



Town of Onoway

ONOWAVES

OCTOBER 2021

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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

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JUDY TRACY

With the Federal election behind us, we can now focus on the Municipal election. Voting day is October 18, 2021 and advanced polls being held on October 13, 2021. Good luck to all the candidates! I encourage everyone to get out and vote! Your vote matters!

It has been my honour to have served the community of Onoway, as both Councillor and Mayor, for the past four years! We could not have had any success without the dedication of our team of Councillors and staff, thank you! Having said that, I would like to give a special thanks to our outgoing Councillor Pat St.Hilaire for her many years of service. *"Thank you and good luck in the future Pat!"*

Following are some highlights from the past four years:

- In recognition of the impacts of the pandemic we passed our 2020 budget with a 0% increase in municipal tax dollars collected. We deferred the tax payment deadline date from June 30 to September 30, and utility payments for 3 months. We also revised the tax and utility penalty structure.
- In 2021, we passed our budget with only a 1% increase in municipal taxes and utilities, while again deferring the tax payment deadline from June 30 to September 30, and keeping the revised tax penalty structure.
- In 2020 our change in the waste/organics/recycling contractor saved the Town roughly \$17,000/year. And we are proud to say we are now supporting local and someone who is a tax payer of the Town.
- By changing our Community Peace Officer services contract we receive almost double the hours and the cost increased by only \$2,000.00/yr.
- By working collaboratively with our municipal partners (Lac Ste. Anne County and several summer villages) we have an expanded medical clinic and 3 new doctors!
- When our local library fell on tough times we stepped up and provided administrative supports and formed a new OPL Board, we are proud to say we are operating stronger than ever and financially in a positive position. And we must recognize and commend Librarian Kelly Huxley for this success!
- We recognized both Pride Week and the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation within our community by declarations and the painting of a couple of crosswalks.
- Implemented the annual Christmas Light Up event.
- Implemented our Telematic messaging service for emergent/ urgent/ important communication. We also upgraded our website to be more user friendly and increase the information available to our community (agendas, minutes, bylaws, development permits, financial statements, news releases etc). We started a facebook page, and contracted a dispatch centre for after hours emergent or urgent calls.
- Taking the safety of our community into consideration, and working with Fortis, we expanded our street light capacity on both Lac Ste. Anne Trail North and 47th Avenue.
- We have been working collaboratively with Lac Ste. Anne County on economic development so please check out Partners in Progress, Shop the County and Come to Life in Lac Ste. Anne. As part of this initiative we implemented business licenses not as a cash grab but rather to help our businesses promote their services and expand their business area through this municipal partnership.
- We were mandated to enhance our Emergency Management service which we are proud to say we have done with lots of staff and council training and dedication to its outcome

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JUDY TRACY (continued from front page)

- Negotiated a continuation of our current Fire Service Provider which has allowed us to retain our fire hall in our Town, and enhance the fire service provision and its delivery within our community and regionally, for similar costs as our previous provider.
- Put a new playground in Kids Corner Park
- Worked with our community recreational facilities in efforts to ensure they have financial support to keep their doors open (when not closed due to AHS restrictions)

Management of the financial health of the municipality is one of – if not the – most important responsibilities entrusted to Council. Every year Council makes decisions in the budget that directly impact the fiscal health of the municipality – and the pocketbooks of our residents. Under this past Council term, we completed the last major steps in breaking out the municipal and utilities operating functions; this model ensure greater accountability in how we plan our budgets, measure our progress, and set our tax and utility rates.

Some financial highlights worth noting are found in a budget comparison from the first year of the term (2018) to the current year (2021) which speaks to what your Council and administration has worked to achieve:

	<u>2018(Budget)</u>	<u>2021(Budget)</u>	<u>Note:</u>
Taxes:			
Taxes Collected	\$1,220,980	\$1,291,333	\$70,353 Increase
ATCO Franchise Fee	\$32,000	\$27,500	\$ 4,500 Decrease
Fortis Franchise Fee	\$63,000	\$70,993	\$ 7,993 Increase
Sub-Total (Taxes)	\$1,315,980	\$1,389,826	\$73,846 Increase
Utilities:			
Water Revenue	\$589,720	\$569,400	\$20,320 Decrease
Sewer Revenue	\$219,666	\$216,226	\$ 3,440 Decrease
Waste Collection	\$128,000	\$ 85,000	\$43,000 Decrease
Sub-Total (Utilities)	\$937,386	\$870,626	\$66,760 Decrease
Total Comparison (Yr. to Yr.):	\$2,253,366	\$2,260,452	\$ 7,086 Increase

There are several ways to read this information, but this is what stands out in my mind:

Between the two major “asks” the municipality makes of its ratepayers each year (taxes and utilities), over the past four years we have asked the people to pay (collectively) just \$7,086 more in 2021 than we did in 2018. This is a net increase of just 0.31% - approximately \$20.00 per household (on average). That is extremely significant, and it is has only been possible because of prudent fiscal planning. What kind of planning are we talking about?

