

CALMAR CHRONICLE June 2019





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JUNE 30TH, 2019 to avoid late payment penalty (unless on TIPS)



- The Program Centre was booked for 1,256 hours in 2018
 - The Town offers free Commissioner of Oaths services for Calmar residents for Alberta only documents. Visit our website for a full list of what services our Commissioners can sign

Mayor's Corner

Property tax season is here again. Administration and Council have worked hard on passing a budget for 2019 with a 1.5 percent tax increase on the municipal side of the property tax roll. There is no Provincial Budget until the fall because of the recent Election. This makes it hard to determine how much money to collect for the Provincial School Tax. Council decided to use the same mill rate for the School Tax portion as was used last year. This was done so the tax notices could go out on time. The School Tax rate is set by the Provincial Government and will be adjusted next Property Tax Year (2020), once Administration is made aware of what the mill rate will be. Resident taxes are connected to the property assessment or value of your property. If your property value goes up, your taxes would go up. If your property value goes down, your taxes will go down too, provided the mill rate stays the same.

There has been negative talk on Facebook that the Town of Calmar has a "reserve fund of over \$25 million and why do our taxes need to go up? ". The Town **does not** have a **Reserve Fund** of \$25 Million. The Town has an **Accumulated Surplus** of \$23,098,578 of which \$22,527,520 is **Non-Financial Assets.** Non-Financial Assets are land, buildings, streets and sidewalks, water and sewer lines, reservoirs, lagoons and equipment that the Town owns. This is **NOT cash flow** sitting in a bank account to be used as the Town decides, rather assets the Town owns. I hope this helps to explain what the reserve is referred to when looking at our financial statement.

Over the last six years taxes have either increased or stayed status quo as follows:

2014 - 1.5% Increase 2015 - 0.0% - No Increase 2016 - 0.0% - No Increase 2017 - 1.5% Increase 2018 - 1.5% Increase 2019 - 1.5% Increase

The above percentages are below the cost of living or inflation rate for each of these years. This has been accomplished with **NO cut to services**. Other communities in the area have seen 3 to 7 percent increases per year over the same period. No one wants to pay more taxes, including Council. We are tax payers too.

As always, what is said or heard in the coffee shops and the internet is not factual. I am available for phone calls and emails when you have a question or concern. Council and Town Administration are trying to increase our tax base, by bringing in new residents and business. When gross misinformation is spread about the Town, the same Town residents call home, not only is the Town misrepresented, it is very easy for other people outside the community to have a negative outlook about Calmar too.

In other good NEWS the "CALMAR CIRCLE" is finally under construction. This is going to create some delays until approximately October when the Circle is scheduled to be completed. The intersection will be much safer for Town residents and we urge all drivers to use care when traveling through the construction zone.

Canada Day is fast approaching. Mark your calendars as the Recreation Board will be hosting activities, hot dogs, birthday cake and drinks at the Spray Park. Everyone is welcome to come out and celebrate Canada's 152nd Birthday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Council. You can contact me at wyachimetz@calmar.ca or call (780) 722-4147.

Let's Make Calmar Be the Best Calmar It Can Be!

Mayor Wally Yachimetz

What's Happening at the Calmar Public Library

June Programs





A riot at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan in June of 1969 is often considered to be the beginning of the gay liberation movement. Launched in 2000, Gay and Lesbian Pride Month is held in June to commemorate this event. Today, Pride Month is recognized across the country and around the world. As the National Women's History Project puts it, "June is now the month of acceptance and the month

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to welcome diversity in communities regardless of sexual orientation." We at the Calmar Public Library want to take the opportunity to support the importance of libraries as places of solace by promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion. For Pride Month we have created a book display with a selection of LGBTQIA books. Drop by to check it out and to get your Pride sticker.

Resume & Cover Letter Workshop Wednesday, June 5th @ 6:00 pm

Most employers will spend 10 – 20 seconds reviewing a resume. Matching your skills and experience to an employer's needs is the key to making those few seconds count. **MCG Careers** will help you find what it takes to market yourself effectively by improving components of your own resume and cover letter. If you have a hard copy of your resume please bring it with you and a copy of a job posting you are interested in, if you have one. Registration is required for this **FREE** program



Keto with Elke Wednesday, June 26th @ 6:30 pm



Back by popular demand, Holistic Practitioner Elke Hemmings, will be tackling the Keto Diet: What you know and don't know about this popular diet. An evening with Elke is always exciting as her passion for sharing shines through. Registration is required to save your space.

