



Council News

October 2017
Office Phone (403) 364-3787

Office Hours: September to December
Monday, Wednesday to Friday 9 to 5 / Tuesday Closed

The Office will be closed the following dates

- October 9th



The next **council meeting** is **October 12th at 6pm** at the Village Office

School Trustee Forum

There will be a forum for the people running to be school trustees on Tuesday, October 10th at 7pm in the school gym.

Utility & Tax Payments Online

Currently you can pay your utilities and taxes online through a number of banks including the Credit Union, ATB Financial, CIBC and Bank of Montreal. The Village is working with other banks including TD Canada Trust, RBC and Bank of Nova Scotia, to get hooked up so you can make online payments with them. Stay tuned or watch your online banking for availability.

2017 Municipal Election

Advance Vote: Wednesday, October 11th

Election Day: Monday, October 16th

Local Authorities Election Act (Sec 12,35,46,53) Village of Delia, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that an advance vote will be held on Wednesday, Oct 11th from 3pm until 8 pm at the **Village of Delia Office**, 218 Main Street Delia.

Notice is also given that an election will be held on Monday, October 16th from 10am until 8pm at the **Delia Community Centre** at 212 Main Street Delia.

Voting will take place for the filling of the following offices:

Office of Councillor – 3 vacancies

Public School Trustee – 1 vacancy in Ward 4, Subdivision 2



Special Ballot (LAEA Sec 77.1): An elector who is unable to vote at an advance vote or at the voting station on Election Day because of a physical incapacity, absence from the local jurisdiction or being a returning officer, deputy returning officer, constable, candidate, official agent, or scrutineer located at a voting station other than the one designated for their place of residence, may apply to vote by special ballot. Please contact the Village office to make arrangements.

Incapacitated Elector at Home (LAEA Sec 79): If an elector is unable to attend the advance vote nor the voting station on Election Day due to a physical incapacity, they may apply to have election staff attend their residence to take their vote. Please phone the Village office at 403-367-3787 ahead of election day to make arrangements.

Requirements for Identification: In order to vote you **MUST** produce identification for inspection. Basic identification includes a photo (such as a drivers license or other government issued i.d.) or if photo identification is not available, a combination of other correspondence such as a credit card statement or municipal utility bill. For a complete list of acceptable forms of I.D., please contact the Village office. As required by section 53 of the Local Authorities Election Act.

Dated at the Village of Delia, in the province of Alberta this 5th Day of October, 2017 Mark Nikota, Returning Officer

Delia Assists Snow Bound Travellers

On October 2nd a massive snow storm hit the area which left a number of travellers and locals stranded and without power. The community rallied to help those in need by providing shelter and food to those that were without. While not everything always goes according to plan in such an emergency, the main thing was nobody was hurt and the many stranded people got off the highway and found shelter until crews could move the snow and get the highways cleared. The emergency has also helped us identify a number of areas we can work on to become better prepared for future incidents. Thank you to everyone for all your generosity and help! - Village Staff.

From the Mayor

Wow! Once again this amazing community has come together in an incredible way and I am not surprised. Early Monday morning, October 2, 2017 until late Tuesday afternoon, October 3, 2017 our area experienced a brutal snow storm, power outages, communication outages and road closures. As a result many people were stranded in place by the storm. This included a large number of travellers on the road. Our community hall was opened to accept anyone stranded by the storm. Tractors made numerous trips out to Highway 9 bringing stranded motorists into town, while others worked to make some streets passable. Mats, pillows, and blankets were brought in by numerous people throughout the community/town. Delia Highland Market and Luke's Café graciously opened and allowed for the provision of water, milk, juices, and food to help anyone who was in need. Volunteers worked through the night to keep the hall open, and ensure that everyone was made as comfortable as possible. A generator was brought in from the village- to have some emergency lighting- and Starland County provided a large generator early Tuesday morning which gave the hall heat, light and the ability to cook warm soup for lunch. More volunteers brought ingredients from their homes and helped with the preparation of food while others tried to inform as many residents as possible, focusing first on those with medical needs and the elderly, about the heat/food at the community center. Our town foreman Ed worked tirelessly to ensure we had water. Once the weather had settled Tuesday afternoon, the stranded travellers were able to continue on their way. Those who were sheltered overnight left with gratitude, hugs, tears and deep wonder and amazement at the kindness, and willingness showed by the community, to go above and beyond for people they didn't even know. I know this to be a result of the values that the people of Delia live by and can't thank people enough.

I would like to thank you all by name but don't want to offend people by forgetting anyone. A huge THANK YOU to Jordan McNutt and Bev Hall for seeing, realizing the need and starting the ball rolling – continuing to be there through the night until the end. The Delia Hall board and members, Delia Ag Society and members, the Delia Volunteer Fire Department and members, Village of Delia Public Works, and council members, Erin Friedley, Danny Marshall and Weldon Seidler with their tractors; many of these people put in an all-nighter, and many had very little sleep. Words seem inadequate and it feels like there is no way to appropriately thank you for your time and dedication except to say THANK YOU. Starland County – the use of the generator was a big help and we THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. To all of the residents that donated supplies, putting people up, time and caring in any way THANK YOU! What a great place.

Sincerely,
Dawn Bancroft
Mayor



OCTOBER 2ND, 2017

TO THE PEOPLE OF DELIA,

THANK-YOU JUST DOESNT SAY ENOUGH. WE WERE ALL STRANDED ON HIGHWAY 9 ANYWHERE FROM 9-10 HOURS. FEAR, ANXIETY, STRESS, UNCERTAINTY WOULD DESCRIBE HOW MOST OF US FELT, TODAY. YOU WELCOMED US TO YOUR TOWN, WITH OPEN ARMS. YOU BLEND YOUR PERSONAL FOOD STOCK AND DID EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO ENSURE WE WERE CARED FOR. MOREOVER, YOU RESTORED MY PERSONAL FAITH IN HUMAN BEINGS. SO MANY ACTS OF VIOLENCE HAPPEN EVERYDAY, BUT ACTS OF LOVE AND KINDNESS, LIKE YOU'VE SHOWN, FAR OUTSHINE ALL OF THE NEGATIVES. YOU BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE DESERVE FAR MORE THAN THIS LETTER, BUT IT'S ALL I HAVE TO GIVE RIGHT NOW. THANKS YOU SO MUCH FOR SHOWING

SO MUCH LOVE... IT TRULY IS OVERWHELMING. THANK-YOU TO YOUR EMERGENCY SERVICES, VOLUNTEERS, FARMERS AND EVERYDAY CITIZENS FOR BEING THE HANDS OF GOD TONIGHT.

YOU ARE AN INCREDIBLE TOWN AND YOU SHOULD BE PROUD

MUCH LOVE,

ALLIE STIMARIE
FROM EDMONTON.