



Your *Village* Voice

The Village of Bawlf Newsletter
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Next Council meeting:

June 15th at the Village
Office, 7 PM (date
change for June)

The public is welcome
to attend all Council
meetings. If you
would like to address
Council, please contact
the Village Office by
noon on June 10th to
arrange a time.

Mayor's message by Mayor Jerry Iwanus



October 18, 2010 is municipal Election Day in Alberta and it's not too early to start thinking about whether you might want to see what the governing process looks like from the other side of the Council table. Although it's not perfect, there is no doubt that the system of municipal government in Alberta provides every resident of a municipality the opportunity to participate in the governing process in a meaningful way, if he or she so chooses. Some would even argue that the best thing would be for *every* ratepayer to take a turn on Council because everyone would then have a better understanding of the issues and decisions that Councillors face.

I'm not going to sugar-coat it: being on Council is not an easy job. It is often thankless and requires a significant amount of time commitment. It includes having people constantly scrutinizing your actions and questioning your judgement. It includes being responsible to a myriad of stakeholders, including employees, ratepayers, community groups, neighbouring municipalities and, of course, Municipal Affairs. It sometimes involves resolving conflicts and making decisions that aren't always popular. But it also involves the satisfaction of making a difference and in having a direct say in how this Village, our home, will evolve over time. We are blessed with the opportunity to have a democratic say in these types of decisions and it is incumbent upon each one of us to do our duty as we are able.

Nothing would be better for our community than to have another election like the one in 2007, where there were nine candidates vying for five positions. There were a variety of perspectives expressed and visions outlined and residents had a real choice in what type of leaders would be at the helm for the next three years. When people of differing views all throw their hats into the ring, this engenders real debate about the type of village we want to see develop. I'm personally well aware that there are residents with visions that differ from mine and that of my current Council colleagues, but nothing could be healthier than to have those differing visions debated in an open public forum. Those who have the good fortune of winning the election then know what type of mandate they have been given for the next three years.

October is the opportunity to bring your own vision to the forefront. For more information, stop in at the Village Office, or go to our website at www.bawlf.com, where you can download a nomination form (which must be submitted by September 20, 2010) and all the other information you'll need. Go ahead – throw your hat in the ring. After all, it's *your* village.

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For anyone who was unable to attend the Village of Bawlf Annual General meeting on April 22nd, videos of all the presentations, including the Mayor's annual "State of the Village" address, are available on the main page of the Village website (www.bawlf.com).

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Note that the Village of Bawlf monthly bill is payable on line at most financial institutions. Some (such as RBC) are *not* available due to extremely high service charges and an automatic monthly payment is suggested as an alternative. If you are having trouble setting up your payment options, please contact the Village Office (780-373-3797) or your financial institution.

Bawlf School Recycling Drive

(paid recyclables only -- including plastic milk jugs!)

Date of this month's pick-up: Wednesday, June 16th

(last pick-up until September!)

Items to be at the curb in front of your house by 11:45 AM. Area **rural residents** who wish to participate can bring their items to the door of the bus storage shed north of the school.

Questions? Call Bawlf School at 780-373-3784

Bawlf School Kindergarten Registration - Kindergarten is for children who will be five years of age before March 1, 2011. *Please come and register your child at the school office or call the school office at 373-3784 for more information as soon as possible.* **Birth certificates are required** as part of the registration package.

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Many thanks to the Bawlf Community Builders (BCB), who braved a blustery evening on May 20th to plant pots of flowers all along Hanson (Main) Street, as well as by the post office, the Village entrance sign, and the Village Office/Library. **Beautification was one of the issues that consistently arose both in the 2009 Village surveys and in the Municipal Sustainability discussions** and we are fortunate that this eager group has stepped up to the plate in this regard. The next BCB project will involve a summer street party in August; watch the Village website and the *Village Voice* for further details.

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By-laws that were given first reading at the May 19th Council meeting: None. 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 or at the Village Office.

June, 2010 Calendar

- Jun 8:** Junior/Senior High band concert & art show, School gym, 7 PM
- Jun 10:** BCB meeting, Bawlf Store, 7 PM
- Jun 15:** Playschool/Out-of-School Care open house, Old Hall, 7-9 PM
- Jun 15:** Village Council, 7 PM
- Jun 16:** School recycling drive (items at the curb by 11:45 AM)
- Jun 17:** "A Night of Hot Summer Reading", 7-9 PM at the Bawlf Public Library

Village of Bawlf Council Members

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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;
- have their water turned off and be fined \$100.00 for the fourth and all subsequent offences.

Council meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the Village Office, 7 PM.

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At the May 19th meeting, Village Council declared June 7-13 as Seniors' Week. Bawlf continues to be very proud of the legacy with which today's seniors have left us and it is only fitting that we take every opportunity we can to say "thank you".

