



Town of Onoway ONOWAVES

DECEMBER, 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 1-780-785-3630
Bylaw Officer–Call 1-780-785-3630

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS ON DECEMBER 24, 2024 AND WILL REOPEN ON DECEMBER 30, 2024.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR LENARD KWASNY

Somewhat different from last months update, the weather is much colder.

The Remembrance Day ceremonies had favorable weather and an excellent turn out. It is great to see that people are paying respect to those who have served in the armed forces in the past and are currently involved. They are protecting our great country and freedoms that we enjoy. THANK YOU!

Even though it was a cold evening, the Towns November 22 Christmas Light Up in Centennial Park was well attended. A big THANK YOU is extended to our Administrative and Public Works staff for a job well done. Also, THANK YOU to Fire Rescue International (FRI) and Lac Ste. Anne Fire Services (LSAFS) for supervising our bonfire. FRI was able to convince Santa to attend our event, and LSAFS provided hotdogs to all attending. Once again UFA served very tasty cookies and the ATB provided hot chocolate. The Onoway Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints brought a Live Nativity and provided cookies and hot chocolate for attendees. All together we had everything we needed to throw a great party.

Canadian Fiber Optics/Northern Lights Fiber provided the children's handouts which put a great smile on all their faces.

As great as our park looked on Light Up evening, it is now missing the large snow man due to someone's unthoughtful actions. Hopefully Frosty is returned.

We are now approximately one month from ringing in a New Year. This is the season for celebrating with friends and family. Many of you will be traveling during this time, and I encourage you to allow a little more time to avoid rushing.

On behalf of myself, Council and staff of the Town of Onoway, I wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Please stay safe and be responsible.

Len

Tax Penalty application: January 01, 2025

15% ALL Outstanding Taxes

Note: penalties DO NOT apply to property owners enrolled in the preauthorized tax payment plan.

Council Meetings

THURS. DECEMBER 12, 2024

DECEMBER 26 CANCELLED

THURS. JANUARY 9, 2025

THURS. JANUARY 23, 2025

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

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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.**



**COUNCIL
AT
CHRISTMAS
LIGHT UP**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION DINNERS

December 6, 2024

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



CHRISTMAS FARMERS' MARKET COMMUNITY HALL



**Farmers'
Market**

**Saturday
December 14, 2024
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**



UTILITY BILLS & POSTAL STRIKE



DURING THE CANADA POST LABOUR DISRUPTION, SOME TOWN OF ONOWAY SERVICES MAY BE AFFECTED.

UTILITY CUSTOMERS WHO RECEIVE PAPER UTILITY BILLS BY REGULAR MAIL, MAY OR MAY NOT BE AFFECTED DEPENDING ON THE DURATION OF THE LABOUR DISPUTE.

NOVEMBER 2024 BILLS WILL BE READY TO MAIL THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER. IF CANADA POST IS OPERATING BY THAT TIME, THERE WILL BE NO DISRUPTION.

TO ENSURE YOU DON'T MISS YOUR UTILITY BILL, THE TOWN OF ONOWAY OFFERS ACCOUNT HOLDERS ELECTRONIC BILLING (E-BILLING) THE SERVICE IS FREE, CONVENIENT, AND EASY TO REQUEST. EITHER PHONE OR E-MAIL THE OFFICE, AND WE WILL E-MAIL YOU YOUR INVOICE. IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE YOUR BILL BY E-MAIL EACH MONTH AFTER THE STRIKE IS OVER, YOU CAN ADVISE US ACCORDINGLY AND THAT IS HOW YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR BILLING EACH MONTH GOING FORWARD.

