

# VILLAGE OF VILNA



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## Newsletter

NOVEMBER -DECEMBER 2021

### INTRODUCING YOUR NEW COUNCIL

The 2021 Municipal Election brought a complete change to the Council Table. Representing are:

- Mayor Leroy Kunyk
- Deputy Mayor Tammy Thompson and
- Councillor Paul Miranda.

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

The 1st Regular Council Meeting for your new Council is Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. .

### WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Kick-Off date for the Water Meter Replacement Program is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Shortly, you will receive a letter from NEPTUNE TECHNOLOGY GROUP. You will be asked to book an appointment to have your meter changed. Reply as soon as possible.

They will be identifying themselves and you will receive confirmation from the Village. Be assured, they will be following all COVID-19 Protocols. They will each have at least two (2) COVID vaccine injections.

This should be the last time you will have to read your water meter for us.

### BACK ALLEYS

I'm sure you've noticed the surfaces in the back alleys. We re-used the asphalt that was taken off 49<sup>th</sup> Ave West, ground it up and spread it in the alleys. It's a bit course, and perhaps a bit rough, but we're confident that it will break down and compact into a solid surface making the alleys accessible all year.



### TREATED WATER RESERVOIR

Over the next few months you will notice some activity around the water treatment plant. The plant was built approximately 40 years ago, with upgrades to the treatment system when new technologies came out, and upgrades to the pumps within the last 5 years. In 2014 we closed our well and connected to the regional water system. Prior to the switch over the reservoir was vacuumed and videoed. At the time it was identified that the concrete ceiling of the reservoir was showing signs of deteriorating. We have been monitoring and vacuuming it annually since then. This year it started to show more deterioration. It has come time to repair the damage and make plans to replace the reservoir.

The water reservoir is an underground concrete storage vessel that holds the treated water. Our water is drawn off the regional line approximately every 2<sup>nd</sup> day and stored in this vessel. It is large enough to hold sufficient water for domestic use as well as to provide fire protection to the community.

We've had the facility inspected by Alberta Environment (*who makes the regulations for safe drinking water*), and Alberta Health Services (*who monitor the water tests*). Both departments agree that the water continues to be safe. Our contracted engineers will be designing the necessary repairs. Until the repairs are completed we will be doubling the water quality testing to 4 laboratory tests per week as well as the daily testing.

Of course, the major challenge is getting grant funds to cover the costs. Unfortunately, we are not the only municipality facing very similar issues. With assistance from the County, the Water Commission, Alberta Environment and Alberta Health we should be able to get funding in a timely manner.

In the meantime, be assured that the water the Village is providing is well within the guidelines set out by Alberta Environment and Alberta Health. You will be notified immediately if anything changes.

## Two Minutes of Silence



**Honour. Thank.  
Remember.**

The most sacrosanct and central element in Remembrance is the Two Minutes of Silence. During this time of reflection, Canadians pause to honour, thank and remember our Fallen.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11 AT 11 a.m.**

## STOP SIGNS and Speed Bumps



Thank you, everyone for stopping at the new Stop Signs. We have noticed that the speeding along 50<sup>th</sup> Street has slowed

tremendously, making it safer for people to cross the streets.

The next traffic control initiative to be introduced is Speed Bumps along 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue East.

The Speed Limit in Vilna *is and has always been*

- **40 km/hour.**

## U-TURNS

Another question that has been raised recently is: *Is it legal to make a U-turn at an intersection in Alberta?*

- A U-turn is done by turning your vehicle around at an intersection to go in the opposite direction by using oncoming lanes.
- When U-turns are not permitted:
  - Do not do a U-turn unless you can do it safely.
- U-turns are not permitted:
  - at an intersection controlled by a traffic control signal (**traffic lights**) unless permitted by a traffic control device, or
  - where a sign prohibits U-turns
  - In urban areas, U-turns are not permitted:
    - on a roadway between intersections
    - at an alley intersection
    - at an intersection where one or more of the roadways is an access to a public or private parking lot which the public can access.

**Bottom line – yes you can legally make U-TURNS at the 4-way stop intersections, as long as you can do it safely. Watch for other vehicles and pedestrians.**

**Get your COVID vaccinations at**

**VILNA PHARMACY**

**780-636-3550**

**(Pfizer vaccine)**



**The Vilna Ag Society is sponsoring 2 Farm Safety First Aid Courses.**  
November 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

**To register**

- call 780-298-0383 or
- online at [info@vilnaagsociety.com](mailto:info@vilnaagsociety.com)

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING ....



### **SHOP LOCALLY AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!!!**

So much of the survival of a small community like ours is in the patronage of the businesses that we have. They provide employment and services to us, and they deserve our support! Remember, if you don't, they might not stay.....then how far would you have to go?

### **CHRISTMAS FARMERS MARKET –**

**SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

At the Cultural Centre from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact **Marion Vinette** at 780-636-2750 or [marionvinette@hotmail.com](mailto:marionvinette@hotmail.com)



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

*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.***

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.

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

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