



Town of Vermilion

Talk of the Town

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Summer Fun Wrap-Up Report

This year's Summer Fun Program was a successful one! Over the seven week period, 134 children participated in various field trips, games and activities. We ventured out into the community to such places as Striker Lanes for glow bowling, Showtime Cinemas to watch Disney/Pixar's "Up", Ice Age 3, and Dawn of the Dinosaurs. The Vermilion Public Library for Inspector Iwannano's Magic Show, Lakeland College swimming pool and fire etc. tour. Also, we welcomed four guest speakers to the program including Cindy Miller of Vermilion Theatre Productions, Kathy Bartley of Bartley Taekwon Do, Dentist Dr. Warren Westover of Public Health, and Corporal Mike McGinley of the Vermilion RCMP.

This will be my last year as Program Coordinator as I will be finished my Elementary Education studies at the University of Alberta in December. I would like to thank my staff for all their help this summer.

Thanks again for helping make the Summer Fun Program a success.

Hallie Stangeland

LOST AND FOUND

Parents, the lost and found from the summer fun program is overflowing. Please stop by the Town Hall before October 1, 2009 to see if any belongings are yours. After that time the items will be donated to the Vermilion Community Closet



You are invited to join fire etc. for breakfast, take a tour, see a demo, or try a mini-challenge as Lakeland College celebrates fire etc. 50th Anniversary on Saturday, September 26. This public event with family friendly activities will start with a free breakfast at 8:00 am at fire etc. and continue through to 4:00 pm.

For more information contact Carolyn at 780-853-2039 or go to www.lakelandcollege.ca/fire-etc/50

- Other activities include:
- Field demonstrations throughout the day
 - Tours throughout the day
 - Mini-challenges for adults and children
 - A truck muster with an opportunity to check out historic and contemporary equipment
 - A sand dig for children
 - Dunk tank to raise money for scholarships
 - A kiosk for souvenirs



Date to Remember:

Rotary Club of Vermilion Presents: Oktoberfest 2009

Live Entertainment by "The Emeralds"

When: October 24, 2009

Dinner: 6:30pm
Dance: 9:00 pm

Place: Vermilion Regional Centre

Tickets: \$55.00 (\$400.00/table of eight)

Includes door prizes/gifts and silent auction.

Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day is a time to discover our roots and enhance communications between generations. This day is set aside not only to honour grandparents but to celebrate the wisdom, strength, and guidance grandparents provide to the younger generations. Grandparents Day is celebrated in many different ways, from small family reunions that can offer life changing experiences to community wide celebrating the vital and active force grandparents are in communities. As such, it is only fitting we take time to remember the difference grandparents make in our lives. Make a date with your family for Sunday, September 13 and spend some valuable time together. Take the opportunity to share an afternoon together and reminisce about the past happy family events.



Shirley McRobert, Senior Support Coordinator

Funding Application Deadline

By: Carol Coleman, FCSS Coordinator

FCSS Tidbits:

October 4-10th National Family Week –
A time to celebrate the contributions
our family makes in our lives.

Mon. October 5th, 4:00 pm – FCSS
Advisory Board will meet with all
2010 applicants.

Tues. October 13th – FCSS Advisory
Board finalizes the 2010 FCSS
Budget and prepares their
recommendations for Vermilion
Town Council.

November – Family Violence
Prevention Month

It's farewell to summer and welcome to the fall season. We have a very busy little community with such a diverse mix of community groups and programs. This is a result of the multitude of people who are willing to volunteer their time to enrich our community. You are encouraged to contribute your time and skills as well as become a participant. The Community Directory section of the Chamber of Commerce Telephone Directory has a list of all the community groups and services available to you. Joining a non-profit group as a volunteer will help you meet new people and connect with this community as well as share your skills with others.

FCSS funds a variety of groups that provide valuable preventive human services to our residents. In fact, for 2009 to date over \$89,000 has been distributed from FCSS to groups and agencies. **Please note the funding application deadline for 2010 programs and projects is Sept. 18th.** There may be some short term 2010 projects that will be considered after Sept. 18th. Please call and inquire before submitting applications. See the town website www.vermilion.ca for the application form.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS:

Relationships can be challenging at times and some assistance is necessary to help you maintain a healthier course of interaction. Town of Vermilion FCSS has a contract with Catholic Social Services/Premura Counseling to provide Vermilion residents with individual, couple, and family counseling. This is a non-denominational human service. The first five visits are at no charge followed by the use of a sliding fee schedule. Call their main office in Lloydminster 780-875-9084 for booking appointments in Vermilion or Lloydminster.

