



WILLOW BUNCH - CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

TOWN NEWS

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Town of Willow Bunch

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NOTICE:

The office is open however due to COVID-19, we are doing our part and are **CLOSED** to the public until further notice. Payments can be mailed, dropped off in box outside of the office, we also

accept etransfers.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
7:00 am – 12:00 pm
12:45 pm – 4:30 pm

COUNCIL MEETINGS

TOWN of WILLOW BUNCH

Council Chambers

May 4, 2020 1:00 pm

R.M. No. 42 of WILLOW BUNCH

Council Chambers

May 11, 2020 9:00 am

Sharleine Eger

Administrator

Tereena Bartlett

Assistant Administrator

Claire Lesperance

Community Development Officer

SUMMER Transfer

Station Hours

Now in effect until

OCTOBER 31st

Tuesday & Thursday

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday:

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

NEXT GREY GARBAGE BIN



PICK UP DATE:

MAY 11TH

MAY 25TH

@ 7:00AM

NEXT BLUE RECYCLE BIN

PICK UP DATE:

MAY 4TH

MAY 18TH

@ 7:00AM



COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS

Anyone with a complaint/concern about matters relating to municipal affairs shall submit the complaint/concern in writing and signed by the individual to the administrator before the complaint/concern is taken to council.

**2020 ASSESSMENT ROLL RURAL
MUNICIPALITY OF WILLOW BUNCH NO. 42**

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open for inspection at the office of the assessor of the municipality from 7:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, from May 1st, 2020 to June 30th, 2020

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$100 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, with: The Assessor, R.M. of Willow Bunch No. 42, Box 220, Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan, S0H 4K0 by the 30th day of June, 2020.

Dated at Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan this 8th day of May, 2020.

Sharleine Eger
Assessor

OPEN FIRE BAN ORDER

Take notice that effective Tuesday, April 28, 2020 an open fire ban has been issued for all lands within the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 boundaries, INCLUDING the TOWN OF WILLOW BUNCH.

No burning of any kind which includes fire pits, fireworks, burning barrels, etc. Covered incinerators and propane firepit rings are excluded as long as they are not left unattended.

Exempt from this order are farmers burning for field access or field work only. Farmers planning to burn are to contact the local RM office at 306-473-2450 and the Control Burn Line at 1-866-404-4911.

This fire ban will be in effect until further notice.

The cost of fire prevention, suppression and emergency response services shall be charged directly on the persons who receive the service during the period of this Fire Ban.

This order is hereby authorized and effective on the date noted above.

Sharleine Eger
Administrator

**The Town will be picking up
YARD REFUSE
(leaves & small twigs)
curbside on
the LAST TWO WEEKS IN MAY 2020
REFUSE MUST BE BAGGED IN CLEAR
GARBAGE BAGS ONLY!**

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

This year Town Council is contracting Brian Kuysten, registered Pest Control Officer, to eradicate the gophers that are presenting a problem on the East side of Town, particularly in the area surrounding Avenue I, J & G. Product being used will be Rozol RTU, a non-secondary (not lethal to animals that may come in contact with a dead gopher) ready to use field rodent bait that will be delivered down the gopher hole. This work will take place in early May. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office.

**For Public Safety and for the Safety of
our Staff – Do Not
Approach/Stop Staff
If you require assistance, please
contact the RM Foreman
@ 306-640-7886 or
the Town Foreman @306-640-8939**

The Town of Willow Bunch will be accepting used, rolled grain bags for recycling at the Transfer Station (former landfill). Farmers are to contact the Town Office to arrange a drop off @ 306-473-2450. A grain bag roller is available by calling 306-640-8238. Any bags that are not properly rolled and require "rerolling" are subject to a \$40 charge.

Coronach RCMP Monthly Stats Report

During the month of April, the Coronach/Bengough RCMP responded to 16 calls for service, resulting in 3 Criminal Code charges. We also issued 2 traffic tickets and 3 written warnings in our patrolling area.

