



Town of Onoway

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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, OCTOBER 14 FOR
THANKSGIVING**

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR LENARD KWASNY

Fall is officially here, and the colors of the landscape clearly indicate that. Not sure I look forward to what is around the corner weather wise, however this is Alberta.

With summer holidays ending, Council again gets extremely busy with Council, Board and Committee meetings and this year is no exception, keeping Council and administration hopping.

The fiber optic installation is going well, with some residential areas yet to be completed. Work has also started in the industrial park which will be a huge asset to the businesses in the park.

All of Council and CAO Thompson attended the annual AB Muni's conference in Red Deer, and again it was a great opportunity to network, share ideas with other municipalities across the province and, without any surprises, to find that they too are seeing similar hardships with providing the services to you at the most reasonable cost. The education sessions at the conference provide municipalities ways of managing and coping with the pressures we are faced with today.

On September 21 the annual Fall Harvest Festival took place with a great day and a wonderful turn out. This event is organized by the Onoway Historical Guild. Also, that evening, the Onoway Royal Canadian Legion Branch #132 celebrated their 90th Anniversary which was also well attended. I had the privilege of attending both functions. I also noticed that at both functions there were Council members who volunteered and helped these organizations with their event. I thank you Councillors for your commitment and dedication to our community.

October is the beginning of compiling next years budget and prioritizing projects, stretching the dollar fiddle tight.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and Happy Halloween! Remember, the Onoway Community Hall will, once again, be hosting their Annual Halloween Event, providing a warming place, free hot dogs, hot chocolate, and treats for all ages.

Don't forget about the Onoway Business Mixer scheduled for October 11th. Watch for details. Have a great October all! Stay safe and enjoy.

Len

Council Meetings

THURS. OCTOBER 10, 2024

**THURS. OCTOBER 24, 2024
(ORGANIZATIONAL AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING)**

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!

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TAXES WERE DUE SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

TAX PENALTY APPLICATION DATES

July 01 10% Current Levy

August 01 2% Current Levy

September 01 2% Current Levy

October 01 2% Current Levy

November 01 2% Current Levy

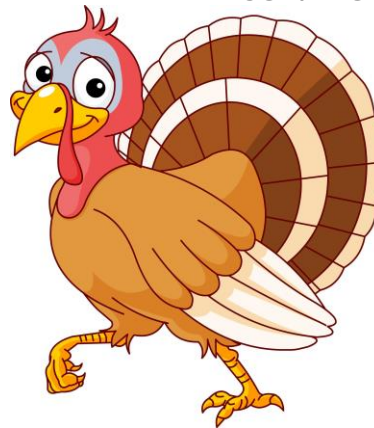
December 01 2% Current Levy

January 01 15% All Outstanding Taxes

Note: penalties do not apply to property owners enrolled in the preauthorized tax payment plan.

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. 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 ensure 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.**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



COMMUNITY EVENTS

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION DINNERS

**October 4 and October
18, 2024**

**FOR RESERVATIONS
(780) 967-5361**

SAVE THE DATE TOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP FESTIVITIES



**Friday
November 22, 2024**

The TABLE Birthday Party and Market



**Saturday, October 5,
2024**

Submitted by Kenneth Brunton: Onoway's new Economic Development Officer

What is economic development? In short, it is finding opportunities and the right investment to fit; however, in a world of opportunities and investors, where does Onoway fit? With limited resources available, which industries should Onoway attract to town? Onoway represents more than just a community. It's a unique collection of resources and opportunities which hold value. A value which fluctuates depending on whom you ask. So, which businesses and industries might value what Onoway has to offer? Town Council recently approved a new economic development strategy for the town. It's a clear direction which allows administration to focus the town's resources on those avenues with the most potential or the greatest impact for the town. This strategy includes an increased emphasis on light commercial, construction, and tourism.

What does this mean? Onoway and the surrounding parts of Lac Ste Anne County have seen 5% population growth over the last two years. The residents of this greater Onoway region represent the customers for the commercial service industry already in Onoway. This includes businesses like grocery stores and restaurants, but also businesses like utility companies which are often more synonymous with light industrial. Currently, Onoway has a range of undeveloped commercial and light industrial properties; however, vacant and imminently developable residential land is a rarer commodity. Most people would agree that housing prices within the Town have increased in the last few years. A sign that the demand for housing in Onoway has outstripped the supply. In the cycle of new residents leading to new services and new services leading to new residents, clearly the bottleneck is finding places for new residents. Near term economic development in Onoway will include a focus on identifying land for residential development and matching it with a suitable local developer. If needed, this could include helping new local developers rise to the occasion. Growth in residential development will also fuel local growth in construction, legal services, banking, and a range of other businesses. More residents are the biggest boost that the local commercial service industry can get and will eventually draw new services to town.

The broader economic development strategy for Onoway includes other elements such as tourism, but they all revolve around the unique resources and opportunities that the region has to offer. Take a moment and think, for yourself ... what does Onoway have to offer? Welcome to economic development.

The Town plans to recruit for the Economic Development and Tourism Committee – watch for upcoming ads and our Facebook page.



Place in Organics Cart From May 1 - October 29: Refer to the Calendar

Curbside ACCEPTED Organic Items:



Grass Clippings & Leaves



Lake Weeds



Flower Garden Clippings



Tree Branches, less than 1.5"



✗ NO Animal Feces

✗ NO Cat Litter

✗ NO Meat or Food Scraps

✗ NO Plastic Bags

✗ NO Compostable Bags

✗ NO Vegetable Garden Waste

✗ NO Cardboard, Paper, Newsprint

**FINAL ORGANICS
PICK UP DATE IS:**

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 29,
2024**

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

Facebook@onowaypubliclibrary

Website: www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca

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 may 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.