

Alberta Central East Regional Water System (ACE)

The Alberta Central East Regional Water System (ACE) pipeline to Vermilion carrying potable water from an EPCOR plant in Edmonton is nearly complete. Construction of the pipeline from Vegreville to Vermilion is complete and the final stages of upgrading the Town's facilities are under way. The system is expected to be operational sometime before the end of July, 2013.

For approximately 8 weeks from the time of initial hook-up there may be an odor and a reddish color to the water as metal pipes are flushed with new chloramines in the water. The water is safe to drink during this time. Colouration and odour should be minimal in areas with newer PVC or concrete water mains. It is the reaction of the water and built-up deposits in the copper lines in your house that cause the colouration and odour. Turn on your cold water taps for approximately 5-10 minutes and the water should run clear.

Check your water prior to washing your clothes. If you notice a reddish color please refrain from washing your clothes and turn on your cold water taps for approximately 5-10 minutes and if the water remains reddish please call the Transportation and Utilities Department at 780-581-2415. This is probably an area of cast iron water mains and the new water is reacting with built-up deposits in the main line. Most cast iron water mains have been replaced in town within the last 15 years.

Extensive flushing throughout Town will occur during this 8 week period and your call will help the Town effectively monitor the flushing. Your patience will be greatly appreciated.

For more information on the ACE water system please visit our website vermilion.ca

Toilet Replacement Program

The Toilet Replacement Program was so successful last year we have decided to extend it into 2013. Over 100 residents took part in the program in 2012; replacing over 200 toilets.

This program gives Vermilion residents an opportunity to receive a rebate when replacing an old high volume toilet with a new water saving toilet.

For more details on the program, please visit our website at vermilion.ca

Take the Plunge

And Start Saving Money Now



TALK OF THE TOWN

July, 2013



TAX PENALTY REMINDER

A penalty of 12% shall be imposed upon any current tax balance which remains unpaid after **July 15, 2013**

The Vermilion Agricultural Society is pleased to present the 107th Annual Vermilion Fair: **July 25, 26, 27 - 2013**. Events include a parade (beginning at 11:00 am Thursday, July 25th and lasting about one hour), trade show, animal judging, pony chuck wagon and chariot races, entertainment and agricultural/horticultural displays. Each year several thousand exhibitors showcase their talents in a friendly competitive spirit.



CAR TEMPERATURE PET SAFETY CHART

How long does it take for a car to get HOT?

VEHICLE TEMPERATURE

Outside Temp (F)	Inside Temp (F)	
	10mins	30mins
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

DOGS DIE EVERY SUMMER

In minutes your car temps are deadly!

VermilionCA.com

Do you have an aquarium?

When the regional waterline is operational to Vermilion, the water will be treated with chloramines (not chlorine) which are toxic to fish, shellfish, reptiles and amphibians. Chloramines are chemicals which contain chlorine and ammonia, and are being added to tap water to disinfect it.

What can you do to protect your fish?

Water used for fish must be treated in a manner appropriate to remove both the chlorine and ammonia components of the chloramines. In order to do this you must use conditioning chemicals designed to remove chloramines (such as Amquel® or ChlorOut®) available at pet stores, fish supply stores, and some variety stores.

Treatments which are NOT effective:

- letting the water stand outside for a day or two
- boiling the water first
- using chemicals that remove only chlorine

To be completely safe, always pre-treat your water before adding it to your aquarium, no matter how little you add. Treatment and test kits are available at most pet and fish supply stores. Chloramine residuals in treated water should be below 0.1 mg per liter.

When Thunder Roars, GO INDOORS!

During the summer in Canada, lightning strikes every three seconds. Besides causing power outages and forest fires, lightning strikes can also seriously injure or kill.

Through recent advances in detection technology, Environment Canada's Meteorological Service has improved its ability to track lightning and display high risk lightning areas. The new Canadian Lightning Danger Map can be found on Weather.gc.ca. These maps are updated at an interval of 10 minutes and are based on recent lightning observations.

Most importantly, if the map indicates that you are in a danger area, or if you hear thunder, you should go to a safe location, either a building with plumbing and wiring or an all metal vehicle. Stay there for 30 minutes following the last rumble of thunder. Why stay inside so long? Research in North America shows that 1/3 of lightning injuries and fatalities occur in the early stages of a storm, 1/3 at the peak of a storm and 1/3 once the peak of the storm has passed by.

Environment Canada issues Severe Thunderstorm Watches and Warnings when severe weather such as large hail, strong winds, heavy downpours, or even tornadoes are possible. When planning outdoor activities this summer, it is important to listen to weather forecasts, and to keep an eye on the sky as weather conditions can change quickly.

Please contact your regional Warning Preparedness Meteorologist if you have questions or need more information on Lightning Safety Week, on the Canadian Lightning Danger Map or Lightning in Canada.

Warning Preparedness Meteorologist:
1-866-672-5463

Lightning in Canada website:

www.ec.gc.ca/foudre-lightning

Canadian Lightning Danger Maps:

http://weather.gc.ca/lightning/index_e.html

Remember the lightning safety rule:

When thunder roars, go indoors!

Emergency Relief Fund Town of High River

The Town of High River has established a disaster relief fund at the Royal Bank of Canada to support those affected by the June 20th flood.

An account has been set up at the Royal Bank where the public can donate funds to support the relief efforts in the community. To donate, members of the public can visit any branch and indicate that the funds are for the **High River Disaster Relief Fund**. A Paypal account has also been created so that donations can be made online. Look for the Paypal button on the **Town of High River's** website, Highriver.ca

"We have had so many offers of assistance and by establishing this fund, it will provide another way for the public to help our residents rebuild this community,"
said Mayor Emile Blokland.

For more information contact,
communityservices@highriver.ca

WOW! Thanks to all who celebrated **MULTICULTURALISM & CANADA DAY** with us on June 28! Also, a big thank you to all the fireworks and movie in the park sponsors. The day was a success because of the volunteers and businesses who support Vermilion. Have your voice heard and join the 2014 Canada Day Planning Committee by calling Shawn Bell at 780-581-2406.



The **Communities in Bloom** judges will be in Vermilion from July 24 - 26. The Communities in Bloom committee asks everyone to take part in cleaning up yards, businesses, and assisting the community wherever needed.

On Monday, October 21, Town of Vermilion residents will go to the Polls to elect a Mayor and 6 Councillors to represent the community for the next 4 years (2013-2017).

Nomination Day
Monday, September 23, 2013
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Town Hall
5021-49 Avenue

Nomination Packages provide information to assist potential candidates in preparing for the October 21, 2013 Municipal Election. Copies are available at the Town Hall or online at vermilion.ca



Acceptable fire pits are permitted within the Town limits under specific conditions. It is necessary to complete an application for construction of a fire pit, for the placement of a fireplace, or fire burning receptacles. All fire permit applications are reviewed and approved by a Safety Code Officer from the Vermilion Fire Department. Applications are available at the Town Hall or online at vermilion.ca



Vermilion Public Library
presents
Professor Klunk,
author and storyteller.
Wednesday, July 24,
10:00 am - 11:00 am

He will be reading from a selection of his children's books.

Free admission.