

Town of Onoway ONOWAVES

MARCH, 2023

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR LENARD KWASNY

Although February is a short month a lot of important and good things took place within our community.

The Terms of Reference were reviewed and approved by Council for the new Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

The draft Strategic Plan was presented to Council for review. This very professional document was presented to Council by Tim Duhamel of Bloom CME. The final Strategic Plan will be available to the public as soon as Council endorses it. Thank You Bloom CME for all the professional work you have provided us in positioning the Town for success.

I had the opportunity to attend the 100th Birthday honouring a long time resident of the community, Ed Felske. From all the residents of Onoway, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ED**!

Administration has been extremely busy in preparing for the year end audit and are looking forward to a fresh start.

In closing, on a very hopeful note, Alberta's Balzac Billy (ground hog) predicts an early spring.

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TELMATIK - The Town of Onoway has an automated messaging service to help advise all citizens quickly and efficiently in case of emergency and/or public notification (ex. temporary interruption of the water supply, tax payment deadlines, snow removal, election dates, town events etc.). This system allows us to notify residents by landline and/or cellular and/or SMS and/or email of your choice. Please visit our website <u>www.onoway.ca</u> and following the link provided under the Emergency Services Tab "Alert and Notification System" to assure your contact information is added. *Please note that the Alert and Notification System is secure and resident contact info. will only be used by the Town of Onoway to contact residents regarding important information.*

CONTACT INFO:

<u>www.onoway.ca</u> Ph.: 780-967-5338 Fax: 780-967-3226 <u>info@onoway.ca</u> 4812-51 Street Box 540 Onoway, AB TOE 1V0

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 Town office to enroll.

REPORT A CRIME

If you witness a crime or suspicious activity within the Town of Onoway, please contact law enforcement:

Emergencies – Call 911 RCMP (Non-Emergency) – Call 825-220-7267 RCMP (Office Line) – Call 825-220-2000

NOW ACCEPTING FCSS GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Town of Onoway administers FCSS funding for the following areas:

- Alberta Beach
- Summer Village of Castle Island
- Summer Village of Sunset Point
- Summer Village of Val Quentin
- Summer Village of Yellowstone
- Town of Onoway

Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) is:

"FCSS is a unique 80/20 funding partnership between the Government of Alberta and participating municipalities or Metis settlements. Provincially, the FCSS Program receives its mandate from the FCSS Act and Regulation. The Act describes what the province and municipality/Metis Settlement can do to provide preventive social services. The Regulation describes how services may be provided ... Under FCSS, communities design and deliver social programs that are preventive in nature to promote and enhance well-being among individuals, families and communities ..."

What are the eligible projects for FCSS funding?

Services provided under the program must:

- 1. Be of preventive nature that enhances the social well-being of individuals and families through promotion or intervention strategies provided at the earliest opportunity;
- 2. Do one or more of the following:
 - a. Help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis;
 - b. Help people to develop an awareness of social needs;
 - c. Help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people;
 - d. Help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them;
 - e. Provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community.

If you feel you have a program that meets the FCSS funding mandate please visit <u>www.onoway.ca</u> to access the application form and send the completed application to the below by noon on **Monday, March 6, 2023 for Tri-Village funding or Monday May 1, 2023 for Town of Onoway funding:**

Town of Onoway, Box 540, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0 (780)967-5338 EMAIL: gino@onoway.ca

INSURANCE COVERAGE – FIRES

The cost of fire suppression by the Fire Department for structure, grass or vehicle fires is payable by the Property owner.

You may also be invoiced for alarms, including false alarms.

Medical Assistance Responses are a free service provided by your Fire Department.

Be sure to check your home insurance policy or talk to your insurance agent about what exactly your policy covers and the amount of your coverage.

