



BYLAW BITS

The Town of Vermilion, RCMP, and Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club met on February 25, 2009 to discuss the snowmobile bylaw. The bylaw allows snowmobiles to enter and leave the community by the shortest route to the snowmobile route.

The results of the meeting were to establish and improve:

- Communication with the public regarding the rules of the bylaw
- Enforcement
- Visibility of the snowmobile route

The next meeting is March 25, 2009. The Town is working to ensure the needs of the community are being met, however not at the nuisance of others.

Upon recent patrols, I have concerns about the following:

- Trailers cannot be parked on streets unattached from vehicles, (excluding RV's, which can for 48 hours)
- Vehicles cannot be parked on the street for more than 48 consecutive hours, (property owners can park in front of their home however, we ask for your cooperation during snow removal)
- When walking dogs, they must be kept on a leash and their feces must be picked up
- Sidewalks must be cleared of ice and snow within 24 hours of the previous snowfall

Cooperation from you, the residents, and business owners within the Town of Vermilion, is greatly appreciated.

Bylaws can be found using the following web address:

http://www.vermilion.ca/town_departments/municipal_enforcement/town_by_laws/

Shane Ashdown, Municipal Enforcement Officer



March is Nutrition Month

Come and join the Dietitians of East Central Health for

Cooking for a Healthy Family

- Lakeland College Multi-Purpose Room (By pool – follow signs)
- Friday, March 20, from 7:00 – 8:00 pm
- Toonie Swim at Rec Centre 6:00 – 9:00 pm
- Food Bank Donation Welcome

Featuring prizes, Demos and Resources, Discussions, and Practical Tips and Tools to help you prepare quick, tasty meals at home.

40 Year School Reunion

Looking for all grade twelve attendees of JR Robson in 1969. It's now 40 years since we graduated, or attended and I am looking to get in touch with you ...Betty Moren and others. Contact Betty Moren at 18269 - 93rd Ave., Edmonton, AB T5T 1V2



Upcoming Events at the Vermilion Regional Centre

- Professional Women's Conference—April 22, 2009
- Human Resource Management Planning - Recruiting and Retaining People (paid and unpaid) In Your Organization Overview Session - April 28, 2009
- Vermilion Quilt and Art Show—May 1, 2, and 3, 2009
- Senior's Conference - June 2, 2009

Services for Seniors (A guide to Government of Canada Services for Seniors and their Families)



Who should use Services for Seniors? You should

If you are:

- 50 or older, planning for retirement, caring for a senior, a friend or family member of a senior

By 2035, nearly one in four Canadians will be 65 or older. This guide about Government of Canada services and programs for seniors and their families provides information on everything from income support to housing, health and safety issues. A section tells you how to contact your provincial government to find out about programs and services for seniors.

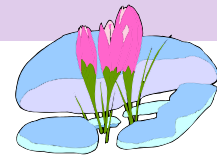
You can speak directly to an agent Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 8:00pm. Call toll-free at 1-800-622-6232 to receive your free copy of this guide.

Federal Income Tax and Benefit Return

Benefits of Filing Your Tax Return

To ensure that you get all of your benefits, you must file an income tax return every year, even if you have little or no income. Here are some possible benefits that depend on your tax return:

- **Tax-free quarterly Goods and Services Tax**
- **Old Age Security – Guaranteed Income Supplement, Allowance, or Allowance for the survivor.**
- **Provincial benefits – Alberta Senior Benefits (ABS) – a program based on income and provides a monthly cash benefit to eligible seniors. To be considered for the benefit, you must apply to the program.**
- **Voter registration** – you can update your federal voter registration on your tax return



Community Services Report

Things are starting to wind down in the skating rinks with the Arena closing down at the end of February and the Stadium slated to close in the 3rd week of March pending the success of the hockey teams utilizing ice. The ice was used once again this year to full capacity and from our standpoint it was a success. We will be starting immediately on the removal of the boards in the Arena to have the facility prepared for the installation of new boards in late April or early May. Our goal is to be ready to minimize the effect on lacrosse and inline hockey which will start immediately following the ice season.

