



The **2026 Southern Alberta Summer Games** get underway next Wednesday here in Bow Island and the County of Forty Mile for the first time since 1996. We are expecting over 1300 participants, coaches, officials and likely lots of supporters. There will be 20 events in Bow Island, Foremost and the County. Soccer will be played in Raymond since there wasn't an adequate facility here or a local entry. The 4 days of activity kick off Wednesday morning with the 3,5 & 10Km Runs at Forty Mile Park. The schedule overview is on Pinto's Pointers and on the Town Facebook Page. The detailed schedule by sport is here: [Southern Alberta Summer Games Schedules](#). The Opening Ceremonies will be at 5:30 Wednesday at Centennial Park and the Closing, Saturday the 11th, also at the park. The Games coordinators, Kaylee and Abbi along with their many volunteers, have been working tirelessly to get ready for the return of the Games to our area for the first time in 30 years. Let's support them and our local athletes by getting out to watch the events and take part in some of the other fun. Wednesday is also the first Market in the Park of the year. There will be a free BBQ, the Athlete March and other activities. There is also free swimming on Wednesday at the Pool. Thursday morning there is a free pancake breakfast at Bow Island Elementary in the morning and Yoga in the Park in the afternoon and the Friday Market will be on at the Golden Age Club from 2-4. All of this is happening with the support of generous local and regional sponsors and of course our dedicated volunteers.

Let's show our visitors our Bow Island hospitality during this busy week!

Work has begun on the 1st Avenue West water line replacement. The project was delayed by the need to replace the Town's temporary water line equipment. You might want to avoid the area until the work is completed. Paving and patching has also started. Please be aware of the spots that have been dug out and prepped for asphalt. Obey the signage especially when crews are working. Council will also be approving additional money for repairing and paving 3 intersections adjacent to Hwy 3. The much needed rains have delayed some of this work but the normal July sunshine and heat should get things back on track for the planned road and sidewalk work.

Council has approved a proposal by the **Kale Porteous Memorial Committee** for a sun shelter and seating to be located between the Splash Park and the beach volleyball courts at Centennial Park. The project will be fully funded by the Committee and is expected to be installed in October. This will be a tremendous addition to the Kale Porteous Memorial Splash Park and Centennial Park.

My thanks to Corporal George and other members of the **RCMP** detachment for taking part in the Safe Streets Committee meetings and "Coffee With a Cop", monthly at the bakery. This is an opportunity for us to meet the members and for them to hear firsthand public concerns. This community engagement is one of the 3 priorities given them by Council along with Traffic Safety and Property Crime. I continue to urge everyone to report incidents and crimes to the RCMP as they happen. The attitude that "there's nothing they can do" is only true if nothing is reported, however sometimes what we feel is a problem may not be criminal and is outside their jurisdiction. Reports can lead to connections to other incidents and charges being laid.

Have a great and safe summer everyone!

Mayor Gordon Reynolds