

VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter

March, 2024



HAPPY
EASTER

Mayor Leroy Kunyk
Deputy Mayor Tammy Thompson
Councillor Paul Miranda

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Next Regular Council Meetings 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday March 13th, 2024 and
Wednesday April 10th, 2024

COUNCIL NOTES

The Regional Councils have been discussing the potential of our municipalities attracting people from other provinces and cities. The challenge we are facing is having sufficient housing and services to accommodate them.

With spring fast approaching and the potential for a dry spring, our Fire Departments are gearing up. The Regional Fire Committee has agreed to pay firefighters to be on standby during the Spring Fire Season. Fire Departments are typically voluntary. *If it is of interest to you, we are always looking for more firefighters. The Department will pay for your training.*

Contact the Fire Chief at 780-656-0104.

HOUSE NUMBERS



The Fire Department, Ambulance Service and Police are asking that you **make sure your house numbers are visible.** *It's difficult to respond to emergencies when they can't find your house number.*



Section 16.1 of the Community Standards Bylaw requires that all buildings have visible addresses on them.

THE VILLAGE OF VILNA WILL BE FOLLOWING THE SMOKY LAKE COUNTY FIRE RESTRICTIONS.

2024 DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Drought will be an ongoing challenge throughout 2024, and the province wants us to be prepared.

Droughts affect us in several ways. The most serious are:

- Shortage of water
- Fire hazards



SHORTAGE OF WATER

can result from ...

- 2.1.1 The possibility of Highway 28/63 Water Commission to provide enough water;
- 2.1.2 The failure of the Village Water Reservoir;
- 2.1.3 The weather conditions are such that a water shortage may occur; or
- 2.1.4 The volume of water consumed in the community is of a concern.

Should any of the above conditions occur, Council will be implementing Water Restrictions. These could vary from limiting watering of lawns, restricting days when gardens can be watered to prohibiting all outside water usage.

Should restrictions be required notices will be sent by flyer to Vilna Post Office Boxes and notices on bulletin boards.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS



Unless we get more moisture Fire Restrictions will be put in place.

Many of you remember the 2002 Bellis fire which left 60% of the Natural Area in ashes. Let's not let that happen again.

During a **Fire Restriction** fire permits are cancelled, but you can still have a campfire in your back yard as long as you have a fire pit as described below. At no time are you allowed to burn anything but seasoned fire wood. When spring cleaning your yard take all the debris to the transfer station. **DO NOT BURN IT.**

Fireworks are prohibited at any time unless you have a permit from the Fire Chief.

A **Fire Ban** prohibits all fires,

- including BBQs unless your BBQ is propane or natural gas.
- Propane or gas fire pits are permitted with proper screening.