

VILLAGE OF HILL SPRING COUNCIL

JUNE 2021



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Newsletter

The purpose of municipalities, as defined in Section 3 of the MGA (Municipal Government Act):

- to provide good government: to foster the well being of the environment; to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary or desirable for all or a part of the municipality; and, to develop safe and viable communities.

As local governments, municipalities are often associated with municipal councils and the people who serve as the elected officials on those councils. Municipalities provide services to the communities that they serve, providing services such as road maintenance, water & wastewater utilities, waste management and emergency management. If you'd like to serve in the next election stop by the office and pick up an election packet.

TAX INFORMATION: It is that time of year again when tax notices/assessments have been mailed out. Please note that the taxes are due by July 31, 2021. Any taxes that remain unpaid after the due and payable date shall receive a 12% penalty on Aug. 1, 2021. A 1.5 % penalty will be imposed on the total unpaid balance of the tax accounts and applied the 1st day of each calendar month. Such penalties will become part of taxes owing. This penalty does not apply to the tax levy amounts being paid under the Tax Installment Program. Please note that if you are on the tax installment program the payment adjustment is shown on your tax notice and will take affect June 15, 2021 and it will also show you what your adjustment will be starting January 2022. Even if your taxes are being paid by a mortgage company/financial institution, the owner is responsible to make certain that the taxes are paid on time. Any property on which the taxes are in arrears are liable to the recovery process as outlined in the Municipal Government Act.

Assessment complaint must be received in writing on or before July 28, 2021. An assessment complaint does not exempt you from paying taxes on time or from late payment penalties. If a complaint is successful, the adjustment will be made to the tax account.

IRRIGATION: Sincere apologies for the delay in irrigation. It was up and running for a very short time but had to be shut down for unforeseen repairs. It should be back up and running right away. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer to help with the irrigation maintenance please call Janet at the Village Office—403-626-3876

BOULEVARDS: The Village wishes to remind everyone that 'boulevards are to be kept mowed and in a tidy condition by the owners of the adjoining property. If you contravene this bylaw you may receive a fine and it will be added to your taxes. The Village also has a 'Long grass and Boulevard' bylaw 2018-297. "Tidy" condition means that no vehicles, objects, or structures are allowed to remain on the boulevard. Occasional parking of currently licensed vehicles is allowed for a period of not more than 72 consecutive hours.' "Boulevard" means the land between the property line and travelled portion of the adjoining roadway.' 'Property owners are to maintain mature grass (grass which has actively stopped growing and is losing or has lost much of its moisture content) on their lots at a length of no more than 15cm/6 inches or less.'

FLAGS FLYING AT HALF MAST: in memory of the 215 children whose remains were discovered at the Kamloops Residential school & in honor of their families. Condolences to all who have been so adversely affected by the ills of all the Residential schools.

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VILLAGE NOTES

Village Office Hours:

Mon. 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Tue. 1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Wed. 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Closed 12:00—1:00 for lunch

Council Meetings will always be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office on 2nd Ave South, unless otherwise posted.

The next council meeting will be June 15, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

ABOUT PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

A property assessment is the estimate of a property's market value. The Alberta Government has mandated that property assessments with the province:

- Are reflective of the market value of property as of July 1 of the previous year, and
- Must reflect the characteristics and physical condition of the property on Dec. 31 of the year prior to the year in which the tax was imposed, and
- That the assessments must be kept current by being updated on an annual basis.

Market value is the most probable price which would be paid for a property in a competitive and open market. The assessor's office doesn't create the market value of your property. It is created by the real estate market place. The Assessor's office measures it.

Hill Spring Annual Cemetery Clean Up, Saturday, June 12

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Bring rakes, pruning shears, weed whackers and other gardening tools. After all your hard work enjoy a BBQ from 11:30-12:00. Alternate day, if weather does not cooperate, is June 19th.

Hill Spring welcomes Katianna Hegedus as the summer maintenance employee. She is learning quickly and we are happy to have her. Kati is the village employee so if you have any concerns please direct them to the office and not to her.

EVENTS

12 June—Cemetery Clean up

July 1—Fireworks in the evening; possibly more activities

Office Closed—Thursday, July 1