Community Spirit Program Information Session in Vermilion

Is your organization considering applying for a Community Spirit Program Donation Grant, or do you want to learn more about the enhanced charitable tax credit that you can promote to your donors? Join program staff for a presentation to learn more about the two components of the Community Spirit Program: the Enhanced Charitable Tax Credit and the Donation Grant Program. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer period:

JOIN US: 4:00-5:30 pm Thursday, October 8,
2009 Vermilion Regional Centre (5702 College
Drive/47th Avenue)

This session is sponsored by Culture and Community Spirit and the Town of Vermilion Family & Community Support Services (FCSS).

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE **SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30, 2009** **HIGHWAY 16** **ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Alberta Transportation is undertaking an access management study to determine the access management requirements for the future conversion of Highway 16 to a controlled access freeway facility. The study limits are between Highway 36 and Range Road 2-3, which is situated between the Hamlet of Lavoy and the Hamlet of Blackfoot. A second open house for the project is being held to present the recommended access management plan for the future controlled access freeway facility. Members of the public are invited to review the recommended access management plan and to provide comments on the presented material. Representatives from Alberta Transportation will be present:

- Tuesday, September 29, 2009 4pm to 8 pm Innisfree Recreation Centre 5024-54th Street, Innisfree, AB
- Wednesday, September 30, 2009 Kitscoty, AB Kitscoty Elementary School 4910-51 Street, Kitscoty, AB

For further information on this project, please contact:

Sandra Menzies, P.Eng.

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(403) 770-6774, or sandra.menzies@ch2m.com

FALLING BACK

Geraldine Collins: Vermilion Public Library

With the scent of autumn in the air, our usual schedules begin again. There is always a part of us that wishes the carefree days of summer would never end and yet, the regularity of routine brings its own comfort.

We've just set our fall programming and events schedule in ink, so keep these dates in mind as you plan your fall activities:

The **Genealogy Interest Group** will meet again beginning Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 pm. New members are welcome! They are also hosting a **Genealogy Information Day** on October 17 for anyone wanting to pick the brains of our local experts, peruse tables of material, and listen to short talks on improving search skills and finding valuable resources (including the library!)

We are once again partnering with Midwest Family Connections to bring **Kids Connection**, a program where moms and their young children experience stories, songs, rhymes, free playtime, crafts, and more. Join us beginning Wednesday, September 16 at 10:30 am for this program that fosters healthy social, emotional, and intellectual development in your child.

Computers for Novices remain popular and as such we are poised to hold two classes this fall, one on Tuesday and the other on Thursday afternoons beginning October 6 and 8 respectively.

Youth are welcome to come to the library on Thursday, September 24 for our first ever **Hockey Pool Night**. Bring your friends for a party-like atmosphere and pick your winning team. A five dollar charge will apply to all participants and will go towards end-of-season prizes and a wind-up party.

Town of Vermilion Sidewalk Snow Removal (Never too early to plan for the future)



Council for The Town of Vermilion has made changes to the Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy. It is now the responsibility of the property owner or resident to remove the snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property. This includes the frontage and as well the flankage (side yard). This change will provide consistency throughout Town for responsibility of cleaning sidewalks.

The change that residents will notice is the residential portion of the sidewalks listed below will no longer be cleared of snow & ice by the Town.

