

Talk of the Town



DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION



The Town of Vermilion is “under construction” this summer. Long’s Drug Store has been demolished and will be replaced with a new structure. Work in the Streetscapes project was started in early June and will continue until late October. During this period, we ask that you exercise extra caution in the downtown area and please be careful to avoid any debris, machinery, and excavation sites. Our staff and construction crew are working hard to complete this project as soon as possible and with minimal disruption to residents and business owners.

This is a very exciting time for our community with much anticipation. We appreciate your continued cooperation, support, and patience during the construction period and look forward to revealing the Town’s revitalized new look later this year. The Streetscapes project will certainly rejuvenate the downtown core while enhancing tourism.

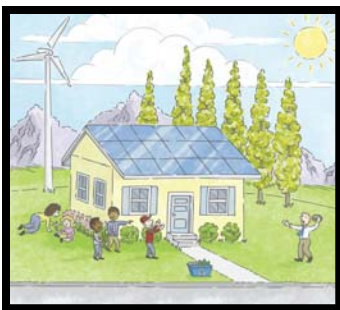
For more updates on the project, please visit the Town website at www.vermilion.ca.



COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

The Communities in Bloom Judges will be in Vermilion from July 21 - 23. The Communities In Bloom committee ask that everyone take part in cleaning up their yards, businesses, as well as assisting in the community wherever needed. The committee is looking forward to another strong showing in the program. The community cleanup is taking place on July 16th where a cross Town garbage cleanup will be done to get ready for this event as well as the Vermilion Fair. If you would like to take part meet at Lawns, Gardens, and Landscapes at 6:30 pm.

We will be constructing approximately 1.5 km of multi use trail this year. Our first priority is to finish Railway Avenue and then proceed to the Lake-land College area where we are hoping to complete from the College Parking lot to Beckie Scott Trail and then all the way to the railway tracks from College Drive. This will enhance the safety of our residents on Beckie Scott Trail as it is a very busy road in the community.



FROM THE DESK OF THE MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

BY: SHANE ASHDOWN

Summer is here and Municipal Enforcement would like to express the following concerns in regards to property and garage sales:

- Owners of land within the Town of Vermilion are encouraged to per-

form frequent maintenance on their property. Lawns shall be kept in a visually appealing manner. Yards should be kept tidy as this helps to promote a positive atmosphere in Vermilion. Shrubs and trees should not obstruct the vision of traffic signs or pedestrians on the sidewalks.

- Garage sale signs are allowed in Vermilion providing the following

is met. Garage Sale signs can not be placed on Town property (fences, boulevards, sidewalks, parks, right of ways, etc). Garage sale signs can however, be placed on private property IF the land owner has given permission to do so.



What are the Regulations for Parking my Recreational Vehicle?

All recreational vehicles must be attached to a vehicle, if not, there is a period of forty eight (48) hours twice within one week to park in Town limits.

Have a safe summer!!

Shane Ashdown, Municipal Enforcement Officer



Council Meetings will be held on July 21 and August 18 for the summer months. Persons wishing to have an item on the Agenda must submit it in writing by 4:00 pm the Wednesday prior to the Council Meeting.

VERMILION AGRICULTURE FAIR AND TRADE SHOW DATES ARE JULY 23-25, 2009. THE THEME FOR THE PARADE IS "WHERE FRIENDS MEET"

Register for the Summer Fun Program

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

The Summer Fun Program, is running again with the theme "Agent 009" for children ages 5-11 and runs until August 14th. There is much fun to be had with exciting activities and events such as: Inspector Iwannano's Magic Show - July 22, Crime Scene Investigation - July 27th, Glow Bowling - August 4, and the Summer Fun Olympics - August 10. The program runs from Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Fees per child are \$15.00/day, or \$50.00/week, with special rates for families with three or more children. For more information, you can pick up a registration package at the Town Hall, the Vermilion Public Library, online at www.vermilion.ca, or contact Jeanette Pottle at 581-2402 or Dion Pollard at 581-2403.**

Please call the Town Hall for available registration dates.