**This includes all of Coronach / Bengough Detachment areas. It goes from US border to two miles North of Crane Valley, and from about 1 mile East of St. Victor to 3 miles East of Ogema.*

Calls to service included:

- 2 Uttering threats
- 1 Complaint of possible impaired driver
- 1 Complaint of failing to comply with conditions
- 2 Complaints of mischief
- 1 Crime Prevention situation – civil
- 1 Motor vehicle accident – minor injuries
- 1 ATV accident with injuries
- 2 Trespass Act complaints
- 1 Covid-19 Mandatory Isolation notification
- 1 Covid-19 Complaint
- 1 Well-being check
- 1 911 Hang ups
- 1 Suspicious vehicle
- 1 Abandoned vehicle

APRIL CHARGES

- 1 Assault
- 1 Uttering threats
- 1 Fail to comply with release conditions

TRAFFIC TICKETS AND WARNINGS INCLUDED:

- 1 Speeding ticket issued
- 1 Ticket issued for failing to obey stop sign
- 1 Written warning for failing to obey stop sign
- 1 Written warning for speeding
- 1 Written warning for following too closely

FOR TENDER

The Willow Bunch Museum is accepting tenders for Removal and Replacement of the cement pad surround the Edouard Beupre Statue and Memorial Monument in front of the museum.

Deadline for Tenders is June 25, 2020.

- * Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted
- For job details and how to place tender, please call Paul Lesperance @ 306-473-2746 or 306-640-6404

RECREATION



THANK YOU to Larry & Lois Deblois for their donation of \$500!

THANK YOU to Gilles Bonneau for his donation of \$1000!

THANK YOU to Reisner Farms Ltd. for their donation of \$1000!

THANK YOU to Poplar River Miner's Trust Fund for their donation of \$3000!

THANK YOU to Westmoreland Coal, Larry Newans and Mark Cooper for their donation of \$6089.24 of which proceeds come from brass fittings sold to Mryglod Steel & Metals.



Larry Newans presenting cheque to Denis Lesperance, Swimming Pool Fundraising Committee Member



RECREATION

FOR TENDER

Reclaimed chain link fence from former ball diamonds. Deadline for tenders – Friday, May 8th

Submit to Willow Bunch Recreation
Box 37 Willow Bunch, SK S0H 4K0

* Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JEAN LOUIS LEGARE REGIONAL PARK

In accordance with the Re-Open Saskatchewan Guidelines, the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park Authority will be opening the park with restricted access:

1. Effective June 1st, the JLL Regional Park will be open to the Camping Public at 50% capacity.
2. Social Distancing must be maintained and respected.
3. Groups of no more than 10 will be permitted.
4. Each non-seasonal campsite will be required to have an empty campsite in-between each other.
5. Washrooms, Gazebo & Playgrounds are all CLOSED and Off-limits to the public.
6. Daily/Seasonal Park Entry is still required - \$10/day or \$45 for a Seasonal Pass – Seasonal Park Passes are available from any Park Board Member, & the local Post Office

Please contact the park at

jeanlouislegareregionalpark@sasktel.net

for more information.

The Willow Bunch Golf Course will be open for business on May 15th. While we are excited to get things started there will be a few changes as we navigate through these unprecedented times. Guidelines, as set out by the provincial government, will be adhered to. The following are in place for your safety and ours:

- * Expand cleaning and disinfection of common/high-touch surfaces in accordance with public health order
- * Physical distancing must be observed at all times, with a minimum of two metres between individuals
- * Employees must have access to gloves and sanitizing wipes and are required to stay at home if they are unwell or symptomatic
- * Players exhibiting signs of illness will not be permitted to play
- * All players must have a tee time, no walk-on players will be permitted
- * Payment must be made in advance by telephone or online – cash cannot be accepted
- * Tee Times must be a minimum of 20 minutes apart to avoid congestion on the course
- * Flags must remain in place and cups elevated so the ball does not drop into the hole. Play is concluded when the ball makes contact with the cup.
- * Washroom facilities on the course must remain closed to the players and the public
- * Walking is encouraged
- * Ball washers must be removed from the course
- * Limit one person per golf cart, unless occupants reside in the same household
- * Remove bulk scorecards, pencil and tee holders from starter areas
- * Retail sales must be restricted to curbside pick-up or delivery
- * All food and beverage service is suspended, except curbside pick-up or delivery. Call ahead for pick-up
- * Washrooms at the clubhouse will be sanitized regularly, with only one individual allowed at a time
- * Drink/snack carts may not operate
- * Pro shops can begin providing services, such as selling merchandise effective May 19, 2020 and renting carts, subject to the retail guidelines
- * The clubhouse (with the exception of the washrooms and pro shop) and common spaces (decks, gazebos and picnic areas) must remain closed
- * Private/group lessons, league play and tournaments are prohibited

WB 150TH NEWS

WILLOW BUNCH 150th CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

in conjunction with JLLRP

presents



Tickets 1 for \$5.00

Total Maximum Prize of \$100,000

Draws: Every Thursday

at 7:15 p.m.

