

The information source for residents and businesses in Diamond Valley



## Financial Planning and Budget Discussions Underway

The 2023 Town of Diamond Valley budget process has started. On March 1, Council was presented and approved the 2023 *Financial Plan* consisting of the Operating and Capital Budget Assumptions and Guidelines. These documents provide key economic and financial indicators and are the starting point for the budgetary process.

Over the course of the next eight weeks, Council and administration will work together to execute the strategic priorities and make key financial decisions with the development of the 2023 Financial Plan. This will involve the 2023 Budget and the 2024 – 2026 Projected Forecast. As well, a robust 2023 – 2028 Capital Budget will be prepared along with a Ten-Year Capital Plan that will allow the Town to plan for large capital/infrastructure projects. This will be the first financial plan for the amalgamated Town of Diamond Valley.

To view the relevant documents and follow the financial planning process, please visit  
<https://www.diamondvalley.town/662/Financial-Planning>



As the Town proceeds to streamline operations through the amalgamation process, Council and administration wish to thank residents for their patience as changes are made to update the municipal systems. Residents may notice that the content and structure of the town website is under renovation at [www.diamondvalley.town](http://www.diamondvalley.town), with the goal to simplify the access to important information and forms.

Please contact the municipal office if you have trouble finding specific forms or documents. We are looking forward to launching a new look for the website later in 2023.





# Mayor's Message

## from Mayor Barry Crane

The days are getting longer, and we've almost made it to spring, however we will still have snowfalls and icy conditions to contend with, no doubt. Remember to shovel your sidewalks as soon as possible after a snowfall, and to deposit the snow into your yard, not onto the street. If you are able to, please offer to help neighbours to keep up with snow clearing tasks. Our community pride is built by the actions and work we put into it. Thank you for keeping the sidewalks in your neighbourhood safe for everyone to use.

The big question has been, how has amalgamation been coming along? Well, I can tell you that overall, Council is super happy with the progress made thus far by staff, and public support throughout the transition has been fantastic. The Public Works department has been amazing; the combination of good equipment and staff expertise has proven itself on the streets of Diamond Valley. We have been out clearing and sanding areas that have been hard to reach in the past, and we are now able to achieve an excellent level of service consistently. Council will soon be reviewing the snow and ice removal policy while it is fresh in mind, to try and address some of the more problematic areas. The office staff have been busy aligning processes and departments and finding efficiencies to reduce duplication. Council and administration will continue to work to align bylaws, policies, and processes as we blend the two systems into one high-functioning unit.

Council members have been given their committee appointments for the year, and we continue to meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30pm. We presently meet at the main office in the former Black Diamond; however, Council has decided to move these meetings over into the former Turner Valley Council Chambers (at 514 Windsor Avenue NW) beginning in April or May. This is being done to provide extra space for Council, administration, and members of the public to view the meetings more comfortably. This will also potentially accommodate additional office space in the main office.

Efforts are underway to designate an off-leash dog park west of the water treatment plant at the end of Okalta Drive. Work will begin on enhancing the parking area in the spring, and fencing will start once the frost is out of the ground. There have been many concerns raised about responsible pet management and the need to control pets. Please remember to respect your neighbours and clean up after your pets, and keep them leashed unless you are in an off-leash space. Also, remember that feeding wildlife, including deer, is not permitted.

The Alberta Summer Games will be hosted by the towns of Okotoks and Diamond Valley this summer from July 20-23. Volunteers are still needed, and you can sign up at <https://albertasummergames.ca/>. Diamond Valley is responsible for the mountain bike event, and we still have work to complete on the trail before we invite the province to our beautiful town. The event is expected to draw thousands of visitors to our region, and this will be an excellent opportunity to demonstrate not only our commitment to Alberta athletes and sport, but to showcase our wonderful businesses and community hospitality as well.

Thank you to all our residents and businesses for bearing with us as we iron out the kinks in our newly amalgamated systems. We're getting there, and we sure appreciate your patience!

As always, be safe, be kind and be courteous,

*Barry Crane*

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# Upcoming Council and Committee Meetings

## Regular Council Meetings

First and third Wednesdays, March 1 & 15, April 5 & 19 - 6:30pm

## Council Committee of the Whole Meeting

Tuesday, April 11 - 6:30pm

## Economic Development Advisory Committee

Second Thursdays, March 9 & April 13 - 6:30pm

## Municipal Planning Commission

Third Tuesdays, March 21 & April 18 - 7pm

## Family and Community Support Services Committee

Second Thursdays, March 9 & April 13 - 6:30pm

ORGANICS  
(COMPOST)  
PICKUP  
RESUMES  
WEEKLY  
SCHEDULE  
BEGINNING  
WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 5.



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Municipal facilities will be closed

**Good Friday, April 7.**

Happy Easter!

## SHEEP RIVER LIBRARY

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

1:00 - 4:00 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!

## Volunteer Appreciation Week

**April 16-22**

*Thank you for  
Volunteering!*



Volunteers are the foundation upon which our community has been built, and we wish to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who dedicates time and energy in service of a worthwhile cause. Watch out for a volunteer appreciation event to be announced soon, all community volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

# Booking Town Facilities and Services



## Sheep River Shuttle

Diamond Valley's public transportation vehicle can be booked for trips within Diamond Valley and to Okotoks on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment. Charter trips can be booked on the other days of the week for groups of up to nine (9) people. Contact 403-861-2081.



## The Flare n Derrick Community Hall and the Gazebo in Millennium Park

Rent a space for your upcoming event! Weddings, markets, concerts, fundraisers, family reunions and fitness classes are just a few of the fun events that can be hosted at the community hall. The hall also includes a commercial kitchen that can be rented on its own. Many families and groups book the outdoor gazebo to host small social events or mini-concerts in the warmer months.



## Sports Facilities: Ice rinks, ball diamonds, soccer fields, and the swimming pool

The Town of Diamond offers indoor and outdoor recreation facility bookings throughout the year. Get in a final hockey game or scrum before the ice rinks are closed for the season at the end of March. You can also schedule a game or league to play at one of our soccer or baseball fields or rent the Dr. Lander Memorial Swimming Pool for a pool party this summer!

## Diamond Valley (former Turner Valley) Municipal Campground

ONLINE BOOKING coming soon!



**Diamond Valley  
Municipal Campground**

For more information, call the Recreation Coordinator at 403-933-5272  
or visit [www.diamondvalley.town](http://www.diamondvalley.town)

## Spring Construction Project Planning

Are you planning spring projects like building a deck or shed? As longer days and warmer weather bring signs of spring to our neighbourhoods, our thoughts turn to those building projects that we want to put into action this season. We can help you get started! Contact a Development Officer to avoid unexpected roadblocks before breaking ground.

Email [planning@diamondvalley.town](mailto:planning@diamondvalley.town) or call 403.933.4348



## Online Banking Update

There are still some banking institutions that are not recognizing the Town of Diamond Valley as a payee. If you are unable to register your bill under "Town of Diamond Valley" or "Diamond Valley, Town of", please continue to direct your online bill payments to the old Turner Valley or Black Diamond payee.

You may also send an e-transfer to [info@diamondvalley.town](mailto:info@diamondvalley.town) to pay for any town bills, permits or services; just be sure to specify what the payment is for in the comments section.