



# TOWN UPDATES & INFORMATION

MAY/JUNE 2020

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

MAY 12 & 16, 7:00 PM  
JUNE 9 & 23, 7:00 PM

THESE MEETINGS WILL BE LIVE  
STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

## HOLIDAY CLOSURE:

MAY 18 - VICTORIA DAY

## TOWN EVENTS:

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP  
(CANCELLED)

TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE  
(CANCELLED)

PICNIC IN THE PARK  
(POSTPONED)

LARGE ITEM PICK-UP (POSTPONED)

## COMPOST YARD:

THE TOWN COMPOST YARD IS OPEN  
AS OF MAY 2, 2020 AND WILL  
OPERATE FROM 9 - 12 NOON EVERY  
SATURDAY.

NEW RULES ARE POSTED FOR THE  
PUBLIC, PLEASE FOLLOW THE  
DIRECTION OF STAFF AND ALL  
SIGNAGE.

## Residential Garbage Pickup

To assist families with excess garbage during the COVID-19 situation, the Town and GFL have eased the restriction on the bin lids being closed. There is now a 6" maximum opening permitted during this time. Any lids over the 6" grace will not be picked up by GFL. Please remember that all materials in your cart must be bagged and secured. Additional carts can be provided for a minimal delivery charge and monthly fee, if you would like to request an extra cart, please call the Town office.

## Yard Waste Pickup

Yard Waste pick-up started again on April 29, 2020.

You may now put your yard waste cart out at the curb by 7:00 a.m on collection day. Your tote can be used for grass clippings, leaves, garden waste and small branches. Please ensure to remove your cart by the end of the day on Wednesday.

Your yard waste cart may NOT contain, animal waste, garbage, kitty litter or recyclable materials.

## Keep The Wipes Out of Your Pipes!

Please remember to never flush baby wipes, facial tissue, cloth or paper towel down the toilet. These items do not break down and will clog your toilet, the sewer lines and pumps. Only the three P's go down (two of them you made, and one is the TP! (toilet paper).

## Yard Clean-up

Pursuant to Community Standards Bylaw 07/18 an unsightly is defined as any condition on or around property that is untidy, offensive, dangerous to health and safety, or which interferes with the use or enjoyment of other property, and includes;

- uncut grasses or weeds on the property that are longer than 10 cm;
- trees or shrubs that interfere with civic works or any public utilities;
- smelly compost heaps;
- wrecked or dismantled vehicles, or those that are unsightly and abandoned, unregistered or uninsured;
- any material including garbage, building materials, tires, boxes, machines or machine parts.

Property owners, tenants and agents are responsible to immediately remedy any unsightly materials from yards.

We would like to remind everyone that part of being a good neighbour is to pick up after your dog whether you are in your yard, or walking in the community and to keep your dogs on leash when enjoying the parks and trails in Town.

## Fire Season - S'more Reminders

With the arrival of beautiful weekends, residents are reminded to be aware of the rules as well as the hazards associated with outdoor fire pits, portable fire pits and fire safety. This includes proper installation, distancing and screening of your fire pits and outdoor fire places. For instance, fire pits must be no larger than 2.0 feet in height, at least 3.0 meters away from any building, property line or combustible material, and must be screened in with a spark arrester mesh. For more information please refer to *Section 8 of the Community Standards Bylaw 07/18* on our website.

## Overland Flooding Disaster Recovery Program Changes

In the past, residents of the Town of Lamont have received assistance from the Alberta Government Disaster recovery Program (DRP) for overland flooding. Overland flood insurance is now being offered by most insurance companies in Alberta so the DRP will no longer aid in this area.

All property owners should review their insurance policy to ensure that they have adequate overland flood insurance.

For more information visit:

<https://www.alberta.ca/overland-flood-insurance.aspx>

<https://www.alberta.ca/disaster-assistance-and-recovery-support.aspx>.

### 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**

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

**FOR EMERGENCY CALL 911**

# COVID-19 Response Information for Residents

## No Property Tax Increase for 2020

On April 28, 2020 Council approved bylaws involving various supports for Town residents and business owners due to the impact of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus.

Previously, on December 3, 2019 Council approved the 2020 Budget, which originally had set the 2020 property tax increase at 1% for both residential and non-residential properties.

Administration conducted a comprehensive review of the 2020 budget and decreased the operating budget by \$204,245. There for, the property tax increase has been reduced to 0% for 2020.

More details can be found on [www.lamont.ca/Property-Taxes](http://www.lamont.ca/Property-Taxes)

## Property Tax Deferral Program

The Town has implemented the following property tax relief measures for our ratepayers:

- Extension of payment due date from June 30 to August 31, 2020.
- Extension of penalty date from July 1 to September 1, 2020.
- Tax notices will be mailed as scheduled May 22, 2020.

We encourage all ratepayers to continue to keep their accounts in good standing, which will support municipal operations during this difficult time.

## Garage Sales

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, garage sales, yard sales and auctions are not permitted.

The COVID-19 virus can be spread through touching shared surfaces, cash handling, and through close contact with other people. These types of sales encourage mass gatherings across communities and physical closeness, while sanitization and disinfecting protocols for the safety of patrons cannot be guaranteed.

Help protect your family and your community and consider using online sales and curbside pickups as an option.

## Utility Deferral Program

In an effort to support our residents and businesses during these exceptional times, the Town of Lamont, in response to ongoing developments of the COVID-19 pandemic, is waiving late fees and penalties on utility bills for a period of ninety (90) days.

The details of the Utility Deferral Program are as follows:

- The Utility Deferral Program will run until June 30, 2020.
- No penalties, or service disconnects will be enacted during the deferral period.
- Billing will continue, as per usual, for all utility account holders.

We encourage all our residents to keep their accounts in good standing.

## Community Supports & Resources

The Town of Lamont continues to provide all essential services during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic in addition to following all Alberta government recommendations. To date we have closed facilities and structures as advised by the Chief Medical Officer of Health and we follow Ministerial orders and Public Health guidelines for our residents, our community, businesses and staff.

At this time, recreation facilities continue to be closed, playgrounds are closed, and sports fields and ball diamonds are closed until further notice. We encourage residents to follow the Chief Medical Officer of Health's direction and use outdoor spaces for spontaneous family recreation activity and not large groups to play sports (organized or unorganized).

The Town Office continues to be closed to the public, but administrative staff are available to receive your phone calls or emails. Utility billing information, online payment information options and announcements/notices to residents are posted frequently to our website [www.lamont.ca](http://www.lamont.ca) and our Facebook Page.

Residents and Business owners should rely on trusted sources of information for breaking news, health and wellness resources, and income supports.

Stay vigilant in stopping the spread, continue to maintain frequent hand-washing, maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet apart, and isolate and call 811 should any new health symptoms arise.

## Helpful Links

**Government of Alberta:** [www.alberta.ca/covid19](http://www.alberta.ca/covid19)

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

Provincial Representative:  
Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, MLA

Email: [fortsaskatchewan.vegreville@assembly.ca](mailto:fortsaskatchewan.vegreville@assembly.ca)

Federal Representative:  
Shannon Stubbs, MP

Website: [www.shannonstubbs.ca](http://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

We would like to remind everyone that the Food Bank is working hard to meet the needs of the community and COVID-19 has had a far-reaching impact. Ways you can help are to check their Facebook Page to see their weekly wish list and arrange a donation, and to consider growing an extra row of food in your garden this summer to donate to the Food Bank. Your donation, big or small will help your friends, neighbours and the community. We encourage everyone to reach out to them at 780-619-6955.