



## **What's coming up in 2019**

Council has passed the budget for 2019.

Council relies on advice and expertise from the engineers to determine what capital projects are of critical importance.

By taking this information into consideration, they can approve infrastructure repairs where most needed while minimizing tax increases.

### **FOR 2019, THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL PROJECTS WERE APPROVED:**

**A NEW ARENA CHILLER & CONDENSER**

**EDNA SUBDIVISION ROAD IMPROVEMENTS; 46 ST., 57 AVE. & 55 AVE.**

**STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS; 50<sup>TH</sup> AVE (EAST OF HIGHWAY 831)**

**STORM SEWER/CONTRACTED SERVICES**

**ANNEXED ROAD MAINTENANCES**

**HIGH TREE TRIMMING UNDER STREET LIGHTS**

**MOBILE POWER PLANT/ A NEW DIESEL GENERATOR**

**NEW 1 TON SANDER WITH WIRELESS REMOTE**

**TOTAL COST FOR THESE PROJECTS WILL BE \$1,072,200**



*City Living*

*Country Style*

## **2018 YEAR IN REVIEW**

Its time to say farewell to 2018 and look ahead to see what is in store for 2019. Now is the time to review the Town's achievements and to look at what is in store.

It has been a busy year for our Mayor, Bill Skinner, and Councillors Doug Pewarchuk, David Taylor, Jody Foulds, Al Harvey, Perry Koroluk, and Kirk Perrin. Mayor Bill Skinner received the Distinguished Service Award for over 20 years of service, the AUMA Conference. CAO Sandi Maschmeyer retired the end of December after 32 years of service. Thank you, Mayor Skinner and Sandi Maschmeyer, for your dedication to the Town. We are looking forward to working with Christine Beveridge as the new CAO in 2019.

The fourth annual Community Fair and Perogy Festival was amazing! So many activities enjoyed by the large crowd. A huge thank you to the volunteers and the Fair Committee for getting it all together and ensuring it ran smoothly. We changed it up this year with a Demo Derby. Regretfully there will not be a Community Fair in 2019. If you have ideas for new activities and want to help us in 2020, please call the Town Office for information. We are always looking for more volunteers!

The 6th annual "Baba's and Borshch Ukrainian Festival" was held in Lamont on Aug 25 & 26, 2018. With a fun-filled weekend of Ukrainian food and culture.

The weather for the annual Lamont Christmas Light up cooperated this year, bringing a large crowd into town. Residents enjoyed a day of Christmas festivities, from cookie decorating and making crafts to taking pictures with Santa and singing carols. The highlight was the fireworks and a visit from Santa to turn on the lights at the Town Office. This was followed by a bus tour around town to see all the great homes decorated! None of this would be possible without the Light Up Committee and the amazing volunteers that make up this group. Your work and dedication are most appreciated, and we thank you very much! If you are interested in helping, please contact the Town Office.

Growth continued in Lamont through 2018, with three new home permits issued, and a Petro Canada Gas Bar and Convenience Store being built. We welcome L&M Tax and Bookkeeping Services along with e-MCi. We are very excited for these additions to our Community.

The Alberta Health Services presented "Curious About Cannabis". As of October 17th, cannabis became legal in Alberta.

### **The 2018 Capital projects completed:**

The 51 St and 52 St improvements to curbs and road pavement; 52 Ave- Water main and road improvement; Public Works shop roof repaired; Purchased a Chevrolet Quad Cab Truck; French Drain system to alleviate water pooling around playground at Hillside Park; Upgrade on Lift Station has been finished; Welcome Town Signage on Hwy. 831 has been finished with landscaping and a solar light; Grant for pour in place rubber for the spray park was denied but will be reapplied this year. Repaving of Highway 831 and the crosswalk at Duke Dr and 56 Ave have been finished.

## Development of Community Services Support for Family and Youth

Goal: To seek and pursue the development of services for individuals, families and youth, with appropriate partners, to improve the attractiveness of the Town of Lamont to all age groups.

*Town of Lamont FCSS is administrated by Lamont County FCSS*

## Development of Parks

Goal: To develop an overall park and green space development strategy.

*We have done a lot of work on Hillside Park over the last few years, with the help of donations from local residents and companies. The Memorial Tree is now completed on the side of our expanded Picnic Pavilion. If you want a leaf on our tree, have a look on our website for our Park Sponsorship information. The Queens monument Plaque has been refinished and installed, flags have been put up on existing poles, 2 benches put on Mallards Landing and the drainage around Playground and Splash park in Hillside Park has been redone with a French drain system to alleviate the water pooling in the area.*

*Obtained Sponsorship funds for the following:*

*In 2018, 10 Trees planted in Hillside Park and added 1 Refuse/Recycle bin*

*-purchased 2 additional pieces of exercise equipment that will be installed in 2019*

*-Bike Skills Park will be started in 2019*

*A Committee of dedicated Volunteers have begun fundraising for the Bike Skills Park. They are planning an event in April which you can purchase pre-tickets at the Town Office, get yours before they are sold out as it is of limited quantity.*



## Development of Residential/Commercial/Industrial Plans and Areas

Goal 1: To establish a long-range plan for growth related to the Municipal Development Plan (MDP).