A committee has been formed for the purpose of having a Firefighter Statue constructed and located in Town. The Town of Vermilion is assisting with the project and accepting donations. Funds have already been committed to this project and if you wish to make a donation, tax receipts will be issued. For further information you can contact Dion Pollard, Director of Community Services at 581-2403.



Want to know if a fire ban exists in our area? Local media gives updates and a website has been set up with current information.
www.albertafirebans.ca



TALKING SUMMER

The Sunbeam Summer Reading Program will be up and running again on July 2nd. With a theme of "Agent 009", kids can expect to put on their detective gear and use their noggins! Children 6-14 years are invited to read books, solve mysteries, and enter their names for prizes. Forms will be available online at vermilionpubliclibrary.ca under "Programs" and then "Sunbeam Summer Reading Program", or at the library.

Bring your family to the library to be entertained, amazed and motivated to be a person of strong character. And be prepared to laugh and have fun as Comedy Magician Brian Lehr shares his professional talent in this special Summer Reading Club performance on

July 22nd at 10:00 am. No charge! Brian's new magic book and souvenir magic wands will be available for \$10 and \$2, respectively.

Wireless Internet service is coming to the library, and should be available by the beginning of July. Further details will be available closer to the date.

Are you looking for a cheerful place to volunteer? Consider the library! Do you have any unique projects in mind to which you would like to contribute? Programs or special events you would like to lead? Or would you like to become one of our regular weekly volunteers who do the little things that make the library run so much smoother? Let us know what you have

in mind, and we'll see what we can do.

Our parenting, Young Adult Fiction, and Disney DVD collections have recently grown, so be sure to come and check out any of these which may be of interest.

Finally, make the long hours on the road more enjoyable this summer with a family-friendly story on audiobook format. Or, if someone prefers to keep to themselves, Playaways are pocket-sized, battery-operated units with stories stored on them; all you need is a set of earphones and a battery. We have a variety of stories available in either audiobook or Playaway format.



ACCEPTABLE WASTE AT THE TRANSFER STATION

Please note that large quantities of construction materials such as shingles, siding, etc. are accepted at the Vermilion Transfer Station. It is also requested that all contractors take their waste to the Vermilion Transfer site for disposal providing the quantities and types have been approved. It is always a good idea to phone before you take the waste to the Vermilion Transfer Station to ensure that it will be accepted, and to receive any instructions. The telephone number is 780-853-4572.

- ◇ Household waste
- ◇ Cardboard
- ◇ Used oil and filters
- ◇ Lead-acid batteries only
- ◇ Metal
- ◇ Freon appliances. Contractors must pay \$25.00/unit for these, but there is no charge for rate payers.
- ◇ Propane bottles. No charge for rate payers
- ◇ Clean agricultural pesticide jugs
- ◇ Used mattresses and furniture
- ◇ Used tires
- ◇ Clean burnables and yard waste
- ◇ Rolled wire
- ◇ E-Waste (computer hardware/televisions)
- ◇ Used paint and paint cans up to 23 litre size
- ◇ Aerosol paint cans
- ◇ Hazardous waste

Unacceptable Waste

- ◇ Will not accept large industrial quantities of paint and hazardous waste
- ◇ Will not accept biohazard material

It is important to note that all waste brought to the site must be separated by the rate payer and put in the correct bin or holding compound.

