



TOWN UPDATES & INFORMATION

JULY/AUGUST 2020

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

JULY 14, 7:00 PM

JULY 28 - SUMMER RECESS

AUGUST 11 - SUMMER RECESS

AUGUST 25, 7:00 PM

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

AUGUST 3 - HERITAGE DAY

SEPTEMBER 7 - LABOUR DAY

TOWN EVENTS:

LARGE ITEM PICK-UP
JULY 16 AND JULY 23

PICNIC IN THE PARK
(POSTPONED TO 2021)

SUMMER SIZZLER PARADE
(POSTPONED TO 2021)

BABAS & BORSHCH
(POSTPONED TO 2021)

KEY DATES:

PROPERTY TAXES DUE: AUGUST 31

PROPERTY TAX PENALTY: SEPTEMBER 1

DEADLINE TO FILE COMPLAINT: JULY 28

UTILITY DEFERRAL PROGRAM END:
JUNE 30

Large Item Pick-Up

Do you have large items in your home and no way to move or discard them?

The Town of Lamont will be having a large item pick-up event on July 16 and 23.

The Town will pick up your unwanted large items such as couches, shelves, tables, appliances and mattresses (Limit of 2 items per household). Please note that fridges/freezers, mattresses/box springs have a small fee which will need to be paid with registration.

Items must be removed from your home and placed curbside prior to your pickup date.

You must register your items in advance with the Town office by calling (780-895-2010), any applicable fees will be arranged during registration.

Don't miss your chance, all registrations are due by July 14, 2020.

Community "Virtual Garden Party"

Do you have a green thumb? Have you been working on landscaping and decorating? Are you growing a garden with your children, or do you have an abundance of beautiful flowers in your yard?

You are invited to attend our "Virtual Garden Party"! Anyone can attend, here's how...

Simply take a picture or video of your garden, backyard and/or front yard, and email to general@lamont.ca and your submission will be added to a presentation which will be featured on our Facebook page for all residents to enjoy the beauty of our community.

Deadlines for submissions are August 31, 2020, and we will be giving away something special, you just have to enter!

Budget Consultation Survey Coming Soon!

Council has a strong desire to engage with our residents to better understand and identify our community's priorities.

For the upcoming 2021 Budget we have taken the opportunity to plan and prepare a survey, for residents and local businesses, which will be widely circulated. Your participation and feedback will be evaluated and form part of a report which will be presented to Council and help shape the upcoming Budget for 2021.

Please keep an eye out on our website and social media for further news on the survey launch, and we look forward to hearing and sharing your input!

Town of Lamont 2020 Capital Project

As many are aware, Kantrax Contracting Ltd. has started watermain, roadway and sidewalk reconstruction work as of May 29, 2020. This construction is scheduled in four phases and will occur along 51 Street, between 50th Avenue and 47th Avenue.

We ask that all business owners, residents and visitors be aware of the following:

- Observe and obey all road closure barricades and No Parking signs.
- Be aware of temporary sidewalk closures.
- Stay clear of the construction areas and use open sidewalks only.
- Communicate to children to stay away from equipment and construction sites.

Additionally, please be considerate when seeking alternative parking during the construction period. You may park in residential areas during this time, but we ask that you take care to not block access to residential driveways and businesses in the area. Additional parking may be available in the parking lot located on 47th Avenue across from OK Tire.

Questions or concerns during the project can be directed to:

Mark Trenchard
Project Manager
Kantrax@telus.net
780-220-5787

TOWN CONTACT INFORMATION:

5307 - 50 AVENUE
BOX 330, LAMONT, AB T0B 2R0

PHONE: 780-895-2010
EMAIL: GENERAL@LAMONT.CA
WEBSITE: WWW.LAMONT.CA

PUBLIC WORKS (EMERGENCY)
780-719-6865

ANIMAL CONTROL
780-895-2010

COMPOST YARD:

The Town Compost Yard is open and operates from 9 a.m. to 12 noon every Saturday.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN RCMP:
780-992-6100 (NON-EMERGENCY)

FOR EMERGENCY CALL 911

RV Parking Guidelines What You Need to Know...

