

VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter

November & December 2023



Remembrance Day. Services in the Region NOVEMBER 11th –

- Smoky Lake
- Ashmont
- Waskatenau
- St. Paul

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Services usually start between 10:30 and 10:45 so members can be in place at 11:00 a.m.

Vilna School will be hosting their Remembrance Day Service on Friday, November 3rd at 10:30 a.m.

Indigenous Veterans Day

We'd like to introduce you to Archie Calliou.

When he was only 16,

Archie took the train to Edmonton and misrepresented his age to enlist for service in the Second World War. Archie explained, "I joined because I thought Canada needed help and I was scared we'd lose the country, so I thought I'd pitch in, but I had to lie."

Archie's time in the war saw him in some remarkable situations, including the time he escaped attack by jumping into a pond, submerging himself, and breathing through a pipe for most of the night. He was inspired to do this by a scene in a movie in which Indigenous peoples hid in a body of water and breathed air through reeds for most of the night as the tanks passed by.

Indigenous soldiers often had valuable skills learned through hunting, such as patience, stealth, and marksmanship. They also took on other important roles during conflicts such as code talkers, as enemy forces could not intercept messages spoken in Indigenous languages.

It is especially significant that we honour the Indigenous veterans who served this country, as they often faced racism and adversity both during their service and after returning home.



CHRISTMAS

LIGHT-UP

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 26th

6:00 – 8:00

Join your Council for a Christmas celebration

at the Seniors Drop In Centre

Share some Christmas music

Hot dogs, hot apple cider and hot chocolate.

SEASONAL ISSUES

I'm not sure what happened to autumn, but the wind came and blew all the beautiful golden leaves away and suddenly there was snow on the ground. *Now I'm waiting for the leaves to start turning green again.*

There are a few things that we need to address before it gets too cold.

1. Get all the immobile vehicles and trailers off the streets. It's really hard to clear snow around them. *Section 6.19.9 of the Village of Vilna Traffic Bylaw states that a vehicle shall not be left on a street for more than 72 hours; Section 6.19.10 states that an RV shall not be left of a street for more than 72 hours.*
2. If you have any kind of wood-burning appliance



in your home, including a fireplace, periodic WETT inspections should be conducted on your home.. Call The Inspections Group at 780-

454-5048 for permits & inspections. If you have

a fire in your house caused by a fireplace or wood stove, if you haven't had it inspected there is a good chance your insurance will not cover the damage.

*Most insurance providers cover wood-burning stoves – although they might be more cautious about insuring a home that has one, especially if the stove is your main source of heat. You'll **have** to meet the insurance company's conditions for coverage (like getting a safety inspection), which will vary insurer to insurer.*



3. The Village offers a program for Driveway Snow Removal

Eligibility:

- i. Senior Citizens who live in their home (either owned or rented), or
- ii. Residents who have a disability that, in the opinion of your physician, renders the applicant incapable of carrying out snow removal.



Drop by or phone the Village office to get your name on the list.

4. Remember that it is your responsibility to clear the sidewalk in front of your property throughout the winter.



Winter in Alberta creates hazardous conditions no matter your industry or occupation. According to the Canadian Institute for Health Information, 50% of Alberta hospitalizations due to injury are from slips, trips, and falls (STF).

5. Stay Warm, dress for the weather.

MESSAGE FROM OUR RCMP

With the cold weather around the corner ... here's a quick reminder: When you start your car to warm it up remember to **lock it** while it's warming ... or stay in the car until it's warm enough to drive. *Car thieves just love that you warm your car up for them.*



RCMP Smoky Lake Detachment RCMP
WEEK DAYS - 780-656-3550
AFTER HOURS - 780-656-3691
EMERGENCIES - 911

TAX INSTALLMENT PROGRAM



The Tax Installment Payment Plan is an efficient program which allows you to pay your property taxes on a monthly basis instead of one annual payment. Pre-authorized debits in the amount of the previous years taxes divided into 12 monthly installments, are paid each month beginning in January. In June, the monthly payment will be adjusted to reflect the actual taxes owing for that year.

CONTACT THE VILLAGE OFFICE FOR INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM.

We also take monthly withdrawals for your utility account. We estimate you annual usage and divide this by 12.

Vilna & District Agricultural Society

Christmas Farmers Market

NOVEMBER 18TH, 2023
From Noon & 3:00 p.m.
at the Cultural Centre
780-636-3960
contact Marion at



marionvinette@outlook.com

A HUGE Thank you to our wonderful



Fire Fighters and everyone who donated, ... for making Halloween a great success.

VILNA SOLAR PROJECT

OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 23, 2023
5:30 – 8:30
VILNA CULTURAL CENTRE.



Obton Solar Canada Inc., a well-known company in the field of solar energy development and facility ownership, has announced plans for a solar power project with a capacity of 42 megawatts (MW) (exact size to be confirmed). The project will be located on a privately owned greenfield site to the west of the Village of Vilna, and north of Highway 28.

“What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future.” Agnes M. Pahro

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON**

From
Mayor Leroy Kunyk,
Deputy Mayor Tammy Thompson and
Councillor Paul Miranda

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday – November 8, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday – December 13, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

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