

Summer once again seems to have flown by, possibly because it has been another busy one in our community. Various events organized by dedicated volunteers continue to bring people together for fun and entertainment. The Friday Market at the Golden Age Centre continued this year and there was another very successful season for Market in the Park. Thank you to the volunteers for these and the other summer events, who certainly understand what *Community* is all about. Our full-time and seasonal staff have worked hard on several projects and summer operations and maintenance. The parks, cemetery, ball diamonds and pool have once again been well cared for and improved. The Kale Porteous Splash Park only had minor interruptions this summer however there are still some people not treating it with respect. We know because they are on video! Although weather wasn't great for part of July, the pool did well and staff there did a good job.

Sod was recently laid and trees planted in the new Westview park. The grass has been heavily watered in this heat to get it established so we are asking everyone to stay off it while it is so wet. Many thanks to the staff and volunteers who raised money, found grants and pitched in to get this project to this point. The playground is now even more inviting with the trees and grass installed. I hope the Troy Loney committee and the families of Bonnie Campbell and Harvey Nixdorf are pleased with how this has turned out.

As previously reported, a new subdivision is being developed west of Gershaw School and the connection to the water and sewer mains were made this week resulting in 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue being temporarily closed.

The public hearing on August 11<sup>th</sup> regarding the Town forming a Municipally Controlled Corporation to manage and operate the Clinic was very well attended. Council appreciated the interest in the proposal, the questions and the feedback and voted that night to advise the Minister of Municipal Affairs of our intention to proceed. A lawyer is drawing up the Articles of Incorporation and other documents to get the MCC registered. The Municipality Supported Clinics Grant funds have been received, and along with the matching money from our 3 municipalities will help support recruitment efforts. Recruitment continues and those efforts will ramp up.

The Pinto's Princesses event kicks off this Friday with a community supper at 5 pm at the Multiplex followed by the speech competition at 7pm. Saturday starts with a pancake breakfast, and activities go all day with the crowning of the Princesses at 6:45 followed by a family dance. This promises to be another great community event and will showcase the skills and talents of some of our awesome young people!

Barbecue on the Bow is coming to Bow Island. This annual barbecue festival and competition has been running out of Calgary since 1993. Professional and amateur pitmasters compete in various categories with the intent of bringing communities together promoting southern-style barbecue. Their next big event will be the **Bean Town BBQ Cook-off** here in Bow Island, October 10-12, sponsored by the Bow Island Lions Club. More information will be available soon but interested entrants should go to [bbgonthebow.com](http://bbgonthebow.com) to register. This should be a lot of fun and for barbecue fans, the food will be great!

Construction of a new garbage cell at the Landfill will begin next week and the first phase should be complete by Christmas. Phase II will finish up in the spring. In the meantime, the staff asks for the public's cooperation in placing materials in the areas you are directed to or that are marked. The goal is to not interfere with the contractor's work and to keep everyone safe.

Municipal elections take place on October 20<sup>th</sup> in Alberta and the deadline for nominations is noon on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Nomination forms and other information is available at the Town office. I will be submitting my nomination this week.



School is back so when you are driving, please keep an eye out for kids heading to and from our schools. Our school zones are also playground zones and are in effect from 8:30 am to one hour after sunset, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Please respect the 30 km speed limit and be safe!

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