



Next Thursday, August 10th at 5 pm there will be a barbeque in Centennial Park, **sponsored by the community of Burdett**. This will be followed by the ***Dream Catchers*** musical at 6:30. The ***Dream Catchers*** will take you on a quest to find hope for the future and dare you to believe that no dream is too small. The show is a vibrant music and dance filled spectacle that explores the dreams of young Canadians. Come on out and meet your friends and neighbours as we continue to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday! Of course you can also get together with your friends and fellow Bow Islanders every Wednesday evening at Market in the Park and every Friday at the Farmers Market at the Golden Age Centre.

The **Bow Island Ag Society Rodeo** is on this Friday at 6 pm then Saturday at 1 with the slack going at 8 am Saturday. This event is approved by the Chinook Rodeo Association and the Canadian Cowboys Association. There will be additional entertainment Saturday with trick rider Cassie Bradley and her liberty act. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids; a good price for good entertainment.

After some delays in starting, work is proceeding quickly on the infrastructure and new lots in **Westview** as well as the **storm water retention area**. This portion of the project is required by Alberta Environment so that rainwater from storm events can be temporarily held and then released into Cherry Coulee Creek at a pace that won't cause flooding or erosion down-stream. The intention is to have the area grassed and turned into a green space and eventually a park. The soil from excavating this depression will be used to fill the hole to the south, left by the old fish pond. That area is intended to eventually become a slab-on-grade subdivision for modular homes.

I haven't checked with the Fire Chief for figures but I think it has been a long time since **our Volunteer Emergency Service** has been so busy thanks to the prolonged heat and dryness. I urge everyone to be very careful when travelling especially with cigarettes. Here in Town, please confine fires to proper fire pits or use propane fire places. There is a fire ban in most counties in southern Alberta, but at the present time there is not one here in Town. Once again please be very careful with fire in this area.

Nomination day for the October 16 **municipal election** is September 18th. Nomination forms and information packages are available at the Town office. In Bow Island electors are asked to select 6 Councillors and 1 Mayor for a 4 year term. The three top attributes a person needs to be a successful Council member are: a willingness to work with others; common sense and vision. I will provide more background in the September edition of the Mayor's Notes.

The prolonged heat wave has really driven up **water consumption** and many of us are having a hard time keeping up with our yard irrigation. Try and get the best use of your water by watering at night when it is cooler and use a timer. Consider using soaker hoses to minimize evaporation vs spraying water into the air and don't cut your grass too short or too often. If you are finding the cost overwhelming, speak to our staff about going on a budget plan that spreads your costs out over the year giving you the same monthly payment. This weather is something else but those who have lived here a long time know that this is what summer in the southeast can be like.

I want to thank everyone who has made **Dr. Tawfeeq** feel so welcome and kudos to Jamie Rieger for the great interview in the paper. He was finally allowed to start work on Monday and although he was very busy he is quite happy to be serving our community. I recently met with Dr. Dhanani who is doing his assessment right now and expected to be here at the end of September. He is also very excited to come to Bow Island and I know will be a great addition to the team and to our community.

Stay cool and hydrated everyone. 4 months from now we will have other weather complaints.

Mayor Gordon Reynolds