



# Town of Onoway

## ONOWAVES

JANUARY, 2024

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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

### **MESSAGE FROM MAYOR LENARD KWASNY**

I thought it timely to update residents on Council's accomplishments over the past year. Council passed 8 new and/or updated bylaws; and 9 policies were reviewed and brought into practice. This represents a lot of work on administrations behalf and Council appreciates the efforts that went into following their directives.

Centennial celebrations in June were a great success. A time capsule was placed at Centennial Park under the Centennial sign that will be opened in 50 years. The Town was pleased to see so many citizens and businesses work together, showing enthusiasm and excitement towards a common goal. We are hoping that the organizers of the 2024 Heritage Days celebrations are able to build upon some of the strengths from Centennial into the upcoming event.

Administration staff updated the Town's website with a mobile app and business directory. We encourage you to download the app as it will be used for pop-ups during emergencies. Stay tuned for new features such as a tax calculator.

The 2023 operating budget was passed focusing on financial savings while maintaining current service levels. Also in 2023 capital projects such as fire hydrants, hydrant valve replacements and mechanical upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Lift Station were completed.

Council passed a Strategic Plan that builds the foundation for Onoway. We identified five priority focus areas for the Town, which are: financial sustainability; economic and business growth; service excellence; good governance and sustainable infrastructure. Administration then worked on a Vision Plan that responds to Council's leadership and direction. We look forward to further work that reflects all of Council's priorities.

A by election was held in September and Sheila Pockett was elected to Council. There was a non binding question asked of electors regarding conducting a forensic audit and electors voted to have an audit conducted. This work is underway.

In 2024, Council plans to put focus on the Economic Development and Tourism Committee by getting Committee members in place; hiring a part time economic development officer and beginning outreach to encourage economic development in Town and to help our businesses reach their objectives.

I encourage residents to contact myself or members of Council at any time. Our administrative team is happy to answer any of your questions as well.

Len

## Council Meetings

**JANUARY 11, 2024**

**JANUARY 25, 2024**

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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## TAXES WERE DUE ON JUNE 30, 2023

### THE FINAL TAX PENALTY APPLICATION DATE FOR 2023 TAXES IS:

## January 01, 2024

## 15% All Outstanding Taxes

### Onoway Public Library News

In 2024, we are excited to add a C-Pen Reader 2 to our collection that will be available for Onoway Public Library members to borrow.

Reader 2 is a reading pen with multiple dictionaries providing word definitions and supports independent reading and learning. You just plug in your headphones, scan the text and the pen will read to you allowing you to either just listen, or to follow along on the screen for word recognition.

In 2024, watch for details on the launch of our Happiness Programme which is a first-of-its-kind initiative. Using our interactive projector, light projects onto a surface – this could be a table, floor, ceiling or even someone's bed – and as hands, arms or feet move through the light, the games that are projected begin to change and move. You may have had a chance to try it out at our Christmas fair, popping balloons or catching elves. Upcoming programs will give everyone a chance to drop in and try it out.



LIBRARY BOOK  
CHRISTMAS TREE



### **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](mailto:onowaylibrary@yrl.ab.ca)**

**Facebook@onowaypubliclibrary**

**Website: [www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca](http://www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca)**



**TELMATIK** - 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 [www.onoway.ca](http://www.onoway.ca) 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.***

### **INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR 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.**

**RESIDENTS WHO HAVE CURB MATS – PLEASE REMOVE YOUR CURB MATS IN ORDER TO ASSIST WITH SNOW REMOVAL**

**Thank you. Please contact the office if you have any questions.**

**FATS, OIL AND GREASE** - You may not realize it, but pouring fats, oil and grease down the drain can cost **YOU** money and it causes **MAJOR** problems to the Town's sewer system. We have had a number of sewer blockages that, by using a camera, the Town has determined were caused by fats, oil and grease being poured down drains and solidifying. You can be held responsible for the costs of such repairs. The cost of dealing with grease build up has cost the Town tens of thousands of dollars. Build up of grease in your line could cost you thousands of dollars.

#### **THIS IS EASY TO PREVENT!**

Residents are asked to store fats and grease in disposable containers with lids. The containers can then be placed in the garbage. Used cooking oil should be cooled and put into a plastic bottle, labeled and also put out for garbage collection.

