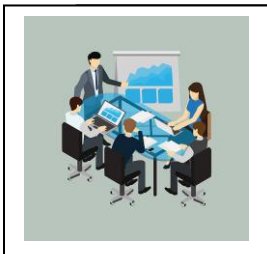
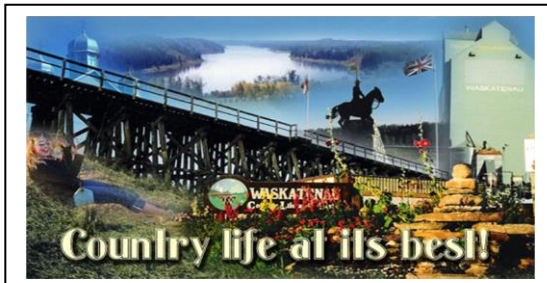


VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023

Village Office (780) 358-2208



ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

OCTOBER 2023

Municipal Council

MAYOR RICHARD WARREN

DEPUTY MAYOR TYSON BERLINGUETTE

COUNCILLOR ROY KRAHULEC

/PUBLIC WORKS ADVISOR

Website: www.waskatenau.ca

Email: waskvillage@mcsnet.ca

Check out the Council Meeting

Minutes on the Village Website



2023 MUNICIPAL UPDATE

🌻 The Village of Waskatenau application to utilize funding under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Capital grant program for project titled: Recreation and Community Facility Rehabilitation was approved by Alberta Municipal Affairs in the amount of \$118,000.00. Victoria Trail Ag. Society – Arena – new roof materials – 90,000.00; Waskatenau Curling Rink – rehabilitation of ice plant refrigeration system - \$10,000.00; Waskatenau Community Centre – new fire suppression system in the kitchen - \$10,000.00; Waskatenau ball diamonds – new shale materials for infield, bleacher upgrades and outfield signage - \$8,000.00.

🌻 The Police Funding Requisition paid by the Village of Waskatenau to the Provincial Government in 2023 was in the amount of \$7,327.00.

🌻 The Village of Waskatenau passed the following Bylaws: Bylaw #701-2023 to adopt the Smoky Lake Region Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF); Bylaw #702-2023 to establish an Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and Bylaw #703-2023 for the purpose to change the name of the Doctor Recruitment & Retention Committee to the Physicians and Healthcare Professionals Committee.

🌻 A letter was sent to the Honourable Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice seeking the Province's consideration to re-establish Courthouse services in the Town of Smoky Lake.

🌻 The Village of Waskatenau is in discussion with the Smoky Lake County regarding using their Community Peace Officer and /or Bylaw Enforcement Services within the Village.

🌻 The Village of Waskatenau will be participating in the Rural Emergency Crime Capture Program and has registered the Village street cameras with the program.

🌻 Public Works will be completing an inspection and inventory of the sidewalk conditions in the Village.

🌻 The Village of Waskatenau will be participating in a joint Smoky Lake Region letter to the Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, seeking opportunities in support of senior housing initiatives and expansion of seniors lodging within the Region.

🌻 Seniuk & Company was appointed as the new municipal auditor for the Village of Waskatenau for a three year term.

🌻 The Village of Waskatenau sent a letter to the Honourable Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors commending the Province's plan to address the issues with Highway #28 and engaging with municipal stakeholders.

🌻 The Regional Engineering Design Standards (REDS) for the Smoky Lake Region have been completed and can be viewed on the Village website. The purpose of the design standards is to provide regulations to Developers for municipal developments.

🌻 The "Service Assessment and Economic Development Strategy – Smoky Lake Region report was adopted by the Village of Waskatenau as an information resource document.

🌻 In partnership with the municipalities in the Smoky Lake Region, the Village of Waskatenau will be applying for a 2023-2024 Alberta Community Partnership grant for the following project studies: Regional Recreation Services Inventory and Operations Feasibility Study; Regional Environmental Sensitivity Study; Regional Infrastructure and Engineering Study.

🌻 Other areas for future Smoky Lake Regional collaboration may include: Regional Communication Strategy's, Regional Heritage Tourism and Regional Family and Community Social Services (FCSS).



DRIVE HAPPINESS PROGRAM

What is Drive Happiness? It is a **Regional Smoky Lake transportation program** that is focused on helping seniors connect with volunteers to drive them to medical appointments and receive gas reimbursement in exchange. We are looking for volunteer drivers to build our roster for this program. Providing a senior with the means to manage their mobility makes for a happy passenger. You are literally driving happiness! Are you interested in helping us help the seniors in our community?

Call Drive Happiness to volunteer as a driver today!
1-888-336-4503 or 780-424-5438
DRIVEHAPPINESS.CA

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED
HELP SENIORS GET TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS, STORES, AND MORE!

- COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE
- FUEL REIMBURSEMENT
- HIGHLY REWARDING

780-424-5438 | DRIVEHAPPINESS.CA

ATCO ELECTRIC LED STREETLIGHT CONVERSION PROGRAM

The Village of Waskatenau passed a motion at our Council Meeting to proceed with a LED Conversion Program provided by ATCO Electric for updating the Street lights in the Village of Waskatenau. An agreement for the LED Conversion Program was executed with ATCO with the conversion to be completed by the end of December 2023.

The Streetlight Conversion to LED factors:

- Reduces energy consumption – cost savings.
- LED lights hold a longer life span.
- No cost to the municipality to convert to the LED Conversion Program.
- Streetlight comparison between old style lighting HPS and LED lights is available at the Village Office.



DOG LICENCE

The Village of Waskatenau reminds all dog owners to get a dog licence from the Village Office annually. The owner of a dog shall apply for an annual license for each dog and shall pay an annual fee as set out in the Bylaw. The owner of an animal shall obtain the annual license for each dog on the first day when the Village Office is open for business after New Year's Day in every year.

Dog Barking will not be tolerated and you will be contacted by the Village Office. A REMINDER THAT ALL DOGS MUST BE WALKED ON LEASHES AND OWNERS MUST CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOGS.

WASKATENAU CREEK TRAIL CONNECTIVITY STUDY

The Village of Waskatenau was approved for an Alberta Community Partnership grant jointly with the Smoky Lake County in the amount of \$152,474.00 for a Waskatenau Creek Intermunicipal Trail Connectivity Study to the North Saskatchewan River. Further information will be provided to the Residents in regards to the Study in the near future.



The Village of Waskatenau is currently discussing the vacant commercial buildings on our Main Street. There is some interest for small Business start-up in the community. The Village of Waskatenau has contacted the Owners of the vacant buildings to inquire what they are doing with their buildings in the future.

The Village allows you to pay your property taxes monthly. Contact the Village Office for details.

2023 COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Bingo	Thursday Nights at Hall
November 11/2023	Remembrance Day Ceremony at Hall
December 1/2023	Annual Village Christmas Light-Up Event & Holy Family School Christmas Market
December 19, 2023	Holy Family School Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm

The Village is looking at obtaining cost estimates for Highway signage to advertise what type of Businesses we have in our Community and what we have for Community Facilities.

The Village Public Works will snowplow your driveway for a \$10.00 service fee and the rate of \$60.00/hr for larger areas.



Alberta families and non-profit organizations can now apply for funding from Every Kid Can Play program to access affordable sport, physical activity and recreation programs for children and teens. For more visit...[Every Kid Can Play Program](#)

Join a Community Group Today in the Village of Waskatenau – Call the Village Office for Info!