



TOWN DIRECTORY

Christmas Message from Mayor Wald

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As the twinkling lights of Christmas shine down on Main Street, I am reminded of just how blessed we are to live in this incredible community. The festive decorations, the familiar faces, and the sense of joy in the air all tell the story of a place that is special, warm, and full of spirit. It's a magical time of year, one that invites us to pause, reflect, and be grateful for the many gifts we've received. And as we celebrate the season, I can't help but feel immense pride for all that we've accomplished together in 2024.

Looking back on the past year, it's clear that 2024 has been a year of growth, resilience, and shared triumphs.

Our town continues to thrive, thanks to the dedication, hard work, and generosity of all who call Grimshaw home. From the opening of new facilities to the success of cherished events, we have much to be proud of—and much to be thankful for. The heart of our community remains the Multiplex and the school area, where we gather to celebrate, learn, and grow. It's a place where memories are made, whether it's through hockey, wellness initiatives, or community events. I am continually amazed by the tireless efforts of our community services team, who, with limited resources, manage to deliver so many wonderful opportunities for us all. Their commitment to our well-being is evident in everything they do, and we are richer for it. A highlight of this year was the annual beloved Pond Hockey event. Each winter, this unique gathering brings families and friends together on the ice for a fun-filled day, and this year was no exception. With perfect weather and a fantastic turnout, it was a reminder of the power of community spirit. A huge thank you to the volunteers who made this event possible—we couldn't have done it without you. 2024 also marked the grand opening of the long-awaited Spray Park, a project that had been on the Community Services wish list for over 15 years. Thanks to the generosity of one of our residents, this dream became a reality, and it's already proving to be a hit with families. There's nothing more heartwarming than hearing the laughter and joy of children playing in the park. On behalf of the entire community, I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to those who made this happen—you've created a space that will bring happiness for generations to come. Our Volunteer Fire Department deserves special recognition as well. This year, when a devastating fire broke out in the valley, our firefighters went above and beyond to protect our homes and loved ones. The speed and bravery with which they responded was nothing short of heroic. Whether they're battling fires, educating the public on fire safety, or even helping with a water break at the Multiplex, these selfless volunteers are always there when we need them most.

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LONG LAKE REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMMISSION GRIMSHAW TRANSFER STATION

Tues & Wed: 12:00 - 6:00 pm & Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Disposal costs for refrigerated units (fridges, freezers, coolers) is \$30.00/ unit. \$10.00 a unit for all other white metals

RECYCLE Curbside Pick-up Dates

**Dec
12 & 26**

**Jan
9 & 23**

**Feb
6 & 20**



Mayor's Message Continued



Thank you for your dedication to keeping us safe. A big thank you also goes to our RCMP, whose hard work and commitment ensure our community remains a safe and peaceful place to live. This year, we bid farewell to Sgt. Brown, whose service to Grimshaw has been invaluable. We extend a warm welcome to Sgt. Lacey Blair, and we look forward to continuing to work together to maintain the safety and vibrancy of our town. This year was filled with unforgettable community events that brought us closer together. The North Peace Stampede once again delivered a fantastic rodeo, celebrating our agricultural roots and providing fun for the whole family. The Harvest Moon Festival was another resounding success—what a joy it was to see Main Street come alive with laughter, music, and lights. From the delicious dinner at the Legion and the pie and jam competition to the new running race and exciting rides, there was something for everyone. The vendors and food trucks added to the magic, and it was wonderful to see so many local businesses, residents, and visitors come together in celebration. A heartfelt thank you to the amazing volunteers who made this event possible. Halloween at the Lac Cardinal Museum, hosted by the Lac Cardinal Performing Arts, was another highlight of the year. The spooky event was a hit with all ages, and the Saturday morning pancake breakfasts at the museum continue to be a cherished tradition. These gatherings are a beautiful reminder of how our community's creativity and spirit bring us closer together. Remembrance Day was a deeply moving occasion, as we gathered at the Legion to honour those who have served. We were privileged to hear Denise Testawich of Duncan First Nation share the story of her family's military ties, and Klass Sipma's poignant account of his childhood experience in the Netherlands during wartime left a lasting impression on all of us. Betty Paul's heartfelt final recital of *In Flanders Fields* and Padre John Clarke's reflections on sacrifice and service were powerful moments. A special thank you to Adam Murray for providing our youth with the remarkable opportunity to experience an overnight stay in the trenches. This experience will undoubtedly leave a lasting mark on their hearts. The Grimshaw Chamber of Commerce has had a busy and successful year, and I want to take a moment to congratulate all the businesses that were honoured at the awards evening. It was a wonderful celebration of the businesses that make Grimshaw such a thriving and vibrant place. We are fortunate to have such a diverse and resilient business community, and we look forward to supporting their continued growth in the years to come. Our library continues to be an invaluable resource for our community. From the North Branch to the Festival of Trees, the library offers so many wonderful programs and events for all ages. The staff's dedication to fostering a love of learning and community connection is truly appreciated. The Grimshaw Food Bank, as always, plays an essential role in supporting those in need. Your efforts to ensure that no one goes without are deeply appreciated. Thank you for your compassion and for the unwavering support you provide to our community.