UTILITY ACCOUNT HOLDERS ARE ALSO ABLE TO PAY AT THE TOWN OFFICE 9AM-4PM MONDAY- FRIDAY. CALL AND WE CAN PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OWING AND YOU CAN PAY IN THE OFFICE WITH CASH OR DEBIT; OR YOU CAN E-TRANSFER TO THE E-MAIL ADDRESS BELOW; OR SET UP PAYMENT WITH YOUR BANK.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Christmas Season Hours 2024

Monday-Dec 23 **9AM-4PM**

Tuesday- Dec 24 CLOSED

Wednesday-Dec 25 CLOSED

Thursday-Dec 26 CLOSED

Friday-Dec 27 CLOSED

Monday-Dec 30 **9AM-4PM**

Tuesday- Dec 31 **9AM-4PM**

Wednesday-Jan 1 CLOSED

Thursday-Jan 2 **9AM-4PM**

Friday-Jan 3 **9AM-4PM**

Merry Christmas!

From Council & Staff

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

MERRY CHRISTMAS



LETTERS TO SANTA

Worried about the postal strike? Don't be we have you covered! You can still write your letter to Santa.

This year Santa needs a little help from our library elf Booker to get your Christmas letters to him. Drop your letter in the red mail box outside of the Onoway Public Library and at night Booker will transport your letter to Santa with his special magic.

When Santa has answered your letter, Booker will pick it back up. You will be able to stop at the library and check our special Letters from Santa box to find your letter.

You can use the special letter provided on the mail box outside of the library, or write your own. No stamp is needed, but be sure to put your first & last name and address. Get your letter in before December 17th. With the help of the library elves & Booker we will make sure that Santa gets your special letter and you get one from Santa.

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](https://www.facebook.com/onowaypubliclibrary)

Website: www.onowaylibrary.ab.ca

Christmas hours: Closed December 24th, 2024 until
January 2nd, 2025 (resuming regular hours January 2nd)

Christmas Day



CANDY, CANE, CAROLING, CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER, HOLLY, LIGHTS, MERRY, MISTLETOE,
NORTH, POLE, PEACE, PRESENTS, REINDEER, SANTA CLAUS, SLEIGH, SNOWMAN, STAR,
STOCKING, SUGARPLUM, TREE, WREATH.



CN Police want you to Stay Safe this Winter

No matter where you live, chances are you will face some challenging driving conditions in the months ahead. Freezing rain, snow, sleet and whiteouts can make winter driving downright dangerous.

In fact, according to the Transportation Safety Board, **there's a spike in railway crossing incidents during the winter months.** This is due to many factors, including:

- Ice and snow making it harder for drivers to stop and manoeuvre their vehicles;
- Snowy roads that hide pavement markings;
- Blowing snow, fog, and sleet that reduce visibility;
- Snowbanks and snow in trees reducing sight lines.

Reducing the likelihood of being in a serious car accident in winter starts with proper planning and knowing your rail-safety basics. Following these simple tips can help keep you safe when you encounter train tracks this winter:

Plan ahead and check the weather forecast before travelling—not only for your current location, but also for your final destination. If conditions deteriorate while you're on the road, stop at the nearest town or rest area and wait until it's safe to continue driving.

Reduce your speed when road conditions are poor. Always slow down well in advance of a railway crossing. The more time you have to react, the better chance you have of avoiding a collision.

Avoid distractions when approaching railway crossings turn off your radio and heating fans so you can listen for trains. Reduced visibility and sounds from a storm can make it more difficult to see and hear if a train is coming. Roll down your window—especially if it's frosty or foggy—and look both ways before crossing the tracks.

Look for railway warning signs and signals - snow may cover train tracks at a crossing, making them look like the road. Look for warning signs and other indications that there is a railway crossing ahead so you can prepare to stop, especially when driving at night.

Use winter tires - they have treads designed to grip ice and snow, so you will be less likely to slide on the road or into the side of a train. All-season tires can begin to lose their traction when the temperature drops below 7°C.

Don't drive impaired - alcohol and drugs such as marijuana reduce your ability to pay attention, react quickly and make safe driving choices.

Remember "any time is train time". Be rail-smart this winter: Look. Listen. Live.

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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.