



Council News

April 2017

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Office Hours: Until the end of April the office will still be closed on Mondays and open Tuesday to Friday. Starting May 1st the office will be open Monday to Thursday from 9 to 5 and closed on Fridays.

The Office will be closed the following dates

- April 11th
- April 14th (Good Friday)
- May 22nd (Victoria Day)
- August 7th (Heritage Day)
- August 14th - 18th (Closed for the week)

The next **council meeting** is postponed until **April 27th at 6pm** at the Village Office

The Village is having a By-Election to fill the vacant spot left when Councillor Fournier resigned.

Election day will be Tuesday, May 16th

If you are interested in running for the council spot, you need to fill out a nomination form and return it to the Village office **on Tuesday, April 18th (nomination day)** between 10am and Noon.

For more info you can give us a shout at the Village office or go to the Municipal Affairs website; they have a guide for people thinking of running for office:

http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/mc_elections



The Village is hiring a Summer Student

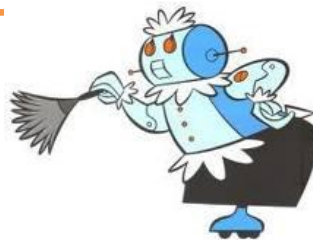
If you are least 15 years old, attending school in the fall and available full time, we are looking for you. If you want to learn about:

- park maintenance
- infrastructure work
- water systems
- sewers & sanitation
- hanging out with Ed all summer

then give us a shout!

Interested peeps should contact the Village office for an application or drop off a resume.

If you have questions call 403-364-3787 and ask for Mark. Competition closes April 30th or until we find someone.



The Village Office is looking for a janitor

We need someone that can clean the office on a casual basis (once every two weeks or as needed); duties to include but are not limited to:

- Cleaning the bathroom
- Mopping and vacuuming the floors
- Cleaning and dusting offices, windows, etc

Interested parties must be bondable and trustworthy. The Village office will supply needed supplies and equipment.

If you're interested please contact the office at 403-364-3787 and ask for Mark. Competition closes April 17th or until we find a cleaner.

Council gave 1st reading to this years' Utility Services Bylaw

The proposed changes are to the Water Rates: the basic monthly charge changing from \$15 to \$20 per month and the usage rate increasing \$0.10 per cubic meter (up to 20 cubes per month) and a \$0.20 increase for usage over 20 cubes per month. This is passing along the increase in the rates we get charged from the Henry Kroeger Water Commission.

Garbage collection, sewer & landfill rates are all staying the same.

The other change is that going forward, any residence that wants their water disconnected will still be required to pay the minimum basic utility fees whether they use the services or not.

Council has to give the bylaw 2nd and 3rd readings at the April meeting for the changes to take effect.



Property Assessment Notices have been sent out.

This year we changed the process; we have sent out a separate assessment notice from your tax bill. Hopefully this will help people understand the process better. If you have questions give us a call.

Our assessors will be in the Village on April 20th from 1 to 4pm for an open house, to answer any questions you have on the assessment process.

Assessment Highlights

Notices were mailed March 17th

Last day to appeal your assessment is May 17th

Total Assessment for the Village is up \$252,870 from last year

Residential Assessment: \$12,995,700 (last year \$12,676,490) an increase of \$319,210

Non-Residential Assessment: \$2,975,950 (last year \$3,042,290) a decrease of \$66,340

80 Properties saw a decrease in their assessment

88 Property assessment's did not change

80 Properties saw an increase in their assessment

2017 Requisitions

Each year we are required to collect taxes for education and seniors housing and send them in.

- Education taxes in 2017 amount to \$43,834 (2016 was \$41,424)
- Seniors housing in 2017 is \$8702 (2016 was \$7790)