**In partnership with the Chamber, the new Onoway Economic Development and Tourism Committee and the Town are featuring a local business every month**

**Village Glass & Mirror Ltd.** was founded by Art and Barb Brown in 1981. Happy to provide all glass services to Onoway and surrounding area. I, Kevin Brown joined Village Glass in the spring of 1987. We provide Windshield repair and replacement on all Vehicles new or old, equipment glass, RV trailers, Motorhomes, etc. We also offer House and Commercial building Glass – and everything from coffee tables to new Renovation Windows for your home or Business.

You can contact us on FaceBook or at [Villageglass.ca](http://Villageglass.ca) and at 780-967-2127 or 5027-50 Ave beside Country Automotive, who we work very closely with when both automotive services are required.

Being part of our community servicing and supporting all that we can has always been our goal. I would like to thank the Town and Chamber of Commerce of Onoway for all their support over the years and look forward to future growth.



**TOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATING WINNERS**

**ONOWAY HANDMADE MARKET – BEST BUSINESS**



**MOST CREATIVE DECORATIONS**



**MOST TRADITIONAL DECORATIONS**





-Serving east end of Lac Ste. Anne County-  
Cherhill, Darwell, Alberta Beach,  
Gunn & Onoway

JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2024  
SCHEDULED TRIPS \$20.00  
OR  
VALUE CARDS ARE 5 TRIPS FOR \$90.00.



WED., JAN 3<sup>RD</sup> **ADULT TRANSPORTATION**  
WEM/IMAX THEATRE - (WEM 10:45 - 3:30/ Grand Canyon 3D 11:30 - 1:00) IMAX admission your cost. Bus \$20.00

WED., JAN 17<sup>TH</sup> **ADULT TRANSPORTATION**  
ST. ALBERT CENTRE/CENTURY CASINO/LANDMARK CINEMA- (10:30 - 3:30) St. Albert Centre/Century Casino/Landmark Cinema (show & time TBA) - Bus \$20.00. *To reserve a seat for this trip, please book prior to Monday, January 15th*

WED., JAN 24<sup>TH</sup> **ADULT TRANSPORTATION**  
A DAY IN SPRUCE GROVE - Bus \$20.00 *To reserve a seat for this trip, please book prior to Monday, January 15th*



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

WED., FEB 7<sup>TH</sup> **ADULT TRANSPORTATION**  
WEM/CHOCORRANT PATISSERIE + CAFÉ/ITALIAN CENTRE - (WEM 10:45 - 3:30/Café 11:15 - 1:00 lunch your cost/Italian Centre 1:15 - 2:30) Bus \$20.00.

THUR., FEB 15<sup>TH</sup> **ST. ALBERT DINNER THEATRE PRESENTS NANA'S NAUGHTY KNICKERS** Bridget and her grandmother are about to become roommates. However, what Bridget saw as a unique opportunity to stay with her favorite nana in New York for the summer quickly turns into an experience she'll never forget. It seems her sweet grandma is running an illegal boutique from her apartment, selling handmade naughty knickers to every senior citizen in the five-borough area! Will Bridget be able to handle all the excitement? Will her nana get arrested - or worse - evicted? **Cost \$85.00 per person (includes transportation & dinner theatre)** Seniors 50+ Pickup times and location to be announced. **Book your seat on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

WED., FEB 21<sup>ST</sup> **ADULT TRANSPORTATION**  
ST. ALBERT CENTRE/CENTURY CASINO/LANDMARK CINEMA- (10:30 - 3:30) St. Albert Centre/Century Casino/Landmark Cinema (show & time TBA) - Bus \$20.00.

WED., FEB 28<sup>TH</sup> **ADULT TRANSPORTATION**  
A DAY IN SPRUCE GROVE - Bus \$20.00.

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



Mar 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL LADIES MYSTERY TRIP.** A trip designed for ladies who are 50+ who live 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! Pickup location Alberta Beach 50 + Club at 10:00 am. Let the adventure begin! **Book your seat on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - Cost \$290.00** (bus, accommodation, two dinners and much more) - **BOOKING POLICY BELOW - Maximum 2 seats per booking. Seniors 50 + Pick up location TBA**

**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**READY FOR 2024 - EEB IS!**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>-JUBILATIONS DINNER THEATRE**  
**MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>-30<sup>TH</sup>-JASPER IN THE SPRING**

**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](mailto:eastendbus@gmail.com)  
Schedule is also available on [www.lsa.ca](http://www.lsa.ca) or [www.onoway.ca](http://www.onoway.ca)



**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.