

#### MAY 2020

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Town of Onoway Administrative Office will be closed on May 18, 2020

#### PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENT PLAN

If you wish to pay your municipal taxes in monthly installments, please contact the Town Office to enroll in the PAT Plan.

#### PRE-AUTHORIZED UTILITY PAYMENTS

If you wish to pay utility bills through automatic withdrawal from your bank account, please contact the office to enroll.

#### **REPORT CRIME**

If you see a crime in the Onoway area please contact the RCMP: **EMERGENCY – 911** NON-EMERGENCY 825-220-7267 ADMIN LINE DURING OFFICE HOURS 825-220-2000

PEACE OFFICER/ BYLAW OFFICER 1-866-880-5722

# TOWN OF ONOWAY





### Utility Accounts:

At the April 2, 2020 Council meeting, a motion was passed that the Town will not be applying a May 1, June 1 and July 1 penalty charge to current utility accounts, aligning the municipality with similar Federal and Provincial direction. Monthly utility invoices will still be issued, and we urge those who are able to continue with regular monthly payments do so as this will assist the Town with its own cash flow requirements. For those who are unable to pay, accounts will not be charged a 3.5% penalty on outstanding utility balances until August 1, 2020. Again, we encourage all utility account holders to continue to pay as you can during this period, as this is intended as a temporary relief program only.

### 2020 Taxes:

In recognition of the extreme circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting hardships faced by property owners, at the April 16, 2020 meeting Council passed the following motions:

- extended the tax due date from June 30 to September 30 for the 2020 year only
- revised the 2020 penalty structure as follows: October 1, 2020 10%; November 1, 2020 – 5%; December 1, 2020 – 5%
- approved the 2020 draft Operating budget as presented, with a 0% increase in municipal tax dollars collected

We again encourage all property owners who are able to pay their 2020 taxes prior to September 30 to please do so as this will assist the Town with its own cash flow requirements, and will ultimately decease the cost to the Town to carry this temporary tax relief program.



"Let's Get Spiffy" Update

Due to COVID-19, the "Let's get Spiffy" weekend has not been set and may not take place in May of this year. Please watch our website at www.onoway.ca and upcoming Onowaves for further information on this annual event. <u>Council Meetings</u> May 21 June 4 June 18 July 2

Meetings start at 9:30 A.M. and are held at the Town Office. Any date or time change will be posted on the website. Meetings are open to the public; if you want to address Council you must make an appointment through the Town Office a week prior to the meeting.

Due to COVID-19 public wishing to participate or observe the meeting please contact the Town office prior to attending. Thank you.

Feel free to contact Council with any comments or concerns!

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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For your own safety DO NOT approach Town vehicles/equipment or any other commercial vehicles/equipment at any time while operating in the Town! Please respect workers space and stay back!

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK May 3 – 9, 2020

Since 1996, Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative that has taken place annually.

Emergency Preparedness Week encourages Canadians to take three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:







Know the risks

Make a plan

Get an emergency kit

For further information please go to www.getprepared.gc.ca

The Town Administration Office remains closed to the public however staff are continuing to work.

# **2020 Heritage Days Cancelled**

The 2020 Heritage Days event previously scheduled for June 12, 13 & 14 has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

# ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The Town of Onoway has received the 2020 Assessment Information from the Assessor. The Assessment Roll is open for public viewing on our website or at the office (contact us prior to make arrangements). THIS IS PROPERTY ASSESSMENT INFORMATION ONLY.

## FIRES CAN HAPPEN! ARE YOU COVERED!

Did you know that the cost of fire suppression by the fire department for structure, grass or vehicle fire is payable by the property owner? In our area, we have seen structure fires as high at \$28,000 and wildland fires as high as \$12,000.

- Be sure to check your home insurance policy or talk to your insurance agent about what exactly your policy covers and how much it covers
- Besides inquiring about your home structure fire insurance, we encourage you to have a conversation with respect to wildland insurance (a grass fire that could happen that never reaches a building).
- Be advised that should the fire department be dispatched to your residence as a result of a home alarm, a false alarm or, for example, a passerby sees smoke and calls 9-1-1, you, as the property owner, will receive an invoice for these call outs.
- If the fire department is dispatched to assist Alberta Health Service with respect to a medical call you will not be invoiced. This is a free service provided by North West Fire Rescue through Onoway Regional Fire Services.



## FIRE PITS

Bylaw 723-16

Must be a minimum of 3 metres clearance from buildings, property lines and combustible materials is maintained, it is placed on non-combustible material, and the flame height does not exceed 90cm (3.28 feet) above the fire/bbq pit.

To view bylaw visit <u>www.onoway.ca</u>

### Fire Bans

Within the Municipal boundaries of the Town and when affected by the order of a FIRE BAN, residents must immediately proceed to extinguish every outdoor fire lit and every fire located on land occupied or owned.

For current fire condition and/or fire bans: Visit <u>www.albertafirebans.ca</u> or contact 780-777-4688



# **ROAD BANS**

The following roads in Town will have road restrictions from **April 1**<sup>st</sup> to **June 1**<sup>st</sup>, Lac Ste Anne Trail, Industrial Avenue, 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, and 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue. **Please watch for signs**.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020