



TOWN OF **DIAMOND VALLEY**

Upcoming

Council Meetings

Regular Meetings:

First and third Wednesdays
at 6:30 pm

(No meeting January 3)
January 17
February 7 & 21

Committee of the Whole:
February 13
6:30 pm



Notice of Public Hearing
Land Use Bylaw Amendment
2023-31
Wednesday, January 17
6:30pm
Held at the beginning of the
Regular Council Meeting



Biweekly Organics Collection throughout Winter Months

Reminder that organics (green bin)
collection happens once every two
weeks from November - March.

Upcoming pickup dates will be:
TV - Jan 3 & 17, Feb 14 & 28
BD - Jan 10 & 24, Feb 7 & 21

The full winter schedule is listed on
the Town website.



DIAMOND VALLEY **VISTA**

MUNICIPAL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

January / February 2024

Utility Rate Alignment

A Water and Wastewater Utility Rate Review public engagement session was held on November 27, 2023 to explain the proposed utility rate increases and gather feedback from the community. A report has been prepared outlining what was heard from the public both at the session and through the resident feedback online form and via email. At the December 6, 2023 Regular Meeting, Council decided to align the rates between the former towns of Black Diamond and Turner Valley effective January 1, 2024. This change will be reflected on the January-February utility billing, which comes out in early March. Visit www.diamondvalley.town/Utilities for rate information.

Council will discuss the issue of full-cost recovery and future infrastructure projects at the February 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

New Format for Snow Angels Program

Diamond Valley is introducing a new format for the Snow Angels program this year, which is a community initiative providing snow clearing assistance from November 1 to April 30. If you require support due to a lack of household shovelling help, contact Diamond Valley Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) at 587-621-0293 or fcss@diamondvalley.town. Successful applicants will receive a Snow Angel sign to display, signaling the need for assistance. Residents who are able are asked to keep an eye out for these signs and help neighbours in need when the snow falls.



Free and Bookable Ice Times Available

The small outdoor rink next to the SSSR is open for the season, weather permitting. This rink is for SKATING ONLY. Pucks are to be used on the SSSR only, leaving the small rink for those who just want to skate. The Parks crew is doing their best to get the Turner Valley outdoor rink ready, but so far the weather has not been cooperating.



Book the ORA or SSSR for parties or practices
www.diamondvalley.town/DVFacilities.

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

Scott Seaman Outdoor Sports Rink

Visit www.diamondvalley.town/SSSR-Ice for schedules outlining open to public, designated skate after school shinny times.



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Business and animal licences are due to be paid by January 31. Please contact the Town office with any questions at 403-933-4348.

Payments can be submitted [via credit card through the online Option Pay system on the town website](#) or via e-transfer sent to info@diamondvalley.town, or by cheque, cash, credit card or debit at the Town Office.





MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYOR BARRY CRANE



Happy New Year to one and all! It's been a full year since we officially became one united municipality, and the past 12 months have been nothing short of amazing! I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to our incredible staff and Council who have taken the Town through this transition. The journey we've embarked upon together has been a learning experience, and I'm proud of how we've grown and worked as a team. The collaboration we've achieved is setting the stage for even better service delivery to our residents.

The recent Utility Rate Review (URR) Open House/Public Engagement Session had a fantastic turn out. I want to thank each of you who participated either by attending or contributing your thoughts through the online form or email comments. The *What We Heard Report* is now available on the [URR webpage](#).

Council heard loud and clear from the citizens that full cost recovery needed work, and what we presented was not good enough. Council will take that into full consideration at the February 13 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and will have a full debate how to move forward regarding utility prices, full cost recovery and building reserves for future infrastructure projects. We appreciate everyone's voice and want you to know we heard you.

A special thank you goes out to our Operations/Public Works teams—Roads, Parks, and Recreation—for their hard work during the winter season. Help keep our streets safe - please shovel snow into your yards, flowerbeds and under your trees, not onto roadways. Do your part to keep sidewalks safe for all our residents this winter. Free sand is available in big yellow bins at key locations including the Town Office at 301 Centre Avenue, the back parking lot of Council Chambers at 514 Windsor Avenue, the Flare 'n Derrick Community Hall, the Public Park on Decalta Road and at the Park and Ride lot near the bridge on Centre Avenue.

This year we have a new Snow Angels program aimed at helping those unable to shovel their sidewalks and driveways. A blue sign located on the front yard or in the window indicates the resident needs help clearing snow. There is no need to formally register to be a Snow Angel; just grab your shovel and lend a hand, it will be greatly appreciated! Those residents needing help are asked to contact Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) by phoning 587-621-0743 or via email fcss@diamondvalley.town.

If you have taken down your Christmas tree and want to dispose of it, set it out on your curb (undecorated) for the operations staff to pick up, or cut them down and add them to your green bin. The winter schedule for organics pickup (every 2 weeks) can be found on the [Town website](#).

I encourage you to make the most of winter and take advantage of our many outdoor amenities, whether it's skating at the rinks or enjoying the toboggan hills. Let's all embrace the Canadian spirit by participating in these classic winter activities! Information about skating rink schedules and bookable town facilities can be found at www.diamondvalley.town/DVFacilities.

We are ushering in a bright and shiny new year, full of possibilities; let's all take this very special time to make incredible memories that we will cherish in the months and years to come. Reach out to a neighbour and lend a helping hand where you can. As always, be safe, be kind, and be courteous.

Barry Crane