

Town of Onoway ONOWAVES

MARCH, 2024

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 AND MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 FOR EASTER

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR LENARD KWASNY

Firstly, I want to say, I'm not so sure that that varmint Balzac Billy can be trusted! I guess time will tell.

Today's snow fall is causing havoc with roads; however, the moisture is greatly needed. The province is already bracing for wildfire season and possible water shortages. Let's all do our part and be mindful of our water usage.

February has been business as usual with a few items of note to mention: the forensic audit is well underway; Administration has completed and presented the Climate Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Report (funded by a grant); a student bursary policy was prepared and approved; 1st reading of Land Use Bylaw Amendment (to accommodate the relocation of Lac Ste. Anne East Food Bank to a larger facility) and a public hearing is scheduled for March 28th as part of our Regular Council meeting.

Administration is busy preparing for the 2023 Audit which will take place in early March.

There will be upcoming changes to our Fire Services Agreement, additional information will be published soon.

Once again, I would like to emphasize, that if you have any questions or concerns to call the office and get the correct information.

The March 14th Regular Council Meeting has been cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Also, CAO Thompson and I are attending Alberta Municipalities 2024 Spring Leaders Caucus in Edmonton in mid-March, and we have been granted a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to discuss assistance with costs associated with the forensic audit.

And as this year is leap year, I hope that everyone makes the most of the extra day and takes a positive leap into March.

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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

Council Meetings

MARCH 14, 2024-CANCELLED MARCH 28, 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!

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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.

Onoway Public Library News

Planning that summer vacation, family reunion or weekend getaway? Did you know that the library has over sized outdoor games that you can borrow with your Onoway Public Library card. We have a variety of games, from ring toss, snakes & ladders, the silly game, giant inflatable eggs and spoons or even jumbo sacks for a sack race. These items are available to Onoway Public Library card members only. Contact the library at 780-967-2445 or email: <u>onowaylibrary@yrl.ab.ca</u> for more information or reservations.





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: <u>onowaylibrary@yrl.ab.ca</u> Facebook@onowaypubliclibrary Website: <u>www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca</u>





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 4, 2024 for Tri-Village funding or Wednesday**, **May 1, 2024 for Town of Onoway funding**:

Town of Onoway, Box 540, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0 (780)967-5338 EMAIL: gino@onoway.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 <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.* In partnership with the Chamber, the new Onoway Economic Development and Tourism Committee and the Town are featuring a local business every month



ONOWAY'S HANDMADE MARKET

We would like to start by thanking you for supporting our small business! This is a little back story of how this all started.

My name is Christine, I am the owner of Freddy's Creations that started back in 2018. People always expect to be meeting a gentleman by the name of Freddy. Freddy was my cat. Freddy's Creations and my love for refinishing furniture is all because of him.

Freddy and his brother were found in a box by a dumpster by friends of ours. They live in town and figured they would have a better life in the country so they gave them to us. Well Freddy had an accident and broke his leg, me being the animal lover that I am couldn't put him down because of that. So I needed to come up with\$1500 to fix it for him. My husband asked me how I was going to do it, and I told him I was going to paint furniture. He jokingly laughed and said "no one buys painted furniture." Boy was he wrong lol. It didn't take long and I had made enough money to fix his leg (his leg was fixed in the meantime he didn't suffer just to clarify). My husband jokingly told me that since I did so well that I could pay for all of my animals now, at that time we had seven dogs and thirteen cats. Then the awful year of 2020 happened and we had to say goodbye to three of our dogs () oh and Freddy took off never to be seen from again. Now we currently have four dogs and 12 cats and the money that is made by Freddy's Creations all goes to feeding them, vet bills and giving these rescued animals a wonderful forever home.

I sold my furniture and home decor out of a few different shops in Onoway and when I had the opportunity to take one over, it was a family decision that we couldn't let pass by.

We now run Onoway's Handmade Market which has over 50 different local small businesses selling their products in one great place! Each and every one of our amazing vendors makes top quality products that are created locally. There are some exciting new things coming in the future as well, along with some more great vendors. If you haven't checked us out yet, stop by and see all the amazing things local people make. A big thank you goes out to my husband Mike and my son Michael for all of their support and help with this new venture! A big thank you to all of you for taking the time to shop local and supporting small businesses.

-Serving east end of Lac Ste. Anne County-

Cherhill, Darwell, Alberta Beach,

Gunn & Onoway



MARCH 2024

ADULT TRANSPORTATION

WED., MAR 20TH <u>ST. ALBERT CENTRE/CENTURY CASINO/LANDMARK CINEMA</u>- (10:30 – 3:30) St. Albert Centre/Century Casino/Landmark Cinema (show & time TBA) – Bus \$20.00.

ADULT TRANSPORTATION

WED., MAR 27^{TH} <u>A DAY IN SPRUCE GROVE</u> – Bus \$20.00.

• Tri Leisure; Medical Appointments; Walmart; Westland Market and Superstore

APRIL 2024

ADULT TRANSPORTATION WED., APR 3rd WEM/DELAVOYE CHOCOLATE MAKER/ITALIAN CENTRE – Bus \$20.00 WEM 10:45 – 3:30p.m.; Delavoye/Italian Centre – 11:15 – 1:30

ADULT TRANSPORTATION WED., APR 17TH <u>ST. ALBERT CENTRE/CENTURY CASINO/LANDMARK CINEMA</u>- (10:30 – 3:30) St. Albert Centre/Century Casino/Landmark Cinema (show & time TBA) – Bus \$20.00

THUR., APR 25TH JUBILATIONS DINNER THEATRE PRESENTS – BEACH BOYS OF SUMMER

Get ready to be transported back to summer with a show that celebrates the iconic Beach Boys and their timeless sound. So grab your sunglasses and get ready to feel the warmth of the sun and the sound of the surf as we take you back to the beach for an unforgettable night. Cost \$85.00 (bus & dinner theatre) Book your seat on Tuesday, March 12 (see booking policy below) Seniors 50 + Pick up location TBA



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.



The Onoway Arena is excited to announce FREE family and community Sunday skates

March 3, 2024 – 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

March 10, 2024 – 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

March 17, 2024 – 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

All regular ice rules apply. These skates are made possible by FCSS and the Onoway and District Agricultural Society. A BIG Thank You goes out for making this possible.

St. Patrick's Day Word Search

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