*Our Land Use Bylaw rewrite has been completed and is now available on our website or in the Town office.*

Goal 2: To enhance the reputation of events and municipal features in the Town of Lamont to improve their attractiveness to the travelling public.

*We continue to have for 2019: Lamont light up, Remembrance Day, Picnic in the Park, Community Awareness, Town Wide Garage Sale, Town Wide clean up, and Babas and Borsch.*

*Lamont Community Fair and Perogy Festival unfortunately will not proceed in 2019.*

## Good Governance

**Goal 1:** To ensure all elements of Council and Administration operations are meeting the ongoing needs of the residents of the Town of Lamont via contemporary, transparent, and effective means of governance.

*All the Town Council meeting minutes and agendas are available online at [www.lamont.ca](http://www.lamont.ca). Council meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month and all members of the public are welcome to attend the open sessions. This past year we have added "Council Highlights" on our website.*

*Administration and Council continue to review and revise old policies and bylaws as well as write new ones as needed to promote a safe, equitable environment to work and live in.*

*Bylaw changes for 2018*

*02/18 Utility Services Bylaw*

*03/18 LUB Amendment – Retail Alcohol*

*05/18 Animal Control Bylaw*

*06/18 LUB Amendment – Cannabis*

*07/18 Community Standards Bylaw*

*08/18 Taxation Rates Bylaw*

*09/18 Public Notification Bylaw*

*10/18 Designated Officer Bylaw*

*11/18 Council Code of Conduct Bylaw*

*12/18 Town of Lamont Parks Bylaw*

*13/18 Smoking Bylaw*

*14/18 Borrowing Bylaw*

**Goal 2:** To continually seek ways to improve communication from the Town to its residents to encourage broader awareness, interest, and participation.

*The Town of Lamont Facebook page has updated information on events and important information as well as our website is updated regularly and provides key information about the Town of Lamont. You will find information about local businesses, Council meetings and bylaws along with other informative information. Check us out at [www.lamont.ca](http://www.lamont.ca)*

## Infrastructure

**Goal 1:** To establish an on-going plan for the maintenance, preservation, replacement and upgrading of existing roads, sidewalks and services.

**Goal 2:** To establish consistent engineering standards for development and maintenance of new roads, sewers and water infrastructure.

**Goal 3:** To establish an on-going maintenance plan and to budget annually for the upgrading of existing facilities.

**Goal 4:** To establish an on-going maintenance plan and to budget annually for the upgrading of existing equipment and vehicles.

**Goal 5:** To foster a positive relationship with all arena user groups to support continued maintenance and improvement of the arena to the benefit of all citizens and facility users.

*These goals are a little less tangible and are ones that Council will consider with budget deliberations.*

*More thought and time are required to make the right decisions to set the Town up to be in a good position for infrastructure condition. With the new CAO this will be a focus for 2019.*

In addition to these projects we continue to maintain daily operations while making changes that have a positive effect on the Town and its residents. While it is impossible to capture everything that is done throughout the course of the year, this is a list of some of the key items:

- ❖ Several water breaks due to deteriorated 40 yr old service saddles which were replaced
- ❖ Several hundred meters of main sewer line replaced
- ❖ Murals painted by Robert Murray
- ❖ Graded all back alleys throughout Town
- ❖ Refurbished North town entrance sign
- ❖ Completed the repair on the Queens Monument
- ❖ Town wide clean up was a success
- ❖ The Town of Lamont Emergency Management Agency has updated our Municipal Emergency Plan
- ❖ Spring street sweeping
- ❖ Road pot hole repair
- ❖ Flushed and repaired fire hydrants and sewers
- ❖ Sidewalks leveled/cut by Safe sidewalks Canada
- ❖ Asphalt crack filling completed
- ❖ Line and curb painting
- ❖ Repaired drainage issues
- ❖ Picnic in the park
- ❖ Remembrance Day ceremony
- ❖ Participated in Community Awareness
- ❖ Town Wide Garage Sale
- ❖ New lettering for the Arena and Hall
- ❖ New crosswalk lights at Duke Dr. and 56 Ave is up and working now.
- ❖ Wheelchair ramp for the arena stands installed



**We are looking forward to a successful 2019 as we continue to improve our service delivery and ensure that our residents have the quality of life that small town living can provide.**

**We are so fortunate that our volunteers take the time from their busy lives to contribute to the successes of the Town. Events such as Picnic in the Park, Lamont Community Fair and the annual Christmas Light Up could not happen without you. We thank each and every one of you and look forward to hearing from you in 2019.**

**THANK YOU!!**

**As we look forward to 2019, we need *fresh ideas and new volunteers*, as the Town events can not happen without you!**