As you may have read in the local newspaper, the cemetery rates are increasing by \$150 effective April 1, 2009. The increase is mainly due to rising costs of operating equipment and manpower. In comparing our rates to other communities we are still competitive in the market.

As the parks season approaches, we will be looking for summer students for various positions in the parks labourer and summer program. We are currently accepting resumes for parks with having 3 openings for the upcoming May-September period. Hallie Stangeland is returning to the summer program this year and will advertise for assistants in May or June. Keep an eye on the local newspapers or the Town website under employment opportunities at www.vermilion.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE VERMILION PUBLIC LIBRARY

For the first three weeks of March, the Vermilion Public Library will be host to a Traveling Arts Exhibit from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts entitled "The Graying Nation". This exhibit was originally prepared for the *Transitions of Care in Later Life* Conference at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton in March of 2007. It showcases the work of two photographers: Montreal born Dr. Mark Nowacynski and Mundare born Dr. Orest Semchishen. Dr. Nowacynski began photographing the "hidden and vulnerable population" to raise awareness about the need for home care services for seniors, while Dr. Semchishen, a well-known Canadian documentary photographer, took various photos of seniors in their homes and at work while traveling throughout rural Alberta. Everyone is welcome to come and peruse this exhibit.

A new eight week session of Computers for Novices will begin on Thursday, March 5 at 2:00 pm. This program covers the basics of Windows, Word Processing, Email, and the Internet.