Summer is here and we want to take a moment to remind residents that RV parking may occur in front of your home IF the parking area is on-site and is a paved, hardtop surface such as a driveway or parking pad. RVs may not be parked on grass or landscaped areas and you may not park your RV in your front yard or on Town owned/public lands. *Bylaw 06/17*

RVs may be parked on the roadway if it is still attached to your vehicle and is in the area of the roadway immediately adjoining the owner or operator's place of residence, and for no more than 24 consecutive hours. *Bylaw 10/16*

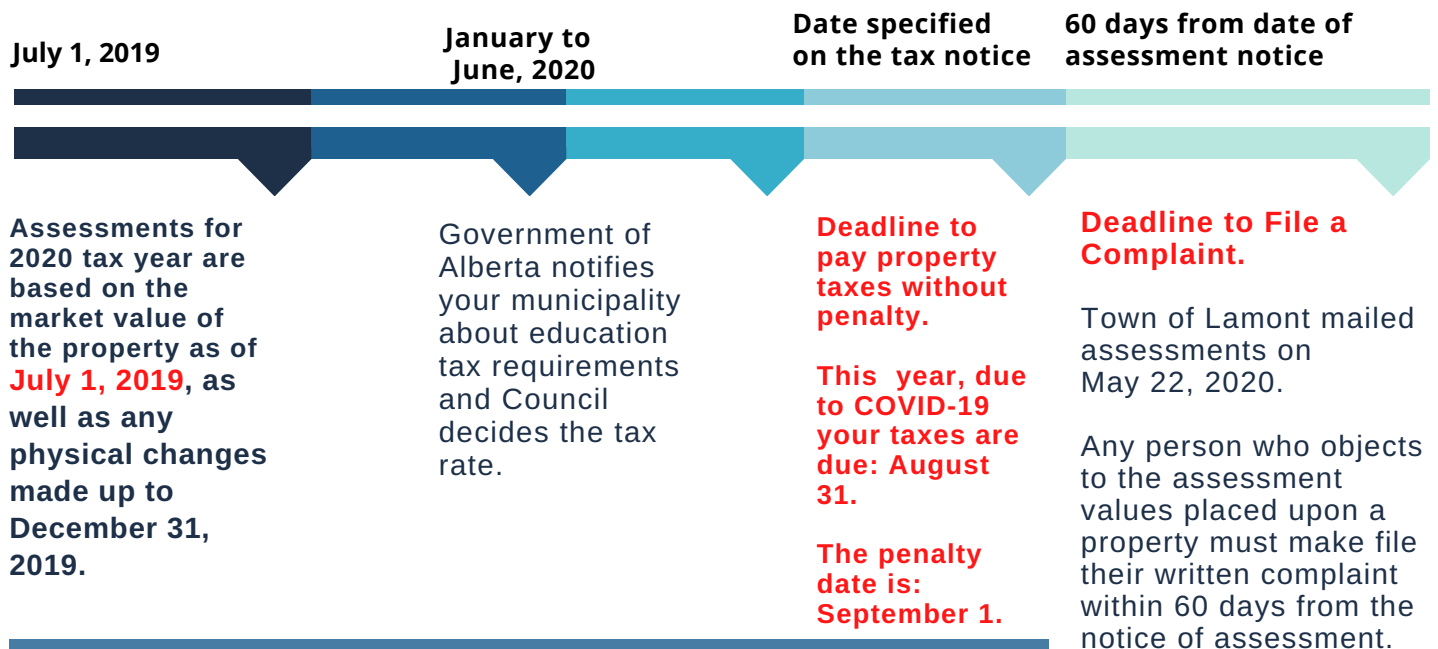
Live-Stream Council Meetings Join Us Online

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic Council's priority has been to maintain communication with our residents and businesses.

Thanks to applications like Zoom, YouTube and Facebook we have been able to live-stream Council meetings to our Facebook page and respond to your comments in real time. Additionally, we have had the ability to record our Council meetings and have now added these videos to our new YouTube channel. We are so happy that residents who were unable to join the meetings now have a variety of options to engage, watch, and replay at their own leisure. Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/TownofLamontAlberta and our YouTube channel is under Town of Lamont.

Property Tax Assessments Assessment & Tax Process Information

Your property's assessed value amount on your notice is an estimate of the market value of your property as of **July 2019**. The assessor uses sales and estimated market value of your property leading up to July of 2019, as well as any physical changes to December 31, 2019, to establish the amount reflected on your tax notice.



For further information and resources on Property Taxes and Assessments, including the Town's Complete 2020 Assessment Roll, please visit our website:
www.lamont.ca/Property-Taxes

This due date is July 28, 2020.

COVID-19 Response Relaunch Information for Residents

The Government of Alberta announced that Province will be moving into Phase 2 of the Relaunch Strategy (with a few Phase 3 integrations) on Friday, June 12th, 2020.