Firstly, it is correct to say that over the four years of this term the amount we have collected in taxes has increased by \$73,846/year comparing the current year to the first year of our term – which amounts to approximately 5.61% increase (or an average of 1.40%/year). This is roughly comparable to inflation and indicates that – despite additional services required of municipalities – we have found efficiencies in the rest of the budget and incorporated any new costs without adding unnecessary tax increases to our ratepayers or making undue cuts to our capital spending and maintenance plans. Secondly, by completing the separation of our utility functions in the budget we were able to focus on these specific services to greater effect. Overall, we found \$66,760 in savings in our core utility services (Water, Sewer and Waste) annually by the last year of our term, compared to the first. This represents a 7.12% decrease in the utility costs paid by our residents and businesses in 2021, as compared to 2018 (or approximately a 1.78% decrease in each of the four years of our term). We did this by aggressively pursuing fair water rates in our regional partnership and by engaging a new waste management service provider. Better utility services, and lower costs - another win-win for our residents, ratepayers and stakeholders. Certainly there are always the individual fluctuations in taxes on each property based on potential assessment adjustments, and in 2021 we had to adjust the minimum municipal amount payable as required by Municipal Affairs which affected our lower assessed residential properties.

Given all the new requirements placed on municipalities over the past term (emergency management mandates, provincial policing costs, staff restructuring, our COVID-19 response plan, utility restructuring and investment, community facility investments, etc.), our fiscal management over the past four years has been – in my opinion – a job well done. It takes a team to build and manage our budget and we have had a great team within our Council and administration. This does not mean that we have not had to make difficult decisions or defer projects that we had hoped to see completed. It does mean that we have worked to find balance in what we need and what we want, as a community, and that we have been asking the right questions and following a thorough decision-making process as a municipality.

Sincerely, Mayor Judy Tracy

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

MUNICIPAL/SCHOOL/SENATE AND REFERENDUM ELECTION – OCTOBER 13 & 18

Advanced vote is on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Onoway Heritage Centre
Election day is Monday, October 18, 2021 from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm at the Onoway Heritage Centre

For the Town of Onoway, the following 10 individuals have put their names forward for 5 Council vacancies:

**CONINX, BRIDGITTE DAWN
DOKA, SHEILA MAE
JOHNSON, LISA MARIE
KWASNY, LENARD R
MICKLE, JEFFREY**

**MURRAY, ROBIN GAY
TONITA, BRENDA LYNNE
TRACY, JUDITH ARLENE
WHITE, JAMES
WINTERFORD, ROBERT ARTHUR**

ONOWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The library is open during the following hours for in-house services. Please note that masks are mandatory and capacity restrictions are in place. Please be patient if you are required to wait. Items can still be requested at www.tracpac.ab.ca and Click & Collect or curbside service is also available. Our drop box is open 24/7 for returns and is located on the east end of the building. Contact us for more information.

HOURS OF OPENING:

Tuesday - 10:30 AM - 04:30 PM
Wednesday - 10:30 AM - 04:30 PM
Thursday - 10:30 AM - 04:30 PM
Friday - 10:30 AM - 04:30 PM
Saturday - 10:30 AM - 02:30 PM

Contact the Library: 780-967-2445

Email: onowaylibrary@yrl.ab.ca;

Facebook@onowaypubliclibrary;

Website: www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca



Congratulations to
Diane Perrin

for winning the door prize at the
Make the Connection Night!

Development & Building Permits

Reminder to residents that if you are planning on adding and/or making improvements to your property (e.g. deck, fence, new building, demolition of old buildings, activity and use of building), please contact the Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner, at 780-718-5479 prior to starting your project.

**MUNICIPAL ELECTION
FORUM**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021
6:30 p.m. Onoway Heritage
Centre**

Forum is being hosted by the
Onoway and District Chamber of
Commerce

Pre-registration is required:

**Contact: (780) 918-6847 or
chamberonoway@gmail.com**

**BRETZLAFF PARK
IMPROVEMENTS**

The Town, thanks to the
Onoway Heritage Centre and
Onoway Ag. Society, will be
installing playground
equipment in Bretzlaff Park in
the spring of 2022. The Town
will also make improvements
to the basketball court and the
bleachers. As well, the Town
will be constructing
community garden boxes
over the winter to be
placed in this park in the
spring of 2022.