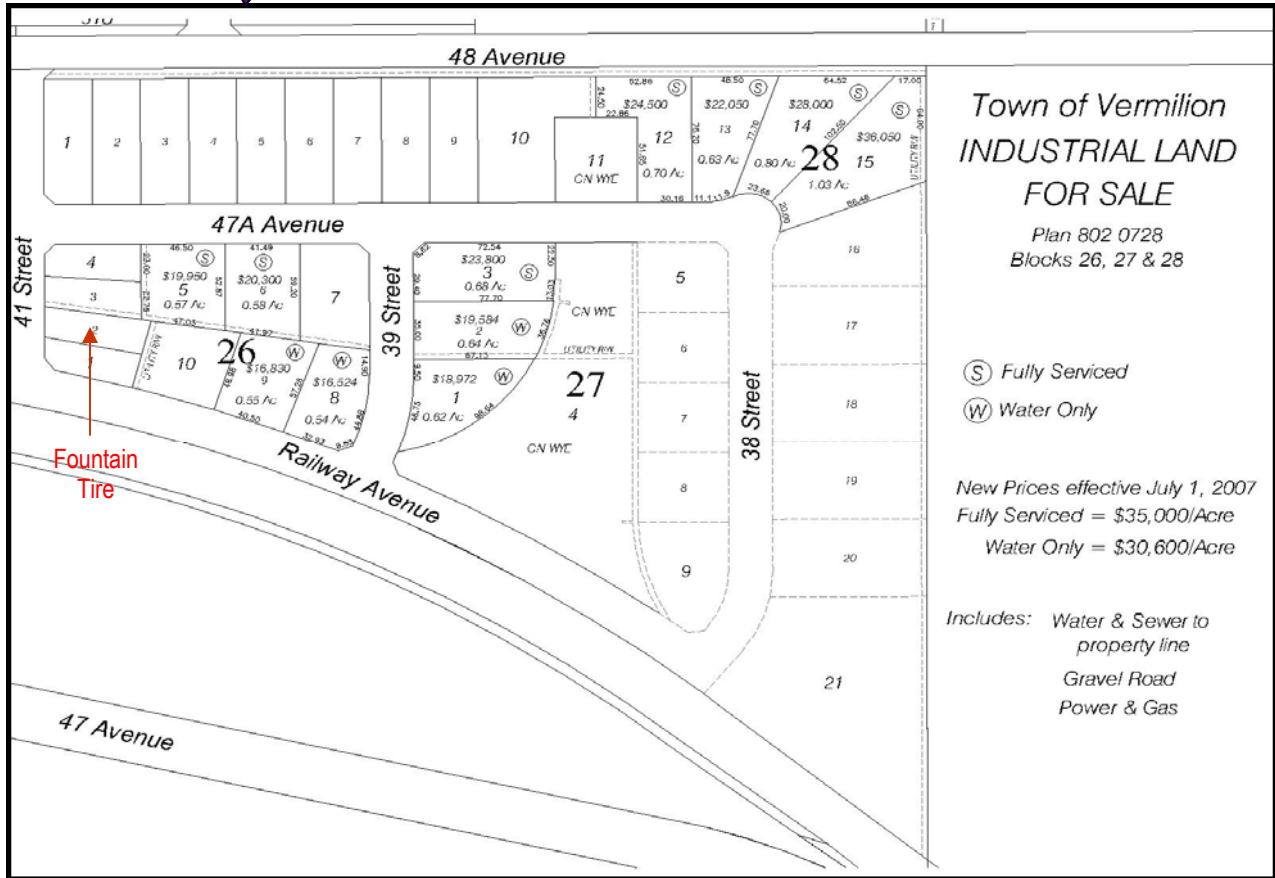
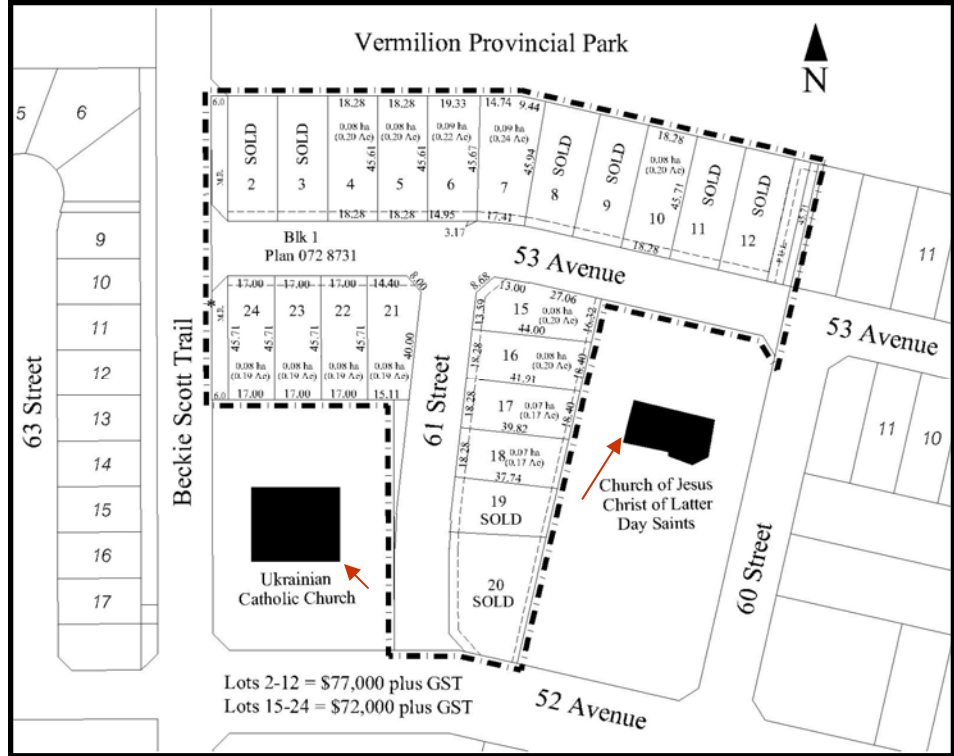
Anyone who has begun to reflect on their life experiences and wishes to begin to get them down in print may be interested in our Guided Autobiography Group led by Dorothy Tovell beginning May 26th. Guided autobiography offers an opportunity to explore by writing, reading, and listening to supportive others, where you have been, where you are, and where you are going. Participants in this memoir group will explore a number of themes that have been influential in shaping their lives, in a process based on guidelines developed and described by Dr. James Birren and colleagues. They will be left with many ideas to pursue, and the beginning of a record of their lives.



