

# VILLAGE OF VILNA NEWSLETTER November, 2014

*Where have all the flowers gone,  
Long time passing .....*

## COUNCIL NOTES

The **October Council meeting** included the re-confirming of Council responsibilities and committee representation. The major change in the organization is the addition of a new society. The Community has made application for a society titled "Vilna Cares Society". It is the intent of this group to fund raise for equipment that will support the health and well-being of the community. Specifically, an X-Ray machine.

The **Vilna Cares Society** does not mean that we have been successful in re-gaining an X-Ray machine, but we do seem more hopeful that the new Premier and new Health Minister see our side of the argument more clearly than the previous leaders.

The **Regional Community Development Committee** is in the process of hiring an Economic Development Officer. Promotion of the communities and the region are high priorities for our continued sustainability and growth. Tapping into some of the industrial activity surrounding us will be one of the initiatives.

Increased **heavy traffic on highway 28** has become a concern, not only for commute traffic, but our emergency services has seen a dramatic increase in incidents. We, and the surrounding communities have written to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation identifying the increase in incidents and the dangerous conditions along the highway, primarily because of the increase in domestic as well as industrial traffic. Be Careful Out There.

In accordance with our **Regional Quality Management Plan**, we have renewed our agreement with The Inspections Group for another two years.

The Quality Management Plan identifies the inspection process required for the safe construction and renovations in our community. The areas included in the plan are electrical installations and renovations (updating wiring, installing new services, etc.), plumbing and gas installations and renovations (replacing or installing new furnaces, hot water tanks, adding or moving plumbing fixtures, etc.), new construction, building renovations, in accordance with the specific codes. Your safety is the primary

purpose of this statute. Using proper inspections assures us, and you, that your facility is safe.

Council is again offering the **Winter Driveway Clearing Program for Seniors and Special Needs** residents. It is necessary that the applicant lives in the home where service is being requested. It's also important to understand that the clearing of the streets has precedence over driveways. The cost will again be \$50.00 per season. Please register at the Village Office.

## SCRAPS FROM THE DUMP ... from Carmen

*Thank-you to everyone participating in our recycling program. Now that garden waste is done for another year, recycle pick-up will be every 2 weeks. It runs the risk of being cancelled if there is a lack of participation. Next Recycle pick-up will be NOVEMBER 17.*

## Garbage FACTS:

- Waste is to be enclosed in **TIED bags** before disposal. Bags must then be **placed in a can**.
- Maximum of 5 bags per week per household (*no more than 40 pounds per bag*).
- **GARBAGE PICK-UP is Wednesday**. Too many garbage bags are being put out days before pick-up, creating a mess that is the property owners responsibility to clean up.
- *Penalties could be assessed to negligent residents.*
- **BEST PLAN .... GET A CAN.**

With a little effort we can reduce garbage costs and make our Village a cleaner place to live.

## **Wild Pink Yonder competition results.....**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place - Gibbons,*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place - VILNA !!!!!!!*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Smoky Lake.*

*Congratulations everyone.*

## **Community Events:**

November 8<sup>th</sup>, - Christmas Craft Fair at the Cultural Centre between 10:00 and 3:00.

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Remembrance Day Services at both Ashmont and Smoky Lake Legions. Services start between 10:30 and 10:45.

November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. - Next Council Meeting,

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, "Jimmy the Janitor" comedy show doors open at 6:00 show starts at 7:30, sponsored by the Ag. Society and intended to raise funds for the X-Ray..... **ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY – GET THEM AT D&E GROCERY BEFORE THEY SELL OUT!!**

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