At Jolly Giant Pub

Tickets will be available from the Municipal Office of the
Town/RM of Willow Bunch No. 42
& at the Jolly Giant Pub.

Must be 19 or older to enter

*Purchaser or designate must be in attendance to win.

Email & Etransfer

Willowbunchchaseace@sasktel.net

Please etransfer or drop off payment in
the drop box at the Town Office. Draws
are done by live feed on Facebook



Announcement

We regret to inform you that the 150th celebration will not be scheduled for the summer of 2020. That doesn't mean that we won't celebrate in style! It just means another year of anticipation. Please save the date for July 30th, 31st and Aug. 1st, 2021. We are blessed that our family and friends and community are safe and these social distancing measures are in place to make sure it stays that way! A year won't change the fact that Willow Bunch has and will always be one of the greatest places to call home. For 150 years in fact ... + 1! We will take advantage of this extra time to organize and plan a most memorable celebration! Thank you for your interest and support during these unprecedented times. Here's to 2021 and celebrating with those that love this community as much as we do!

*Willow Bunch 150th Celebration
Committee*

Sharleine Eger
Denis Bellefleur
Carter Martin
Michel Cayer
Cheryl Martin
Jasmine Deblois
Doraine Empson
Barb Gibbons

Wayne Joyal
Yvonne Drouin
Rita Joyal
Carla Pinfold
Aline Robb
Nichole Gellner
Jennifer Gibson
Marissa Gellner

BUSINESS

BUSINESS FOR SALE

Essential service business for sale.
No loss in revenue during pandemic.

Liquor, Lottos and more.

Fully operational since 1964.

Call or text for photos & details

306-640-7939

OPEN Tuesday – Friday 10 – 6

Saturday 1 – 10

CLOSED Sunday - Monday

Happy
Mother's Day
SUNDAY, MAY 10


Victoria Day
MONDAY, MAY 18

Re-Open Saskatchewan

COVID-19 has currently changed the way we live and work – in Saskatchewan, across the country and around the world. It's impacted the way in which we socialize with our family and friends.

Although the challenge is formidable, it's one that we're overcoming by working together. We're resilient people and are not allowing COVID-19 to dampen our spirit or dim our anticipation of the future.

An essential element of our province's plan to battle COVID-19 was widespread testing of residents along with the implementation of preventative measures, such as handwashing and physical distancing. This has enabled us to manage and flatten the curve, as well as strengthen the capacity of our health care system. Another important aspect of this approach was to develop a plan that would eventually allow Saskatchewan residents and our provincial economy to emerge from isolation.

Methodical and Phased-In Approach

Re-Open Saskatchewan is a plan built on a methodical and phased-in approach to slowly and responsibly lift restrictions on businesses and services. Flattening the curve and strengthening the system will remain priorities, as will our ability to manage the current COVID-19 pressures by building capacity in the coming weeks and months. Key elements will include increased testing and contact tracing, as well as the preparation of additional space and critical equipment.

Restrictions will be lifted in stages, with consideration given to socioeconomic factors and the risk of transmission. They will be implemented via public health orders and the timing will be dictated by evidence of transmission.

As restrictions are gradually lifted, the Government of Saskatchewan and its Chief Medical Health Officer, Dr. Saqib Shahab, will carefully monitor the daily number of reported cases and other important indicators. They will also monitor to ensure that:

- Transmission of the virus is controlled;
- The provincial health system has enough capacity to test, isolate and treat every case, as well as trace every contact;
- Outbreak risks are minimized in special settings, such as health care facilities;
- Preventive measures are established in place in workplaces, schools and other essential gathering places;
- The risks of importing the virus from outside the province can be managed; and
- Communities and businesses are educated, engaged and empowered to adjust to the new realities brought about by COVID-19.

Restrictions – Long-Term

In order to mitigate risk, long-term measures and restrictions related to travel, gatherings and long-term care facilities/personal care homes will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Consideration will be given to relaxing restrictions in these facilities so residents aren't isolated from their families, but that will only be done once it is safe to do so. Regional differences in transmission and health care needs may also require some changes to the overall provincial approach.

