



Town of Onoway ONOWAVES

SEPTEMBER, 2023

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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 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

Peace Officer–Call 1-866-880-5722

Bylaw Officer–Call 1-866-880-5722

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: MON., SEPT. 4, 2023 (LABOUR DAY); MON., OCT. 2, 2023 (TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY); AND MON., OCT. 9, 2023 (THANKSGIVING DAY)

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR LENARD KWASNY

Three candidates have been nominated for the one vacant Councillor position, therefore a by-election will take place on September 11, 2023. During this vote there will also be a non-binding question for residents "Are you in favour of the Town of Onoway conducting a forensic audit?". There will be 2 opportunities for advance voting. You can find further information about the by-election on page 2 of Onowaves.

The Town has updated the website with a refreshed new look. We will be adding some cool new features in the future such as a tax calculator and a mobile app. You can access the website at: www.onoway.ca

Council has declared September 18-24, 2023 as Rail Safety Week. CN asked Council to declare the Week in order to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries on the tracks in our municipality. I was surprised to learn that, in 2022 in Canada, there were 66 fatalities and 43 serious injuries that were all avoidable – caused due to crossing and trespassing incidents on train tracks.

Our office recognizes Truth and Reconciliation Day which is September 30 (statutory day is Monday, October 2). This day provides an opportunity for each employee to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. Staff use it as day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event.

Council has a full agenda for the fall and I look forward to the productive discussions that await us. As usual, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of my fellow Councillors.

Len

REMINDER – TAXES WERE DUE ON JUNE 30, 2023

2023 TAX PENALTY APPLICATION DATES ARE:

July 01 – 10% Current Levy

August 01 – 2% Current Levy

September 01 – 2% Current Levy

October 01 – 2% Current Levy

November 01 – 2% Current Levy

December 01 – 2% Current Levy

January 1, 2024 – 15% ALL OUTSTANDING TAXES

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER IDENTIFICATION
Local Authorities Election Act (Sections 7, 12, 35, 46, 53)
LOCAL JURISDICTION: TOWN OF ONOWAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Councillor	1	n/a

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the electors will be held on the following non-binding question:

“ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF THE TOWN OF ONOWAY CONDUCTING A FORENSIC AUDIT?”

Voting will take place on the 11th day of September 2023, between the hours of 9 am and 8 pm.

Voting stations will be located at:

Advance **Wednesday August 30th, 2023** at Onoway Community Hall between 3 pm and 8 pm.

Advance **Saturday September 9th, 2023** at Onoway Community Hall between 10 am and 4 pm.

Election Day **Monday September 11th, 2023** at Onoway Community Hall between 9 am and 8 pm.

In order to vote, your name must appear on the list of electors, if any, and if your name does not appear on the list of electors, the person vouching for you must produce identification for inspection. If there is no list of electors, you must produce identification for inspection. The identification must be one or more of acceptable forms of identification including government issued picture ID showing the elector's name and current address (i.e. Operator/Driver's License or Government photo identification - for non-drivers), or one piece of identification authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer (must establish the elector's name and current address to prove resident requirement) as required by section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**ONOWAY LEGION
FRIDAY NIGHT
SUPPERS**

Reservations Required

Please Text or Call:

780-907-6300

Become a member
today, contact the
Legion!

FARMERS MARKET

THURSDAYS

5:00 p.m. at the
Community Hall



**Farmers'
Market**

**Onoway &
District Historical
Guild**

**FALL HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

**Saturday,
September 16**

Council Meetings

SEPT. 14, 2023

SEPT. 28, 2023 (cancelled)

OCT. 12, 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; 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!

MAYOR

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Development & Building Permits

Reminder to residents that if you are planning on adding and/or making improvements to your property (e.g. deck, fence, new building, demolition of old buildings, activity and use of building), please contact the Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner, at 780-718-5479 prior to starting your project.

Coming Soon! Save the date!

Onoway Public Library is excited to present Hula Hoop Circus with Amanda Panda.

This event will be part of the Fall Harvest Festival on **Saturday September 16th, 2023.**

Watch the Onoway Library website and Facebook page for further information and show times.

ONOWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

HOURS OF OPERATION:

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

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 will 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.

**NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION**

#OrangeShirtDay





www.onoway.ca

BY-ELECTION QUESTION

ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF THE TOWN OF ONOWAY CONDUCTING A FORENSIC AUDIT?

WHAT DOES NON-BINDING MEAN?

Municipal Government Act
Vote of Electors - General Provisions

Electors to vote on a question
236 (1) A council may provide for the submission of a question to be voted on by the electors on any matter over which the municipality has jurisdiction.

(2) A vote of the electors under subsection (1) does not bind council.

The Municipal Government Act details that the question does not bind council. While the question is being asked, and a response from the residents is requested. Council may, or may not choose to conduct a forensic audit.

WHY IS THE TOWN OF ONOWAY PROPOSING A FORENSIC AUDIT?

A group of citizens has published in the Lac Ste Anne Bulletin their wish to request a forensic audit. As the Council of the Town of Onoway is here to serve the Community, the question is being proposed to receive feedback from the residents.

WHAT IS A FORENSIC AUDIT?

