



Alan Hyland served our community as an MLA, Mayor, Town Councillor and volunteer for nearly 50 years. Like his predecessors he believed in the potential of Bow Island and all of southeast Alberta. Alan worked hard for his constituents, and did his best to help people whenever he could. In spite of ill health, Alan continued to play an active role on our Council right up to his retirement in 2021. His commitment to our community was second only to his dedication to his family. I am grateful for all that Alan did for Bow Island. He truly deserves to be remembered and rest in peace.

KALE PORTEOUS MEMORIAL SPLASH PARK. A reminder to all children, parents and other visitors to the Kale Porteous Splash Park to refrain from bringing rocks, dirt, sand and grass onto the pad area to prevent damage to our infrastructure. Sand from the volleyball court, and pea gravel from under the swings, have been found in the drains and filters, resulting in the park shutting down and lots of extra work for staff. We encourage everyone to enjoy this great feature of our park but please don't allow it to be damaged.

St. Andrews United Church has been operating a very busy **thrift store** this summer. It is open Tuesday and Saturday from 9:00am-1:00pm, come visit, have a coffee and shop! Donations are welcome.

It is another busy summer for the **Public Works team**, installing the infrastructure in Parkview, the new playground in Westview, irrigation in the park, and of course the normal summer maintenance throughout the Town. Sidewalk repairs have been completed for this year and we are still waiting on the paving and patching contractor. Council is appreciative of the all their hard work especially during the heatwave of the last few weeks. As for the pool, there have been a few minor issues since it finally opened but the new liner turned out great. The staff have done their best to put together a shortened summer program of lessons, programs and activities. I understand that some people have been frustrated by the circumstances but remind everyone that the young people operating the pool are trying their best and we should respect that.

Work has begun on the new Public Works shop. The new building and compound is being designed to meet current and future needs and we look forward to seeing it completed next spring. House construction in Westview has progressed well this summer. If weather cooperates there might be some building in Parkview starting this fall too. A number of builders and developers have been in touch with the Town and are considering a variety of projects in this new subdivision,

Congratulations to the staff and ownership group of **Forty Mile Turf Seed**, who held their grand opening last month. This state of the art processing facility, in our Airport Industrial Park, provides another cropping option for local producers and gives them access to forage seed markets throughout North America and Europe. This venture is another example of the entrepreneurial spirit that the Bow Island/Forty Mile area is known for. I wish the company every success and thank them for their investment in our community.

A new metal recycling setup has been constructed at the **Landfill** that makes it easier to drop off your unwanted metals. They ask that you assist them with sorting by following the signs and depositing your materials in the appropriate bins. Just a reminder that the Landfill also collects other recyclables such as electronics, tires, used oil, paint, mattresses, refrigerators, freezers, water coolers and air conditioners. There is a \$20 fee for mattresses and the coolant products but everything else is free. A note to farmers that the farm chemical container recycling program is changing, and your empty jugs and totes should be going back to the dealers for collection. The program is phasing out landfill collection sites over the next year.

Enjoy what is left of the summer!

Mayor Gordon Reynolds