

# Talk of the Town

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***This year's Public Works Infrastructure Projects will consist of the following:***

- **D**owntown Streetscapes.
- **O**verlay on 51st Ave. from 56th Street to 57th Street, 54th Ave., 54th Ave. from 47th Street to 48th Street, and 45th Street from 52nd Ave. to 55th Ave.
- **S**treet work 48A Street from Railway Ave. to 49th Ave.
- **S**treet work 51st Ave. from 46th St. to 47th St.
- **W**atermain improvement on 48A Ave. from 46th St. to 47th St.
- **W**atermain improvement on 48B Ave. from 46th St. to 48th St.
- **W**atermain improvement on Pare Drive from 51st St. to Young Drive.
- **R**aw Water line replacement from the new well to the WTP.
- **S**idewalk improvement on 52nd Ave. from 57th St. to 56th St.

The **Streetscapes** project will see new pavement, sidewalks, light fixtures and furniture installed on 50 Avenue between 51 & 49 Streets and 50 Street between 49 and 51 Ave. Paving and lighting upgrades will also take place on 49 Avenue between 51 and 50 Streets.

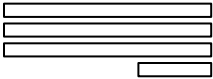
- **S**idewalk improvement on 47th Ave. from 52nd St. to 53rd St.
- **M**iscellaneous sidewalk repairs through-out



The Town of Vermilion invites you to the “Beefs and Bouquets” **Public Open House** June 16, 2009

## Grass Bins/Garbage Bins

Grass bins have been distributed to 25 various locations around Town. Grass, garden wastes, and flowers **will be accepted** in these bins. This waste **should not be bagged**. 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 back alleys are for bagged household garbage. Furniture, appliances, BBQ's, construction material should not be put in the garbage dumpsters. These items should be taken to the Transfer Station by the person disposing of them.



If you are unable to attend the Town Office during regular business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, including lunch hour, we have a “drop off” box located on the north east side of the building. This may help in ensuring payments are received on time, Town property is returned, or general information is received within a deadline.

## Use of Pesticides Reduced on

At a recent Council meeting, the Town of Vermilion has decided to reduce the amount of pesticides and herbicides on Town owned property. The decision came after 8 months of debate from the Environment Committee, Parks, Recreation and Culture Board, and the results from a survey completed in the Talk of the Town in December of 2008. Essentially, the rationale behind the decision focused on the health risk posed to the public when applying the chemical. At this point, the only areas being pesticide free are the playgrounds and green space where children would be playing like Pioneer Park and the Stadium Ball Diamonds. Therefore, commercial/industrial areas and major highway green space will still be sprayed for dandelions and for larger amounts of scentless chamomile. The decision is for a one year trial and will be reviewed in 2010.

By-Election Date: May 25, 2009  
 Voting Hours: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm  
 Elks Hall  
 Advance Vote: May 21, 2009  
 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
 Town Hall

## Family and Community Support Services

The County of Vermilion River, Villages of Dewberry, Marwayne, Kitscoty, Paradise Valley, and the Town of Vermilion Family and Community Support Services, take this opportunity to acknowledge the achievements that have been made by our senior population. As founding pioneers of our local communities, we are proud to celebrate seniors' past, current, and future contributions during Senior Week June 1 - 7, 2009.

### "BE INFORMED" - SENIORS' CONFERENCE

Tuesday June 2, 2009 - Vermilion Regional Centre - Vermilion AB  
5702 - 47 Avenue

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
8:30 - 9:00am	Registration
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome
9:15 - 10:00	Alberta Health and Wellness - Pharmaceutical Strategy (Do not miss the updates to the new senior's health care program)
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break/displays
10:30 - 11:45	Breakout Sessions (pick one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Provincial Programs - Alberta Seniors and Community Supports</li> <li>— Personal Directives - Office of the Public Guardian</li> <li>— Good Samaritan TeleCare Emergency Response Service</li> <li>— Getting a Grip Before the Grief - Memorial Society of Edmonton &amp; District</li> </ul>
11:45 - 1:00pm	Lunch/displays
1:00 - 1:30	Keynote Speaker - Brenda Robinson
1:30 - 2:45	Breakout Sessions (pick one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Federal Programs - Service Canada</li> <li>— Senior Safety/Fraud Awareness - RCMP Vermilion</li> <li>— Tips for the Aging Driver - Alberta Motor Association</li> <li>— Diabetes Information - Canadian Diabetes Association</li> </ul>
2:45 - 3:00	Closing Remarks - Draws

The vision for the June Senior Conference is "Be Informed". Education is the best advantage. Come out for a day of learning and making connections with others. The cost of this one day conference is only \$10.00 including a noon luncheon.

