

April 2020

# Out and About in BON ACCORD



## Dates to Remember:

- April 10 - Good Friday, Town Office closed
- April 13 - Easter Monday, Town Office closed
- April 21 - Regular Meeting of Council
- April 21 - Public Hearing
- May 5 - Regular Meeting of Council



## Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 19-25)

Although we may not be able to get together to celebrate our amazing volunteers at this time, we still want to acknowledge the selflessness that Bon Accord volunteers display throughout the Year. Your commitment to your community and fellow residents is greatly appreciated and your time is truly valued.

The Town of Bon Accord office is closed to the public. Staff will still be answering phone calls, emails, and processing payments.

The arena, Town basement and the Library are closed to the public. All programs have been cancelled until further notice.

Please visit our website [www.bonaccord.ca](http://www.bonaccord.ca) or Facebook page Bon Accord, Alberta, Canada for updated information.

Bon Accord FCSS is available via email or phone for those that are in need of assistance.

Contact Jenny Larson 780-893-5008  
[jl Larson@bonaccord.ca](mailto:jl Larson@bonaccord.ca)

## Waste Collection

Currently, waste collection will be business as usual. Pick up will be every Friday. Please ensure that your tote is on the street in front of your home by 7:00 am and that all garbage is sealed in a bag.

Organic Waste collection will begin on May 15 and will run until November 15. Organic waste includes grass clippings, fallen leaves, hedge and garden pruning (no branches over 1 cm diameter), soiled paper and small quantities of sod.



In an effort to support residents and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, Council passed Bylaw #2020-16 -2020 Tax Penalty Bylaw Amendment for COVID-19 and Bylaw #2020-17 Cancellation of Residential Utility Penalties for COVID-19 at a Special Meeting of Council on April 7, 2020.

Bylaw #2020-17 allows for the cancellation of penalties and suspension of shut offs for non-payment of Utility bills for the period March 1—June 30, 2020 inclusively. We encourage residents who are financially able to, to keep their account current. Administration will continue to mail utility bills each month.

Bylaw #2020-16 extends the deadline to pay taxes without penalty due the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Bylaw 1999-04, for the 2020 Tax Year only:

Any current taxes or portion thereof that remain unpaid on or before August 31, 2020, shall have late payment penalties imposed on the following dates:

- On September 1, 2020 at 9% on unpaid current taxes; and
- On October 1, 2020 at 6% on unpaid current taxes.

Bylaw 2020-16 and 2020-17 can be viewed on our website at <https://www.bonaccord.ca/bylaws-policies.html>.

## Ways to Pay:

### Utility Bill

1. On-line or telephone banking
2. Pay Simply (ask your bank)
3. Cheque placed in the Town's white drop box

### Property Taxes

1. Join the Tax Installment Payment Plan (call 780-921-3550)
2. On-line or telephone banking
3. Pay Simply (ask your bank)
4. Cheque placed in the Town's white drop box

### Truckfill/Bulk Water

1. Online at <https://bonaccord.azurewebsites.net/>
2. Calling the Town office 780-921-3550

## Notice of Public Hearing

A Public Hearing regarding the proposed Bylaw amendment to the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw will take place on April 21, 2020 at 8:30 am. Please refer to our website at [www.bonaccord.ca](http://www.bonaccord.ca) for additional information.

## Physical Distancing Protocol

All Albertans are asked to practice physical distancing to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Physical distancing involves taking steps to limit the number of people you come into close contact with. It can help you reduce your risk of getting sick, and help prevent spreading the virus to others.

This is not the same as self-isolation. You do not need to remain indoors, but you do need to avoid being in close contact with people.

To protect yourself and others:

- ◆ Keep at least 6 feet (the length of a bicycle) from others when going out for groceries, medical trips and other essential needs
- ◆ Limit the number of times you leave your home for errands
- ◆ Try to shop at less busy times
- ◆ Order online to have groceries or other items delivered if possible
- ◆ Go for a walk in your neighborhood or park while maintaining distance from others
- ◆ Avoid overcrowding in elevators or other enclosed spaces
- ◆ Follow Alberta's recommendations on mass gatherings
- ◆ Wash or sanitize your hands after touching communal surfaces

*Cited from [www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca)*



While the library doors will be closed, staff will be available to answer phone queries. Please contact the library at 780-921-2540 and leave a message or by email [librarian@bonaccordlibrary.ab.ca](mailto:librarian@bonaccordlibrary.ab.ca) for more information.

Effective immediately, late fines are suspended, you can still return items in our outdoor drop box.


E-resources, newspapers, magazines etc. are available and free with your library membership. Visit our website [www.bonaccordlibrary.ab.ca](http://www.bonaccordlibrary.ab.ca)

We will continue to monitor the situation and update as new decisions are made. Thank you for understanding and patience during this crisis.

Visit <https://www.bonaccordlibrary.ab.ca/> to access the e-resources, such as audio books.



## APRIL 2020

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed | Thu | Fri   | Sat |
|---|---|---|-----|-----|---|-----|
| L = Library Program<br>T = Town Activity  | 30  | 31<br>T—RMC 7:00pm  | 1   | 2   | 3 T—Household waste and Recycle                                   | 4   |
| 5   | 6   | 7<br>T— Special Meeting of Council 8:30 am  | 8   | 9   | 10<br>T— Household waste<br>Good Friday—<br>Town office<br>CLOSED | 11  |
| 12 <b>EASTER</b><br> | 13<br>Easter Monday—<br>Town office<br>CLOSED | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17 T— Household waste and Recycle                                 | 18  |
| 19  | 20  | 21 T— Regular Meeting of Council; and Public Hearing for MDP & LUB Bylaws 8:30 am | 22  | 23  | 24<br>T— Household waste  | 25  |
| 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | May 1<br>T— Household waste and Recycle                           | 2   |

\*RMC= Regular Meeting of Council