



TOWN OF **DIAMOND VALLEY**

DIAMOND VALLEY **VISTA**

MUNICIPAL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

March / April 2025

Upcoming

Council Meetings

March 5

Regular Council Meeting

March 19

Regular Council Meeting

April 2

Regular Council Meeting

April 9

Committee of the Whole

April 16

Regular Council Meeting

The public portion of all meetings begins at 6:00pm.

View Agendas and Minutes as well as the link to watch live at DiamondValley.town/Council

**Diamond Valley
Municipal Campground**
**ONLINE BOOKING
AVAILABLE NOW**
WWW.DIAMONDVALLEY.TOWN

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New \$2 Paper Utility Bill Charge
Save the \$2 fee
by Registering for
eServices
DiamondValley.town/eServices

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

Please do not provide food sources that may attract wild animals.
Report concerns at 403-933-0334
DIAMONDVALLEY.TOWN/WILDLIFE



Speak Out about the Downtown Cell Tower

The Town has been notified of an application to place a 35-metre cell tower in the heart of the historic Downtown District in the Turner Valley community of Diamond Valley. Town Council strongly opposes this location. The approving authority is Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), meaning the Town's objection alone will not be enough to stop it. **Community action is critical.** Residents are encouraged to write to ISED and the applicant to oppose this development before the deadline on April 4, 2025. See the Mayor's Message or the Town website for more ideas of what to include in your letter of concern.

Send your concerns before April 4, 2025 to:

Applicant Contact:

Planning Manager
Shared Tower Inc.

1300 Cornwall Rd., Unit 101
Oakville, ON L6J 7W5

Email: municipalwest@sharedtower.ca

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

Southern Alberta District Office
Harry Hays Building

220 - 4th Avenue SE, Suite 478
Calgary AB T2G 4X3

Email: spectrumcalgary-calgaryspectre@ised-ised.gc.ca*

* Refer to Site STCA153 in your correspondence *

More information at DiamondValley.town/DTCellTower

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Diamond Valley Parade and Festival!

Saturday, June 7

Parade Entries, Volunteers, Vendors and Sponsors Needed

DiamondValley.town/ParadeAndFestival

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Diamond Valley Family and Community Support Services

Community Volunteer Income Tax Filing Clinics

Tuesday, March 11
Tuesday, April 1
10am - 3 pm
Sheep River Library

OR Drop-Off Service Available at Town Office

**Weekly COMPOST
PICKUP RESUMES
APRIL 2**

Affordable Transportation Pilot Program for Low-Income Seniors

A new regional pilot project is making transportation more accessible for low-income seniors aged 55+ in Diamond Valley, Foothills County, High River, and Nanton. Funded through the Healthy Aging Alberta initiative, with support from the Government of Alberta and United Way, this one-year program provides affordable transportation options to help seniors attend medical appointments, social events, and community services.

Limited transportation options can be a major barrier for older adults who want to live independently, particularly in rural areas. Through collaboration with local Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), this initiative ensures eligible seniors stay connected with family, friends, and essential services. The Better Together pilot project is designed to enhance mobility, independence, and inclusion for seniors in these communities.

For more details on eligibility and how to access this service, visit DiamondValley.town/Transit.

**Better
TOGETHER
SUBSIDIZED TRANSPORTATION**

For low-income residents age 55+
REGIONAL PILOT PROJECT
DIAMOND VALLEY - FOOTHILLS COUNTY - HIGH RIVER - NANTON
Funded by Healthy Aging Alberta

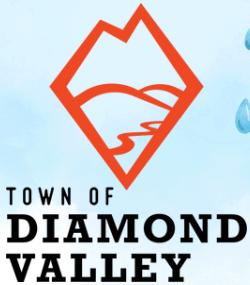
Find out if you qualify and register for the program by calling Suzan at 403-933-4348

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Healthy Aging Alberta

www.DiamondValley.town

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Barry Crane



As March brings the first signs of spring and a renewed sense of energy in our community, I want to address an important issue that impacts our community.

Council and I are very concerned about the proposed 35-meter (>100') cell tower in the heart of Turner Valley's historic downtown, a location we believe is unsuitable. While we strongly oppose this development, cell towers are federally regulated by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), meaning the final decision is out of our hands. ISED will review public input before deciding, so if you have concerns, please submit them by April 4, 2025. While health concerns won't be considered, issues like heritage preservation, siting and location concerns, safety, and environmental impact will carry more weight. For more details on submitting your objections, visit DiamondValley.town/DTCellTower or refer to the ad on the reverse. Your voice matters—please make it heard!

One project Council is enthusiastic about supporting is a new Disc Golf Course! Town Public Works / Civic Operations will be collaborating with the project's proponent this spring to clear a course near the Field of Dreams next to the river between the two communities. The Town will be purchasing the necessary baskets and amenities needed to support the course and we are looking forward to launching some discs this summer! The project team is currently looking for sponsors, with signage opportunities available in the course area for business, individual & family sponsors. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the course building later this spring. For more information or to get involved, please visit DiamondValley.town/DiscGolf.

This spring also brings significant changes to how waste will be managed. Thanks to the new provincial Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system, starting April 1, the costs of recycling will largely be borne by manufacturers, relieving some of the financial pressure from our community. Starting May 1, garbage collection will move to every two weeks, while recycling and compost (April – October) collection will remain weekly. Some residents may have a slight change to their collection days. These changes are being implemented in many communities to encourage better use of recycling and composting, helping extend the life of our landfill and reduce waste. Your patience and cooperation during this change is appreciated. To receive garbage day reminders, sign up at DiamondValley.town/NotifyMe. We will provide more details as these changes approach.

Looking ahead, the Diamond Valley Parade and Festival will be happening on Saturday, June 7 this year. Council decided on September 18 to keep the parade route on the inner loop again this year, avoiding having to shutdown highway traffic and the need for contracting security/flappers to manage those closures. There was great feedback from event goers and residents regarding the ease of travelling through town. I encourage everyone to visit and shop in the downtown Black Diamond community before and after the Parade prior to attending the Festival in Turner Valley. Visit DiamondValley.town/ParadeAndFestival for more information about how you can participate and what to expect on the big day. Registrations are open for parade entries, volunteers and sponsors!

In an effort to move towards a cost-recovery model, January 1 was the start of the new utility rates and a \$2 paper billing fee, reflected on your current bill. To avoid the paper billing fee, sign-up to receive your bills by email at DiamondValley.town/eServices.

We understand that these changes may not be pleasant; but please keep interactions with staff respectful. Due to recent incidents of inappropriate behaviour, a 'Customer Code of Conduct' has been implemented. Please remember that frontline staff are not the decision-makers. If you have concerns, I encourage you to direct them to the CAO or Council through email, written submissions for the agenda, or by speaking during Question Period at a Council meeting.

I know the world stage is in a state of unprecedented change and we have many unknowns with how the tariff war will unfold, but we are a resilient town and I know we will face these challenges head on. Let's remember to support local at every corner store and market. Empower our fellow Albertans and Canadian businesses and be thoughtful of the hardships of others that may not be so obvious. Diamond Valley is growing and there is a lot of interest in our community from new investors, developers and most importantly new families. Our community spirit is attractive and our positive attitudes as a whole continue to make our community welcoming and warm. I'd like to thank everyone for making our town the best place in Alberta to raise a family, live, work and play.

Let's continue to embrace the changes and challenges we face with a spirit of cooperation and community. And as always, be safe, be kind, and be courteous.

Barry Crane