Council Meetings

March 9, 2023 March 23, 2023

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 and zoom is available; if you want to address Council you must make an appointment through the Town Office by noon Monday, **the week prior to the meeting.**

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT COUNCIL WITH ANY COMMENTS OR CONCERNS

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Tuesday to Friday – 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday – 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Contact the Library: 780-967-2445

Email: onowaylibrary@yrl.ab.ca

Facebook@onowaypubliclibrary

Website: www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca

Did you know that with your Onoway Public Library card you can borrow snowshoes? They are loaned out for a one-week loan period. We have several different sizes of adult and children sets, which include snowshoes, poles, bag & guards. Give us a call to see if we have your size available. A great way for the family to enjoy our Alberta winters.

CRIME WATCH UPDATE – Provided by Bob Winterford, Director, Lac Ste. Anne Crime Watch Association

At a recent meeting, the President of Alberta Provincial Crime Watch Association presented Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design followed by Q&A. Mr. Cor De Wit, President, Rural Crime Watch, shared advice that clear line of sight does not allow criminals break and enter (B&E) access; use of motion lights can be a deterrent around yards; cameras where possible positioned as another visual deterrent.

Report unusual drone sightings over the area to RCMP as criminals now surveil big ticket items such as trailers, snowmobiles, quads and plan thefts in advance.

Cpl. Zanbak reported on known community problems to be aware of and suggesting taking steps like registering your outdoor security cameras with the RCMP to add to their surveillance protocols. If there is a crime in the area, it could help with an investigation. He also updated on progress to deter catalytic converter theft. A free marking service is offered in Onoway at Grande Tire and Country Automotive.

Officer Dallas Choma spoke on County Connect, a website program residents can interactively participate in sharing crime information and problematic concerns others should be aware of. A push to get more Crime Watch signage is under way.

Finally there is a request to increase Block Parties as neighbours and friends can provide the watchful eye on your home, and others in your neighbourhood by reporting unusual behaviours. Contact Lorna at (780) 905-3934



Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

To receive an EEB monthly schedule send your email address to eastendbus@gmail.com

Schedule is also available on www.lsac.ca or www.onoway.com

BOOKING POLICY

BOOK YOUR EXCURSION BY PHONE ONLY

- 9:00 am - 10:00 am NEVER experienced this excursion advertised before with EEB and live in the service area

Excursions are intended for EEB service area residents who are 50+ (example dinner theatres, overnight trips etc.) If you do not live in the service area you may leave your name for the waiting list on or after booking day.



WED., MAR 15TH ST. ALBERT - (10:30 – 3:30) St. Albert Centre/Century Casino. Open to the public – Bus \$16.00.

WED., MAR 22RD <u>A DAY IN SPRUCE GROVE</u> – Bus \$16.00 – Open to the public.

- Tri Leisure,
- Medical Appointments,
- Walmart, Westland Market and Superstore



- WED., APR 5TH WEM/SALISBURY GREENHOUSE (WEM 10:30 3:30 S.G. 11:00 1:00) Open to the public Bus \$16.00.
- WED., APR 19TH <u>ST. ALBERT/ENJOY CENTRE</u>- (10:30 3:30 11:00 1:00) St. Albert Centre/Century Casino. Open to the public Bus \$16.00.



SEATS AVAILBLE!!! APRIL 18TH – 20TH LADIES MYSTERY TRIP - This Mystery Trip is for women 50+ in the east end of Lac Ste. Anne service area. Women tend to be the caregivers, household organizers and hard workers both in and outside the home. It is important for women to take time out for themselves to reconnect with friends and family and at the same time have fun and relax! The bus will depart from Alberta Beach 50 + Club at 10:30 am. Let the adventure begin!

Book your seat on Tuesday, February 14th Cost \$190.00 per person based on double occupancy (bus, accommodation and more) – **BOOKING POLICY BELOW - Maximum 2 seats per booking. Seniors 50 + Pick up location TBA**

WED., APR 26TH

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ASSESSMENT INFORMATION – The Town of Onoway has received the 2022 Assessment Information from the Assessor. As per the Municipal Government Act, the assessment roll is open for public viewing on our website. Residents are welcome to look online to check out the assessed values for their properties. THIS IS ASSESSMENT INFORMATION ONLY