Restrictions – Current Public Health Order

- Large public and private gatherings – indoors and outdoors – are prohibited. Gatherings are limited to a maximum of 10 people (excluding family members living in the same household).
- Non-essential international travel is strongly discouraged.
- Individuals identified by a Medical Health Officer as having novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) must immediately go into mandatory self-isolation until it is determined they no longer pose a public health threat.
- Individuals identified by a Medical Health Officer as a close contact of a person or persons with COVID-19 must go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days from the last date of exposure.
- Individuals who travelled internationally must go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days from the date of arrival back into Canada, except for the following people if they are supervised by Infection Prevention and Control Officers or Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace:
 - specific health care workers;
 - workers who provide emergency health care services;
 - workers who are essential to maintaining essential services;
 - workers who maintain the supply chain; or
 - rail, airline and transport crews.
- Individuals who are household members or contacts of a person or persons with COVID-19 must immediately go into mandatory self-isolation for 14 days and call HealthLine 811 if they become symptomatic.
- Visitors to long-term care homes, hospitals, personal care homes and group homes are restricted to family or designates visiting for compassionate reasons. All visitors must undergo additional health screening prior to entry.
- Long-term care and personal care facilities must restrict the movement of staff to a single facility, effective April 28.
- Staff in all Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) care facilities and affiliates, including long-term care and personal care homes, will undergo health screening prior to entering and exiting the facility, and all staff members will be required to wear, at minimum, a procedural/surgical mask while on duty.
 - Additional personal protective equipment may be required to perform care or procedures, and those guidelines must be followed.
 - The SHA and the Ministry of Health are working with long-term care homes, affiliates and personal care homes to assess and support surgical/procedural mask needs.

- All daycare facilities are limited to a maximum of eight children, unless the facility can be reconfigured to allow a maximum of eight children in one room and be in accordance with the Saskatchewan Child Care Guidelines for Care.
- The suspension of classes in all primary and secondary educational institutions – public and private.

Phases of Re-Open Saskatchewan

Re-Open Saskatchewan will consist of five phases. The timing and order of the businesses/workplaces included in each phase is subject to change throughout the process based on a continuous assessment of transmission patterns and other factors.

Phase One: Re-opening previously restricted medical services
Opening of golf courses, parks and campgrounds

Phase Two: Re-opening retail and select personal care services

Phase Three: Re-opening restaurants and food services, gyms and fitness centres, licensed establishments and child care facilities
Re-opening remaining personal care services
Increasing the size of public and private gatherings to 15 people

Phase Four: Re-opening indoor and outdoor recreation facilities
Increasing the size of public and private gatherings to 30 people

Phase Five: Consider lifting long-term restrictions

The following recommendations should remain in place through all five phases:

- Protective measures for vulnerable populations.
- Individuals should continue working from home if they can do so effectively.
- Physical distancing must be maintained, wherever possible.
- People must stay at home when they are sick.
- Vulnerable individuals, such as seniors and those with underlying health conditions, should continue to exercise caution and minimize high-risk exposures, such as public outings.
- Personal hygiene will continue to be a key prevention measure.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection should take place in workplaces, public spaces and recreational facilities.
- Although the public health order regarding the size of gatherings does not apply to businesses and workplaces, they are expected to follow the recommended public health measures, including:
 - physical distancing for staff and clients;
 - regular cleaning and disinfection;

- frequent handwashing and sanitizing;
- use of PPE where available and appropriate; and
- keeping staff who demonstrate or report COVID-19 symptoms out of the workplace.
- Long-term care and personal care homes must ensure that each staff member works in only one facility

Phase One

Re-opening medical services (May 4, 2020)

- Allow public access to the following previously restricted medical services: dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, optician services, podiatry, occupational therapy and chiropractic treatment.
- All medical service providers will be required to continue to take precautionary measures as outlined by the Chief Medical Health Officer (provider and client screening, gloves, facemasks, etc.) when it is not possible to physically distance.

Medical services

(previously restricted)

May 4, 2020

Fishing and boat launches

May 4, 2020

Golf courses

May 15, 2020

Parks and campgrounds

June 1, 2020

Fishing and boat launches (May 4, 2020)

Golf courses (May 15, 2020)

Parks and campgrounds (June 1, 2020)

- Online reservations for provincial parks will launch on May 4, 2020.
- Providing a fixed date and clear guidelines for the opening of golf courses, parks and campgrounds allows operators to begin preparing for opening. Members of the public can prepare to access these facilities online.
- All golf courses, parks and campgrounds are required to take precautionary measures, including expanding the cleaning and disinfecting of common and high-touch surfaces in accordance with the public health order.
- Physical distancing must be observed at all times, with a minimum of two-metres of space between individuals.

* Other than in an allowable business, the size of public and private gatherings will remain at a maximum of 10 people.

