

VILLAGE OF VILNA

NEWSLETTER

January 2017



COUNCIL NOTES

Bylaws

Recently passed bylaws are:

#524-16 – Regional Emergency Management – to ensure that, in an emergency or disaster, response is regional and providing needed resources to the municipality(ies) experiencing it.

#525-16 – Inter-Municipal Development Plan – ensures that planning and development follows a solid plans to safeguard adjoining municipalities from planning and/or development decisions that may be undesirable to the other.

Projects

The wastewater lift station and water plant heaters were affected by the power failure and outage on December 8/9, 2016. Unfortunately, it caused enough damage to require replacement of all three heaters. Temporary heat was put in place for the weekend and the water plant heaters were replaced the following Monday and Tuesday. The lift station heater required special ordering and will be replaced shortly.

The lift station pumps, valves and installation of the grinder pump has not yet begun. Engineering has slowed the process somewhat, but work is underway to complete this project very soon.

Property

The Village has taken title (or holds the right to transfer title) of numerous properties and Council is open to reasonable offers.

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| 1) 5007 – 50 Street | 6) 4812 – 49 Avenue |
| 2) 5309 – 50 Street | 7) 5032 – 51 Avenue |
| 3) 5313 – 50 Street | 8) 5036 – 51 Avenue |
| 4) 5317 – 50 Street | 9) 5035 – 51 Avenue |
| 5) 4928 – 50 Avenue | 10) 5027 – 48 Avenue |

If you have an interest in any of these properties, feel free to contact the Village office.

INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATION

Part of the regional cooperation model is Economic Development. At the last meeting of the Regional Community Development Committee meeting we discussed a business listing. This would include any home-based businesses. The advertised listing will include the business name, the services offered and contact information.

If you are interested in having your business listed and take advantage of free advertising and promotion, contact the Village office or the Economic Development Officer who works for all of the municipalities - Shaun Green – 780-271-1111 or by email at shaun@smokylakeregion.ca. Shaun will also provide any assistance you need as a small business or entrepreneur in Smoky Lake Region.

NEIGHBOR WATCH

Here in small towns we own a special quality as generous, heart-full people and Vilna is a very friendly and caring community! This includes watching out for our neighbors and their well-being and property – and making sure people are ok, especially our seniors and elders.

Please keep an eye out for one another. It benefits everyone! Helping others comes back to you two-fold and genuine caring just makes the world a better place.

“We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community.” — Dorothy Day

\$\$\$ IT PAYS YOU TO READ YOUR WATER METER \$\$\$

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE PROVIDED THEIR READING FOR THIS BILLING!!!!

Your utility bill consists of basic MONTHLY charges of:

- \$20. /month water, (\$40.00/ bill)
- \$15. /month sewer (\$30.00/bill)
- \$25. /month garbage collection/disposal (\$50.00/bill)
- TOTAL - \$120.00/bill

PLUS WATER CONSUMPTION at \$3.408 per cubic meter or 220 gallons.

Please read your water meter in the latter half of **February** and phone the Village office with your reading. **780-636-3620.**

Leave the reading in a voice message if there is no answer (with your account # or address). Thank you.

New in Town?

Garbage and Recycle (cardboard, metals, compost (separated)) pickup is on Wednesdays - Items for pickup should be out for 9am.

If you have a dog, you require a license (\$10 at the Village office).

If you have or are starting a business you require a business license – available at the Village office.

If you have a sidewalk you are responsible to remove snow within 48 hours.

VILNA LIBRARY - 780-636-2077



Programs for all ages are provided at the Library throughout the year. To name a few: Adult fun coloring day, Lego Club, Computer Classes.

The Library is open Tuesday and Thursday 3:30 to 7:30 pm and 12 – 4:30 on Saturdays. Internet available

Carbon Levy (Excerpts from the AB Government website)

The carbon levy will begin hitting your natural gas billings (for January) and is already at the fuel pumps. The carbon levy will be included in the price of all fuels that emit greenhouse gases when combusted starting January 1, 2017. It will not apply directly to consumer purchases of electricity.

Type of Fuel	Jan 1, 2017	Jan 1, 2018
Marked fuels for ag purposes	Exempt	Exempt
Diesel	5.35 ¢/L	2.68 ¢/L
Gasoline	4.49 ¢/L	2.24 ¢/L
Natural Gas	1.011 \$/GJ	0.506 \$/GJ
Propane	3.08 ¢/L	1.54 ¢/L

Indirect costs of the carbon levy are estimated to range between:

- \$50 to \$70 per household in 2017
- \$70 to \$105 per household in 2018

The rebate is tied to income and not energy use, so eligible recipients have a financial incentive to reduce household emissions.

Rebate Eligibility

You don't need to apply for the rebate. You only need to file a 2015 tax return and meet the income criteria.

Potential carbon rebate recipients must:

- be Alberta residents;
- file a 2015 tax return; and
- meet the income requirements (see table below).

The rebate will begin to phase out at \$47,500 in net income for single Albertans and \$95,000 for couples and families.

<http://www.alberta.ca/climate-carbon-pricing.aspx>

**Announcing the Opening of
New Hope Mission Center
At New Hope Community Church
51st Street and 52 Avenue, Vilna
From 1-5pm Thursday February 16, 2017**

We want to Bless People who can use some clothes.
Everything is in good shape and has been washed.... We are here to serve our Community...Pastor Wayne Johnson

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2017



**VILNA & DISTRICT VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO THE
35th ANNUAL FIREFIGHTERS DINE AND DANCE
FEATURING MILLENIA!!**
ENJOY EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD & DOOR
PRIZES -AND SUPPORT THE GREAT THINGS THE
FIREFIGHTERS DO FOR THE PEOPLE OF VILNA!!

- ***January 23, 2017 - 7:00pm Regular Council***
- ***February 18, 2017 - COMMUNITY SUPPER!***
At the Cultural Centre 5-7pm.
- ***February 17-19, 2017 Vilna Curling Club
Bonspiel at the Vilna Arena - Main Street
and 53rd Avenue behind the School.***
- ***The Senior's Recreation Centre has a
variety of activities all during the week.***

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