

Your Town News

MAY 2021

Mayor Stuart's Community Message

Welcome to the month of May. Hopefully we will get some moisture to aid with the spring seeding and gardening.

BDO Canada Chartered Accountants attended the April 26th Town Council meeting to present the 2020 Audited Financial Statements for the Town of Bowden. Town Council was pleased to hear that we had a "clean audit" with no concerns brought forward by the auditors. The net change in our financial assets for 2020 was \$44,716.00. Considering that 2020 was a turbulent year it was nice to see the budget end on a positive.

Town Council is planning to host a Public Hearing on May 25th starting at 6:30 p.m. Due to the current Covid restrictions this Public Hearing will need to be held in a virtual format. At this time, we are looking at a "zoom" format where any interested parties would be able to attend through the internet. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow public feedback on the proposed Land Use Bylaw. In depth information is available on the town web site: www.bowden.ca After accessing the website scroll down to "LATEST NEWS & NOTICES. Right click on "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING- READ MORE. All meeting information is provided on the notice. At the bottom of the notice, you can view a copy of the proposed Bylaw 04-2021. This is a comprehensive bylaw which will regulate and control use of lands, buildings and signage within the Town of Bowden. The proposed bylaw shows the changes that would have been made to Land Use Bylaw 08-2012. This is an 80 page document with many new clauses and changes that will come into effect upon the bylaw receiving third reading. **I WOULD STRONGLY ENCOURAGE OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS TO VIEW THE PROPOSED BYLAW.** Copies and more information are available at the Town Office.

We have seen a significant increase in Covid-19 cases in our area. Alberta Health Services is warning Alberta residents of the increase in variant cases which are more easily spread. Active case numbers in our area as of April 26th are: Mountain View County -90, Red Deer County -163, Innisfail -77, Sundre -21, Olds -112, Red Deer -683 and Sylvan Lake -94.

Warm regards,

Mayor Robb Stuart