



This is Senior's Week in Alberta and here in Bow Island. Council and staff will be hosting the annual Seniors Appreciation pancake breakfast on Wednesday at the Golden Age Centre starting at 7 AM. That's just the start of another busy month in Bow Island. Next weekend will see lots of fun and entertainment with the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Slo-Pitch tournament as well as another big double-header at Blues at the Bow. Victim Services still has room for more golfers for their June 15<sup>th</sup> fundraiser tournament. Of course Father's day is coming which means the Children's Festival. The 29<sup>th</sup> edition of this awesome family event runs from 12-5 on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park and will be a day packed with entertainment. More details can be found on their Facebook page or at [bowislandchildrensfestival.com](http://bowislandchildrensfestival.com). Burdett Days runs this year, June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> and is celebrating their 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This year will feature a parade and I understand they are still accepting entries and are looking for volunteers. Volunteers are the common denominator in all these great events. Volunteers make our communities stronger, healthier and happier, so when you attend one of these or other local events be sure and thank a volunteer.

School will be out in a few weeks and a number of the students at our local schools are graduating and going on to other things. Our Council and staff wish each them all the best in the future wherever that takes them.

The swimming pool opened today (Sunday). After dealing with rough tiles on the sides and bottom of the pool for many years, we had them sandblasted last fall and Public Works applied an epoxy paint last month. The late spring delayed things a bit but the job is all done now. Hopefully there will be no more scratched toes!

Council has approved capital spending for 2018 of \$928,000 to be used for a variety of projects and equipment upgrades. \$298,000 will be coming from grants and the balance from reserves. One of the largest projects, the cleaning of some of the sewage lagoon cells for \$135,000 might be pushed back to next year especially if it qualifies for grant funding. Equipment replacement (including the grader in March) will come to \$248,000. \$438,000 will be spent on a variety of road and sidewalk repairs:

Pavement replacement at water breaks sites	\$ 85,000
Sidewalk replacement in various locations (annual amount allocated)	\$ 25,000
Upgrade of the truck route on the west side.	\$ 65,000
Repairs to the road and pipes by the water tower on 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	\$ 37,500
Replacement of water line on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave West between 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$ 45,500
Completion of upgrade to 7 <sup>th</sup> street East to the new Viterra seed shed.	\$ 50,000
Replace or line the water line from 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. East that runs from 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue to south Railway.	\$ 30,000
Rebuild 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave East from 4 <sup>th</sup> Street around to the Provincial Building.	\$100,000
<b>Total Roads &amp; Sidewalks, 2018</b>	<b>\$438,000</b>

This is part of a 5 year capital plan that estimates spending \$1.1 million next year, \$2 million in 2020, another \$1.1 million in 2021 and \$2 million in 2022. Estimates is the key word and funding sources will have to be determined. The spending next year includes \$965,000 to rebuild road and infrastructure on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave East by St. Michael's School. Presently the 2020 plan earmarks almost \$1.9 million to do the same on a large section of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave East.

A good crowd of friends and family turned out at the Bow Theatre on Saturday night to wish Bill Ressler well in his retirement from teaching. Bill's long career with stops in Burdett, Foremost and finally Bow Island saw him make an impact on many students. His 3 terms on Council and various volunteer positions around town helped him make a very positive impact on our whole community. Best wishes to Bill and Kathy!

Apologies to any events I may have missed so check the paper and Our Community.

***Mayor Gordon Reynolds***