



TOWN OF ONOWAY

ONOWAVES

TAX NEWSLETTER 2019

Mayor's Message

It seems spring has sprung and with that the rise of mosquitos! While it is easy to protect yourself and children from the pests don't forget about your fur babies.

I would like to thank everyone that joined the Beautification Committee on planting day! With all your hard work the Town will look amazing. A special thanks to our "NEW" chair Kristyn for her hard work, she is definitely an up and coming blossom!

As many have heard our Public Library is facing financial difficulties. We (Council, Administration and Onoway Public Library Board) have been working diligently on coming up with fiscally sound solutions. For more information stop by the Town office. I hope to see as many of you as possible out on June 21 at the Legion for the Library's Fund-Raising Dinner.

June 7, 8, and 9 is Heritage Days! Please come out and take in the FUN, FOOD, and FRIVOLITY! There will be road closures on Saturday, June 8, along the parade route. Please be respectful of the volunteers at the barricades.

If you have questions or concerns about what is happening, you can attend council meetings, which are held the first and third Thursday of each month. If you wish to address council you need to book an appointment through the Admin office one week prior. Meeting dates and times subject to change and will be posted on the town's website and facebook.

Happy Summer Everyone! Get out and enjoy family, friends and all this beautiful area holds.

Mayor Judy Tracy

The Town's 2019 Capital and Operating Budgets total \$3,740,354 of which \$1,620,651 will be collected through general municipal taxation for the purpose of funding the 2019 operational functions of the Town, and the remainder is made up of capital projects funded through grant dollars, reserves or borrowing and utility rates.

In 2012 Council approved a minimum amount payable as property tax on residential improved property for general municipal purposes at eight hundred dollars (\$800.00). In 2013 Council approved additional minimum municipal amounts payable as follows: residential vacant at eight hundred dollars (\$800.00), non-residential (commercial) vacant at one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). In 2016 Council increased these minimum municipal payables to \$850.00 on residential improved and residential vacant and \$1,050.00 for non-residential vacant. In 2019 Council increased these amounts to \$875.00 and \$1075.00.

The total assessment for the Town of Onoway for the 2019 taxation year is \$154,319,850 of which \$39,583,120, is exempt and \$114,736,730 is taxable. When we say exempt we mean properties within the Town that cannot be taxed (approximately 26% of our assessment is exempt from taxation: schools, churches, arena, curling rink, halls, provincial or federal buildings like Alberta Health Services – Seniors facilities like Chateau, Beaupre and Seeley Manor.). While all municipalities in the Province have exempt properties, 26% is a significant number to offset.

The Alberta School Foundation requisition for 2019 is \$348,945 which is the same as last year's number. The Town of Onoway's requisition is based on equalized assessment (our total assessment) and is requisitioned by the Province of Alberta, therefore we have no choice but to collect this money on behalf of the Province.

The Lac Ste Anne Foundation requisition for 2019 is \$24,296 which is slightly up from last year's \$21,661. This number is also based on equalized assessment and is requisitioned by the Foundation for operation of seniors housing facilities within the Foundation boundaries (Onoway to Whitecourt) and again we simply collect this money on behalf of the Foundation.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have any concerns or comments you wish to make to Council members, please feel free to contact any of the members listed below:

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Council Meetings

June 5, 2019
9:30 am

June 20, 2019
7:00 pm

Taxes Due
Sunday,
June 30



If you have questions regarding capital projects planned for 2019 please contact the Town Office.

Below you will find some information/comparable on how much of your 2019 and 2018 tax dollars are retained by the municipality itself for municipal operational purposes only (does not include School or Senior requisition):

Residential Improved Properties (minimum municipal tax of \$875.00 in 2019)

2018		2019	
Total Taxes Paid	Municipal Portion	Total Taxes Paid	Municipal Portion
\$1,256.72	\$ 748.56	\$1,282.87	\$ 713.65
\$1,391.64	\$ 954.36	\$1,340.79	\$ 897.63
\$2,049.24	\$1,380.09	\$2,026.76	\$1,375.80
\$4,121.98	\$2,855.09	\$4,246.75	\$2,960.96

Residential Vacant Properties (minimum municipal tax of \$875.00 in 2019)

2018		2019	
Total Taxes Paid	Municipal Portion	Total Taxes Paid	Municipal Portion
\$1,311.32	\$1,083.04	\$1,413.12	\$1,187.90
\$1,182.73	\$ 966.39	\$1,276.06	\$1,062.44
\$1,158.81	\$ 944.69	\$1,250.56	\$1,039.10

Commercial Improved and Vacant minimum municipal tax on vacant of \$1,075 in 2019)

	2018		2019	
	Total Tax Paid	Municipal Portion	Total Taxes Paid	Municipal Portion
I	\$8,158.73	\$6,600.55	\$8,358.33	\$6,782.63
I	\$3,154.80	\$2,494.65	\$3,255.11	\$2,586.65
I	\$7,042.12	\$5,684.33	\$7,306.33	\$5,917.65
V	\$1,461.24	\$1,105.02	\$1,488.98	\$1,139.98
V	\$2,134.71	\$1,657.63	\$2,117.25	\$1,651.07

When looking at the above numbers, please remember that ONLY the Municipal Portion is retained by the Town to cover the operational costs of the Town.