Life Cycle of the Butterfly



Drop by the library to learn about the life cycle of the butterfly and watch as they transform from the small caterpillar state into a butterfly.

New Service

Tuesday, June 4th 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Tuesday, June 18th 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

We are so excited! The Calmar Public Library has partnered with the McBride Career Group to offer services in Calmar. MCG Careers will be coming every **second** week to the library starting Tuesday, June 4th from 1:00 pm – 4:00pm. The McBride Career group are here to assist unemployed individuals to achieve and retain meaningful employment opportunities and to assist working Albertans to identify steps required toward job and career goals. A few of the many services being offered will include:



- Career and Occupational Focusing
- Personal Development Support and Guidance
- Professional Resume Preparation
- Labour Market Research

For more information on the services being offered please drop by when the McBride Career staff are on site.

Let's Get Cooking Cookbook Club Monday, June 17th @ 6:30 pm



With summer just around the corner the June Cook Book theme is "citrus". Get out of your cooking rut and try something new! Make something out of the citrus family. It could be an appetizer, main course, salad, or dessert. There is no limitation except your imagination. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact the library for more detail.

The TD Summer Reading Club

Registration is open June 3rd.

Wednesdays, July 10th to August 7th, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm The program is for ages 5 to 12 years.

Kits are provided with a web access code to keep track of the books your child reads. We have entertainers planned and a party if we reach our reading goal! The Calmar Public Library partners with the Town of Calmar summer camp, though you do not have to attend the summer camp to attend the TD Summer Reading Club. For more information please contact the library. This is a FREE program, but registration is required.





In celebration of Canada Day We are closed June 29th and July 1st We are closed Saturday during July and August

Check out our webpage: www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca

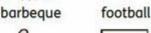
Call 780.985.3472 for more information.



Things to do with Dad on Father's Day

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A friendly reminder!

Tax notices were mailed Friday, May 10th.

Completed Assessment Appeals, along with the applicable fee, are to be submitted no later than 4:30PM on **Monday**, **July 22**, **2019** at the Calmar Town Office.

Please note: Our standard due date of June 30th falls on a Sunday this year. As per the Interpretations Act, you may pay your account on the next business day, which falls on Tuesday July 2nd. Penalties will be applied on any outstanding 2019 levies on Wednesday July 3rd.

Payment options that are available Cash, Cheque, Interac and Online.

Penalties are not applied to payments that are **postmarked** (via Canada Post and Online) July 2nd, 2019. This rule only applies for the 2019 tax year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Clerk, Heather at hbryans@calmar.ca or 780-985-3604 ext. 232.



CALMAR COMMUNITY AWARENESS & REGISTRATION



Thursday, September 12th, 2019 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Calmar Elementary School 5402–50 Street

Attention Calmar & District Community Groups, Organizations, Clubs and Support Groups

Could your organization utilize this free program to promote a greater awareness of your organization's activities, recruit volunteers or register participants? Please contact my office and request a registration form and event details

To participate for free, register and inquiries Contact Yvonne Telephone: (780)985-3191 or (780)985-3604 Ext 227 Email @ ypearson@calmar.ca

FROM THE ROECROEATION DEPAROTMENT

Don't forget on Saturday June 8th the Recreation Board invites everyone down to the Mike Karbonik Arena for a pancake breakfast to recognize the many contributions of the hardworking farmers to our community. For those dedicated harvesters of the earth, we will even have special little token of our appreciation (besides breakfast).

The following Saturday we hope to have the First Annual Father's Day Pentathlon to decide who is the greatest father in Calmar!!! Now don't worry about the word pentathlon – the events won't be things like pole vault or 1500m races. Instead they will be fun things that a father might have to do. I don't want to give away too much lest some of you get an unfair advantage in training but think of things a father would have to do for their kids and family...

Deadline for registration is 4:30 p.m. Wednesday 05 June. There's no cost but we do need to know in advance how many will be participating. If there are insufficient numbers we will sadly have to cancel this year's edition and try again next year.

This year's Summer Get-A-Way is shaping up. The program will start on Tuesday July 2nd and the deadline for registration and payment will be Wednesday June 26th. The Get-A-Way is a first class program (as can be evidenced by the incredible 58 registrations we had last year) and for many a year it has been significantly undervalued. In order to ensure that we can continue to provide quality programing registration rates have been adjusted (last year's increase was to help offset the cost of the field trip t-shirts the kids got to keep). For Calmar and Leduc County residents it will be \$25/wk and \$30/field trip or the entire 6-weeks for \$250. For those living elsewhere, the rates will be \$50/wk and \$60/field trip or \$500 for the entire program.