Phase Two

Re-Opening Retail (May 19, 2020)

- Retail businesses that were previously not allowed can begin providing services to the public, including:
 - clothing stores
 - shoe stores
 - flower shops
 - sporting good/adventure stores
 - vaping supply shops
 - boats, ATV and snowmobile dealers
 - gift, book and stationery stores
 - jewelry and accessory stores
 - toy stores
 - music, electronic and entertainment stores
 - pawn shops
 - travel agencies

Retail
 May 19, 2020
Select Personal Services
 May 19, 2020

Re-Opening Select Personal Services (May 19, 2020)

- Some personal service businesses can begin providing services to the public, including:
 - hairdresser/barber;
 - registered massage therapist;
 - acupuncturist; and
 - acupressurist.
- Re-opening these businesses will allow many small business owners to bring their businesses back online in a safe and efficient manner.
- All businesses and customers are expected to maintain physical distancing practices. Where it is not possible to provide personal services through physical distancing, service providers will be required to take precautionary measures, such as client screening, wearing gloves and face masks.
- Retail and personal services workplaces will need to follow guidance that essential businesses are currently following with respect to hand washing, intensive cleaning (particularly high-touch areas) and structuring stores to enable physical distancing. In order to meet these requirements, operators may need to limit the number of customers in the store.
- Specific protocols will need to be developed by some retail outlets. For example, clothing stores must minimize customers touching merchandise, and trying on clothes is prohibited. They will encourage online purchases (with front counter or curb pick-up) and adopt no-return policies.

* Other than in an allowable business, the size of public and private gatherings will remain at a maximum of 10 people.

Phase Three – Date TBD

Re-Opening Remaining Personal Services (TBD)

- Other personal service businesses can begin providing services to the public, including:
 - esthetician;
 - tattoo artist;
 - cosmetologist;
 - electrologist;
 - manicurist;
 - pedicurist;
 - sun tanning parlour;
 - facilities in which body piercing, bone grafting or scarification services are provided; and
 - other personal service facilities.

Re-Opening Restaurant & Food Services – 50 per cent capacity (TBD)

Re-Opening Gyms and Fitness Facilities (TBD)

Re-Opening Licensed Establishments (TBD)

Re-Opening Childcare Facilities (TBD)

Increase the Size of Public and Private Gatherings to 15 People (TBD)

- All businesses and customers are expected to maintain physical distancing practices.
- Restaurants, bars, lounges, food courts, cafeterias, cafes, bistros, and similar facilities are allowed up to 50 percent capacity of their regular capacity to respect limitations on the size of gatherings and physical distancing. Buffet service is not permitted.
- Recreation areas within restaurants and licensed establishments are not allowed. This includes dance floors, VLTs, pool tables and other areas where it is not possible to practice physical distancing.
- All facilities that provide child care services as defined in *The Child Care Act, 2014*, are limited to a maximum of 15 children per building space to allow parents to return to work. Restricting children to a single facility is mandatory to reduce transmission risks.
- All child care facilities located within a long-term care or personal care home must have a private entrance and separate space so there are no shared common areas. There must be no interaction between children and residents of the home. The facility may continue to operate subject to any restrictions placed on all child care facilities.
- Re-opening gyms and fitness facilities promotes physical and mental wellness. Physical distancing must be maintained and stringent cleaning and disinfecting protocols must be established.
- Clients over 40 years of age and those with underlying risk factors should use caution when considering visiting fitness facilities.

* Other than in an allowable business, the size of public and private gatherings will increase to a maximum of 15 people.

All dates are to be determined:

Remaining Personal Services

Restaurant and Food Services
(50 per cent capacity)

Gyms and Fitness Facilities

Licensed Establishments

Childcare Facilities

Increase the Size of Public and Private Gatherings to 15 People

Phase Four – Date TBD

Re-Opening Indoor and Outdoor Recreation and Entertainment Facilities (TBD)

Increasing the Size of Public and Private Gatherings to 30 People (TBD)

- All recreational and entertainment facilities, including casinos, bingo halls, arenas, curling rinks, swimming pools, municipal parks and playgrounds, galleries, theaters, museums and similar facilities.
- All seasonal programming, camps, recreational and athletic activities.
- All businesses and customers are expected to practice physical distancing.

* Other than in an allowable business, the size of public and private gatherings will be increased to a maximum of 30 people.

Phase Five – Date TBD

Consider Lifting Some Long-Term Restrictions (TBD)

- Options include limits on the size of public gatherings