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June is *Hot Summer Reading Month* at the Bawlf Public Library

Stop by to find some great summer reading! (M-W-F 11 AM to 5 PM; Thursday 3 to 7 PM)

Also, mark your calendars for "A Night of Hot Summer Reading" with Michelle Beattie, local author of such historical love stories as *A Lady in Disguise*, *A Man in Need*, *Everything a Pirate Desires* and the upcoming, *Romancing the Pirate*. Have your favourite book signed and ask her questions on how she discovered her passion for writing romance novels!

Bawlf Public Library
Thursday, June 17, 7-9 PM
Appetizers and refreshments will be served!

Join us... With a membership to the Bawlf Public Library, you can access books, DVDs, materials in languages other than English and endless resources from across Alberta.

Memberships: Single - \$10 Family - \$20 203 Hanson Street 780-373-3882

Help us celebrate the first day of summer by:

- Completing and returning the **attached Bawlf Public Library Survey** by June 21.
- Entering the **Bawlf Public Library Colouring Contest**, also due by June 21, if you are between the ages of 0 and 12 (*colouring contest form available either at the Library or at www.bawlf.com*)

Bawlf Playschool News



Linda Rostad of Camrose holding her prize of \$2,000. Presenting the prize is Bawlf Playschool Vice-president, Tina Masson.

FUNDRAISING: In the raffle, the playschool made approx. \$2,888. Thank-you to everyone who purchased and helped sell tickets. The money made from the raffle is going to the Playschool, out-of-school and daycare project.

ANOTHER YEAR ENDED: On May 17, 2010 we celebrated the last day of Playschool. We had a little graduation celebration where the teacher, Mrs. Lisa, talked about each child, bringing up their favourites and all their cute phrases. Then she gave each child a certificate and a Bawlf Playschool ball hat to wear and cherish. It was a great year and we would like to thank Mrs. Lisa for a job well done and wish her luck as she prepares for her baby.

We will be cleaning and packing up the playschool on Tuesday, June 15 from 9 AM to 3 PM. If anyone is interested in helping with this, we would greatly appreciate it. Please call Terry-Lynn Sereda at 780-374-3838 for information.

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR: We already have hosted two registration days for the Playschool year 2010-2011, but are now having an evening registration on **May 31** and **June 15** from 7-9 PM at the old Bawlf Hall. This is an OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION for the BAWLF PLAYSCHOOL and OUT-OF-SCHOOL programs. We will have people there to answer any questions you might have. If you are unable to attend and want your name on a list, please call: Terry-Lynn Sereda at 780-374-3838 or Tina Masson at 780-608-8304.

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Bawlf Public Library 2010 Survey

We invite your feedback about the services provided by the Bawlf Public Library. Please complete the survey below and return it to the Library by June 21, 2010. *For your convenience, there is a book drop located by our entrance – please use it to return your survey outside of our regular hours.*

1. Do you have a membership to the Bawlf Public Library? Yes ___ No ___

<p>2. If no, what factors prevent you from purchasing a membership to the Bawlf Public Library?</p> <p>a) I have a membership to another public library.</p> <p>b) The membership is too expensive.</p> <p>c) I do not read often enough to buy a membership.</p> <p>d) I purchase books at a bookstore or online.</p> <p>e) I do not know enough about the services the Bawlf Public Library provides.</p> <p>f) Other_____</p>	<p>3. What services do you use most frequently at the Bawlf Public Library?</p> <p>a) Books</p> <p>b) DVDs</p> <p>c) Newspapers and magazines</p> <p>d) Free Internet</p> <p>e) Research</p> <p>f) Other_____</p>
<p>4. How could service be improved at the Bawlf Public Library?</p> <p>a) Add public computers</p> <p>b) More variety in books, DVDs, magazines, etc</p> <p>c) Longer hours (including weekend)</p> <p>d) Lower the price of memberships</p> <p>e) More literacy programs</p> <p>f) Other_____</p>	<p>5. What types of programs would you like the Bawlf Public Library to offer?</p> <p>a) Adult Literacy</p> <p>b) Arts & Crafts</p> <p>c) Author Meet & Greets</p> <p>d) Book Club</p> <p>e) Children's Literacy</p> <p>f) Other_____</p>
<p>6. How would you like to learn more about the Bawlf Public Library?</p> <p>a) Newsletters</p> <p>b) Bulletin Boards</p> <p>c) School Visits</p> <p>d) Internet</p> <p>e) Open Houses</p> <p>f) Other_____</p>	<p>7. How do you rank the overall service provided by the Bawlf Public Library?</p> <p>a) Excellent</p> <p>b) Good</p> <p>c) Neutral</p> <p>d) Fair</p> <p>e) Poor</p>

We welcome your general comments: _____

Thank you for your input. Your responses are appreciated as we strive to enhance the quality of service at the Bawlf Public Library. All personal comments will be kept confidential.



Happy Canada Day
July 1, 2010