Council and staff share the relief and excitement felt by our community as we navigate through safely re-opening amenities and start to resume activities that have been missed for so long.

To date we have re-opened parks and playground equipment structures, ball diamonds, sports fields, and are actively planning the re-opening of municipal buildings such as the Recreation Centre, Arena, Curling Rink.

The Town Office will open to public on Monday, July 13th. We do encourage everyone to use online services where possible or contact the office by phone or email.

Please ensure you continue to watch for signage and guidelines when engaging in activities outside of your home, maintain physical distancing from people not in your family unit/cohort and practice safe hygiene (frequent hand washing, sanitizing of items, cough/sneeze etiquette, and *mask-wearing.) *optional

Town Staff continue to work diligently to meet required regulations to safely operate with the appropriate equipment, protection, and knowledge to ensure that our community stays healthy and strong.

For more information please stay tuned to our online social media accounts and our website. For further information on the Alberta Relaunch Strategy, please visit www.alberta.ca/covid19.

MUNICIPAL COVID-19 RELAUNCH PLAN - OVERVIEW

The following is an overview of the Municipal COVID-19 Relaunch Plan which outlines how the Town of Lamont intends to reopen its doors to the public while mitigating the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among staff and the public. The Town will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and the public health measures put in place by the Province and make the necessary adjustments.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN VISITING TOWN FACILITIES

- Transparent shields installed at front reception area to reduce exposure
- Enhanced cleaning of common items before use (i.e. debit machine, pens)
- Hand sanitation stations
- Placement of reference floor stickers and signage to respect social distancing of 2 meter separation between individuals
- Signage in place as a reminder to not enter if experiencing any symptoms
- Limited access to front reception area (Main Office -maximum of 2)
- Office hours remain the same -8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the exception of the noon hour. The office will be closed from noon to 1:00 p.m. to ensure adequate time for cleaning
- Public is strongly encouraged to use online services including electronic payments

MOVING FORWARD

- Public will be encouraged to use online services or contact the office @ 780-895-2010 or email general@lamont.ca
- Electronic payments are strongly encouraged (online banking, cheque, e-transfer payments (general@lamont.ca - roll # as reference))
- Situational updates will be made as necessary and will be available on the Town website at www.lamont.ca
- Scheduling of Town of Lamont 2020 events will continue to be assessed and updates will be made available on our website

Town of Lamont urges everyone to continue following public health measures including:

- Practicing social distancing and keep at least 2 meters apart
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow
- Watch for symptoms, including, but not limited to: cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat

Note: Development of the Municipal COVID-19 Relaunch Plan aligns with CMOH Orders, "Opening Soon—Alberta's Relaunch Strategy," Workplace Guidance for Business Owners, *OH&S Act* and also considers COVID-19 Hazard Assessments.

