



# Town of Onoway

## ONOWAVES

FEBRUARY, 2024

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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

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024  
FOR FAMILY DAY**

### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR LENARD KWASNY

January was a very interesting month, weather wise especially. We experienced temperature swings from -40 degrees to a whopping +11 degrees. Mother nature is having some major mood swings ALBERTA.

Over and above their everyday work, Administration is always planning, updating bylaws, policies, procedures, and researching best practices and much more.

This past month Administration presented, and Council pre-approved notable operating budget projects while they continue working on the 2024 Final Budget. Our FCSS process has been updated for better communication, definitive timelines, and better alignment with LSAC's process. Our Waste, Recycle, and Organic Bylaw and the Fee and Charges Bylaw have been updated and passed by Council.

A press release was published in response to the Onoway Taxpayers Association's concern regarding the referendum question on the Municipal By-Election Ballot. I would like to emphasize that if you have any questions or concerns, please call the office and you will get firsthand information.

Public works is doing their best to keep everything running smoothly (water, sewer, roads, equipment, etc.). Public works was instructed to work safely during the cold weather. Utilization of equipment in the cold weather was for emergency purposes only.

Council has attended meetings, workshops and zoom sessions pertaining to Town business. At the last council meeting, Corporal Justin Auld of the RCMP attended and requested councils policing priorities. A very healthy conversation took place, and he will be providing updates to Council on a quarterly basis.

Now moving into February, lets keep our fingers crossed that Balzac Billy (Ground Hog) predicts an early spring and doesn't see his shadow. I wonder if a set of blinders would aide in this matter.

I am hoping that everyone can spend Valentine's Day with someone they love, and that Family Day is celebrated exactly the way you would like.

In closing, please take care, stay safe and enjoy the sunshine.

Len

## Council Meetings

**FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

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 by noon Monday, the **week prior to the meeting.**

**Feel free to contact Council with any comments or concerns!**

### **MAYOR**

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## Onoway Public Library News

### **FOOD FOR FINES – ONOWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

From February 1-29, Onoway Public Library patrons can clear up those pesky fines by dropping off a donation for the Lac Ste. Anne East Food Bank, in the bins located at the Library. Fines only (does not apply to lost items) will be waived, once the Library has received your donation. And if you're not a Library member, your food donation will be gladly accepted during the month of February.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR DONATIONS:** cat/dog food; cloth bags, canned fruit and meat, toilet paper, kleenex, paper towel, instant oatmeal

(no perishables or expired items please)

## Let's Get Physical at your library!

Ever wanted to try snowshoeing? Now you can! OPL has several pair of snowshoes, from kids to adults, that you can borrow with your library card.

Snowshoes will be loaned out on a one week (no renewal) basis to anyone holding a valid Onoway Public Library card.

You can book multiple sizes at a time, depending upon availability. Snowshoeing is a great winter activity with family or friends.

Each set includes: Storage bag, pair of snowshoes & poles c/w guards

Holds on these items must be placed directly through the library by calling 780-967-2445 or email: [onowaylibrary@yrl.ab.ca](mailto:onowaylibrary@yrl.ab.ca)

Not sure what size is best for you. Visit our website: [www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca](http://www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca) and click on the services tab for more information on the snowshoe program and sizing options.

We have some great locations in our area for snowshoeing with your family.

Thank you to Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board for providing the funding for this project.



Onoway Public Library

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Onoway, AB, Alberta T0E 1V0 | (780) 967-2445  
<http://www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca/>



### ***ONOWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY***

#### ***HOURS OF OPERATION:***

**Tuesday to Friday – 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Saturday – 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Contact the Library: 780-967-2445**

**Email: [onowaylibrary@yrl.ab.ca](mailto:onowaylibrary@yrl.ab.ca)**

**Facebook@onowaypubliclibrary**

**Website: [www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca](http://www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca)**



# 2024 Utility Rate Changes

The average utility account owner consuming 11 cubic metres of water per month with a 5/8 water meter, will experience an approximate increase of \$3.55 on their monthly utility charges as a result of an increase in the water rate, solid waste, organics, & recycle fee. And a decrease in the Regional Water Debenture.

## SANITARY SEWER

\$ 38.89 PER MONTH  
NO INCREASE



## REGIONAL WATER DEBENTURE

\$ 14.67 PER MONTH  
\$0.35 DECREASE



## SOLID WASTE, ORGANICS & RECYCLE FEE

\$20.66 PER MONTH  
\$1.04 INCREASE

**WATER**  
\$82.88 PER MONTH  
INCREASE OF \$2.86  
DUE TO REGIONAL WATER  
RATE INCREASE.

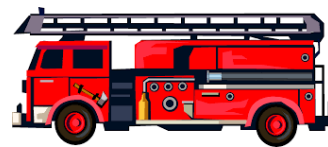


The increase is necessary to respond to a recent rate increase of \$0.26/m<sup>3</sup> to the cost of purchasing water from WILD Water Commission. The Town received notice of this increase in early December. In order to sustain a balanced budget, we must transfer this increase to utility account holders.

## INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR 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. 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.**



## BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL

Onoway Businesses. Your business license payment of \$50.00 is now due. If you haven't had a business license before, did you know??

- The Town can't refer people to your business when we are asked if your business is not listed in the Town's directory
- You miss the opportunity to be listed in Shop the County which is an online business directory

Please contact Gino at 780-967-5338 if you would like to discuss this further

♥ HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY ♥

**In partnership with the Chamber, the new Onoway Economic Development and Tourism Committee and the Town are featuring a local business every month**

**2 great businesses ... 1 great location! ... Downtown Onoway!**

**5108 49 Ave, across from the fire department**

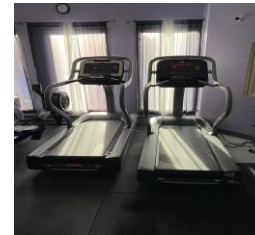
## **CC Fitness Centre**



CC Fitness Centre is a 24-hour fitness facility offering a variety of age-appropriate classes for all members, as well as customized personal training programs for those looking to reach their fitness goals with the help of a professional. Personal trainers and fitness consultants are available for those in need of a little help or those with questions, and fees are affordable and flexible. In addition, there is a retail selection that includes activewear, supplements, gym accessories and home fitness guides. CC Fitness Centre strives to be involved in the community, which members enjoy being a part of, and want to be a part of for a long time.

Fitness increases health and life longevity, and a healthy community is a happy one. As such, a section of the business is dedicated to maintain the health and well being of the pets in the community.

**\*\*Please note, you can sign up for memberships or register for classes at the retail desk.\*\***



## ***Creature Comforts***

Creature Comforts is your one stop shop for all your pet needs! Creature Comforts offers a selection of pet food and supplies, pet walking services. In the warmer months, we will offer agility training. Pet health matters! We carry a selection of pet dewormers, flea and tick prevention, oral hygiene products and more!

Events are promoted to include members of the whole family, whether they have feet, fins, feathers or fur.

*Additional Perks* - Pet Photography! We have a number of tapestries for backgrounds and are happy to wrangle your pets into a position to capture their best selves. Options are available for print or digital copies. (By appointment only)

**Retail Store Hours are:**

**Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm**

***Mission/Vision Statement***

*The business is dedicated to provide individuals and families comforts that contribute to physical ease and well-being. To provide things that make life more pleasant such as good food, a comfortable, safe atmosphere and an all-inclusive one-stop shop for people and their furry companions.*

