



Talk of the Town

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♪ I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas ♪

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Public Works clears streets of snow in this sequence: Railway Avenue, 108th Ave, 105th Ave, North and South (Hill) Roads, 103rd Ave, Main Street, Residential Subdivisions, Back Alleys. On streets with no sidewalks, snow will be pushed to one side of the street, then the other, in alternating years. On streets with sidewalk on one side, snow will be plowed to the side which has no sidewalk. Streets with sidewalk on both sides will have snow pushed to one side or the other, in alternating years, in which case residents would not be responsible for snow removal on the sidewalks on which snow has been piled. Snow will not be piled where there are power boxes. Street parking makes snow removal difficult. Vehicles parked on the street more than 72 hours will be tagged and towed. Time and budget permitting, snow piles will be hauled away from corners to increase visibility for motorists. In spring, boulevards effected by snow piles will be swept. Snow is removed from driveways as a courtesy to residents. Consider that in many municipalities, there is absolutely no snow removal on residential streets. This year, rock chips will be used instead of sand and calcium chloride to alleviate icy streets. Rock chips are cost effective, environmentally friendly, less corrosive on vehicles, cleaner and easier to sweep in spring.

There is no need to “dream” of a White Christmas in Fairview. This photograph, captured in March 2007, reminds us just how much snow fell last winter. It is clean, white and beautiful, but poses a challenge to both snow removal crews and residents.

Once again, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and then some. With patience, cooperation, and common-sense, we can conquer snow-season amicably. The Town of Fairview is looking at changes to the snow removal bylaw, but for now the current bylaw is in effect.

Festive Fairview Events

Fairview Ministerial Festival of Joy

Dec. 6 - NAIT Theatre - 7:00 pm

Bring Donation for Food Bank

Santa Claus Parade

Dec. 7 - 6:00 pm - Main Street

Moonlight Madness

Dec. 7 - Downtown Fairview to 11:00 pm

Fairview Fire Dept. Food/Toy Drive

Dec. 8 - Fairview, Bluesky, Whitelaw

Rockin' Country Christmas

Dec. 8 - E.E. Oliver - 6:30 pm

Fairview Silver Blades Ice Carnival

Dec. 9 - 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm - Fairplex

Christmas Outdoor Decorating

Contest Judging - Dec. 13

Fairview Kings Home Games

Dec. 1 (Lakeland) Dec. 6 (Grande Prairie)

Dec. 13 (Grimshaw) Dec. 22 (High Prairie)

Community Christmas Eve Service

Cornerstone Baptist - 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Fairview Gospel Chapel - 9:00 pm

New Years' Eve Dance/Midnight Supper

Waterhole Hall (Student Tour Fundraiser)

WHAT ARE YOUR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS UP TO?

Mayor Rick Nicholson, Councillors Larry Chorney, Brent Dechant, Anne Grayson, Noel Jorgensen, CAO Lloyd Johnston and Municipal Intern Jeff O'Donnell recently returned from the annual Alberta Urban Municipalities Convention, held Nov. 28, 29 and 30 in Calgary. The AUMA Convention provides sessions to educate elected officials about issues important to municipalities. It also provides opportunity to converse face-to-face with provincial ministers. This year's convention focused on sustainability. A special meeting was arranged with RCMP "K" Division to discuss policing issues relevant to Fairview. Arrangements were also made to meet with the Honourable Doug Horner, Advance Education and Technology, to discuss the future of NAIT Fairview Campus. Sessions attended by your elected officials included:

- ▶ Paved with Good Intentions - Planning for Sustainable Community Infrastructure
- ▶ Getting Your Piece of the Pie - Increase your chances of getting funding support from Rural AB's Development Fund
- ▶ Insuring Your Municipality's Future - Alberta Risk Protocol
- ▶ Marketing a Career in Municipal Government

Elected Officials also vote on AUMA Resolutions which are subsequently recommended to the province for consideration.

ON THE TABLE	WINTER AND PETS	ICE: NICE OR VICE?
<p>The following items are currently under consideration by council. Let your elected officials know what you think.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ World's Largest Motorcycle (still up in the air?) ▶ Three-Year Business Plan ▶ Updated Utility Bylaw (Should owners be responsible for utility arrears incurred by their renters?) ▶ Updated Snow Removal Bylaw (Main Street or Schools take priority in removal sequence?) ▶ Budget 2008 ▶ Fairplex Renovations ▶ Outdoor Recreation Park 	<p>Do you <i>really</i> love your pet? In winter, it is critical that you do not leave your pet tied outside without food, shelter and a clean, warm place to sleep. Even then, only for short periods. Dogs can actually freeze into the snow, causing extreme suffering, danger of hypothermia and death if not rescued. If you see a suffering animal, do not hesitate to call RCMP or the Town.</p> <p>An animal license ensures you and your lost pet are re-united. Strays, if not claimed within 72 hours in the pound, must be euthenized. Animal licenses are offered at a reduced, very affordable rate in the month of January.</p>	<p>Nice: Ice Fishing on Cummings Lake is nice. Be sure to obey all signs and stay away from thin ice. Always supervise children and pets.</p> <p>Snowmobiles are absolutely not permitted on the ice.</p> <p>Vice: Any activity on the town reservoirs is strictly forbidden. The reservoirs contain the town's water supply which must not be contaminated. Aeration presents extremely dangerous thin ice. Stay off the reservoirs, no exceptions!</p>

OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

Outstanding property taxes are due Dec. 31, 2007. If payment is not received by that date, a 15% penalty will be applied to the outstanding balance. Payment may be made at the Town Office, local banks, Internet, telephone banking, mail, or cheques may be deposited in the drop box located at the west entrance of the Provincial Building. For information, call the Town Office.

PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX INSTALLMENT PLAN

Property owners may pay their property taxes by monthly installments under the Town's Pre-authorized Tax Installment Plan. Arrangements for the 2008 tax year must be made at the Town Office before January 15, 2008. For information as to how to proceed with the plan, contact the Town Office. If you are already enrolled, you will receive a 2008 renewal notice in December.

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to our
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