Planning for Calmar Days is well under way and things are looking pretty good for some food trucks to be part of the scene again. We are exploring the possibility of expanding the entertainment and will be giving the outdoor movie another try. For this year's movie I am looking at the following options:

- 1. Up! (was supposed to be shown in 2017 but inclement weather prevented this)
- 2. The Incredibles 2
- 3. Paddington 2
- 4. Dumbo (2019 Live Action) (Pending DVD availability)
- 5. (Write in candidates)

Send me an email at <u>bking@calmar.ca</u> with your vote/write in choice for the movie you would like to see under the stars at Calmar Days!

Finally, don't forget to join us at Engberg Park on Canada Day for hotdogs and cake as we mark the 152nd Birthday of the Dominion of Canada! PLEASE NOTE: There will be a strict limit of TWO (2) hot dogs per person to ensure that EVERYONE gets at least a hot dog. While it might be amusing to see how many hot dogs any one person can eat, this is not fair for the ones who cannot arrive until later only to find there is no food left because of this 'curiosity'.

Join us to celebrate our 'BIG 7'

The Town of Calmar Economic Development & Tourism Board would like to meet you and gain your feedback on their 2019 – 2025 Strategic Action Plan.

Spring Continental Breakfast Business Mixer

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Date: June 18, 2019 **Time:** 7:30am – 9:30am **Location:** Program Centre 4815-49 Street

We look forward to meeting the local businesses, and gaining valuable input into our plan.

Community BBQ Party

Date: June 18, 2019 **Time:** 5:00pm – 7:00pm **Location:** Program Centre 4815-49 Street

Bring your family & friends down for an outdoor BBQ and fun activities. Your feedback is worth its weight in hot dogs and hamburgers.

Michelle Levasseur, Economic Development Officer E: mlevasseur@calmar.ca • T: 780.985.3604 (223)



Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club June 2019 News

The Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club would like to welcome all seniors in the region to attend the functions that are held at our Seniors Center to promote camaraderie and fun for our senior population.

We have a very liberal age limit; anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join our seniors club at a very low annual membership fee of only \$10.00. The membership entitles you as a member to our many functions and allows the club to operate and provide you with a place to meet up with your fellow seniors.

The Club hosts the Music Jammers on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except July and August), this is a wonderful opportunity to listen and dance to lively music provided by regional musicians. The cost to attend is only \$7.00 for an afternoon of music and fun, a light lunch is also served.

The Calmar Seniors Center is available for rental for your private functions whether it be a meeting, dance or any other social activity. The rental rates are:

\$100 for 4 hrs or less plus a \$100 refundable Damage Deposit\$200 for a full day rental plus a \$200 refundable Damage Deposit

Call Ed Roskewich at 587-986-0921 for bookings.



Activity Schedule: May Music Jammers – May 28, 2019 @ 1:00 PM June Music Jammers – June 25, 2019 @ 1:00 PM General Meeting – June 19, 2019 @ 1:00 PM

The Calmar Seniors Club would like to thank the following businesses for supporting our club in our recent Strawberry Tea Fundraiser:

Vertex Rhooster Tail Hair Calmar Burger Bar Wizard Lake Marine Leduc Chamber of Comm. Hayduk Lumber ATB Calmar Library Loganberry's No Place Like Home

Calmar Storage Ales and Wines Calmar Medical Center Center Point Performance Town of Calmar Calmar Secondary School Calmar Pharmacy Brett Young Calmar Bottle Depot Yesterday's Treasures Dyck Insurance Calmar Veterinary Clinic Urecon Calmar Elementary School Big Country Towing Buchak's Auto Bank of Montreal Whatever Repairs The Golden Bone Spreen Repair Services

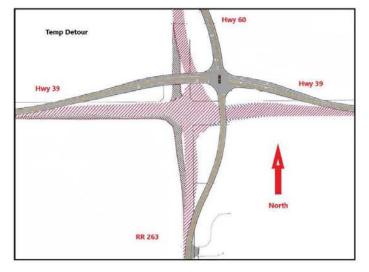
We would also like to thank all the people who walked in through our doors on Friday and Saturday for shortcake and coffee to help support our Fundraiser.