**ONOWAY LEGION
FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPERS**

**Reservations Required
Please Text or Call:
780-991-6777**

**Become a Member today,
Contact the Legion!**

Council Meetings

Oct 21, 2021
Nov 4, 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 Council is meeting in person with restrictions and/or Zoom, and if public wish to participate or observe the meeting in person please contact the Town office prior. Thank you.

Feel free to contact Council with any comments or concerns!

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Jeffrey Mickle
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jmickle@onoway.ca
Pat St. Hilaire
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psthilaire@onoway.ca

**ATTENTION: ALL RESIDENTS
OUR BYLAW ENFORCEMENT STAFF WILL BE TICKETING
RESIDENTS WHO PARK IN THE TOWN PARKS AND
MUNICIPAL RESERVE AREAS (GREEN SPACES) IN TOWN**

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK YOUR TRAILERS, OR LARGE
VEHICLES ON THE ROADS
Please refer to Bylaw 747-18**

New Xplornet Tower in Onoway

There is a new Xplornet tower that has gone live in Onoway, right at the Civic Center. The Tower gives off speeds of up to 50mbps download and up to 10mbps upload along with Unlimited data.

**If you require more information, please contact Katie Traynor
1-855-262-2444**

ONOWAY SKATING CLUB REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

To register your child/youth or for more information please visit www.onowayskatingclub.ca
Starts Tuesday, October 5, 2021
it's not too late to join!!!



SCOOP OF THE DAY!!

The Town of Onoway has placed dog waste stations throughout Town in an effort to assist residents and visitors with keeping our Town clean. So far in 2021 we have seen significant use of these waste receptacles and have refilled the doggy bags at these stations with over 8000 bags.

INSURANCE COVERAGE – FIRES

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

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

Medical Assistance Responses are a free service provided by your Fire Department.

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.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR CHILDCARE FOR YOUR FAMILY?

Check out all the local licensed options available for you.

Lac Ste. Anne County Out-of-School Care

LOCATION

Onoway Heritage Centre
4708 Lac Ste. Anne Trail North,
Onoway

AGES

Before or after school care:

Kids must attend Onoway Elementary
(K-6 for the 2021/2022 school year).

Day-long care (non-school days):

Kids can be K-6 students at
any local school.

TIME

6:30 am – 6:30 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION

Toll-free: 1.866.880.5722

P: 780.785.3411

E: recreationFCSS@LSAC.ca

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY



Mayerthorpe Family Dayhomes

AGES

All ages welcome

CONTACT INFORMATION

Lisa Fundak: 780.786.2654

E: lisa_gylander@hotmail.com

The MAD House Daycare and Out-of-School Care

LOCATION

5459 Lac Ste Anne Trail, Onoway

AGES

12 months to 12 years

TIME

6 am – 6 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION

Krystal: 780.884.9804

Jody: 780.886.4851

E: themadhouseonoway@gmail.com

FB: The MAD House Onoway

*Transportation to and from
OES and Playschool available.*



Rural Family Day Homes

AGES

All ages welcome

CONTACT INFORMATION

P: 780.962.5919

E: pfdh@outlook.com

Little Village Daycare (Licence Pending)

LOCATION

5113 Lac Ste. Anne Trail South,
Onoway

AGES

2 to 10 years

TIME

7 am – 6 pm

(Full/Part Time & OSC)

CONTACT INFORMATION

P: 780.907.4019

E: admin@littlevillagedaycare.ca

Little Village
Daycare

Are you looking to work in a daycare, dayhome or out-of-school care program?

Connect with the programs listed above to see
what opportunities they may have for you!

REDISTRICTING AND SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

The Town's public hearing on Bylaw 790-21 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment) to redistrict Plan 4114TR Block A from Residential Single Family Narrow Lot District (R1N) to Urban Services (US) was held on October 5th, 2021 and was attended by approximately 35 people (in person) and 10 people via Zoom. This hearing reviewed The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints proposal to build a Place of Worship and 13 residential parcels, as well as providing a lot for the Town for a stormwater management pond, recreational area and the ATCO Gas utility right of way.

At their October 7, 2021 meeting, Council resolved to pass 2nd and 3rd reading of Bylaw 790-21 thereby allowing this redistricting to proceed. After this bylaw was passed, Council then approved the proposed subdivision of this same property.

Halloween Word Search

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CANDY
GHOSTS
MASK
PUMPKINS
TRICK

COSTUMES
GOBLIN
MUMMY
SKELETON
TREAT