

Downtown Drainage Project

An important project has just begun in Downtown Altona! Expected to last until July 31, the Downtown Drainage Project is now underway. Thank you to the Damage Prevention and Climate Resiliency Funding Program from the Province of Manitoba, we are able to break ground on this 2.4 million dollar project to improve the drainage downtown.

What is the Downtown Drainage Project?

It is a project to install new infrastructure downtown to address long-standing issues with drainage. You may be familiar with rainfall events in the past that have required 2nd St NE and 4th Ave NE to be closed due to flooding. This project will address that problem. It includes the installation of a new 24" gravity based collection system, and a new fibreglass barrel lift station, featuring two 90 horsepower high volume pumps to push rainwater through a pipe to the ditch west of highway 30.

How will this impact me?

Throughout June and July, there will be a few road closures. This includes 2nd St NE from 3rd Ave NE to 6th Ave NE, and 4th Ave NE from the Ice Cream Hut to partway across the Katharina Courts entrance. You will need to take detours around that intersection for a time. There will also be some noise downtown for the duration.

What will be the results of the project?

After this project is completed, the area will be protected against a 1/25 year rainfall event. That means that drainage will be sufficient for the average rainfall and melt, up to events that typically only happen once every 25 years.

Who is doing the work?

J-CON Civil received the contract for this project through the tendering process, and has sub-contracted the local company L.E.T. Construction Ltd to install a portion of this project.

Why did the Veterans' Cenotaph have to move?

It was determined that some of the new infrastructure elements may crowd the Cenotaph Park. Through much consultation, the Cenotaph was relocated to in front of the Rhineland Pioneer Centre. This new permanent location is in the process of being landscaped, and will be ready for your visit later this year, with a rededication ceremony to follow in the fall. The location was chosen due to its visibility, and proximity to the RPC for ceremonies. We also look forward to maintaining some public green space downtown in the former Cenotaph Park, once the new infrastructure is installed.

Altona's New Flag... Coming Soon!



At the beginning of 2020, the Town of Altona put out a call for submissions in a contest to redesign our municipal flag to be a symbol we can all be proud of. The flag was intended to be unveiled at an event celebrating Altona in June of 2020. While we weren't able to unveil the new flag in June of 2020, we look forward to unveiling it this June! New flagpoles are in the process of being installed in front of the Civic Centre, and once those flagpoles are in, we look forward to sharing the winning flag design with you! Thank you to all of the wonderfully creative local residents who submitted flag ideas - we think that you will love the final product and are counting down the days until it flies!



Dates to Remember for June 2021:

- ⇒ **June 1-4:** Spring Clean-Up: Drop-Off Waste Loop at the MEC
- ⇒ **June 4:** Spring Clean-Up: Branch Collection Day
- ⇒ **June 8:** Committee of the Whole/Council Meeting @ 3:30/5:30 pm
- ⇒ **June 8:** Conditional Use Hearing re: Child Care @ 6:00 pm
- ⇒ **June 10:** A Conversation about Vaccination Live on Youtube at 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **June 22:** Committee of the Whole/Council Meeting @ 3:30/5:30 pm

Mandatory Water Reduction in Effect

As of June 3rd, 2021, a mandatory water reduction is in effect in Altona until further notice. We are reducing our municipal water usage, and ask for your help as well.

Current restrictions include: no watering of lawns, a reduction in watering of gardens and flowers, no vehicle washing except at commercial facilities, no filling of swimming pools or hot tubs, no washing of the exterior of structures or pavement with hose or pressure washer, all until further notice. Learn more on our website.

Sewer Flushing Happening Now

The Water Works Department is hard at work flushing sewer lines throughout town. If you see them out with their equipment, please ensure to give them space to complete this important work. If you happen to notice an odour in your home, run water through all of your taps, flush the toilets, and open windows to air it out. This should resolve the issue.

We are using non-potable water for this task, and for the watering of plants when possible as part of our efforts to reduce water usage.

"I chose the vaccine for my 88 year old mom who has had her vaccine as well, for my ten month old grandson in Alberta who we have yet to meet, and for my community,"

- Mayor Al Friesen

A Conversation about Vaccination



Join **Dr. Dieter Bueddefeld** and **Dr. Ken Kliewer** in a conversation about the COVID-19 Vaccine.

You can tune in to the conversation on the Town of Altona's Youtube channel live on **June 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm.**

If you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine that you would like to have addressed, send them to us at communications@altona.ca, through our social media platforms, on our website, or by calling 204-324-6468.

"I am proud to receive my COVID-19 vaccine on the first day I'm eligible; to support our overburdened nurses, doctors and staff at the Altona Community Memorial and Boundary Trails health centres; So that my friends and family and customers are protected; And so that our affected small businesses, recreation services and enjoyable activities like travel can safely resume and reopen. I believe protecting others and loving my neighbour is what I'm called to do as a follower of Jesus, and I'm grateful for this opportunity to put my faith into action.

- Deputy Mayor Jordan Siemens