



Town of Onoway

ONOWAVES

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Office closed: Dec 24 through Jan 3 (Reopening Monday Jan 4)

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JUDY TRACY

It's hard to believe that the Holiday season is here already! This year as we may not be able to gather with our loved ones (in person) to celebrate the magic of Christmas, I'm thinking of all the different ways we can make this Christmas special.

While a lot of us have learned new ways to stay in touch - Zoom, Skype or Face Time - let's not forget about postcards, letters and of course, phone calls!

Reach out to one another, no matter how you choose! There is still so much you can do within your cohort to enjoy the holidays - take a walk around your neighborhood and admire the Christmas decorations or go sledding (if there's snow somewhere)!

If this year has taught us anything, it is that we can and need to adapt to our current situation, just make sure you do it safely.

So put on those reindeer antlers and your Santa mask, jingle those bells and make your Christmas merry and bright!

From your Town Council to you...

MERRY CHRISTMAS and CHEERS TO A BETTER NEW YEAR!

PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENT PLAN

If you wish to pay your municipal taxes in monthly installments, please contact the Town Office to enroll in the PAT Plan.

PRE-AUTHORIZED UTILITY PAYMENTS

If you wish to pay utility bills through automatic withdrawal from your bank account, please contact the office to enroll.

REPORT A CRIME

If you witness a crime or suspicious activity within the Town of Onoway, please contact law enforcement:

Emergencies – Call 911

RCMP (Non-Emergency)

– Call 825-220-7267

RCMP (Office Line) – Call 825-220-2000

Peace Officer – Call 1-866-880-5722

Bylaw Officer – Call 1-866-880-5722

WASTE/RECYCLE/ORGANICS CHANGE IN SERVICE CONTRACTOR

**IMPORTANT TIME-SENSITIVE INFORMATION
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TAXES WERE DUE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 – TAX PENALTY APPLICATION

DATES ARE:

October	01	10% Current Levy
November	01	5% Current Levy
December	01	5% Current Levy
January	01	15% All Outstanding Taxes



Snow Clearing and Public Works

During the winter months, Public Works will be doing a combination of pushing the snow onto boulevards and streets and hauling the snow away. Public Works will be putting signage up in areas prior to major snow clearing asking people not to park on the street. Violators will be tagged and towed at their expense. Public Works also asks that you don't shovel your sidewalk snow onto the streets after they have already gone by with the equipment. **FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY – DO NOT APPROACH TOWN VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT AT ANY TIME WHILE THEY ARE OPERATING IN THE TOWN.** Please contact the office if you have questions or concerns.

DISPOSING OF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

This year we will NOT be able to hold a tree burning event.

However, you are able to dispose of your **DEBRIS FREE** tree by dropping it off at the Public Works yard between January 4th and 11th during business hours (7:30 to 4:00 pm). **Signage will identify the specific location**



INSURANCE COVERAGE – FIRES

The cost of fire suppression by the Fire Department for structure, grass or vehicle fires is payable by the property owner.

You will also be invoiced for alarms, including false alarms.

Be sure to check your home insurance policy or talk to your insurance agent about what exactly your policy covers and the amount of your coverage.

DECORATING YOUR HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Help bring the holiday spirit to our Town by decorating your home and/or business! Judging will take place the evening of **Tuesday, December 15, 2020 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.** **Make sure you turn your lights on and have your decorations displayed for a chance to win a beautiful prize.** There will be prizes for the two best decorated homes and one for the best decorated business. The winners will be contacted on Wednesday, December 16.

Thank you for sharing your Christmas spirit.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Onoway & District Agricultural Society
Christmas Market**

Saturday, December 12

11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Onoway Community Hall

Onoway Christmas Light Up Contest

Tuesday, December 15
7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.



Celebrate Onoway's Centennial – 2023

June 2023

The Town will establish a Planning Committee in Spring of 2021

Council Meetings

December 17, 2020
January 7, 2021
January 21, 2021

Meetings start at 9:30 A.M. and are held at the Town Office. Any date or time change will be posted on the website. Meetings are open to the public; if you want to address Council you must make an appointment through the Town Office a week prior to the meeting.

Due to COVID-19 public wishing to participate or observe the meeting please contact the Town office prior to attending. Thank you.

Feel free to contact Council with any comments or concerns!

