



## June 2020 Update

### **URBAN HENS**

This sparked a lot of interest from tax payers. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback. Approximately 50 people responded. As there is some confusion, we would like to clarify, the “Vote yes or no” for chickens was only an Opinion Poll. Council still holds the final decision. Currently there is a bylaw in place prohibiting chickens. At this time, council has decided to leave the current bylaw in place and research more on Urban Hens. Our research includes items such as: licensing fees, regular inspections, pen requirements, etc.

### **OFF-LEASH DOG PARK**

Dog Lovers! You will be excited to hear of the new development of an off-leash dog park to be located in the NW ball diamond by the Richmond School. Modifications are currently underway to create an enclosed off-leash area. Users must adhere to basic rules posted. All dog owners are welcome to use the facility, as long as basic rules are followed, such as: clean up after your dogs, Owners must be in park to supervise at all times, no children under 13 allowed without adult supervision, and use park at your own risk.

Not allowed in off-leash area: dogs in heat, dogs under 4 months old, food or treats, glass containers.

Stay tuned for an official date the area will be opening.

### **DEER IN TOWN**

The deer population has been increasing in town and our Mayor has been working on resolving this issue. Brad has been in contact with the Conservation Officers and Wardens have given Brad a permit to fair chase the mule deer out of Richmond limits. They also gave him banger bullets which are like a loud firework, some other residents have them as well, so do not be alarmed if you hear loud bangs. Brad has been trying his best to chase the deer out of town, but it is a tough job on his own. Any help, even banging pots, noises of any sorts, is appreciated. We need to ensure these deer do not get comfortable in one certain area. Currently, there are approximately 30 deer in town. Once they have their young, the numbers could get higher.

Although animals are nice to see, the deer are turning into a big nuisance wrecking trees, flowers, etc. Once these deer have there fawns, they could become protective over them and not have a lot of concern for humans.



Currently, this is our only option. Don't let the deer get comfortable in town. It takes a Village ☺. Brad has also been in contact with the head office in Regina and they will monitor the situation. If the deer are still an issue by fall, a new plan will be put in place. If you would like to talk to someone to accelerate the situation please call Fish, Wildlife and Lands Branch, Ministry of Environment 306-953-2695.

### **PLAYGROUND**

The majority of residents would like to see the playground remain where it is. Some feedback received stated it was a great place where it is – close to the ball diamonds, lots of green space for the kids to run around, close to the Lions picnic area, and limited traffic. As it would be a massive undertaking to get it moved, and a lot of hard volunteer work went in to getting the park there, Council has decided to leave the park where it is.

### **PAVING**

As some of our roads are deteriorating, we are looking at getting a paving company in to fix these issues. Please contact Stacey at the Village Office if you are interested in getting personal work done in town (at your own cost).

### **GREEN SPACE – STORE LOT**

The lot where the Richmond Grocery Store was demolished, will become a green space. The Lions have received a grant to put towards this and the Village of Richmond will be looking for grants to fund this development. Currently we are looking for volunteers to develop a committee for this green space. If you are interested, please get in contact with Stacey at the Village Office.

### **MCLAREN LAKE UPDATE**

Effective June 12<sup>th</sup>, camp kitchen, bathroom, playground, and beaches will all be open. 1 family at a time allowed in bathroom, and campers must sanitize after using. Alberta residents will be allowed to camp at McLaren Lake, they will be required to complete a questionnaire before arriving. CAMPSITES MUST BE RESERVED. Call 306-669-4735 to reserve.