A forensic audit is an examination of financial records to find and/or investigate illegal financial activity.

The Town of Onoway conducts a financial audit every year, which includes the examination of a sample of transactions.

A forensic audit would require parameters to review in depth. That may be materials, supplies, wages and benefits, contract payments, fuel or other items. It would not be a full review of each transaction.

The next parameter would be how many years the audit would review.

WHAT IS THE COST OF A FORENSIC AUDIT?

The Town of Onoway pays approximately \$16,000 for an annual audit, which is a sample of financial transactions. Depending on the parameters set and number of years to be included. The forensic audit can be quite costly. This amount is unknown at this time however it may be \$40,000 or more.

Administration would review the financial requirement to fund a forensic audit and present options to council.

WE THANK OUR RESIDENTS FOR VOTING IN THE BY-ELECTION



SEPTEMBER TRIPS

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.ca

WED., SEPT 6 [WEM/WHYTE AVE](#) (WEM 10:45 – 3:30 WHYTE AVE 11:15 –3:00) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Bus \$18.00.
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SEPT 12 -14 [MIETTE HOT SPRINGS](#) – Kitchenettes – \$190.00/based on double occupancy
 Kitchenette End Suites – \$210.00/based on double occupancy
 Cabins – \$170.00/based on quad occupancy
 Sleepers (no kitchen) – \$190.00/based on double occupancy

CONTACT LORNA FOR ADDITIONAL RATES (SINGLE, TRIPLE ETC.)

Above prices include; transportation, accommodation and park entry.

DAY 1 TRAVEL DAY - DAY 2 SPEND THE DAY SOAKING IN THE HOT SPRINGS, TAKE TIME TO VISIT WITH NEW AND OLD FRIENDS - DAY 3 RETURN HOME

WED., SEPT 20 [ST. ALBERT CENTRE/CENTURY CASINO](#)– (10:30 – 3:30) St. Albert Centre/Century Casino
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Bus \$18.00.

WED., SEPT 27 [A DAY IN SPRUCE GROVE](#) – Bus \$18.00 – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
 Tri Leisure, Medical Appointments, Walmart, Westland Market and Superstore

Back to School Word Find

C	S	R	U	L	E	R	L	P	C
A	L	E	N	R	M	K	S	E	D
L	H	A	K	O	A	B	K	N	B
C	E	D	S	C	T	E	B	C	A
U	R	A	G	S	H	E	U	I	C
L	A	R	E	C	E	S	S	L	K
A	S	G	U	O	R	E	P	A	P
T	E	A	C	H	E	R	G	B	A
O	R	E	D	A	R	G	Y	M	C
R	P	L	O	O	H	C	S	T	K

Calculator
Desk
Pencil
School
Math
Gym
Class
Paper
Notes
Teacher
Eraser
Ruler
Backpack
Bus
Recess
Grade



ENTERTAINMENT –

- **PASSIN' THROUGH** -11:30 and 12:45 – (by concession)
- **THRESING DEMO** – throughout the day by north fence
- **MUSEUM OPEN**- 10 – 3, in Brick School
- **BURGERS AND HOMEMADE PIES** – at concession
- **ROPE TRICKS AND ILLUSIONIST** - 12:30 (stage by concession) Room 4 – 11:30 and 1:15 by Pastor Kevin Henry
- **HAY RIDES** – Loading by UFA Equipment Shed
- **CARICATURIST** – 11 – 2 – Room 3, by Susanne Hube – Artforms illustrations & Graphics
- **FACE PAINTING** 11 – 2 – Room 3, by Tamela's Team
- **AMANDA PANDA HULA HOOP SHOW** - 12 – 12:30 Gym Stage, 11 – 11:30 and 1:30 to 2:00 roving
- **FARM TRUCK SHOW AND SHINE** – 10 – 3, ARENA PARKING LOT, sponsored by Acera Insurance, A-Win Insurance, Onoway and Rob Perrott,
- **COUNTRY MARKET** – 10 – 3 in open area by Library
- **SAUERKRAUT DEMO** – 11:30 & 1:00, in open area, by Gerri Gelych
- **ROPE MAKING** – 10 – 3, behind the gym
- **CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES** – 10 -3 games/activities **register** in gym, scavenger hunt and more, outside activities behind play school (east side)
- **BUILD A BIRD HOUSE**- Room 1, Sponsored by Onoway Fish and Game



SPONSORS

- **SANG – COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION**
- **EQUUS**
- **LAC. STE. ANNE COUNTY**
- **TOWN OF ONOWAY, FCSS**
- **TRI-VILLAGE, FCSS**
- **ONOWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY**
- **JACK'S AUTOBODY**
- **ONOWAY FISH AND GAME**
- **ACERA INSURANCE ONOWAY, ROB PERROTT**
- **STANDSTONE WASTE AND WATER SERVICES**
- **ONOWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY**
- **FISH AND GAME**
- **BRIAN TURNBULL – CROP**
- **FORTIS**

16TH ANNUAL FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

SEPT. 16TH – 10AM - 3PM

4708 LAC STE. ANNE TRAIL
ONOWAY

Admission by Donation

No Pets Please