- 50 Avenue from 44 Street to 49 Street
- 50 Avenue from 52 Street to 59 Street
- 49 Avenue from 44 Street to 49 Street
- 46 Street from 55 Avenue to 48 A Avenue
- 48 Street from 50 Avenue to 55 Avenue
- 52 Avenue from 59 Street to Beckie Scott Trail

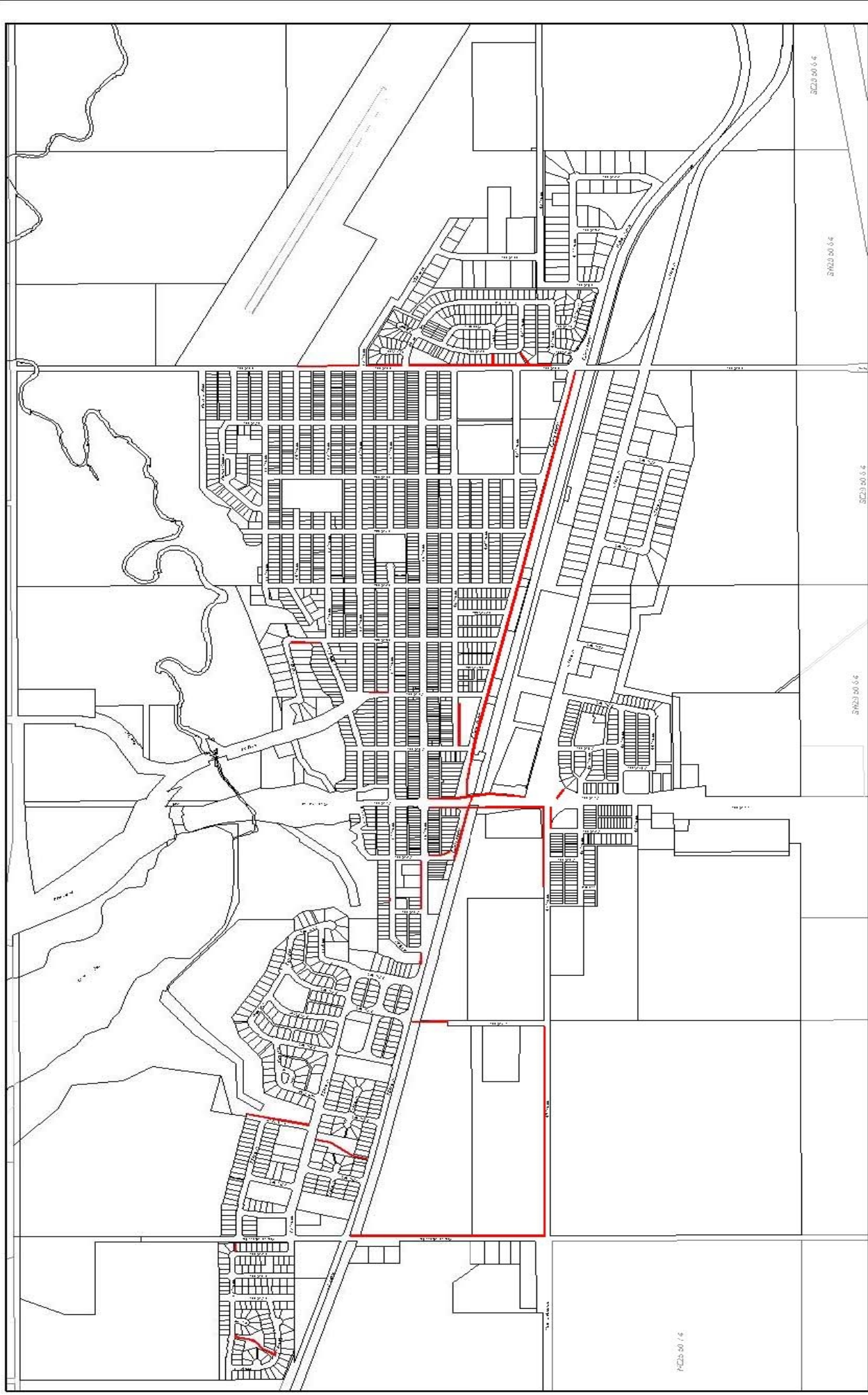


The Policy reads as follows:

FOR THE PURPOSES OF SIDEWALK CLEARING OPERATIONS, SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO TOWN OWNED PROPERTY AND SIDEWALKS IDENTIFIED ON THE SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL MAP (EXHIBIT #3) (ON REVERSE OF THIS PAGE) SHALL BE CLEANED BY THE TOWN.

For further information contact the Public Works Department

@ 780-581-2415 or 780-853-5358



TOWN OF VERMILION Sidewalk Snow Removal Map

EXHIBIT #3

Legend
— Sidewalk Snow Removal