

VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2020

COUNCIL NOTES

- At the August 6th meeting, the primary topic of discussion was the possibility of finding a qualified CAO to work in Vilna for the salary that we can afford to pay.

After talking to Municipal Affairs it was suggested that we talk to Smoky Lake County about the option of amalgamation. If the County is interested, Municipal Affairs will provide a grant that will pay for a feasibility study. Depending on the results of the study, Council may choose to proceed with the amalgamation or decide to remain independent. It is important that you are involved in the whole process. Somehow, in spite of COVID, we will get information to you, and find a way for you to express your feelings and opinions.

Amalgamation is considered when 2 or more municipalities believe that they can operate more effectively or efficiently together rather than separately.

If both municipalities agree to look into the option of amalgamation, a proposal must be put forward to Municipal Affairs identifying the process through which the public shall be included. In ordinary circumstances this would be through public meetings.

As the process continues a committee consisting of member of the two Councils shall negotiate terms and conditions that will be most beneficial to both. Municipal Affairs is kept up dated on the progress of the negotiations and the results of the public participation.

Through the course of the study, as well as public participation and negotiations it may turn out the amalgamation is not the most beneficial outcome for each municipality. It may turn out that a form of shared services would be better for both.

WASTE & RECYCLING

There is a new bin at the Transfer Station. We can now dispose of :

- Small Appliances,
- Audio Visuals,
- Telecom,
- Power and Air Tools,
- Electronic Games, Toys and Music.

TRANSFER STATION Tuesday & Saturday 9-5

GARBAGE PICK UP Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

49th AVENUE CONSTRUCTION

You've probably noticed some big equipment on the west end of 49th Avenue. A couple years ago we had all the water lines and sewer lines inspected. There are sections of the lines that are desperately in need of repair or replacement. We have accumulated Capital Grant funds until we have enough to do a section of the project. The water and sewer lines are being replaced. The road will be resurfaced in the following year. It is recommended that the excavations be allowed to settle before resurfacing the roads.

2020 Tax Recovery Auction Sale

Wednesday, September 16th, 2020

11:00 a.m. at the Village Office

3 properties

- 1) Hotel - 5036 - 50 Street
- 2) Vacant Residential - 5016 - 51 Avenue
- 3) Residential - 5145 - 49 Avenue

THE SCHOOL IS OPEN AGAIN, THE KIDS ARE BACK.



It's wonderful to see the children gathering again. We are out of practice, so let's be extra cautious as we drive through town.

I want to send out a very special vote of appreciation to the teachers and school employees who so enthusiastically and cautiously have invited the children back to school.

Village Office:

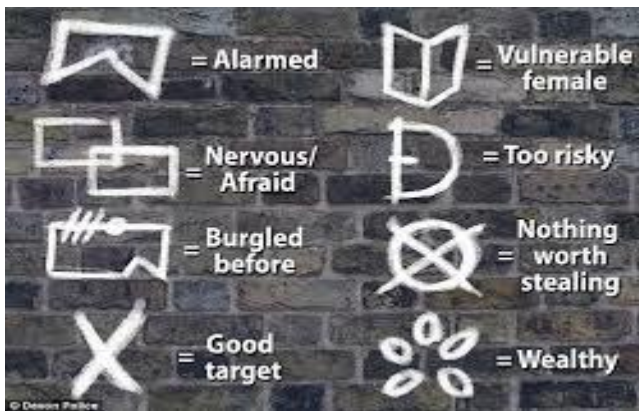
Phone: 780-636-3620, Fax: 780-636-3022
email: vilna@mcsnet.ca webpage: vilna.ca
Address: Box 10, Vilna AB T0A 3L0
5135 - 50th Street

During World War II, Londoners were asked to black out their homes at night so the enemy wouldn't see the lights and know where to target. "NO" a Londoner said, "It's my right to have lights on". Others replied, "Your lights endanger us". Substitute LIGHTS for MASKS. Now argue. Jason Alexander

Message from Sgt. Chan

- Do not engage with unknown persons,
- Report suspicious persons/vehicles/activities to the police as soon as possible.
- Be an active member of your community and join the Rural Crime Watch or Bellis/Vilna Citizens on Patrol programs."

**RCMP – 780-656-3550 days
780-656-3691 AFTER HOURS
EMERGENCIES – 911**



Codes that robbers use: These markings have been seen on sidewalks in front of homes that have been checked out for a robbery. *Haven't seen any here yet.*

**Hope Mission is open again
with Social distancing, masks and sanitizer
5035 – 52 Avenue, Vilna
Gently used clothing, household items, and some
food items are available if you need them.**

At this time Hope Community Church is meeting at the
Bellis Mission on Sundays at 11:00
We are set up with distance and masks and sanitizer

VILNA LIBRARY IS OPEN

**Tuesday & Thursday – 3:30 to 7:30
Saturday – Noon to 4:00**

COVID-19 PANDEMIC EFFECT ON VILNA

I want to thank everyone for being so responsible about respecting social distancing, and wearing masks when they can't. And very grateful to everyone for using the hand sanitizer that is provided in most facilities. So far, we've managed to keep the virus out of Vilna. Each day I check the statistics to see how far out the major centres the virus has spread. It's been all around us. Keep up the great effort. We, in Vilna have been fortunate not to have had any cases of COVID in the community YET. It only takes one incident to change everything.

Nearly six months of being 2 meters away from anyone, and being diligent about washing our hands often and hand sanitizing has paid off, *so far.*
**** Masks are available at the Office****

"Never in my whole life would I have imagined that my hands would consume more alcohol than my mouth!"

BYLAWS (aka Earla's Rants)

- Aside from a few dog complaints, life has been nice and quiet.
- I saw a few yards that haven't been mowed for a long, long time, and some noxious weeds growing in one of the alleys. Letters went out and some of the issues were taken care of.
- I've seen a lot of neighbours helping neighbours. Pat yourself on the back. Someday you may need help and your good deeds will be remembered.
- It seems that for the past few months, with the children not in school, drivers have forgotten that Main Street is not a freeway, nor is 49th Avenue.
- I did suggest to Council that if we left the streets all rutted and rough we could reduce the speeding.

**The Seniors Recreation Centre is closed for
social gatherings until further notice.
Bingos have started again ...
Sunday afternoons.**

"You drop something when you're younger, you just pick it up. When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for a while contemplating if you actually need it anymore.