TOWN LOTS FOR SALE

- Residential Lots (Park Place) \$72,000 to \$77,000 plus GST.

- Industrial Lots \$30,600 to \$35,000/Acre plus GST



Ⓢ Fully Serviced
Ⓜ Water Only

New Prices effective July 1, 2007
Fully Serviced = \$35,000/Acre
Water Only = \$30,600/Acre

Includes: Water & Sewer to property line
Gravel Road
Power & Gas

For more information on the Town lots for sale please call Allan Wilson Planner/Development Officer at 780-581-2404.

Our Volunteers are Gems!!

Can you imagine what our community would be like without volunteers? There are volunteers in many different community roles that you may overlook. For example, there are often volunteers in the schools helping with the day to day work with elementary age students, serving lunch, or assisting with special events. The multitude of leisure organizations and sports groups are dependent on volunteers. Yes, sometimes it is the same group of people doing the work however it is those volunteer leaders that usually recruit the rest of the volunteers and the work gets done. Our volunteers are gems! Consider recognizing a volunteer during the month of April and especially during **National Volunteer Week April 19 to 25th, 2009**. **Remember March 27th is the deadline for submitting your volunteer names for the "gems" to be displayed on Vermilion business windows.** Forms were mailed to non-profit groups and sports groups as well as being available at the Town Hall during business hours.

Appropriate and valuable volunteer recognition goes a long way to keeping a club vibrant and active. We often get so busy with the "have-to-do" tasks that we neglect to celebrate even the little things. Volunteer recognition doesn't have to be grand or expensive. Ask your volunteers what they would like to do to celebrate and work from there.

FREE Learning Opportunity - Human Resource Management Planning

Alberta Employment and Immigration (AEI), Town of Vermilion FCSS, and the Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce have joined together to work with Volunteer Alberta. We are offering a valuable learning opportunity for Vermilion area non-profit groups entitled, "Recruiting and Retaining People – paid and unpaid." The full day session is Tuesday, April 28th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (lunch included) at the Vermilion Regional Centre. There are 5 half day follow-up sessions thereafter to assist your group with implementing what you have learned and discuss best practices. There is limited registration so please call early to the Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce 780-853-6593 to register by April 17th. If you require more information about these sessions please call Jean Vidal (AEI) at 853-8171 or Carol Coleman (Town of Vermilion FCSS) at 780-581-2413.

Lights Out Across Canada for Earth Hour

Cities and communities in more than 70 countries will be flicking off their lights on March 28, 2009, from 8:30 to 9:30 pm (local time) to mark Earth Hour and show support for action on climate change. Town Council would like to encourage the participation of residents of the Town of Vermilion in Earth Hour 2009 on March 28, 2009. For more information visit: <http://www.earthhourcanada.org/>

PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Easter Holiday weekend normal garbage pick up will be disrupted. This will affect only those residents with **roll out containers**. For those residents who have **Friday** pick up please place your containers out on **Thursday, April 9, 2009**. Those residents who have **Monday** pick up please place your containers out on **Tuesday, April 14, 2009**.

As well, for the **Airport Subdivision** residents only please place your roll out containers out on **Wednesday, April 8, 2009**.



If you have any questions regarding the schedule please call the Engineering & Public Works Department at the Town Hall, 780-581-2415 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following employees to the Town of Vermilion.



Meet Shane Ashdown. Shane is our new full time Municipal Enforcement Officer. Shane's experience includes a diploma in Criminal Justice from Lethbridge College and a year with Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. Shane and his wife originate from the St. Paul area and are looking forward to living in Vermilion.



Meet Jasmine Zebic. Jasmine is our new full time Community Economic Development Coordinator. Jasmine was born in Bangkok, Thailand and moved with her family to Athabasca when she was a child. Prior to coming to Vermilion, Jasmine was the Cultural Capital of Canada Coordinator for the City of Nanaimo. Jasmine is excited about joining the Vermilion community and looks forward to enjoying the outdoors and meeting new friends. Jasmine is quite active and an avid equestrian.

