

VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter September, 2025

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS –

OCTOBER 20, 2025.



shutterstock.com · 2259245195

Nominations are open for the General Election for **Municipal Council** and the **School Board Trustee** positions and will close at noon on September 22, 2025.

There are 3 things about the Municipal Election that you will want to think about.

- **1st**, who is running for your Council? Have you thought about running yourself?
- **2nd**, know who is running for your Council. Get to know what their platform is.
- **3rd – GET OUT AND VOTE.**

The rules for being able to vote in a Municipal Election are:

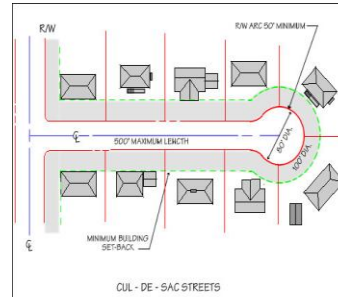
1. Must be a Canadian Citizen of at least 18 years of age, resides in Alberta and in the local jurisdiction on election day.
2. Must have lived in the Village for at least 1 day prior to the election.
3. Must have photo ID. *(If your Driver's Licence or Identification Card does not have your current address, you may use it as one piece of ID, in combination with another piece of ID showing your current physical address and a photograph.*
4. Have another registered elector who lives in the Village vouch for you by swearing a statement.

This is what you should expect from your Councillors:

1. To make decisions on behalf of the ratepayers and residents with respect to provisions of quality, essential municipal services, in an efficient, cost-effective manner as per relevant legislation and bylaws of the municipality.
2. To make decisions on behalf of the ratepayers and residents with respect to taxation and user fees required to pay for the services provided.
3. To provide local representation and work cooperatively with other municipalities and regions as well as other levels of government.

4. To actively promote local economic development and create a community atmosphere where commercial, industrial, and residential growth can flourish.

LAND USE BYLAW #609-25



A Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is a municipal document that regulates the use and development of land within a municipality that must comply with Safety Codes and legislation.

It designates properties into different land use districts,

such as residential, commercial, or industrial, and sets specific rules for what types of buildings and activities are permitted in each district, including regulations on setbacks, lot coverage, and building height. The purpose of a LUB is to ensure orderly, efficient, and planned development, and to protect community quality of life and environmental resources.

The Village is undertaking a focused review and update to the Village's current Land Use Bylaw. This is not a new requirement; all municipalities have had a Land Use Bylaw for several decades. A Land Use Bylaw establishes rules and regulations for us and development as well as processes for making decision on subdivision and development permit applications. The Land Use Bylaw includes a wide range of regulations, including:

- Development permit application requirement.
- The maximum height, number, and size of buildings on a lot; and
- Lists of permitted and discretionary uses for each land use district.

The Village' current Land Use Bylaw is almost 30 years old. Since it was adopted, new development pressures and trends have emerged, provincial legislation related to planning and development have been amended several times by the Government of Alberta. The next step in this project is to invite community members to attend a public open house. An online open house will be held later in the year to provide community members with the opportunity members with the opportunity to learn about the project and provide feedback. Stay tuned for specific details (date, time & format, etc.)

WATER RESERVOIR PROJECT UPDATE

If you've been watching the construction of the water reservoir, you might be thinking that the project is taking a long time. It's going to take at least another year.

To make the reservoir solid and secure for the next +/- 50 years they are installing lots of rebar and more rebar and even more rebar, putting in the piping through the walls, forming the walls, install the damp proofing membrane, then they will be pouring the concrete.



KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE ALBERTA RCMP



As people set out on summer vacations and more time is spent away from home, your Alberta RCMP is reminding you to secure your property to prevent yard theft and break and enters.

In 2024 there were 3,940 residential break-ins in the Alberta RCMP jurisdictions, with 367 occurring in June alone. Property and yard thefts are often crimes of opportunity. The following can help keep your property safe.

- *Lighting – inhibits intruders.*
- *Clear sightlines reduce places where criminals can hide;*
- *Gates locked will deter offenders;*
- *Windows covered and locked.*

Locks on your house as well as sheds and garages and keep valuables such as lawnmowers, BBQs and bikes out of sight.

Rural Crime Watch provides tips to reduce yard theft and residential break-ins.

Report any criminal or suspicious activity to the Police.

RCMP - EMERGENCIES – 911

Smoky Lake Detachment 780-656-3550 days

For NON-Emergencies – 310-RCMP (310-7267)



FIRE RESTRICTION IN EFFECT Fire Rating: High

We've made it through most of the hot, dry summer. It doesn't mean that we don't have to be cautious about fires.

Under this Fire Restriction, the following activities are permitted:

1. **Campfires** in approved fire pits only.
(An approved fire receptacle is a fire pit constructed of non-combustible materials with a metal mesh screen.)
2. **Use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs)** is permitted during this restriction.

While the restriction remains in effect, **no fire permits will be issued.**

The use of fireworks is strictly prohibited. No fireworks permits will be issued at this time.

Recovery of Firefighting Costs:

In accordance with the *Fire Protection Services Bylaw*, any costs incurred by the Fire Departments in responding to extinguish fires may be charged to the landowner.

We urge everyone to use extreme caution when working or driving in grassy areas, be mindful of hot exhaust and keep vehicles clean and free of debris as smoldering debris can fall off and start fires.

Be fire smart: NEVER LEAVE A FIRE UNATTENDED!! Remain cautious when having a fire. Ensure the fire is completely extinguished. Soak it, stir it, soak it again. Repeat as necessary. Ashes should be cool to touch.

For further information please contact Village of Vilna @ 780-636-3620.

Check the Village Web Page for updates and schedules – www.vilna.ca

The Events Calendar has meeting dates, Zoom links, Events (when known).

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Regular Council:

October 8, 2025 5:30pm at the Village Office

Annual Organizational Meeting

October 29, 2025 5:30pm at the Village Office

VILLAGE OFFICE

5135 – 50 Street

Box 10, Vilna AB T0A 3L0

Email: vilna@mcsnet.ca

Office: 780-636-3620

Website: www.vilna.ca