



TOWN OF **DIAMOND VALLEY**

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MUNICIPAL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

November / December 2023

Upcoming

Council Meetings

Regular Meetings:

First and third Wednesdays
at 6:30 pm
November 1 & 15
December 6 & 20

Committee of the Whole:

Second Tuesdays
at 6:30 pm
December 12

New: Visit our Online Meeting Portal

This autumn, the Town launched its new online meeting portal.

Now it's easy and interactive to view upcoming Council and Committee meeting agendas, and access previous minutes.

The link to watch Council videos live can also be found on the portal.

diamondvalley.town/CouncilPortal



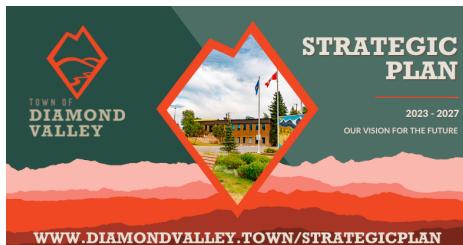
Biweekly Organics Collection Begins Nov 8

Reminder that organics (green bin) collection switches to once every two weeks from November - March. Upcoming pickup dates will be: TV community - Nov 8 & 22 BD community - Nov 15 & 29 The full winter schedule is listed on the Town website.



Diamond Valley Council Releases its 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

Diamond Valley Council has developed a new Strategic Plan; a roadmap for the future of the town. The document, which outlines the vision, mission, and strategic priorities that will guide Council and administration's actions and decisions in the coming years can be found at www.diamondvalley.town/StrategicPlan



Utility Rate Changes Under Consideration

Council is reviewing the rates charged for water and wastewater services in order to align rates and move toward a full cost recovery model for the provision of these services. This will ensure the long term financial sustainability of the system. Visit the [Utility Rate Review Information Centre](#) for information on the proposed changes, and plan to attend the public engagement session happening on Monday, November 27 at 6pm at the Flare n' Derrick Community Hall.

Give or Receive Help this Holiday Season

There are many community supports available to help individuals and families have a happier holiday season. Visit www.diamondvalley.town/HolidaySupports to learn where to receive help and also where you can make a donation.



Free Ice Skating on Sundays

Oilfields Regional Arena hosts free ice skating on Sundays thanks to our local sponsor, Pharmasave! Visit www.diamondvalley.town/ORA-Ice for the schedule.

Thanks! **PHARMASAVE**

The Scott Seaman Outdoor Sports Rink is OPEN for the season! Visit www.diamondvalley.town/SSSR-Ice for public skating and after school shinny schedules.





MAYOR'S MESSAGE



MAYOR BARRY CRANE

As the snowflakes start to fall and we welcome the coziest season of the year, we're looking forward to the holiday events and festivities ahead we make our way into the holiday season.

Our local heroes at Diamond Valley Fire & Rescue are back with their annual [Firefighter Food Drive](#) this fall. Fire department members will be going door to door in the Turner Valley community on Monday, November 13, and Black Diamond community on Tuesday, November 14, from 5:30 - 9:30 pm each night. Please consider donating non-perishable food and household items to the [Oilfields Food Bank](#) which will be given to local families in need this winter. Have the donations ready by the door, or set a bag out on the front porch if you plan to not be home that evening.

The rates for water and wastewater services are under review by Council in order to equalize the rates between the two communities and to move toward full cost recovery for these services. These changes will allow us to maintain a high level of service delivery and plan for future infrastructure investment. The Town will be hosting an open house on Monday, November 27 where residents can find out more and ask questions about the proposed changes. [Read more on the proposed changes](#) including the difference this will make to resident billing and [ask questions through the online form on the Town website](#).

Council has released it's [Strategic Plan](#) that sets the vision and priorities for staff and Council; guidelines that help with decision making and set goals for success. [Visit our website to view or download the plan](#); printed copies are available at the Town Office.

We are currently recruiting a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to lead administration and Council toward achieving these strategic objectives. Qualified applicants should apply before 6:00 pm on November 13th, 2023; [visit the link on the Town website for details](#).

The public works department is reminding residents to remove any driveway ramps or basketball nets from the street to allow for efficient and safe snow removal. Also, due to blockages caused by flushable wipes, there have been a quite a few costly pump repairs needed in the sewage system - remember there is NO SUCH THING AS A FLUSHABLE WIPE! Please do not flush anything but TP, folks.

Municipal enforcement staff has asked us to remind residents that snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours of snowfall, and that it is an offence to throw snow onto the streets. Remember to pile your snow on your own lawns and shrubs (they love it!). These both carry a \$250 penalty in accordance with the [Property Responsibility Bylaw](#), and [concerns can be reported on our website](#).

Local businesses are gearing up to open their doors and light up the night on Saturday, December 2, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm for the annual [Light Up Diamond Valley](#) festivities. Join your friends and neighbours for a wander through the beautifully lit businesses on Centre Avenue and Government Road and take a horse drawn hay wagon ride through the glittering streets. Don't forget to stop in to visit Santa at FUEL, located in the Sheep River Centre on the corner of Centre Avenue and 1st Street SW. If you own a local business and want to be involved, [get in touch through the Town website to request that your name and offerings be added to the event map](#).

The annual [New Year's Eve Celebration](#) is happening on Sunday, December 31, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Join the family dance party, skate on the outdoor rink, get your face painted for free, enjoy a snack or two, and hop aboard a horse-drawn wagon ride! The grand finale will be a fantastic fireworks display at 8:00 pm! Let's celebrate the first full year of our new Town of Diamond Valley and welcome the new adventures to come. To sprinkle a little extra magic on these annual events, we're looking for sponsors for New Year's Eve. Contact us at events@diamondvalley.town if you would like to get involved.

Join us at the Colts Crossing Open House, hosted by QuantumPlace Developments on Tuesday, November 28, at the Flare n' Derrick Community Hall from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Learn about QuantumPlace's application for a new community in Diamond Valley on the eastern edge of town. Visit qengage.ca for more information on the project and find an easy way to provide input via the online form.

This first year as a brand-new municipality has been both challenging and rewarding as we bring together the best our community has to offer and forge a new future for our Town. I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all municipal staff members who work so hard behind the scenes to keep our operations running smoothly. And a big thanks to you, our community members and small business owners whose presence, participation and involvement make Diamond Valley THE very best place to live.

Remember folks, be safe, be kind and be courteous as we embrace the snowy season ahead!

Barry Crane