

MAY 2022

Your Town News

MAYOR STUART'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

At our April 11th Town Council meeting, a motion was carried unanimously to approve the 2021 Audited Financial Statements as presented by BDO Canada LLP. The auditing firm said that the Town of Bowden had a "clean audit", which means that they did not find any issues or concerns with any of the financial material that was provided to them. They also said that they were pleased with the cooperation and assistance that they received from the administration and staff from the Town of Bowden. A copy of the 2021 Audited Financial Statements is available at the Town Office.

I would like to correct a false statement that was published in The Albertan newspaper dated Tuesday, April 26th. In an article on page nine, the opening sentence is correct that "Town Council did pass a \$2.8 million operating budget for 2022". The next sentence is completely inaccurate. It says "that figure is up about \$1 million from last year's figure and up \$2 million from two years ago". The facts are the Town of Bowden had a \$2,701,697 operating budget in 2021 and a \$2,751,202 operating budget in 2020.

It is with regret that Town Council has accepted the resignation of our Chief Administrative Officer, Greg Skotheim. Greg has decided to retire after putting in many years in municipal government. His expertise will be missed, but we wish Greg all the best in his retirement. Town Council has hired DCG Executive Search Services Ltd. to search for a new Chief Administrative Officer. This company has an excellent reputation and has successfully filled many senior management positions for municipalities.

We are moving forward with industrial growth on the west side of the railroad tracks. This has necessitated the closure of the burn pit. Information on alternative sites is available from the Town Office.

I would like to thank the organizers of the Volunteer Supper that was held at the Paterson Bowden Community Hall on April 27th. Many of our volunteers and their families enjoyed pizza that was provided by the Pizza Café. We are fortunate to have so many local people that volunteer on numerous committees that benefit Bowden and District.

At our April 25th meeting, Town Council gave first and second readings to Animal Bylaw 03/22. Town Council will give third reading to this bylaw at our May 9th Town Council meeting. More information is available from the Town Office.

Town Council will be hosting an Open House at the Bowden Friendship Center on May 30th at 7 pm. Please take this opportunity to interact with Town Council. We look forward to having a beneficial dialogue with our residents. We encourage those attending to bring a non-perishable food donation for the Food Bank.

Warm Regards,

Robb Stuart



IMPORTANT DATES:

May 6th & 7th

"Drinking Habits" Dinner theatre - 5 pm

May 8th

Mother's Day

May 9th

Regular Council Meeting - 7 pm

May 11th

Vision Board Workshop - 6:30 pm

May 23rd

Victoria Day (Town Office Closed)

May 24th

Regular Council Meeting - 7 pm

May 27th

Grad Cap & Gown Ceremony

May 30th

Council Open House - 7 pm