



This is **Seniors Week** in Bow Island, when we celebrate and recognize the valuable contribution that seniors have made and continue to make to our community. The weather impacted on some activities but on Tuesday the Town hosted visitors from PVL and others at our new offices for a tour. Walk Wednesday was cancelled but the Golden Age Club Opened up for floor shuffle.

The **Pool** and the **Kale Porteous Splash Park** both opened a couple of weeks ago, although I'm sure activity was a slow this past rainy weekend. Thank goodness for the rain though!

At least the weather was decent Friday night and Saturday for the **Health Foundation Annual Garage Sale** at the arena. The Foundation is very pleased with the turnout and the sales. The volunteers put in a lot of work during the week preceding, receiving goods and getting everything priced and setup so kudos to all of them. Of course, big thanks to everyone who came and found some bargains and supported the Health Foundation that puts a lot of effort and dollars into supporting programs and equipment for our Hospital.

As mentioned in the March Notes, the over \$2million capital budget this year includes money for paving, patching and sidewalk repair among other things. This year you will see over half a million spent on asphalt, one of the most significant single year road building and upgrade expenditures ever. The annual sidewalk budget will address at least 11 spots with cement and another 11 with asphalt, which is much cheaper than cement and possibly more resilient. Council has also approved an agreement with Fortis to add streets lights in some of the darker areas of Town. This \$62,000 project will be split with Fortis picking up 62% of the cost and the Town 38%. This will add 10 new lights to the 180 that are in operation now and will hopefully make some of the dark areas safer for traffic and pedestrians. This will be reviewed again next year as we continue to approve safety in Town. Thank you to our Safe Streets Committee for helping make this plan.

Preparation is underway to replace three blocks of water line on 1st Avenue West. This will be done by boring and pulling a new line about 285 metres under the street. When the project begins, please respect the signage and drive carefully when the crew is working.

The next several weeks will be very busy in Bow Island! The annual **Gospel Jamboree** runs June 19-21 at the Bert Knibbs Ballpark. The **35th Annual Children's Festival** is on June 28th this year at Centennial Park. Adult and student volunteers are needed to help run the various stations. Scan the QR code on one of their posters or check at the Library to sign up. Do not forget the **Southern Alberta Summer Games** are coming to Bow Island & Forty Mile July 8-11. Registration for entrants closes on June 11th and volunteers are still needed for various jobs. Contact Kaylee or Abi at the Town office or click here: [Summer Games](#).

Enjoy the moisture everyone!

Mayor Gordon Reynolds