

# VILLAGE OF VILNA NEWSLETTER May, 2016

**The devastating fire in Fort McMurray has affected many of our residents, both directly and indirectly. For those who have lost homes, or have family who have lost homes, our hearts and prayers go out to you.**

**Many of you have opened your homes and hearts. Your generosity is awe-inspiring. News reports indicate that it will be weeks before those fortunate enough to have homes to go back to will be able to return. It will be months for others. If you need assistance in hosting your guests, please let us know at the Village Office.**

**Bonnie Lake Campground is available to any evacuees who would like to make it your temporary home. Please call the office to ensure the use of an unbooked site. If you are in need of supplies, let us know and we will see what we can do.**

**Vilna is a Volunteering Community. In this community if you have a need, someone will find a way to help you.**

**You can donate to the Red Cross in a number of different ways to help people affected by the fires in Alberta.**

The Province has issued a PROVINCE WIDE Fire Ban (this includes fireworks) and a Ban on the use of ATV's on public land and in parks



## COUNCIL NOTES

**2015 Financial Report** was presented to Council at the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting.

### Highlights:

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position indicates that Callable Debt has been reduced by \$52,864.00, with Accumulated Surplus calculated at \$2,623,513.

### Consolidated Statement of Operations:

Although the Statement of Operations indicates a deficit of Revenue over Expenditures of \$82,138, this figure includes the cost of depreciation of fixed assets of \$138,278.00 which is not considered an accountable expense. The

removal of the depreciation results in a net financial surplus of \$56,137.00.

### Property Taxes Levied:

Net taxes levied for general municipal purposes were \$310,688.00, which is \$7,733.00 less than 2014. The reduction can be primarily attributed to the decision of the provincial government to not pay the Grants-In-Lieu of taxes levied for the Senior and Social Housing facilities.

### Government Transfers:

Operating transfers were recorded at \$79,913.00, a reduction of \$63,210.00 from 2014.

Capital transfers were significantly less than 2014, with only \$7,328.00 granted in 2015 while \$329,795.00 was received in 2014. Capital transfers are dependent on the Capital projects taken on in the particular financial year.

Expenditure by Type Schedule indicated that expenditures in 2015 were \$815,935.00, \$22,689.00 less than 2014.

### General Summary:

|           |                     |                   |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Revenues: | Net Taxes:          | \$286,348.00      |
|           | Government Trans.   | 87,241.00         |
|           | User Fees & Sales   | 232,394.00        |
|           | Investments & Other | <u>127,814.00</u> |
|           |                     | \$733,797.00      |

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|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Expenditures: | Contr. & Gen. Svs. | \$255,412.00     |
|               | Salaries & Wages   | 216,215.00       |
|               | Goods & Supplies   | 134,881.00       |
|               | Transfers          | 41,315.00        |
|               | Other Expenses     | <u>29,837.00</u> |
|               |                    | \$677,660.00     |

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| Principal Loan & Debenture costs   | 52,864.00       |
| <b>Surplus before amortization</b> | <b>3,273.00</b> |

### Carmen's "Scraps from the Dump"



*Feels like summer weather has arrived!!!!  
Soon lawns will need to be cut. Mulching your clippings is best for your lawn.*

*Starting May 30, 2016, recycle pick up will be weekly on Mondays.*

*This will accommodate yard waste through the summer.*

*Please ensure no garbage gets into your compost bags. There is no restriction on the amount of compost, but the weight restriction of forty pounds per bag does apply. Enjoy the season, and stay cool!!!*

**LOOSE GARBAGE IN CANS OR CONTAINERS  
WILL NOT BE PICKED UP UNTIL IT IS BAGGED  
AND TIED.**

The Vilna Transfer Station is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9am to 5pm.

## **BEAR SIGHTINGS**

**Don't feed them.**

**Don't antagonize them.**

**Keep your garbage containers tight, or store your garbage indoors until collection day.**

**Empty your bird feeders.**

**Keep bottles and cans indoors.**

**PHONE FISH AND WILDLIFE AT  
780-656-3556 OR 1-800-642-3800**

**“Sometimes, you have to look back in order to understand the things that lie ahead.”**

### **VILNA LIBRARY**

Programs for all ages are provided at the Library throughout the year. To name a few; Adult fun colouring day, Lego Club, Computer classes.

***The library is open:***

Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-7pm and Saturdays 12-4:30pm.

The phone number is 780-636-2077

**VILNA LIBRARY BOOK PURCHASE PROGRAM  
FUND RAISER**

Call 780-636-2077 for information

## **BYLAW REMINDERS**

**BUSINESS LICENSES: IF YOU ARE OPERATING ANY TYPE OF BUSINESS WITHIN THE VILLAGE BOUNDARIES, WHETHER IN A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OR NOT, YOU REQUIRE A BUSINESS LICENSE. Get yours at the Village Office**

**DOG LICENSES NEED TO BE RENEWED - \$10. ANNUALLY (runs Jan - Dec). Come in to the Village office and get your dog registered. Fines apply**

**DID YOU KNOW?** – If there is a **streetlight burned out** on your street call ATCO at **1-800-668-2248** or report online at <http://www.atcoelectric.com/Services/StreetLight-Repair-Form>

## **READ YOUR WATER METER**

Please read your water meter in the latter half of **June** and phone the Village office with the reading. **780-636-3620**. Leave the reading in a voice message (with your account # or address). Thank you.

*If you can provide the reading, you will only be charged for the water you use. If we don't have a reading we will estimate. Guess what, we usually estimate high.*

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 13, 2016 – Vilna Veselka Dancing Club Spring Concert is at the Vilna Cultural Centre 7:30 p.m. – Adults \$5, 12 & under FREE. 50/50, Loonie Raffles, Door Prizes, Raffle tickets for a \$750.00 Patio Set, \$450.00 Quilt & Cross stitch - Refreshments**

May 16, 2016 – Next Council Meeting

**June 11, 2016 – Cribbage Tournament Sr. Centre 9:30 a.m. - 780-636-2350 to register**

Lots of Activities at the Senior's Recreation Centre 780-636-3559: Bingo at 7:30pm on Sundays, Bocci starting soon, call for further details

July 1-3, 2016– Vilna Cowboy Fest  
August 19-21, 2016 – Vilna Boomtown Days  
At Vilna Cultural Centre

**Most people have some good in them.** Try to find it. It helps you understand where they are coming from and just makes life feel better.