



# Your *Village* Voice

**The Village of Bawlf Newsletter**  
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## **Next Council meeting:**

**June 17 at the  
Community Centre,  
7 PM**

**The public is welcome  
to attend all Council  
meetings. If you  
would like to address  
Council, please contact  
the Village Office by  
noon on  
Thursday, June 11th  
to arrange a time.**

## *Mayor's message*



*The following is an excerpt from Mayor Iwanus's speech at the Bawlf High School Class Farewell on May 16<sup>th</sup>.*

...You will go out into the world, honoured grads: some of you will stay close to here, but others will move to cities, to other provinces, and even to other countries. And when you leave here, you will live your lives according to a set of values that you have garnered from this place: this school, this community, and what my friend, Ken, likes to call "the rural". Your lives will be based on solid values such as a sense of neighbourliness, community spirit, a deep and abiding appreciation of the land, and a simple joy in family life.

You will live according to these values and those around you will often think of you, as they did of the legendary literary character, Don Quixote, as being mad for holding onto values that are too idealistic and out of touch. But make no mistake about it: it is you, honoured grads, who will be shining beacons of lucidity, and of sanity, and of decency in a world that has itself often seems to have gone mad. It is each and every one of *you* who will set the example for others to follow because of the values by which you live. However, unlike Don Quixote, you won't find yourselves on your deathbed renouncing all those values as madness.

So Godspeed, honoured grads, as you set out into the world and do the things you were meant to do and be the people you were meant to be. Remember that you will always be a part of this school and this community but, more importantly, remember that this school, this community, and rural Alberta will always be a part of who you are. God bless you as you move on to the next phase of your lives and thank you again for allowing the Village of Bawlf and me to be a part of this very special day.

## **Bawlf School Recycling Drive** (beverage container pick-up)

*Date of this month's pick-up:*

**Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

*(items to be at the curb in front of your house by 12:00 noon)*

Area **rural residents** who wish to participate can bring their items to the door of the bus storage shed north of the school

*Proceeds are being directed toward Bawlf School music programs.*

**Questions?** Call Bawlf School at 780-373-3784

## **Village of Bawlf Budget 2009 Highlights**

Repairing and maintaining existing infrastructure is at the top of Council's agenda for 2009. Projects include:

- a major overhaul of the lift station (among other things, doing this will enable the Village water supply to remain **on** in the event of a power disruption or major rainstorm)
- major repairs to the Village sewage treatment lagoon so that it is brought up to approved standard (work in this regard will be phased in over a 3-5-year period)
- Village Office move and renovations
- miscellaneous repairs and maintenance to water and sewer lines and facilities as required

In order to maintain taxes at a reasonable level, the Village will be borrowing the funds required to address the lift station and lagoon issues. The miscellaneous repairs and maintenance to water and sewer lines and facilities will draw primarily on reserves that have been set aside precisely to deal with matters such as these.

As a result, the 2009 mil rate will be 8.45 (vs. 8.91 in 2008), which means that you will be paying \$8.45 for every \$1,000 of your property's assessed value. It's important to note that, while Village Council has control over the mil rate (which reflects the amount of money Council feels it needs to provide services), it **does not** have any control over the assessment. Every year, the assessor values all the properties in the Village on the basis of statistical analysis that takes into consideration all sales that have occurred. Some years, the assessment on properties of a particular value range will change a fair bit, while the assessment on properties in another value range will not. Last year, higher-priced properties experienced much higher assessment increases than did those in the lower and middle ranges. This year, it's the lower and middle range properties whose assessments will increase more than the average.

As a result, some properties will see minimal tax increases (under 3%), while others will see higher increases: again, it'll depend on how much your assessment has changed over the past year. Overall, Council and Administration have gone over the budget with a fine-toothed comb to ensure that budgeted expenditures are both necessary and prudent. Budget documents are available for perusal either at the Village Office or on the Village website at [www.bawlf.com](http://www.bawlf.com).

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Also with regard to the 2009 Village budget, Council has decided that **the Village Office will be closed on Fridays**, starting Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>. This is being done as a cost-saving measure: it is one of the areas that Council felt it could reduce expenditures and thereby keep this year's tax increase to a minimum, while at the same time maintaining a reasonable level of service.

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### **Regional Children's Centre Update**

*An announcement is expected in early June. Watch this space in the July newsletter or check the Village website.*

**Questions?** Contact Tammy Albers at 780-373-2421 or Christine Ginther at 780-672-8262.

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#### ***By-laws that have been given first reading:***

**By-law 566/09:** a by-law to establish the 2009 mil rate.

**The Village invites comments on proposed by-laws after first reading.** Copies of these by-laws are available on the Village's website at [www.bawlf.com](http://www.bawlf.com) or at the Village Office.

*Council meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the Community Centre, 7 PM.*  
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## **Municipal Sustainability Community Consultation**

As you already know, our community, with the help of a co-ordinator, is going through the process to create a **Municipal Sustainability Plan**. The main intent is to discover actions we can take now so that we leave our children and grandchildren with a wonderful place in which to live, work, and play. This plan will guide Bawlf towards a more sustainable future, ensuring we have a high quality of life now and for future generations. Moreover, it needs to be understood that completing this plan is **mandatory** for all municipalities in Alberta in order to maintain access to some significant Provincial funding.