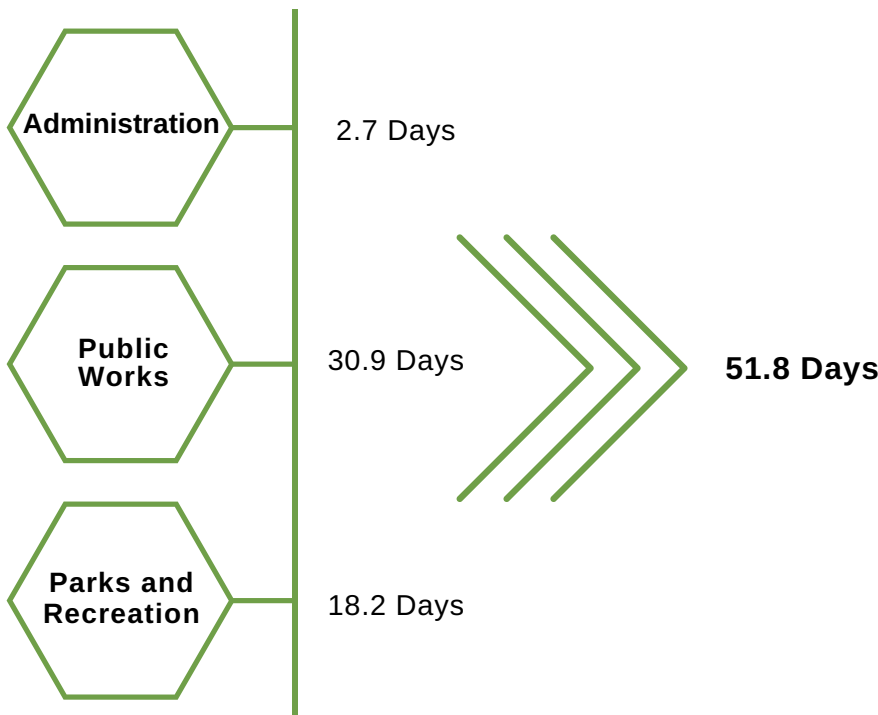
COVID-19 Impact

The Town of Lamont continues to monitor and respond to the fluid situation of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have endured through the challenges of lost work hours due to illness during this time and still managed to navigate through the demands of providing day-to-day services as well as the necessary services that come with the change of seasons.

We appreciate the patience of the community during this time as staff was not only dealing with routine work but were also required to manage this emergency with limited resources.

The following graphic shows days lost per department due to COVID-19.

**Days Lost Per Department
March - June 2020**



***Despite the lost days, 1289.75 hours have been logged as worked in response to COVID-19 across all departments.**

Incident Command Post (ICP)

Alberta declared a State of Emergency under the Public Health Act on March 17.

The Town of Lamont has continued to take direction from Alberta Health, which is the authority on COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) for municipalities. Town staff have been activated to action contingency planning and preparation to respond to a COVID-19 outbreak within our community.

On April 6, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Town of Lamont stood up an Incident Command Post (ICP) in order to provide rapid response and support to residents and businesses in our community. We are happy to share that the ICP was stood down on June 23, as Alberta successfully entered Stage 2 of Relaunch.

The Incident Command Post was comprised of the following Staff and Community Members:

Herman Sieker
Director of Emergency Management & Planning Section Chief

Vincent Price
Deputy Director of Emergency Management & Logistics Chief

Christine Beveridge
Incident Commander

Dawn Nielsen
Logistics & Finance Chief

Betty Malica
Health & Safety Officer

Dreena Guptill
Public Information Officer & External Liaison

To date 1013.75 hours have been logged by the ICP.

Heartfelt thanks to Herman and Vince for all of their dedication and hard work during the last few months.

Congratulations 2020 Graduates

Council and staff send congratulations to our 2020 Graduates.

Graduates, no one could have predicted the sudden changes that you have navigated through to reach this most important milestone in your academic career. As you transition from youth to adulthood we hope that the memories that you have made with your peers, friends, teachers, teammates and mentors bolster you and carry you through any uncertain times in the future. You have truly achieved so much in 2020. We offer a quote from Michelle Obama which seems appropriate given the last few months, "Our greatness comes when we appreciate each other's strengths, when we learn from each other, when we lean on each other."

Town-Wide Community Pride

We want to thank our wonderful community for gathering together and doing an unofficial "physically distanced" Town-Wide Clean-Up from May 14-18. Many families and individuals went out into our parks, streets and school yards to pick up garbage/waste that had accumulated throughout the fall and winter months. Your heart for your community shows and we appreciate your efforts!

Additional thanks to Heather Price and Price Automotive for coordinating clean up and for donating gloves to volunteers.

Helpful Links

Government of Alberta: www.alberta.ca/covid19

Government of Canada: www.canada.ca
(federal support for individuals/businesses and more)

Provincial Representative:
Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, MLA

Email: fortsaskatchewan.vegreville@assembly.ca

Federal Representative:
Shannon Stubbs, MP

Website: www.shannonstubbs.ca

Resources For You and Your Family

County of Lamont Food Bank
780-619-6955

Mental Health Support:
24-Hour Help Line 1-877-303-2642

Addiction Help Line: 1-866-332-2322

Family Violence:
24-Hour Help Line 310-1818

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT COUNTY OF LAMONT FOOD BANK

The County of Lamont Food Bank serves the entire county of Lamont. Our vision is "working together to create a hunger free community." Our mission is "Providing access to sufficient, nutritious food in Lamont County in a caring, confidential and non-judgmental way."

We are still in operation during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are in need of a hamper please call 780-619-6955 and leave a message. A volunteer will call you back. Hampers are distributed Thursday mornings. Tuesday at noon is the cut off to call for the following Thursday.

Did you know...In 2019 we distributed 403 hampers to 648 adults and 392 children for a total of 1040 people served. That is 13,588 kg of food distributed! We had donations of 9081 pounds in 2019 and 2128 volunteer hours and 10,540 volunteer kilometres traveled!

Please like us on Facebook for weekly updates, wish list and events!

www.countylamontfoodbank.com