

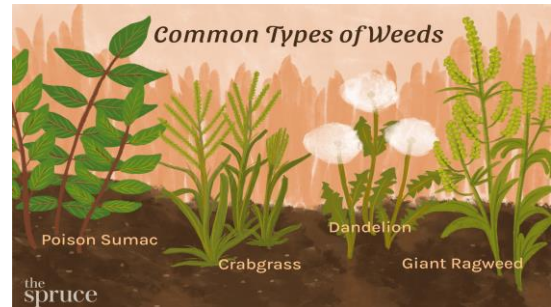
VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter

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guides published by the Province of Alberta that identify noxious weeds and how to control them.

Property owners must control noxious weeds and destroy prohibited noxious weeds on the land they occupy. Noxious weeds include:



- Canada Thistle
- Plantain
- Burdock
- Knapweed
- Stinkweed
- Nettles
- Tansy
- Purple Lust rife
- Scentless Chamomile
- Cockle
- And many,-many others.

Noxious weeds

Under the [Weed Control Act](#) noxious weeds must be controlled.

Noxious weeds have the ability to spread rapidly, cause severe crop losses and economic hardship.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW

1. Property Maintenance, Land & Buildings

- 1.1. For the purpose of this part, a Person who is the Owner or Occupier shall be considered to occupy the Boulevard and Sidewalks immediately adjacent to their Property.
- 1.2. A Person shall not cause or permit a nuisance or unsightly condition to exist on Property they own or occupy.
- 1.3. A Nuisance or Unsightly Condition in respect of Property means Property that shows serious disregard for general maintenance and upkeep, whether or not it is detrimental to the surrounding area, including but not limited to:



EMS: If We Can't Find You, We Can't Help You "Make sure your house number is clear and visible. When an emergency happens, every second counts. You don't want critical seconds to be spent by emergency

responders trying to locate your house because you haven't properly displayed your address. Unmarked houses cause unnecessary delays.

If you haven't already done so, please make sure that your home number is clearly visible so that we can find you in the case of an emergency. "

It's your responsibility to make sure your address is visible. If emergency services (police, fire, ambulance) have a hard time finding your home because the address is hard to see, it has to be changed. Numbers should be at least 3 inches high and clearly visible. You can purchase street numbers and sign kits at most hardware stores or online that are easy to affix. If you decide to make your own sign, remember to use reflective numbers that are at least 3 inches high. Please be sure to trim any bushes away from your signs so that all numbers are clearly visible and not blocked by flowers, planters, flags, or other items.

And if you notice that your neighbor doesn't have a visible house number, lend them a hand. Let's all be neighbors helping neighbors

Untidy and Unsightly Premises or Property .means any premises or property or part of it which is characterized by visual evidence of a lack of general maintenance and upkeep or the excessive accumulation on the premises or property.
Controlling weeds on your property

While some plants are weeds in my garden, other people cultivate them for herbal purposes. There are

- 1.3.1. excessive accumulation of material including Building materials, appliances, household goods, boxes, tires and vehicle parts whether of apparent value or not;
- 1.3.2. loose litter, garbage, garden or lawn waste, refuse or animal feces, whether located in a storage area, collection area or elsewhere on the Property;
- 1.3.3. unkempt grass or Weeds;
- 1.3.4. any excavation, depression, drain or ditch, watercourse, pond, surface water or other matter or thing that may be dangerous to the public safety or health;
- 1.3.5. production of any generally offensive odor originating from the Property;
- 1.3.6. any tree, shrub, other type of vegetation or any structure that:
 - 1.3.6.1. interferes or could interfere with any public work or utility;
 - 1.3.6.2. obstructs any Sidewalk or Highway adjacent to the Property; or
 - 1.3.6.3. impairs visibility required for safe traffic flow at any intersection adjacent to the Property;
- 1.3.7. the failure to keep Property in a reasonable state of repair, which includes, but is not limited to:
 - 1.3.7.1. the significant deterioration of buildings, structures, fences or improvements, or portions of buildings, structures or improvements;
 - 1.3.7.2. broken or missing windows, doors, doorframes, siding, stairs, steps, hand railings, landings, balconies, patios, fences, shingles, shutters, eaves, or any other building material;
 - 1.3.7.3. significant fading, chipping, peeling, rotting or absence of paint on areas of buildings, structures, fences, or improvements on the Property; or
 - 1.3.7.4. conditions that may create a danger to public safety in the opinion of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer.



COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM 2023

Here is a very special **Thank You** to everyone who took that extra step to help make Vilna beautiful.

The Village appreciates the work done by the students of Vilna School, Joyce Soch and Jennifer Vinette for planting and maintaining all the flowers



BYLAW CORNER:

The Village has asked Smoky Lake County to assist in Bylaw Enforcement. A meeting is scheduled for July 25th when the proposal will be discussed and decided.

2023 BOOM TOWN DAYS – August 18th to 20th.



Friday:

- **Bench Show – 3:30 for Entries 6:30 Judging**

Saturday:

- **Pancake Breakfast @ Seniors 8:30 – 10:30**
- **Parade – 10:30**
- **Lunch, Farmers Market,**
- **Kids activities and fun**
- **Bench Show**
- **Hay Auction,**
- **Dinner and Dance**

Sunday:

- **Show & Shine Car Show Noon – 200**
- **Live Entertainment – Noon – 2:00**
- **BBQ – Noon – 3:00**

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday – August 9, 2023 – 5:30
Wednesday – September 13, 2023 – 5:30

Water Reservoir Replacement Project

The engineers are working on the construction designs for the new water reservoir. We're hoping to have the project prepared for tender by the end of 2023 and construction to start in early 2024. They anticipate the project to be completed by 2025.

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KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE ... Helmets are required for anyone driving, operating, riding in or on, or being towed by, an OHV .

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Sgt. Anita Doktor has been appointed as the new RCMP Detachment Commander in Smoky Lake.

8 simple ways to make your neighborhood safer

1. Make friends with neighbors
2. Organize neighborhood safety efforts
3. Keep up your yard
4. Install a security system
5. Exercise caution when going out of town
6. Close windows and blinds at night
7. Improve lighting on your street
8. If you see something, *say something*.

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES

Village of Vilna Traffic Bylaw

- 14.1 No person shall operate an Off Highway Vehicle within the corporate limits of the Village unless:
- 14.1.1 they are fourteen (14) years of age or older;
 - 14.1.2 they are traveling on the most direct route when going to and returning from their destination.
 - 14.1.3 it is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.; and
 - 14.1.4 the maximum rate of speed which a Driver may operate an Off Highway Vehicle within the Village shall be twenty (20) kilometers per hour.
 - 14.1.5 Regulations defined and outlined in the Traffic Safety Act and Off Highway Vehicle Regulation are adhered to.
 - 14.1.6 the Off Highway Vehicle has a vehicle registration.

And Alberta legislation requires:

- your OHV is registered and insured
- your OHV is equipped with a licence plate, head-light, tail-light, muffler and a spark arrester
- the driver of the OHV is at least 14 years of age unless the child is closely supervised by an adult of at least 18 years of age and is wearing a helmet.



How much is a ticket for not stopping at a stop sign in Alberta?

In Alberta, failing to stop at a stop sign can result in a **\$405.00 fine and 3 demerits**. At a stop sign, drivers must come to a complete stop before proceeding safely through the intersection. This gives drivers the opportunity to look for oncoming traffic, pedestrians, or cyclists.

RCMP RAVE

Alberta RCMP has officially launched their brand-new mobile app for iOS and Android devices. "**RCMP RAVE**" The app has been developed to simplify online user experience on mobile devices to ensure that Albertans can access information quickly and conveniently. The app is available as a free download through [Apple](#) or [Google Play](#). You can sign up to receive notifications of public interest, sent by the Smoky Lake Detachment.

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