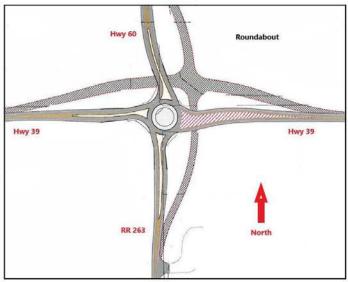


Highway 39 and Highway 60 Roundabout Construction Update (As of May 8, 2019)

The following information has been provided to the Town of Calmar from the Government of Alberta, with regards to the Highway 39 and Highway 60 Roundabout:

- Contract awarded to Wells Construction, Division of Lafarge Canada Inc.
- The project is in the early phases of construction, with surveying, utility adjustments, etc. taking place.
- Over the coming days/weeks and as the weather improves, the Contractor will be mobilizing
 equipment to the site and beginning their work.
- This project includes installation of temporary traffic signals and construction of temporary detour roadways, encompassing Hwy 39, Hwy 60 and RR 263 as seen in image 1.
- The detour and traffic signals will allow vehicles to flow safely through the intersection and construction zone with minimal delay, while construction of the roundabout is occurring.
- The detour and traffic signals will be removed when the roundabout becomes operational.
- The final proposed Roundabout design is shown in image 2.
- Completion of this project is anticipated to be October 2019, weather permitting.







Attention all those who wish to make new friends and

reconnect with old friends

Don't miss the next meeting of the

Calmar Social Club

In conjunction with the Calmar Legion, we will be holding a gathering on **Friday June 7th, 2019** at the **Calmar Legion** (4815-47 Street, Calmar). Doors will open at 7:00pm.

- If you are of legal age and wish to engage with other for a night out, playing social games such as crib, hearts, dominoes (or any other game you could bring that other might enjoy to play), come out and bring some friends.
- The objective of this night is to mix with other, past friends or new ones to enjoy their company and social interaction.
- Affordable cash bar, bring snacks if you like.

For more information contact:

Don Faulkner

780-974-6882

donfaulkner@telus.net





The Royal Canadian Legion Calmar Branch #266 and Honorable Members

The Calmar & District Christmas Elves is very appreciative for your generous gift towards the Christmas Elves Program. Your charitable donation will be applied to the 2019 Calmar & District Christmas Elves Program Thank you for considering the program to receive a donation the Royal Canadian Legion distributes to various organizations within our community. Your generosity is truly making a difference in the lives of numerous community families, children and adults.

Sincerely,

Calmar & District Christmas Elves Team





to spread His light of love in Calmar"

Calmar Community Baptist Church

Pastor Keith Froese (780)721-2171 Email: calmarcommunitybaptist37@gmail.com Street Address: 37A Parkview Cres.



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12



OPTIONS:

\$100.00 Full Page

\$75.00 Half Page

\$50.00 Quarter Page \$25.00 Business Card

COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE FREE!

Phone: 780.985.3604 ext. 232 Fax: 780.985.3039 Email: hbryans@calmar.ca

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Saturday	9:00AM-6:00PM
Sundays & Holidays:	11:00AM-5:00PM

CALMAR STORAGE Box 693, 5009 - 43 Avenue Calmar, Alberta TOC 0V0 Tel: 780-985-2102



CALMAR FAS GAS





Please contact the Town office with any inquiries. When requesting an ad please submit it in an electronic format which is print ready. **All ads must be paid for at the time of submission.** Calmar Community groups are free. A full list can be found on our website: <u>www.calmar.ca/</u> **newsletter/**

Starting a Home Based Business?

Did you know that you may require a Development Permit and possibly other approvals if you are going to change the existing use of your building?

Also, you are required to obtain a Business License.

Please contact Ruth Sider, Development Officer, at rsider@calmar.ca or 780-985-3604 ext. 233.

Never Forget To Pay Your Utility Bill Again!

The Town offers the option for your utility payments to be automatically with-drawn.

You will still receive your regular bill in the mail, stating "Do Not Pay". Your amount due will automatically be withdrawn on the 6th of each billing month (every two months). This will help ensure your accounts are always in good standing with no penalties or transfers to Tax accounts.

If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Darlene @ 780-985-3604 ext. 222 or dparchoma@calmar.ca.

Property Taxes

The Town offers a penalty free payment plan specially for Tax Accounts. (TIPS)

You can sign up anytime through out the year! (You will need to pay up front for the months that have already passed, to stay caught up).

All you need is a signed Pre-Authorized Debit form and a VOID Cheque/Direct Deposit paper from your Bank.

No missed due dates and penalties, no need to renew every year. Just an automatic withdrawal from your account once a month.

~The payment is calculated based on your most current levy~

If you are interested in joining, contact Heather @ hbryans@calmar.ca or 780-985-3604 ext. 232.