Capital Projects planned for 2019

- Sidewalk Replacement Project – Estimated at \$120,000.00. Various locations throughout the Town.
- Water Treatment Plant and Lift Station Roof Repairs – Estimated at \$65,000.00.
- Water Meter Reader Replacement – Estimated at \$15,000.00

These capital expenditures will be funded through capital grant revenue.

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: These penalties do not apply to those enrolled in the preauthorized tax payment plan.



FIRES CAN HAPPEN! ARE YOU COVERED!

Did you know that the cost of fire suppression by the fire department for structure, grass or vehicle fire is payable by the property owner? In our area, we have seen structure fires as high as \$28,000 and wildland fires as high as \$12,000.

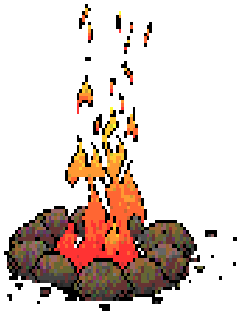
- Be sure to check your home insurance policy or talk to your insurance agent about what exactly your policy covers and how much it covers
- Besides inquiry about your home structure fire insurance, we encourage you to have a conversation with respect to wildland insurance (a grass fire that could happen that never reaches a building).
- Be advised that should the fire department be dispatched to your residence as a result of a home alarm, a false alarm or, for example, a passerby sees smoke and calls 9-1-1, you, as the property owner, will receive an invoice for these call outs.
- If the fire department is dispatched to assist Alberta Health Service with respect to a medical call you will not be invoiced. This is a free service provided by North West Fire Rescue through Onoway Regional Fire Services.

FIRE PITS

Bylaw 723-16

Must be a minimum of 3 metres clearance from buildings, property lines and combustible materials is maintained, it is placed on non-combustible material, and the flame height does not exceed 90cm (3.28 feet) above the fire/bbq pit.

To view bylaw visit www.onoway.ca



Fire Bans

Within the Municipal boundaries of the Town and when affected by the order of a FIRE BAN, residents must immediately proceed to extinguish every outdoor fire lit and every fire located on land occupied or owned.

For current fire condition and/or fire bans:

Visit www.albertafirebans.ca or contact 780-777-4688

Congratulations to Shane Getson, MLA on your successful campaign!
Contact Information for Shane Getson, MLA will be provided in our upcoming Onowaves.





HERITAGE DAYS JUNE 7, 8 & 9, 2019 “Friends”

Subject to change depending on weather – watch FB- Onoway Wall 4 all & Heritage Days Page

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019

UFA Gas Station – Hamburger BBQ	11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Ball Tourney (Set- up/Start – Up)	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Legion Rib Dinner	5:30 pm – 10:00 pm
Onoway Ag Family Dance (D.J Music, family friends with concession)	6:30 pm – 1:00 am

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

Onoway Fish & Game Breakfast at the Community Hall	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Mad Fitness Fun Run – 5/10 km - starts at gym	9:45 am
Ball Tourney – Food Truck and Donut Truck will be at diamonds	ALL DAY
Farmer’s Market at Onoway Arena	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Heritage Days Auto Show Registration (Awards at 3:00 pm) Main Street	10:30 am 12:00 pm - 3:00pm
Golden Club – Seniors’ Pie & coffee	11:00 am - 3:00 pm
PARADE (marshalling at 10:00 am – judging at 10:30 am) Bus loop lot and side street by Elementary School.	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Quilt Show – Community Hall	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Axe Throwing Event (across from Bigway Foods)	12:00 am – 4:00 pm
Museum open	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Dunk Tank	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Street Hockey at the JOE Throw your sticks in for the Joe Event \$5.00	12:00 pm – 4:45 pm
Kids Fair – Elks Park Marcus Standeven’s Concession Petting Zoo Inflatable play castles and games in big tent “Rest Tent” for parents	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Legion – Open House/Garage Sale (will break for the parade)	9:00 am 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Ag Society Dance – Onoway Arena (must be 18 years old to attend) LIVE BAND	8:00 pm – 3:00 am

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

Ball Tourney Final Games	All Day
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*Onoway Council
&
Staff extends
congratulations
to the 2019
Graduating
Class of Onoway
High School.*

*Wherever you
go, go with all
your heart.*

*Enjoy your
Graduation
celebration on
June 28, 2019*



Town of Onoway has a 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. The success of this notification depends on your engagement and participation. 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.*

SIGN UP NOW



The Town has implemented a business licensing program whereby businesses operating within the Town will obtain an annual license which will give the Town the opportunity to create a database and help promote our businesses and our Town itself. The Town is discussing opportunities with Lac Ste. Anne County which include development of a regional business license program and advertisement program to help enhance regional economic development. More details to follow.



If your mailing address is incorrect or if you will be moving in the near future, please advise Alberta Land Titles who, in turn, informs the Town Office. By provincial law, the Town of Onoway & Alberta Land Titles must use the mailing address you list on your Title. Please note that failure to receive a tax notice is not sufficient reason for late payment and penalties will be applied.

PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENT PLAN

Contact Us

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