

VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter

September & October 2023



Tax Recovery Sale

Vilna, Alberta, on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 11:00 am, at the Village Office the following lands:

Legal Description	Civic Address	Reserve Bid
B 5081ET	4913 - 49 St	\$ 37,100
9 1 7722146	4910 - 49 St	\$32,300
4 5 829HW	5122 - 51 Ave	\$100,300
13 3 1887CL	5023 - 52 Ave	\$ 18,100

Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title. The property is being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis, and the Village of Vilna makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, or the developability of the subject land for any intended use by the purchaser.

Terms: Cash, bank draft, or certified cheque, e-transfer or debit. Credit Cards will be accepted with a 3% charge. A minimum 25% deposit will be required at the time of sale and the balance within 10 days of the date of public auction. Bidders or their agents must be present at the public auction.



FALL CLEAN-UP - October 1-15

For the second year Vinette Salvage will be placing waste bins behind the Village Office. Take advantage of this very generous community contribution. You can get rid of the summer accumulation before it snows.

Council Meetings

Wednesday - September 13, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday - October 11m 2023 - 5.30 p.m.



Regional Peace Officer Services & Regional Bylaw Enforcement Services.

The Smoky Lake Region

Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC) advise Administration to draft three individual "Shared Services Agreements" between Smoky Lake County and the Town of Smoky Lake, the Village of Waskatenau and the Village of Vilna for the purpose of Community Peace Officer and/or Bylaw Enforcement Services, provided through the County, including but not limited to a maximum amount of five service hours allocated to each respective municipality; and undertake an informal review of all respective municipality's enforcement bylaws to potentially revise them for consistency and ease of enforcement.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT October 18th, 2023 - Seniors Drop In Centre 6:00 p.m.

- **RCMP Sgt. Doktor** would like to hear from local community members in the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment area. She's looking for comments and concerns about policing issues in the Vilna area.
- **Community Vision Input** your Council would like to hear about your Vision for Vilna. Bring your ideas.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Vilna & District Municipal Library 780-636-2077

- **October 28th 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**
2nd Annual Haunted House at the Hope Mission Building 51 St & 52 Ave.
- **Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.**
Green Thumbs and Golden Needles
(Generational Knowledge Sharing)



Vilna & District Agricultural Society

780-636-3960

Farmers Markets and Flee

Markets

- Sundays between Noon & 3:00 p.m. at the Cultural Centre



TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY SAFE

Property crime is a concern for everyone and crime prevention is a community commitment. These tips can help residents keep their property safe and reduce the risk of property crime. Remember that criminals prey on opportunity, so help remove that opportunity!

Lock it

Lock your garage, your vehicles and your home - even when you are home. It may sound obvious, but many criminals will check to see if doors are unlocked, giving them an easy opportunity to strike. Also, whether or not you have a security system or a dog, put up signs warning people about both. If everything is locked up and criminals are faced with the prospect of additional deterrents, most will move on.

Secure it

Install additional security locks on exterior doors and windows and don't forget about surveillance! When possible, install devices that permit sight to the other side, such as chain link fences, and keep shrubs and bushes trimmed below ground level windows and trees pruned above eye level to eliminate areas of potential concealment. Consider installing a security system and cameras as an additional deterrent.

Light it

Turn on your lights! Use timers on your lights when you're away from your home or business so they appear occupied. At night, use outdoor lighting to enhance illumination in dark areas around your property where an intruder might hide, such as stairwells, alleys and hallways. Install motion lights and/or cameras at all entrances and turn your porch lights on at night.

Hide it

Install and use blinds and curtains to prevent people from seeing inside your home, especially at night. And don't "hide" spare keys under a doormat or in a planter; keep them with a trusted neighbour or nearby business.

Remove it

Never leave valuables in your vehicle, especially a wallet or purse. Take any electronics, such as cell phones, tablets and laptops inside with you, *including your remote garage door opener*. In many cases, criminals will enter a vehicle for the sole purpose of stealing your garage door opener in hopes of gaining access to your garage and, subsequently, your home.