**You are invited to attend the Community Consultation town hall meeting:**

**When:** Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 PM

**Where:** Bawlf Community Centre

***Come and have your say about Bawlf's future!***

**Come honour his retirement and celebrate his many years of teaching**

### ***Principal Doug Bowie***

**When:** Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM

**Where:** Bawlf School Gymnasium

***All former students, former volleyball players, parents, and members of the community at large are invited!***

Also a reminder with regard to **watering restrictions** in the Village of Bawlf (By-law 563/08): residents are restricted to watering their lawns between the hours of 7 PM – 10AM (i.e., **no mid-day watering allowed**). Any resident in violation of this rule will:

- receive a warning on the first offence;
- be fined \$25.00 on the second offence;
- be fined \$100.00 on the third offence; and have their water turned off and be fined \$100.00 for the fourth and all subsequent offences.

#### **June, 2009 Calendar**

- Jun 3:** School band concert, Bawlf School gym, 7 PM
- Jun 12:** Doug Bowie retirement celebration, Bawlf School gym, 1 PM
- Jun 13:** Bawlf Country Store 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2-6 PM
- Jun 15:** School recycling drive (items at the curb by 12 noon)
- Jun 17:** Village Council, Community Centre, 7 PM
- Jun 23:** Municipal Sustainability Community Consultation, Community Centre, 7 PM

#### **Village of Bawlf Council Members**

*Mayor Jerry Iwanus*  
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*Councillor Jody Yuha*  
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*Councillor Reta Porter*  
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*Councillor Gord Blatz*  
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### Recycling in Bawlf

1. Newspapers and cardboard are no longer accepted in Bawlf but may be taken to Centra Cam in Camrose. The shed located at the bus garage is closed until further notice.
2. Items accepted at the village garage behind the fire hall are plastic milk jugs (rinsed and squashed), cardboard milk containers (rinsed and flattened), clean tin cans, clean clear glass and #2 plastic (please check the number in the recycle symbol on the bottom of the container).
3. Items not accepted are coloured glass, egg cartons and all plastic other than #2.

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### Composting Area

Grass clippings will be accepted directly east of the Water Treatment Plant. Please remove the plastic bags and/or boxes that you transported your clippings in. If you are able, please spread the clippings out for ease of roto-tilling. For map of composting area, please see May, 2009 newsletter (available at [www.bawlf.com](http://www.bawlf.com)).

## *Bawlf Country Store 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*Come Join us for Free Hotdogs, Coffee  
and Pop  
Saturday June 13, 2009  
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

### **DAYSLAND PALACE THEATRE**

Movie Information Line: 780-374-3774

SHOW TIMES: Friday & Saturday 8 PM  
Sunday 7 PM

June 5, 6, 7

#### **17 AGAIN Rated: PG**

Starring Matthew Perry and Zac Efron  
Comedy. A man in the midst of a divorce gets a second chance at life when he wakes up to find he is seventeen again.

June 12, 13, 14

#### **HANNAH MONTANA THE MOVIE Rated: G**

Starring Miley Cyrus and Billy Ray Cyrus  
Family/Comedy. A young girl with a famous alter-ego is thrown back into her "real" life when her father takes her to her hometown for two weeks.

#### **REEL ALTERNATIVE**

Thursday June 18, 2009 8 p.m.

#### **DOUBT Rated: PG**

Warning: Mature themes  
Starring Meryl Streep  
Drama. Based on the play by John Patrick Shanley. Set in 1964, a nun accuses a priest of an inappropriate relationship with a young boy.

Saturday, June 20 2:00 Toonie matinee

#### **MONSTERS VS. ALIENS Rated: G**

Voice of Reese Witherspoon

Animated action/Comedy. After a meteor transforms a young girl into a giant, she is committed to a secret government facility but is released to help stop an alien invasion threatening earth.

June 19, 20, 21

#### **THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT Rated: 14A**

Horror. A family rents what seems to be the perfect house in Connecticut only to find its history is not entirely in the past.

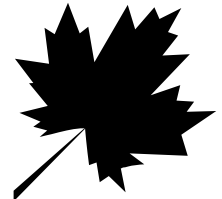
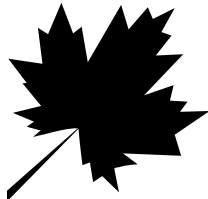
June 26, 27, 28

#### **X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE**

**Rated: 14A**

Starring Hugh Jackman  
Science Fiction/Action/. The story of the early life and transformation of James Logan, who becomes Wolverine.

In the hearts and minds  
of the delegates who assembled  
in this room on September 1, 1864  
was born the Dominion of Canada



Providence being their guide  
They builded better than they knew.

*Inscription on a bronze plaque erected in 1917 but unveiled July 1, 1927, in the Legislative Chamber, Province House, Charlottetown, the room in which the basis was established for a confederation of the British North American colonies.*

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