**"You must pre-register as space is limited for the Seniors Conference".**

For more information please call: Shirley McRobert (780) 581-2414.



The Town of Vermilion would like to welcome the following summer staff hired for the months of May through to August.

#### Administrative Assistant:

Cyanna Beattie

#### Summer Program Coordinator:

Hallie Stangeland

#### Parks, Recreation & Culture :

Eric Lundy, Jenna King, and Christina Roth

#### Public Works & Utilities:

Forrest Wells and Cory Jalbert

#### GIS/MIMS Technologist:

Tina Swiney



### *Garage/Yard Sale Sign Facts:*

- Garage/yard sale signs or event notices are items that are not permitted on Town property (such as boulevards, buildings, posts, or trees).
- Garage/yard sale signs or event notices are to be posted on the premises upon which such sales will be or are being conducted.
- Garage/yard signs shall not be illuminated and shall be constructed of paper, canvass, or other light materials and intended to be displayed for a short period of time only.
- Garage/yard signs are not to create a pedestrian or vehicular hazard or hindrance.

If you require additional information or clarification on garage or yard sale signs you are welcome to call our Municipal Enforcement Officer, Shane Ashdown at 780-581-2407, or Planner/Development Officer, Allan Wilson at 780-581-2404.

## CITIZENS ON PATROL

What is C.O.P.?

- C.O.P. is a recognized crime prevention program of the various police agencies
- C.O.P. is a program that exists around the world
- C.O.P. assist police by being the "eyes and ears" of the community
- C.O.P. from an international perspective, stands for "Citizen On Patrol"
- C.O.P. are trained and organized volunteers
- C.O.P. are citizens who enjoy making a difference in their communities
- C.O.P. are NOT police officers. They are a valued resource to the local police agency
- C.O.P. is an integral strategic partnership ensuring safe homes and safe communities



The Alberta Citizens on Patrol Association was created in September of 2001 at Blairmore, Alberta. It's mission is to provide leadership, information, and guidance to local C.O.P.S. groups and interested public.

Vermilion Citizens on Patrol is comprised of concerned citizens who volunteer their time, vehicles, energy, and expertise to become the extended eyes and ears of our local police service.

Members of the group work under the auspices and direction of the RCMP.

Personnel who participate in the Citizens on Patrol are observers and reporters only. If an offence is witnessed, Patrol members observe and report the matter via phone to the RCMP. They are not to become directly involved. The only exception would be occasionally assisting with traffic control/direction at motor vehicle accident

scenes.

Anyone interested in becoming a Citizens on Patrol volunteer is encouraged to apply at the local RCMP detachment.

There is no cost to apply or obtain the security clearance.

A local member from the local Citizens on Patrol Society will contact you to explain local policies, practices, activities, and meetings.

The Town of Vermilion in cooperation with the RCMP is letting residents know that loads must be secured when travelling on highways and within Town limits.


When travelling on highways and within Town limits, loads must be secured in their entirety by a tarpaulin, or a similar device. Loads must be secured in a manner as to prevent the load from falling or shifting within the vehicle. If any part of a load does fall onto a highway it is the responsibility of the driver to take all reasonable precautions to safeguard traffic and remove fallen debris from the highway.

### PROVINCE OF ALBERTA REGULATIONS

#### Town of Vermilion Bylaw 14-2003

Section	Description	Fine
3.06	Failure to tarp load	\$200
3.07	Failure to properly secure load	\$200
9.11	Failure to clean up or remove fallen material from highway	\$150



Section	Description	Fine
 <b>CARGO SECUREMENT STANDARD</b>		
4(a)	Transport cargo without preventing it from leaking/spilling/blowing off/dislodging	\$575
4(2)	Cargo securement system not in proper working order or fit for the purpose	\$172
<b>VEHICLE EQUIPMENT REGULATION</b>		
65(1)	Use vehicle not constructed/not capable of securing goods being transported	\$345
65(2)	Transport goods on a vehicle with load securement equipment used improperly	\$345
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT &amp; PROTECTION ACT</b>		
S. 179(1)	Improper disposal of waste on the highway	\$115
S. 179(2)	Improper transportation of waste on the highway	\$115