Household Hazardous Waste List of Acceptable Waste In Hazardous Waste Bins (small household quantities only - NOT FOR COMMERCIAL)

Abrasive cleaners	Contact cement	Mildew removers
Acetone	Degreasers (petroleum based)	Nail polish and remover
Aerosol paints/sprays	Disinfectants	Oven cleaners
Air fresheners	Drain cleaners	Paint thinners & strippers
All purpose cleaners	Fabric softeners	Photographic chemicals
Ammonia	Fluorescent light bulbs	Rubbing alcohol
Ant/wasp spray	Fungicides (small quant)	Rug & Upholstery cleaners
Antifreeze	Furniture polishes/waxes	Septic tank degreaser
Batteries (small alkaline)	Glass cleaners	Rust remover
Barbeque starters	Glues (solvent & water)	Silver & brass polish
Bleach	Hair colouring	Solvents/turpentine
Brake and transmission fluid	Perm solutions	Spot removers
Butane refills	Hairsprays (aerosol)	Toilet cleaners
Carbon Tetrachloride	Insecticides (small quantities)	Tub and tile cleaners
Car waxes/polishes	Lye	Weed killers
Windshield washer liquid		

Transfer Site Hours of Operation

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:45 pm Closed on Stat Holidays

Permits - Building, Demolition, Development, Gas, Electrical, & Plumbing.

Are you planning a construction or renovation?

Contact the Town Hall for any of the above permits **before** starting your project.

Reminder

For camping registration, or booking the CN Station for an event, call Mike at 780-853-4372



WATER FLIES AND MOUTHS FED



On Friday, June 19th, the Town of Vermilion hosted the 11th Annual Bucket Brigade and Chili Cook-off. Six teams, Webb’s Machinery, TD Canada Trust, ATB Financial, Scotia Bank, Town of Vermilion, and Lakeland College, came out to participate in the water relay. Consisting of five members each, teams hauled bags of water from a giant pool to a target. The real trick to winning the relay is having good aim as the water had to be thrown at a target and collected in a large barrel. The two teams with the most amount of water in their barrels went on to play one another in the finals. Scotia Bank and Webb’s machinery put on a show, and, in the end, Scotia was named the 3rd time champion with an astonishing 24 inches of water collected.

The chili cook-off saw ten different recipes also made and distributed by local businesses and organizations. Judges, Brunetta Mariani and Cathy Wolters (who donned a black judge’s robe, grapple and mop for a wig), taste-tested their way through the line, scoring entries in three categories- **hottest chili, simply the best, and most creative table**. Winner for each category were: UFA Farm Supply - hottest chili, Scotia Bank- simply the best, and TD Canada Trust- most creative table.

Members of the community came out to the event, filling their bellies with chili and cheering on teams during the race.



On behalf of the Town of Vermilion, we would like to give a big thanks to Lakeland College and the Vermilion Fire Department for providing the equipment, supplies, and man-power needed to make this year’s event possible. We would also like to thank the teams and chili entries for their participation and the locals who came out to support the event. This year, the proceeds will go to the Fire Fighter Statue Project.

Bins have been placed at the east end of the Lakeland Mall Parking Lot for recyclable items such as cardboard, newsprint, plastics, paper, etc. **Please use them!** Sharp items or needles should **never** be put into the waste at home, the recycling, or the Transfer Station.

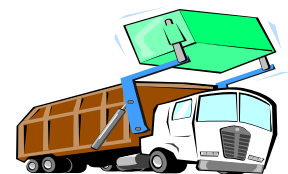


GRASS BINS/GARBAGE BINS

The grass bins that are situated at various locations around Town are for UNBAGGED grass, garden waste, and flowers. The disposal of trees, branches, and shrubs should be taken to the Transfer Station (**free of charge to Town Residents**). Trees, branches, or shrubs do not belong in or beside these grass bins.

Garbage dumpsters located in the residential back alleys are for bagged household garbage only. Furniture, appliances, mattresses, BBQ’s, and construction material shall not be placed in or around these dumpsters. The above mentioned items should be taken to the Transfer Station by the person disposing of them.

The Town of Vermilion appreciates your cooperation with the proper usage of these grass bins and garbage dumpsters.



“Please do not leave non-household garbage beside the dumpsters. Our garbage crew is unable to pick up the waste”