



School is back in session and that of course means lots of young people on the streets around the schools in the morning and afternoon. Please be careful and remember that the speed limit around all the schools in Bow Island is 30 kph. No one needs a speeding ticket or points on their license and the last thing anyone wants is to see a child injured. Slow down and help keep our town safe.

The end of August brings to a close another successful season for the **Chamber of Commerce Market in the Park**. This year saw good crowds, and more vendors than last year. Rain was certainly not a problem so there were no postponements. The **Friday Market** at the Golden Age Club also had one of its best years and wraps up in a couple of weeks. Congratulations to the hard-working organizers and volunteers of these great summer events. They not only give local home-based businesses, food producers and crafters an opportunity to show and sell their wares but these are opportunities for all of us to socialize as a community.

In spite of the late start, contractor Ossa-Terra has made excellent progress in the **Westview subdivision** constructing the 27 new lots. Coming next will be the sidewalks, pavement and shallow utilities. The storm water pond is nearing completion but grass seeding will likely be delayed until it rains. Many thanks to the nearby residents for their patience with noise and dust during the construction. Ossa Terra did their best to control the dust but the dry conditions that allowed them to work without delay also turned the soil to powder when they worked it. Lots will go on sale later this fall once work is completed and all the costs are in.

I was very sad to hear of the recent passing of Prairie Rose School District Trustee, Kathy Cooper. Mrs. Cooper was a very strong advocate for rural schools and not only served her ward very well but all of us in PRSD. My condolences to her family, friends and community.

Local **fire risk** conditions have not improved but maybe public awareness and caution has, since the number of fire calls has tapered off in the last few weeks. **Bow Island Emergency Services** logged 138 man-hours in July alone, dealing with fires in the area. This one month tally was more than they have in total some years. Please continue to be cautious in and around town. Fires must be in a proper fire pit or outdoor fireplace and keep a hose handy. Please also be aware that on many of these hot, calm nights your neighbours have their windows open so try not to smoke them out!

Under Section 8 of the **Bow Island Dog Control Bylaw** people who own or have control of a dog that defecates on property that is not their own are required to clean it up and place it in a proper waste receptacle. The fine for the first offence is \$125 and \$250 for the second offence. Please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after your pet. I would remind cat owners that you are to have control of your cats as well and keep them off other people's property for the same reasons.

With **Nomination Day** coming up on Sept 18th I thought I would give a little more background on serving on Council. To run for Council you must be at least 18 years of age on nomination day, be a Canadian citizen, and you must have been a resident of the Town for at least 6 months preceding nomination day. In terms of the time commitment, Councillors are required to attend regular and special meetings of council; usually 3 per month. Each Councillor is also appointed to additional committees or boards that meet monthly or occasionally. Each member is also required to be prepared for meetings by reading the materials circulated ahead of time. Serving on a municipal Council is a way to give back to the community while remembering a Councillor's duty is to represent the whole community not special interests or gripes. A willingness to listen and work respectfully with others on council and in the community can make the job very rewarding. I feel that common sense and vision can make an individual's service on Town Council very successful for all concerned. I look forward to seeing who all is running come noon on the 18th. *Mayor Gordon Reynolds*