

Public Works Department: Let's Talk About Trees!

Members of our team have specialized training in how to take care of trees. Originally, trees grew and thrived in forest environments, so when we plant trees on boulevards, and in parks, we want the ground around them to be as close to forest soil as possible. Here are some ways that you can help keep the boulevard trees near your property (and your own trees!) healthy and thriving:

Give the Roots Space: Leave a circle 2-3 times as wide as the trunk diameter as bare dirt or covered in wood chips to allow access to moisture, and less competition from grass and weeds for nutrients as the tree becomes established. Do not fill this area with rocks! Rocks kill trees by damaging the root system, and blocking out all-important moisture and nutrients.

Show the Flare: The trunk flare, the part of the trunk that flares out where the roots begin, should be left exposed to increase tree stability, so do not pile dirt, rocks or wood chips up over the trunk flare. Covering the root flare results in tree rot, poor growth, and less stability—and could result in the tree coming down in a strong wind!

Protect the Bark: Bark is essential for carrying moisture and nutrients up into the canopy of the tree, and damaging it will cause great stress to the tree, or cause it to die. Don't wrap decorative lights or ropes around the trunk of a tree. As the tree grows, these strands will slowly suffocate it. Also, avoid using a weed-trimmer immediately alongside a tree, as it will cut into the bark.

Thank you for helping us protect our tree canopy for years to come!



Recreation Services Department:

Canada Day

This year, there won't be a Canada Day Celebration in the Park. Visit our website for links to virtual celebration options from across the country!

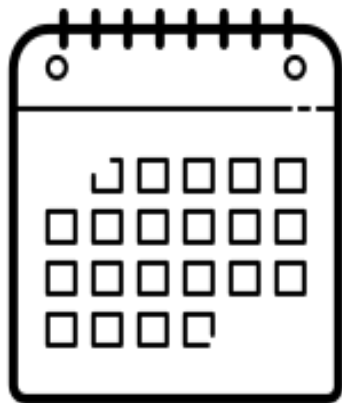
Summer Day Camps

In July and August, there will be day camps for kids aged 5-12 run by our team. Registration opens June 29th, call 204-324-9005 to register.

Search for Stuff

Throughout July, the Rec. Department will be running a contest called "Search for Stuff" with the opportunity to win fantastic prizes! Find out more on Instagram, Facebook, or our website!

Dates to Remember for July 2020:



- ⇒ **July 13 -17:** Summer Day Camp
- ⇒ **July 14:** Council Meeting, 5:30 pm at MEC
& First Reading of Borrowing Bylaw
- ⇒ **July 24:** Tax Interest Relief Application Forms Due**
- ⇒ **July 28:** Council Meeting, 5:30 pm at MEC
- ⇒ **July 31:** Municipal Property Tax Payment Deadline**

**If you have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19, you may be eligible for relief from interest on your Municipal Property Taxes until Sept. 30, 2020 by submitting an application form. Visit altona.ca/financial-hardship.

Applications are due July 24, 2020.

From the Altona Police Service: Share the Road Responsibly

As the weather warms up and our streets become busier, remember to share the road responsibly!

In A Vehicle:

Make sure to obey all traffic signs, markings, and traffic laws. Avoid distractions, and stay alert and aware of foot and bike traffic around you.

On A Bike:

Wear bright or reflective clothing, and ensure that your bicycle is in good repair. A bicycle is a vehicle and must obey all traffic signs and road markings, and travel on the roadway or path, allowing the sidewalk to be used by pedestrians. Make sure to use proper hand signals to communicate with others.

On Foot:

Be alert to your surroundings, and cross streets at designated crossings. While you are crossing the street, make eye contact with the driver/cyclist to ensure that they see you. If there is no path or sidewalk, you should walk on the left side of the street, facing traffic.



Stopping



Turning Left



Turning Right