

VILLAGE OF VILNA NEWSLETTER September, 2016

The summer of 2016 started with devastating fires in Fort McMurray and ended with floods in Westlock. To most people this would have caused panic and a serious desire to learn how to deal with the emergencies, should we happen to be faced with any of these crises or perhaps a snow storm closing the highway for a few days.

Your Council and Emergency Services team put together a workshop with Ian Fox from Alberta Emergency Management Agency about Emergency Preparedness to speak to you about 'How to be Prepared!' Besides your Council and 2 members of C.O.P.S that showed up one village resident and a few County residents, the Lodge Manager and your CAO.

So, we can assume that everyone in Vilna has their 72 Hour Emergency Preparedness Kit. Everyone has a power generator and everyone has an operating sump pump. And everyone has a supply of sandbags to protect your homes from flooding. **"What, you don't?"**

The Emergency Preparedness Committee can quickly get the Village evacuated if a fire should approach unexpectedly. Should we be hit with a blizzard of maritime proportions we could probably arrange to have everyone housed in the Cultural Centre and depend on D & E Groceries to provide sufficient groceries to feed us until the plows can clear the highways, but WHAT do you do if we suddenly are barraged with a 50 or 90 mm rain storm. 50 mm in 15 minutes, as happened in Westlock, equals about 2 inches in 15 minutes or 8 inches in an hour. Your residential lot is approximately 7,000 square feet, typically. About 50 % of the land is covered with buildings. That means all of that water will accumulate on 50% of the property. (16 inches in an hour). The Village does not have a storm sewer system and the ditches won't hold that much water..... so it will flow over the ditches, or through the ground, and into your basements. The worst storms have been known to last approximately 15 to 30 minutes. Special flood insurance is required for your home.

The Province used to refer to these as worst storm in 100 years. Now, they're suggesting that we need to be prepared for them at **any** time.

Storm water ditches can't move that kind of water fast enough to protect your homes and businesses. Council is currently looking at the cost of re-shaping the drainage ditches and replacing some of the 6 inch culverts with 12 to 24 inch culverts. We expect to have the project costs available before the 2017 budget. **It will be expensive.** We are researching grant opportunities.

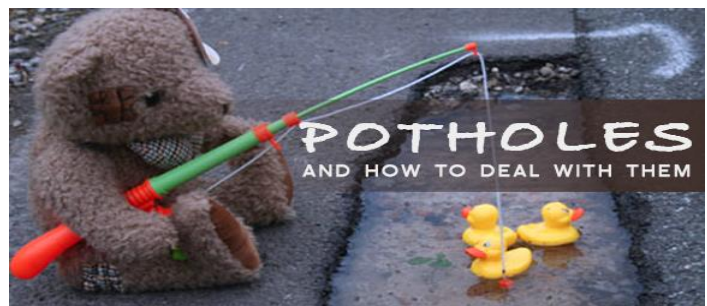


COUNCIL NOTES

2016 projects

Alberta Transportation Grants have finally been approved for two projects this year. The sewage lift station will be upgraded with pumps replaced and electrical panels enhanced. This is expected to reduce operating costs significantly for wastewater handling.

AND we have just received word that we will be receiving a road improvement grant from the Federal Gas Tax fund for a project to fix the road failure at the highway entrance on 52 street. The County has provided gravel, grading and arranged for dust control at a reduced cost for the remainder to 52 Street along the west edge of the Village.



DOGS! Dogs! Dogs!

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But not everyone does. The bylaws require that your dog shall be confined to your property, either by leash or fence and when you're walking IT, keep IT on a leash, AND when IT poops PICK UP THE POOP AND TAKE IT HOME.

"Scraps from the Dump"-Change in schedule

Garbage pick-up staffing has changed. Your garbage is to be out by 9am and in bags. If it is not, it will be missed.

*Monday, September 26th will be the last weekly recycle pick up, and Effective **Wednesday October 12th** recycling will be picked up on the **SAME DAY AS GARBAGE DAY.***

Place your recycling beside your garbage cans. Through the winter, recycling will be picked up bi-weekly. Garbage bags MUST not weigh more than 40 pounds. If you have garbage cans full of packed debris, clean them out. We won't. We will not take anything other than bags. Neither are our employees obliged to negotiate around vehicles and junk in order to collect garbage.

There is no restriction on the amount of compost, but the weight restriction of forty pounds per bag does apply. Enjoy the season, Autumn is upon us.

**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.

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 A BUSINESS WITHIN THE VILLAGE BOUNDARIES, YOU REQUIRE A BUSINESS LICENSE. Get yours at the Village Office

We've heard rumor that there is a new Gift Shop in Vilna. We were asked if they supply Aboriginal Artisan Items. We'd love to support local businesses but without a Business License, we don't know about you.

TAX RECOVERY SALE - October 26, 2016 - 10: am

Our last newsletter indicated that we have approximately 10 properties that are serious in arrears that they will be offered for auction on October 26th, 2016. For more information a full Advertisement will be placed in the Redwater Review within 2 weeks of the sale. Also, please be aware that a property on the list for Auction can be removed prior to the sale.

BANKING SERVICES for some time we have been able to arrange to have payments withdrawn from your bank account or you can pay directly from your bank account. Until this summer these services were limited to ATB, CIBC and Scotia Bank.

Servus Credit Union has been set up to show the Village of Vilna on their payee lists. Any day now we will have arrangements finalized with the TD Canada Trust as well. Check with your bank.

READ YOUR WATER METER

Please read your water meter in the latter half of **October** 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 12, 2016- CHRISTMAS CRAFT Show & Sale
At the Cultural Centre**

October 17, 2016 - Regular Council Meeting
Lots of Activities at the Senior's Recreation Centre most days and bingo on Sundays. 780-636-3559

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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>