Share it

Introduce yourself to your neighbours, as neighbours who know each other watch out for one another. *But keep in mind you need to be cautious about what you share on social media sites* - even if it's considered a friendly or helpful group.

Do not share or discuss personal information, on social media, such as upcoming vacations or when you, or other

family members, will be away from your home. Advertising when you are going to be away from your property for an extended period of time is like hanging a "come on in" sign on your door for thieves.

Report it

See something suspicious? If it's an emergency or crime in progress, call 9-1-1. For all other calls, contact the RCMP at 780-656-3550 (days) & 780-656-3691 (after hours). If you have information, but would prefer to remain anonymous, you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or report it online at www.tipsubmit.com.

CITIZENS ON PATROL

Vilna & Bellis have a COP program of volunteers who either drive or walk around our Village and take notice of things that don't look quite right, or persons in places that shouldn't have people there. If you feel you might want to become involved in helping keep Vilna safe here is some information.

Who are Citizens On Patrol? They are citizens in the community who volunteer for the RCMP and act as an extra set of eyes in watching what is happening in their neighbourhoods. As well, Citizens On Patrol listen to what is going on. If something appears to be criminal in nature, or is unusual, the volunteer will notify the local law enforcement and report what they are watching.

People in the community know who belongs there and can recognize when something is taking place that is questionable. The local police cannot be everywhere. The role of the volunteer is to be those "extra eyes and ears" that assist in helping to keep the community safer.

Citizens On Patrol are required to have a criminal record check. Citizens On Patrol are trained in what they can do, what they cannot do and what should be reported. Volunteers use their own vehicles while patrolling in pairs, never alone. Volunteers are covered by Liability Insurance through the local C.O.P. group.

If you're interesting in volunteering, call 780-636-3666 or email: Cop.bellis@hotmail.com

VILLAGE OFFICE

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Email: vilna@mcsnet.ca

Office: 780-636-3620

Public Works: 780-521-7124

Those STOP SIGNS weren't put up just because Earla likes the color red. They were put up to slow the traffic down driving through town and make the streets safer for pedestrians, especially our seniors and the students walking to the schools. . Any time you approach a stop sign while driving, you must come to a FULL STOP. At four-way stop intersections, also known as "courtesy corners", all vehicles approaching the intersection are required to come to a complete stop. Safety dictates that the vehicle that stops first, proceeds first. If 2 vehicles arrive at the stop signs at the same time, the vehicle on the left proceeds first.

RCMP – 780-656-3550 DAYS
780-656-3691 AFTER HOURS

EMERGENCIES – 911



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday – August 9, 2023 – 5:30

Wednesday – September 13, 2023 – 5:30



... Helmets are required for anyone driving, operating, riding in or on, or being towed by, an OHV .

Sgt. Anita Doktor has been appointed as the new RCMP Detachment Commander in Smoky Lake.

Hi everyone,

I wanted to share some exciting news on our Drive Happiness Partnership (DH). Approx a year ago, when we started this partnership, DH had applied for the Scaling up for Seniors Grant. It was recently announced that they have been awarded \$556,634 to help support their efforts in expanding their services into rural communities. You can read more about this announcement

here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2023/07/government-of-canada-funds-three-projects-in-alberta-to-empower-seniors-to-age-in-their-communities.html>

This funding is great news for our partnership, as DH will now be able to take a more active role in trying to drive awareness/adoption of this program across our region. Two of the DH team came to meet w/ me in person last week to further explore/brainstorm ideas on increasing volunteerism for this program. As we start to develop an action-plan for this, I will share that across. DH will be here in person and have a booth at the Community Showcase in Town on August 23rd.

DH also advised that they could send pamphlets/info sheets via mail to each of your offices, therefore I will provide them your office address so they can send information that you can have at your office for community members to view.

Thanks!