



# TOWN OF **DIAMOND VALLEY**

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## MUNICIPAL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

September / October 2023

### Upcoming

## Council Meetings

### Regular Meetings:

First and third Wednesdays  
at 6:30 pm

**September 6 & 20**  
**October 4 & 18**

### Committee of the Whole:

Second Tuesdays  
at 6:30 pm  
September 12

## New: Council Meeting Location Change

Beginning in September, Council Meetings will be held at the **Turner Valley Council Chambers, 514 Windsor Avenue NW**.

Agendas, minutes and links to recordings of meetings can be [found on our website](#).

Watch for the new online meeting portal coming later this fall!

## Diamond Valley Fire Department Update



The Diamond Valley Fire Department has now been amalgamated under the leadership of our new Fire Chief, TJ Moore. Watch for activities to come for Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14, and a firefighter recruitment drive happening this fall.

## Diamond Valley Public Transit

Do you require assistance getting around town or making a trip to Okotoks? The Sheep River Shuttle is an innovative community service that allows you to book your trip in advance for Tuesdays and Thursdays, or charter a trip at another time. For more information about the service, pricing, and availability, contact 403-861-2081 or visit [bit.ly/SheepRiverShuttle](#)

## Efficiency Milestones: Diamond Valley's Water Loss Reduction Achievements

The utilities department has made significant strides in water conservation and efficiency management. Our operators have hunted down and resolved many serious water leak issues, executed vital water valve and hydrant repairs, and optimized wastewater management practices. Over the span of just five months, from February to June 2023, Diamond Valley witnessed an impressive reduction of approximately 78,000 cubic meters in water loss. This translates to a remarkable 17% decrease in losses! Through numerous sanitary line repairs and the resolute termination of illegal septic dumping, our community is embracing sustainable water practices. While the journey to achieving an acceptable water loss level continues, the team's dedication and determination reassure us that we're on the path to success. Cheers to the utilities department staff for their remarkable accomplishments and their role in securing a more sustainable future for Diamond Valley.



### Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign!



In the past few months, the Town has observed an increase in unauthorized signs being displayed. Please note that signs are restricted to specific areas and require approval through a development permit. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to the Planning & Development department at the Town – we're here to guide you through the process. Call the Town or email [Planning@DiamondValley.town](mailto:Planning@DiamondValley.town).

## Reflecting on a Splendid Pool Season

As the summer sun sets on another great season, we bid farewell to staff at the Dr. Lander Memorial Swimming Pool, which officially closes after Labour Day, Monday, September 4. The installation of the new pool liner earlier in the year was a treat for both visitors and residents, and the addition of the pool shade sail, thanks to the generous contribution of the Friends of the Pool Society, promises cool moments at the Spray Park in seasons to come. Our appreciation goes out to our dedicated staff of lifeguards, who ensured our fun and safety throughout the season. Until next year's splash, thank you for making this summer memorable at the pool!



## Facility Rentals

Planning an upcoming event and searching for the perfect location? Look no further than Diamond Valley, where a variety of excellent facilities are available for booking. Whether it's a skating rink, ball diamond, spacious arena, the versatile Flare n' Derrick Community Hall, or even the municipal campground, we have a range of venues to suit your needs. Contact Loralee at 403-933-5272 or email [bookings@DiamondValley.town](mailto:bookings@DiamondValley.town).

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## Ice Time Bookings Available

Oilfields Regional Arena ice rentals are now available! Visit [bit.ly/OilfieldsRegionalArena](#) for more information.





# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



## MAYOR BARRY CRANE

As we bid adieu to yet another fantastic summer, it's time for the school bells to ring and for many of us to head back to our classrooms and workstations. To all the students, parents, and educators out there, we wish you a super smooth and successful transition back to the school routine. Let's make this academic year one filled with awesome growth and endless learning.

Our town has been a vibrant hub of activity this summer, with a series of fantastic events that have brought our community together. From the cherished tradition of Diamond Valley Parade Day to the breathtaking display of Canada Day Fireworks; the impactful engagement of the Project Green Day community cleanup to the exhilarating unveiling of our new Skatepark; and the heartfelt melodies of the Ian Tyson Memorial Music Festival to the resounding success of the Diamond Valley Show & Shine; these events have truly catapulted our region into the spotlight as a premier summer destination. My heartfelt appreciation goes to the dedicated organizers, volunteers and staff who work tirelessly to breathe life into these exceptional events.

A highlight of the summer season was undoubtedly the Alberta Summer Games, which left a lasting impression on our town. We hosted a section of the torch run, and witnessed the exhilarating mountain bike races on our newly designed course, purpose-built for this special occasion. I commend Jon Nutbrown for his innovative course design and tireless construction efforts. Likewise, a special salute to Leigh Bretzlaff for his exceptional leadership in orchestrating the event and rallying our enthusiastic volunteers in Diamond Valley. The impact of this event on the young participants and their families cannot be overstated, and I take great pride in our town's contribution to its success. I'd also like to extend our gratitude to the Western Sky Land Trust and Turner Valley Golf Course for graciously providing the land upon which this exceptional mountain bike course has been constructed.

As we maintain our commitment to environmental responsibility, I encourage everyone to actively participate in our recycling and composting initiatives. This autumn, throw your yard waste in the green bin instead of the garbage bin. Your green cart also accepts items that you don't want to put in your backyard garden compost such as meat, dairy, fish, bones, breads, fats and weeds. Remember, do not bag recyclables unless it's shredded paper; for the safety of workers, tied bags are assumed to be garbage and are never opened for sorting. If you are unsure what to put in your bags, visit [bit.ly/FAQ3StreamWaste](https://bit.ly/FAQ3StreamWaste) for all the answers. These small efforts can make a big difference in reducing waste and prolonging the life of our landfill.

We live in the beautiful foothills of Kananaskis, and wildlife is part of our community. We need to prevent these majestic creatures from becoming habituated to human food sources; let's do our part to not feed the animals. I kindly request residents with fruit trees to promptly harvest their fruits, a thoughtful measure that can help minimize unwanted wildlife interaction.

Shifting our focus to administrative matters, our Town Council has been diligently addressing many important issues. From budget deliberations to the utility rate review, refining animal control measures, and revisiting RV parking regulations, these discussions have a significant impact on our town's future. Your engagement in these matters is extremely valuable, and we're committed to considering your insights. If you want to stay informed, Town Council meetings can be viewed in person at the new (old) Council Chambers in former Turner Valley, at 514 Windsor Avenue NW, or online after the meetings at [bit.ly/YouTube\\_DV](https://bit.ly/YouTube_DV).

The wheels are in motion for the 2024 Financial Plan, involving extensive collaboration between our administration and Council. This comprehensive process encompasses the 2024–2025 Budget, the 2026–2027 Forecast, the 2024 Capital Plan, and a revised Ten-Year Capital Plan. Your input on essential services is crucial, and the 2024 Financial Plan will be approved during the final meeting of the year – scheduled for December 20, 2023.

I extend my sincere gratitude for your continued support and active involvement in the community, which truly defines Diamond Valley as an exceptional place to live and flourish. Enjoy the change of seasons, and as always, be safe, be kind and be courteous.

*Barry Crane*