

**Spring Clean-Up** will run **June 8-11, 2020** with these changes:

1. **No Giveaway Day:** In order to avoid unnecessary contact, do not place items at your curb for neighbours and those from outside of our community to “shop”.
2. **Bins and Drop-Off Zones:** Instead of collecting items from the boulevards, the Public Works Team will set up bins and drop zones in the parking lot of the Millennium Exhibition Centre for metal, wood, household garbage, mattresses, furniture, appliances and tires.
3. **Branch Collection:** The Public Works Department will collect branches from the boulevards during Spring Clean-Up Week. Please place your branches in a neat pile, parallel to the curb so that they can be picked up by loader forks. If branches are not placed in this manner, parallel to the curb on the boulevards, they will not be collected.



### Public Works Department:

#### Road Reconstruction:

10th Ave will be closed to all traffic from the intersection of 10th Ave & 2nd St NW, to just west of the intersection of 10th Ave & 3rd St NW starting on June 8th. 12th Ave NE will also be under construction at this time, and all Bunge traffic is to head south down 2nd St NW and use the modified entrance. These projects are expected to take 4 weeks, weather dependent.

#### New Crosswalk on Centre Avenue

The intersection of 1st St SE and Centre Avenue will be seeing a lot of attention this June, as it is prepared for a new crosswalk. All new concrete curbing and gutter for the transition between the two streets should allow for an accessible crosswalk. This crosswalk is being added due to feedback collected by Equal Access Altona.

### Recreation Services Department:

#### Outdoor Facilities

Outdoor recreation facilities have re-opened, with some restrictions. The Recreation Team will continue to monitor public health orders and plan activities and events that will be fun and safe for the community, such as summer day camps.

#### LED Light Replacement Project:

In the Millennium Exhibition Centre, the team has been hard at work replacing existing light fixtures with LED light fixtures. This upgrade will result in brighter lighting throughout the facility, and more efficient power use.

#### Spring Beautification:

The end of May and beginning of June has the Recreation team out and about in the community planting flowers, and adding bright and colourful messages to the trails.

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### Dates to Remember for June 2020:

- ⇒ June 8—11: Spring Clean-Up Week
- ⇒ June 9: Council Meeting (5:30 pm)
- ⇒ June 23: Council Meeting (5:30 pm)
- ⇒ June 30: 2nd Quarter Water Meter Readings Due

### From the Mayor's Desk

Welcome to summer 2020.

Altona Town Council made a commitment at its strategic planning session to more actively engage Altona residents.

How does that happen?

The monthly CFAM Radio show, "In the Mayor's Chair" is one example, as are our regular Facebook and Instagram posts, Mayor's videos, and more partnerships with our local media.

We also felt there was a value in a monthly newsletter that highlights Town of Altona "happenings", and that's where "In the Loop" fits in. The newsletter will arrive in your mailbox monthly, and if you have comments, feel free to get in touch with us. You can reach us at [communications@altona.ca](mailto:communications@altona.ca), or reach me directly at my email below.

Thanks for reading!

Mayor Al Friesen

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Town of Altona Council meetings are now being held at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre instead of in Council Chambers to allow for physical distancing measures.

### Municipal Property Taxes:

The Town of Altona Council amended the 2020 Financial Plan to help ease the economic burden of COVID-19 on taxpayers in Altona. The Municipal Tax Levy has been frozen for 2020. This means that the average homeowner will see very little, or no, municipal tax increase in 2020. Some homeowners may still see an increase or decrease however, as 2020 is a property value reassessment year. The average increase in property assessment value is 6.50% - if your assessment was higher or lower than that average, you will see an increase or drop in municipal taxes, respectively.

**The payment deadline is  
July 31, 2020.**

Residents who have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 may request interest relief until Sept. 30, 2020 by submitting a form.

### Altona Animal Control—204-324-4644

Pet owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that they are in compliance with the Animal Control Bylaw (1781/2019). Cats and dogs MUST be licensed, which can be done at the Administration Office for a one time fee of \$25. Pets must be leashed on public property, except in designated off-leash areas, and you must clean up after your pet.