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TOWN ADMINISTRATION OFFICE REOPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

The Town administration office reopened to the general public on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Patrons will be required to adhere to the following restrictions:

- Only one person in the office at a time
- Must sanitize your hands upon entry
- **Must wear a mask when in the office**
- Please keep your stop to the business at hand, and vacate once completed
- Please do not come to the office if you are not feeling well (have a cold, runny nose, cough, etc.)

If you have any questions, or require clarification, please call the office prior to your anticipated arrival (780) 967-5338

The after hours drop off slot will still be available for those who do not wish to enter the building

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND RESPECT IN THIS MATTER

A REMINDER FOR RESIDENTS WITH CURB MATS

Please remove them to assist with snow removal. Thank you for your cooperation!

TELMATIK Town of Onoway has an automated messaging service to help advise all citizens quickly and efficiently in case of emergency and/or public notification (ex. temporary interruption of the water supply, tax payment deadlines, snow removal, election dates, town events etc.). This system allows us to notify residents by landline and/or cellular and/or SMS and/or email of your choice. Please visit our website www.onoway.ca and following the link provided under the Emergency Services Tab "Alert and Notification System" to assure your contact information is added. *Please note that the Alert and Notification System is secure and resident contact info. will only be used by the Town of Onoway to contact residents regarding important information.*

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 24 AND REOPENS ON TUESDAY JANUARY 5

Hours of Operation: Wednesday to Friday – 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (these days/hours are subject to change)

Staff are on-site Tuesdays and Saturdays and visits can be made by appointment

Face Masks are temporarily mandatory in the Library for those 8 years and older (who are not exempted from mask wearing). Please maintain social distancing – follow the floor markers. Computer use is limited to 1 hour per day. Take out service is still available and the outside drop box is open 24 hours for items to be returned.

Contact the Library: 780-967-2445; email: onowaylibrary@yrl.ab.ca; Facebook @onowaypubliclibrary; website: www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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CHRISTMAS
COOKIES
FAMILY
HOLIDAY

MISTLETOE
NUTCRACKER
ORNAMENTS
PRESENTS

REINDEER
SANTA
STOCKING
TREE



Waste/Recycle/Organics – Change in Service Contractor

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Town of Onoway, along with the Summer Villages of Silver Sands, Sunrise Beach, West Cove and Yellowstone, were all receiving their household waste (along with organics and recycling where applicable) from GFL Environmental Services. This contract was set to expire on December 31, 2020, so the common administration services for these 5 municipalities prepared a Request for Proposals for same or similar services starting in January 2021 and continuing for a five year term. The proposals were received and we were delighted to see a significant reduction in the monthly fees on the go forward. After consideration of various factors within the proposals and service requirements, all 5 municipalities have decided to change service provider and will all be going to Standstone Vacuum Services Ltd. (operating as Standstone Waste and Water). With this new contract, Onoway is estimated to save between \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00 annually and all properties currently serviced will receive brand new carts. The pickup day will remain unchanged (Tuesday), and all concerns and/or inquiries regarding missed pickup or cart damage will be made directly with the service provider and their phone number will be on the carts.

While this change in service will see cost savings, it will come with a bit of work on the part of our community. **GFL will be completing their last pickup on Tuesday, December 29 and your cart(s) whether full or empty and including organics must be left out on this day so these carts can be picked up by GFL as they are the property of GFL.** Property owners who do not put out their carts will be charged a fee of between \$70.00 and \$100.00 for their unreturned cart. If a property owner is unable to physically set your carts out on this day, please arrange with your neighbour to do so on your behalf.

New carts will be dropped off by Standstone after GFL has been through and picked up their carts. Standstone will commence service in January, with the first pickup date being Tuesday January 5.

We thank GFL for their past service and look forward to working with Standstone over the next 5 years.



Dear friends, neighbours and valued customers,

The Standstone team is excited to be back in the waste hauling business! We are so proud to have the opportunity to serve your communities more completely, with new residential waste collection contracts in your area. We will be in your area at the start of 2021, rolling out new carts for each home. Collection will follow promptly after the roll-out. We want to ensure that all our customers receive exemplary service in water delivery, septic service and waste collection and will be happy to answer your questions and concerns once waste collection has commenced. As always, our friendly admin staff are ready to discuss your service needs by calling our office at 780-967-2118 or toll free at 1-877-226-5008.

Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Best regards,

Ken & Lisa Standeven

Service & Professionalism Always

