

VILLAGE OF CREMONA NEWSLETTER

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Council Meeting Highlights—October 18, 2016

Organization Meeting

The Annual Organizational Meeting of Council was held on October 18 starting at 6:30 p.m. Members of Council and the public were appointed to various committees, boards and commissions.

The 2016 Operating and Capital Budget was approved as the Interim Operating and Capital Budget until the 2017 Budget can be approved.

Local Authorities Pension Plan Policy

The Village's Auditors Collins Barrow LLP performed the LAPP Audited this summer. One of the recommendations was that the Village updates their LAPP Policy. Council approved the policy as presented.

Bylaw 447-13 Tax Penalty & Tax Installment Payment Plan

Bylaw 447-13 was presented with suggested changes to deal with penalties as well as not having penalties compound on current taxes. Council directed Administration to bring a bylaw back with changes to the penalties.

Financial Controls Policy

Since October 2013 Mountain View County has had control of the Village of Cremona's financials. At the end of September Village staff took over all duties related to financial services. The auditors requested a policy be in place for the financial controls as well as guidelines. Council approved the Financial Control Policy as presented.

Electronic Cheque Signing & Direct Deposit

It has been suggested that in the next two to three years most companies will not allow manual cheques. In order to meet requirements for electronic cheque signing and direct deposit a policy is required. Council approved Policy 1604-01 as presented.

Interim MOA with Mountain View County

Mountain View County has asked the Village to sign an Interim Agreement for the Memorandum of Agreement between the Village and the County. Council approved to sign the agreement for a term of one (1) year.

Parkland Regional Library 2017

Budget

Council approved the 2017 Parkland Regional Library Budget with the 2 percent increase.

FortisAlberta Franchise Fee

As part of the Village of Cremona Electrical Distribution System Franchise Agreement with FortisAlberta Council has the ability to either increase or decrease or keep the franchise fee the same with written notice. Council approved to keep the Franchise Fee at 10%.

Regional Video Project

Economic Development Officer Adena Malyk with Mountain View County sent a request to gauge interest from each of their partners in completing a regional video project in 2017 focusing on attracting businesses and people to our region. Council directed Mayor Hagen to bring this forward at the next Municipal Area Partnership Meeting.

Commercial Purchase Agreement

Council approved to purchase the Cremona United Church building and land from United Church of Canada for \$50,000.

Cremona Medical Clinic Hours of Operation

Every Thursday in November and December

Hours 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

To book an appointment please call Carstairs Medical Clinic
403-337-3121 to book an appointment for Cremona or
call 403-637-3715 on a Thursday.

NEW UTILITY BILLING SERVICES OFFERED FOR RESIDENTS!

You can now receive your monthly utility bill sent to you by email! Just come in and sign-up! Or go to the Village of Cremona website and fill out the form and it drop it off. We have a drop box located outside of the Village Office.

Do you want your utility bill to be automatically debited from your account? We can provide that service to you as well. By filling out the required form you will be able to have your monthly utility bills paid automatically.

For more questions stop by the Village Office at 205 - 1st Street East, or call 403.637.3762 or email finances@cremona.ca.

Forms can be found at www.cremona.ca under Community Services - Utilities.

The Village Office
will be closed on
Friday, November 11,
in recognition of
Remembrance Day




Winterfest

December 3, 2016
10 am to 3 pm
5 Venues
BETTER THAN EVER

To inquire about
a table or if you have any other
questions please send an
e-mail to fcss@cremona.ca

The next Council Meeting is November 15, 2016 at 112 Railway Avenue
Come at 6:30 p.m. and have a coffee and meet with council and staff.



CREMONA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SUPPER

Hosted by Cremona FCSS

December 10, 2016 at the Cremona Community Hall

Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Kids under 5 are FREE!

Tickets available at: Mountain View Credit Union
Cremona FCSS Office and the Village of Cremona Office.

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Food bank donations would be appreciated.

For more information please call Jen at 403.510.4521

TREATMENT FOR ICY SIDEWALKS

The Village of Cremona is asking that residents who use ice melt on their sidewalks to use a mix that is safe to use on concrete.

Some brands of ice melt contain high levels of sodium which will cause pitting and decay of concrete.

