September/October 2024

TOWN OF MILLET BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER



The Prettiest Little Town in Alberta..... Come Play in Our Backyard!!

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DEPARTMENTS 24 HOUR ON-CALL

825-303-0095

PUBLIC WORKS

publicworks@millet.ca

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER & BYLAW ENFORCEMENT 24 HOUR DISPATCH

780-387-4224 enforcement@millet.ca

FIRE DEPT

milletfire@millet.ca

EMERGENCY - Call 911

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE The office will be closed:

September 2nd, 2024 for Labour Day

September 30th, 2024 for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

> October 14th, 2024 Thanksgiving

Mayor: Doug Peel

Councillors:

Mike Bennett Rebecca Frost Gerdie Hogstead Susie Petrisor Mathew Starky Charlene Van de Kraats

Chief Administrative Officer:

Lisa Schoening



TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Millet Civic Centre at 4:00pm Wednesday September 19th, 2024 Wednesday October 9th & 23rd, 2024

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

MILLET COMMUNITY PANTRY

Millet Community Pantry is in need of donations. Contact milletwellness@millet.ca to donate.

For up-to-date community events, visit www.millet.ca to view the Event Calendar

SPLAH PARK CLOSING FOR THE SEASON

To allow time for repairs, the Splash Park will be closed as of September 18th, 2024.

LAGOON SITE CLOSING FOR THE SEASON

September 21st, 2024 (8am—12pm) is the last day the lagoon site will be open for the season.

Please note that the ONLY items accepted are trees and branches.

AGRIPLEX

The Town of Millet Facility Booking Calendar is now available to view online. The link to view the calendar is located under the facilities category on our website.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPDATE

Construction has began for the installation of traffic lights at the corner of Highway 2A and Highway 616. As part of this project, the railway signals need to be replaced so it can coordinate with the traffic lights. The equipment for the rail crossing is anticipated to arrive in early 2025. Once installed and tested, the intersection upgrades will be complete.

Millet Public Library

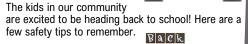
Registration is now open for the Library's afterschool STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) program. Program starts on September 12th running Tuesday and Thursday afterschool until 4:30.

Drop into the library for our Halloween scavenger hunt during business hours October 8 -12. For more information contact the library at 780-387-5222.

ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Hope everyone had a safe and fun filled summer.

BACK TO SCHOOL IS HERE!!



School >

Safety tip for students:

- When exiting a vehicle, ensure you watch out for other vehicles passing by.
- Cross at the crosswalks.
- Before entering a roadway, do so slowly and never run, always look both ways.
- Make eye contact with drivers approaching the cross walk you are intending to cross at.

Reminders to drivers:

- The kiss and go parking is no longer active. Signs have been removed, and parking is permitted.
- Make sure you are parking 1.5 m away from the driveway and 5 m away from crosswalks and intersections.
- The stalls on the west side of the parking lot are designated Staff only (as indicated by the signs). Food Bank, Administration, Contractors, are only permitted to park in the "staff parking". All other vehicles may be ticketed.
- Pay attention to roadways, use caution when approaching intersections and crosswalks.
- Obey all speed limits inclusive of school and playground zones.

Any questions, concerns or complaints please contact Enforcement Services at enforcement@millet.ca or call our 24/7 dispatch line at 780-387-4224





PROPOSED CHANGES TO ANIMAL BYLAW – WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Council has passed first reading on Bylaw 2024/09, being the Town of Millet Responsible Pet Owner Bylaw. This bylaw is set to come back for second and third reading at the September 11th meeting. If you would like to read this proposed bylaw, please head over to our website and look for BYLAW 2024-09 located on the "Government" page under the "bylaw" section . If you would like to voice your comments to Council regarding these changes, please forward your comments to town@millet.ca or drop off at the administration building prior to September 4th. All correspondence will be reviewed by Council prior to second and third reading of this bylaw.

The town has received an abundance of complaints regarding cats roaming in Town. The amount of cats being brought to the animal clinic has also increased significantly, costing taxpayers more money for boarding.

Council has been approached regarding bringing in a spay/neuter remote clinic to Town to help alleviate the cost to residents to have their pets altered, but were denied as a municipality must have a cat registration program in place for a minimum of 12 months before they will send this service remotely to our community. In light of these huge increases, the following changes are being proposed in the Responsible Pet Owner Bylaw.

CATS

No more than 4 cats will be allowed per residence without permission from Bylaw. Once requested, the following will be done prior to any approvals:

Letters to adjoining property owners, asking if they see any issues

All cats must be licensed

Cat registration – a lifetime cat registration will be put in place. This will help Bylaw return any cats found roaming to their owners and alleviate the huge boarding fees. The cost of these cat licenses will be as follows:

Lifetime Registration	Under 5 years	\$120	Lifetime Registration
Lifetime Registration	Over 5 years	\$60	Lifetime Registration
Emotional support		\$25	Lifetime Registration

Any licenses purchased prior to March 1, 2025 will be \$30/lifetime

When a cat is in heat, owners must keep the animal housed and confined.

All animals, caught running at large in the Town will be subject to a fine, including cats.

DOGS

No more than 2 dogs per residence without permission from bylaw. Once requested, the following will be done prior to any approvals:

- -Letters to adjoining property owners, asking if they see any issues
- -All must be licensed

Once a nuisance complaint is filed, the complainant must provide significant proof, including audio or video of the alleged nuisance complaint.

Boarding fees at the animal clinic will be increasing from \$45/day to \$55/day and the release fee will increase from \$45 to \$55. This is off set the increase charged to the Municipality by the shelter.



OTHER CHANGES

Having a prohibited animal in Town will carry a fine of \$250, this includes: any large mammal or the young thereof, live poultry, bees, poisonous snakes, reptiles and insects and any animal or species deemed dangerous or objectable in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health or the Enforcement officer.

Giving false information to the enforcement officer carries a fine of \$500.

Any person who leaves an animal unattended in a Motor vehicle without proper protection from the elements or in a manner that places the animal at risk will be guilty of an offense.

Any person who fails to properly secure an animal inside or on a motor vehicle while in motion, is liable for an offense.

JUST A REMINDER

If you would like to voice a concern or complaint, the Town of Millet DOES NOT respond or monitor any other social media sites, other than our own website and Facebook page. If you want to contact the Town, all contact information is available on our website, or call the office at 780-387-4554.

2024 TAX PAYMENT DEADLINE

The due date for taxes has passed. Any unpaid fees will have added penalties to the amount owing. The fees are as follows:

- 8% July 15th, 2024
- 6% October 15th, 2024
- 16% January 15th 2025