Healthcare remains a challenge, but I want to extend my deepest thanks to all our doctors, nurses, and medical staff who care for the health and well-being of our residents. Your dedication, often under difficult circumstances, does not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for all you do. I would also like to thank all the staff and administration who work behind the scenes to keep our community running smoothly. Whether it's Butch and his crew maintaining our roads, or handling day-to-day operations, or Angie answering the phone, you all make a difference in so many ways. This year, we were also fortunate to see two new paved streets completed, a much-needed improvement that will benefit our town for years to come. Lastly, I would like to offer a warm welcome to all the new residents who have made Grimshaw their home this year. We are so glad to have you here and look forward to building lasting connections with you in the years to come. As we enter this holiday season, let's take a moment to reflect on the blessings we have. It is the people of Grimshaw—our neighbours, friends, volunteers, service members, and businesses—that make this town so extraordinary. Together, we've built something truly special, and I do not doubt that 2025 will bring even more opportunities for us to grow and thrive. ***Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year!***

Wendy Wald, Mayor



Welcome to Donna Havener, Administrative Tax Clerk



The Town of Grimshaw is thrilled to welcome Donna Havener to our team as the new Administrative Tax Clerk. Donna brings a strong work ethic, a wealth of experience, and a friendly demeanour to her new role. As the Administrative Tax Clerk, she is responsible for updating and maintaining customer and supplier records, processing changes in ownership, managing property assessment rolls, and preparing and mailing property assessment and taxation notices. Donna will serve as the initial point of contact regarding taxes for residents, staff, and clients. Donna brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, having previously served as Branch Office Administrator at ClearStream Energy, where she managed invoicing, timesheets, payroll, and various other administrative functions. She also worked as a Real Estate Conveyancer at Harcourt Law Group, where she prepared legal documents for real estate transactions and handled annual corporate filings. Additionally, Donna has experience in bookkeeping and payroll from her time with I.D. Insurance Brokers, where she also sold and prepared home and auto insurance policies. Donna is a proud mother of four and a grandmother of three, and in her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, travelling, and discovering new places. When asked what she looks forward to the most about her new role, Donna expressed her excitement about being part of the town office team, learning new things, and contributing in any way she can.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Jenny Sorensen

The Town of Grimshaw office will be closed at noon on December 24th, all day on December 25th, 26th, and 27th, and on January 1st for the holiday season.

Recognizing Milestones in Grimshaw



We'd like to help recognize the significant milestones of our residents. If you or someone you know is celebrating a 50th, 60th, or 75th wedding anniversary, a milestone birthday (80, 85, 90, 95, or 100 years), or another special achievement, we'd love to hear about it. In line with our Recognition of Special Occasions Policy, we encourage residents to contact the Town office with information about these milestones. Your submission will help us acknowledge and celebrate the important moments in our community. Call or email the town at frontdesk@grimshaw.ca or 780-332-4626.

Town Snow Plowing Information

Public Works will commence snow plowing when snow accumulates to 4 inches (or more) of compacted snow, and sanding will be applied as needed. In most cases, the Town will strive to haul snow away from most roadways. Only under special circumstances will snow be plowed to both sides of the roadways, except where it is more practical to clear to the same side continuously, such as around parks, playgrounds, and vacant lots.

