



TOWN UPDATES & INFORMATION

MARCH - APRIL 2021

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

MARCH 9 @ 7:00 P.M.
MARCH 23 @ 7:00 P.M.
APRIL 13 @ 7:00 P.M.
APRIL 27 @ 7:00 P.M.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED
ON THE TOWN FACEBOOK PAGE.

As the COVID-19 status continues to change, please keep current on the Alberta Government's restrictions.

For more COVID-19 information, visit the COVID-19 page (Residents/Newsroom/COVID-19) on our website and watch for Facebook updates.

KEY DATES:

OFFICE CLOSURES

Good Friday: April 2, 2021
Easter Monday: April 5, 2021
Victoria Day: May 24, 2021

JOB OPENINGS

Summer Student Positions
Visit lamont.ca/employment

COVID-19 Updates

For up to date information on COVID-19, visit our website. Some mandatory public health measures have been eased:

- All in door gatherings remain prohibited
- Outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people are permitted with masks and social distancing
- Masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces and workplaces
- Some personal and wellness businesses have opened and are by appointment only.

COVID-19 Vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine will now be available to Albertans born in 1946 or earlier, regardless of where they live. Seniors will be able to book their immunization appointment through Alberta Health Services using an online and telephone booking system. Visit Alberta's COVID-19 vaccine web page for more information.

COVID-19 Survey

Family & Community Support Services Lamont County Region is conducting a survey to gauge the social effects of COVID-19 in the community. Please complete the short survey at www.lamontcounty.ca/Community-Engagement or by calling 780-895-2233-Ext 226 or you could pick up a copy at a local business fill it out and drop it off at the County Building. Survey closes March 12, 2021.

Waste Cart Pickup

Recently, we received calls of waste carts not being picked up. To ensure that your carts are picked up regularly, please follow these guidelines:

- Place carts with a minimum of one (1) meter between carts.
- Do not place extra bags beside or on top of the cart.
- Do not overfill the carts.
- Make sure to have the carts out no later than 7:00 a.m. on pickup day.

2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION: October 18, 2021

Nomination period for the 2021 Municipal Election began January 1, 2021 and runs until Noon September 20, 2021. Nomination information packages are available at the Town Office and on our website.

BUDGET PLANNING 2021

Keeping You Informed

2021 Budget planning is underway and poses many challenges we have not experienced before due to the pandemic; it has created a financial pressure many municipalities never could have prepared for.

For the Town, lost revenue, reduced assessment and the loss of income from closures of the recreation facilities due to restrictions may result in a very lean budget. We recognize there are priorities that need to be met in the community and challenges that we are facing as an organization.

Late last year, many residents and business owners participated in a survey to provide feedback regarding services to support municipal budget planning for 2021. Following the survey, the 'What We Heard Report' was shared through media channels and it was included in the October 13 Council Agenda Package.

You identified the following **three** priorities as areas to increase service levels.

- **Road & Sidewalk Maintenance**
- **Protective Services**
- **Economic Development**

We heard you loud and clear, and we thank you for taking the time for the survey. You also let us know that you would like to be involved in the 2021 budget process going forward and this is the current situation:

- The loss of income from closures of the recreation facilities due to restrictions may result in a very lean budget.
- There is additional uncertainty caused by the reduction to future grants as announced during the Provincial Budget 2021.
- Reductions to the assessment of properties in the community is also a factor affecting revenue for the Town.

Ultimately, the Town of Lamont's responsibility is to maintain a safe and viable community for our ratepayers and the 2021 Budget may involve changing and adding as little as possible this year.

We will keep you up to date on the 2021 Budget planning through our regular channels, utility inserts, newsletters, and social media platforms. The 2021 Budget will be introduced during the March 23, 2021 Council Meeting.

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ANIMAL CONTROL
780-895-2010

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

FOR EMERGENCY
PLEASE CALL 911

COUNTY OF LAMONT FOOD BANK

TO REQUEST A HAMPER CALL:
780-619-6955

Hampers are distributed on
Thursday mornings.

Donation or Volunteer
Information:
countylamontfoodbank.com

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