# Summer Fun Program



The Summer Fun Program runs July and August, 2009. For further information you can contact our Summer Fun Coordinator Hallie Stangeland at 780-581-2416

The Summer Fun Program is a weekday camp for children ages 5 to 11. Our goal is to provide fun, meaningful and exciting learning opportunities to children throughout the summer months. We focus on reading, physical activity, healthy lifestyles, and more. Watch for dates to register in the local newspapers or visit [www.vermilion.ca](http://www.vermilion.ca) for more information.

## Change in the Spring Air at the Library

Geraldine Collins, Program Coordinator

At the time of writing this article, I am not sure who will be filling the new shoes at the library, but there are *two* new pairs to fill! It is with sadness in the hearts of those of us remaining that we say goodbye to two long-serving, smiling faces familiar to any of you who use the library. We wish all the enjoyment that retirement can bring to Carol Hansen and thank Donna Jones for her patience and dedication to the library and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Anyone interested in writing the story of their life as part of the Guided Autobiography Group, please phone to register before May 15<sup>th</sup> (853-4288). A second class may be added if numbers warrant. The group will be led by Dorothy Tovell, and offers participants a chance to explore, by writing, reading and listening, where they have been, where they are, and where they are going.

The grassland region of Alberta is part of the great plains ecosystem. Whether out of personal interest, or if you are planning a family trip to this area this summer, come to the library between May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> to learn more about this extraordinary habitat. We are planning a display which will feature items graciously on loan by the college, and an assortment of books. In addition, plan on spending time with your children while enjoying the "Grassland Gatherings" interactive exhibit from Science Alberta. This exhibit offers children in grade one (or similar) the chance to become a junior wildlife biologist. They will explore the needs of plants and animals in the grassland regions of southern Alberta, observe and classify some of the different species that make their home in this area, and check out their habitats. Additionally, they will learn adaptive mechanisms of different grassland species and recognize their importance in this ecosystem.

Finally, it's not too early to think summer. First of all, the Sunbeam Summer Reading Program will be up and running again for July and August. This program offers prize incentives for kids who read. And second, mark your calendars for July 22<sup>nd</sup>, as comedy magician Brian Lehr will be coming to the library for a special Summer Reading Club performance. Bring your family to the library to be entertained, amazed and motivated to be a person of strong character. No charge!

## Are you concerned with access to Vermilion from Highway 16??

Alberta Transportation is holding a Public Open House (drop in format) on June 16 and 17, 2009 to provide information regarding a access management study to determine the long range access management requirements for the future conversion of Highway 16 to a controlled access freeway facility. The study limits are between Highway 36 and Ranged Road 2-3, which is situated between the Hamlet of Lavoy and the Hamlet of Blackfoot. The open house will take place from:

4 pm to 8 pm, Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at the Innisfree Recreation Centre 5024 - 54 Street Innisfree, AB.

4pm to 8 pm, Wednesday, June 17, 2009 Kitscoty Elementary School 4910 - 51st Street Kitscoty, AB. For further information on this project, please contact: Sandra Menzies, P.Eng., CH2M HILL Canada Limited. (403) 770-6774, or [sandra.menzies@ch2m.com](mailto:sandra.menzies@ch2m.com)

## VERMILION PLAY DEVELOPMENT FUNDRAISER

Garage Sale and Hot Dog Sale  
Vermilion Elementary School Gymnasium  
May 23, 2009 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Donations of toys, baby items, kid's clothing, household items, etc. are greatly appreciated. These items can be dropped off at the VES Gym from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm on May 22, 2009 (or call 780-853-4449 for an alternate time)

*Penny Carnival for the kids during the Garage Sale*

## Vermilion Regional Centre - Hall & Club Room Booking Comparisons

	2008 Total	Jan/March 09	April/Dec 09
<b>Events</b>	12	7	21
<b>Weddings</b>	16	1	16
<b>Meetings</b>	21	21	16

Events include fundraising events, private functions, graduations, funerals, trade shows, and conferences. These totals do not include regular user bookings (such as dance groups, art club, pottery club, and rotary club)