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Encouraging sustainable healthcare for our communities

Application Deadline
December 31, 2024

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Long Lake Regional Waste Management

**Transfer Station
Holiday Hours**

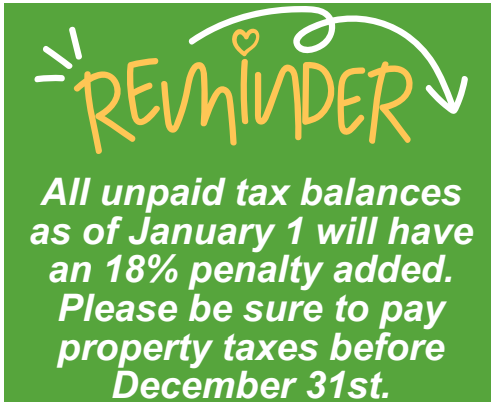
All sites open on Dec 24th
will close at 4 pm and all sites are
closed Dec 25, 26 & Jan 1

Regional Landfill, Grimshaw, Weberville and Manning Transfer Stations



REMINDER

*All unpaid tax balances
as of January 1 will have
an 18% penalty added.
Please be sure to pay
property taxes before
December 31st.*



Community Services Activities & Events



Important Notice: The Multiplex will be closed December 25, 26 and January 1st and open from 12-4 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

FREE Skate with Santa - Dec 18 from 3:30-4:30 @ the Multiplex

FREE Christmas Eve & New Years Eve Skate - Dec 24 & 31 from 1-2:30 pm

FREE School Christmas Break Skating Schedule - Dec 23, 27 & 30 & Jan 2 & 3 Public Skating from 1-2 pm and Shinny from 2-3:30 pm

Seniors FREE Walking Program - Mon & Thurs from 10:30 - 11:30 AM @ the Mile Zero Multiplex Northern Air Walking Track.

Friday FREE Family Fun Nights - Dec 20 from 7 - 9 PM, sponsored by Beyond 2000 and Xplornet.

Pickleball Adult Drop-In Program - Mon/Wed/Fri from 7 - 9 PM at Multiplex Court #1. Drop-in fee: \$5 per adult & \$3 per senior.

FREE Use of the Walking Track - Sundays 9 AM - 5 PM, Sept 29 - Apr 6.

FREE Shinny Hockey - Sponsored by Servus Credit Union, Mon & Fri from 3:30 - 4:30 PM.

FREE Public Skating sponsored by TBC Farms, Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

FREE No School Days Public Skating and Shinny Hockey sponsored by Wrecked Services. Jan 31st, Mar 5, 6 & 7 Public Skating from 1:30-2:30 pm & Shinny from 2:30 - 4:30 pm.

FREE Basketball & Volleyball - Drop in on Sundays - Dec 15th Volleyball, Dec 22 Basketball

No School Days Shinny & Public Skating - Jan 31 & March 5, 6 & 7th \$2 per participant - Public Skating from 1:30 - 2:30 PM & Shinny from 2:30 - 4:30 PM.

No School Days Fieldhouse Court Play - Jan 31 & March 5, 6, 7th from 12 - 4 PM. \$2 per participant.



Please join us for an afternoon of socializing, Christmas treats and door prizes.

This is a free event - open to all interested seniors!



Grimshaw Library Activities & Events

Important Notice: The library will be closed Dec 24-26 and again from Dec 31-Jan 1 for the holidays.

Old Fashioned Christmas in the Village - Dec. 15 from 11:30am-2:30 pm at Lac Cardinal Regional Pioneer Village Museum, in partnership with Grimshaw Community Services.

Monday Morning Mocktails and More - Dec. 16 at 10:30 am. Welcome Tracey Hunter from the Northern Association for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder for information and sampling of mocktails. Open to everyone registration not required.

Home Routes Concerts - Feb 11th - Firebird, a Vancouver Island trio will perform at the library at 7pm. Tickets \$25 with all proceeds going to the artist. Available @ library and online.

Little Learners - Geared for children 3 and under, the 45-minute program is held every Friday at 10:30 AM, featuring stories and songs with Miss Danielle. Registration is not required, and families receive a board book courtesy of Grimshaw Berwyn & District Community Adult Learning

Afterschool Activities - Different crafts/activities weekly free of charge sponsored by Grimshaw Community Services. No charge and no need to register. In the atrium (just outside the library doors) on Wed from 3:30 - 4:15 for all school-aged kids.

Chess Club - For grade 4 students and up to practice strategy. Boards and rule books provided. Mondays from 3:30 - 4:15 PM.

Watch & Make - Movie & Craft night for youth 14 and up on Dec 16 @ 6:30 PM showing the classic "Elf" movie and making deco mesh wreath w/Will Farrell's face in the middle. Register online to save a spot for the craft. Craft materials, popcorn & snacks provided.

Family Movie Night - Fri Jan 10 at 6:30 pm in the Shared Space Theatre, featuring "The Wild Robot." Free admission and popcorn thanks to Grimshaw Community Services.

All events take place at Grimshaw Municipal Library, 4412A-50th Street. For more information, call 780-332-4553 or visit www.grimshawlibrary.ab.ca.

Merry Christmas



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