't going very well. Perhaps that's because I haven't advertised it enough, or perhaps it's because my Newsletters aren't being read.

If we can't get people to respect their neighbours and follow the regulations, Council might have to cancel these new options and increase your taxes to pay for a Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

FOR NEW RESIDENTS TO VILNA,

And those who might have forgotten,

Garbage Pick-up is on Wednesdays

- Have your garbage in garbage bags and stored in garbage cans.
- Have your garbage out before 8:30 a.m.

The Waste Transfer Station is open

- On Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 to 5:00
- There is a \$20.00 fee to remove the Freon from fridges and freezers.
- Only domestic waste is accepted at the Transfer Station. Construction waste and furniture must go to Spedden.

ALBERTA SUPPORTS SERVICES

Alberta Supports helps people access more than 30 programs and 120 services for seniors, people with disabilities, job seekers, parents and families, homelessness, financial assistance, abuse, and family violence prevention. Albertans can call the Alberta Supports Contact Center at 1-877-644-9992 or apply online at

alberta.ca/income-support-how-to-apply.aspx

Get your COVID vaccinations at

VILNA PHARMACY

780-636-3550

(Pfizer vaccine)



**Message from
Sgt. Jeff Sehn for Sgt. Tina Chan**

The television news, the newspapers and of course Facebook are continually reporting an increase in thefts and property crimes. The RCMP would like to remind everyone to take precautions to protect themselves from being victims of these crime. Remember to lock your vehicles. Keeping door locked goes a long way toward staying safe. Turn on exterior lights in the evening and leaving them on through the night also deters crime. ***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**

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