

Grimshaw Playschool Gets a Bright New Update



Grimshaw Playschool, located in the Town of Grimshaw Administration Office, has recently added two large windows, bringing more natural light and a fresh feel to the classroom. This upgrade was made possible through collaborative efforts of the Playschool Society and the Town of Grimshaw. Since 1979, the playschool has been offering early childhood education and has grown into a fully licensed,

play-based program. Educators Carrie Rasmussen and Kaleena Riewe are incredible with the children while inspiring creativity and helping kids learn through play. The playschool has even earned Alberta's highest ICCP (Integrated Child Care Programme) score. Parents are a big part of the playschool's success, supporting fundraisers and getting involved in classroom activities. Thanks to the hard work of staff, families, and the community, Grimshaw Playschool continues to provide children in the area with a great start. Pictured here are a few students along with Kaleena and Carrie posing near their two new windows.

Make a difference - Run for Town Council

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Municipal Election. The Town of Grimshaw is looking for dedicated individuals to help shape our community's future. We are seeking one (1) Mayor and six (6) Councillors. This is an exciting opportunity to represent your neighbors, bring fresh ideas, and have a meaningful impact on our town. If you're interested in running for council or know someone who would make an excellent candidate, visit our website for more election information. You can also speak with the Mayor or current councillors about the role, or contact Belinda Russell, our Returning Officer at municlerk@grimshaw.ca or 780-332-4626. A Candidates Package, FAQs and helpful information is posted at <https://grimshaw.ca/elections>

Family Day in Grimshaw

Join us for a FREE Family Day Dance on Sunday, Feb 16th from 7- 9:30 pm at the Mile Zero Multiplex Field House! Enjoy music from a DJ, a photo booth and prizes. Step Up Eatery will be open at 6pm and is offering a special menu. Thanks to Grimshaw Community Services for organizing this event. On Monday, Feb 17th, enjoy free skating from 1:30 - 2:30 pm at the Multiplex arena thanks to KOFOED farms.



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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

**Feb
6 & 20**

**March
6 & 20**

**April
3 & 17**

Community Services Activities & Events

Seniors Intergenerational Program - Seniors and gr 1 students participate in crafts/learning. March 4 from 2 - 3:15 pm in the common area of the Multiplex.

Seniors FREE Walking Program - Mon & Thurs 10:30 - 11:30 pm @Multiplex Northern Air Walking Track.

Friday FREE Family Fun Nights - Feb 28 & Mar 14th 7 - 9 pm @Multiplex Fieldhouse

Pickleball Adult Drop-In - Mon/Wed/Fri 7 - 9 pm @ Multiplex \$5/adult \$3/senior.

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

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

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

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

FREE Open Court Time - sponsored by Jacob Martens. Mar 15& 29th 2 - 4 pm Court #3 @ Multiplex Fieldhouse.

No School Days Fieldhouse Court Play - Mar 5, 6, 7th 12 - 4 pm. \$2

Toonie Track Time - Sat @ 9 am - 5 pm - year round \$2

Skate Sharpening Service - Mon/Wed/Fri from 4:30-9 pm

Please note that due to scheduled hockey tournaments, Free Family Skating is cancelled on Feb 16, 23 & Mar 9th. Thank you for your understanding.



BUSINESS EXP & Hiring Fair



Grimshaw Library Activities & Events

Home Routes Concert - Mar 12th - Christina Martin, whose songs are featured on "Heartland" will perform at the library at 7pm Tickets \$25 with all proceeds going to the artist. Available @ library and online at homeroutes.ca.

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.

Chess Club - For grade 4 students and up to practice strategy. Boards and rule books provided. Monday's from 3:30 - 4:15 pm.

After-school 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 pm for all school-aged kids.

Character Spotlight - kits are available every Saturday @ the library. This program is replacing the Featured Creature program, working in a similar way with books, having a different book character monthly. Free craft kits can be picked up at the library. Instructional videos are available on the Library's Facebook & YouTube.

Monday Morning Muffins and More - New learning topic each month! Held on the last Monday of each month @10:30 am - presentation, discussion & refreshments. The next one is being held on February 24th.

Spring Surprise Kits - available Mar 5-7 during Teachers' Convention. One per child per day & kits are available at the Berwyn Library.

Afternoon Movies at the Theatre during Teachers' Convention & Spring Break - Showing movies Mar 5-7 at 1 pm in the Multiplex Theatre. Call/check the library website for details and Mar 25-28th during Spring Break. Movies are sponsored by Grimshaw Community Services.

Garage Sale Fundraiser - Mar 25-29 in the atrium at the Multiplex at the following times: Mar 25/26/27 from 10-4:30 pm, Mar 28 from 10-7pm & Mar 29 from 10-2 pm. Donations are graciously accepted, all proceeds go to the library.

Watch for our displays as we celebrate Freedom to Read Week (Feb 24-28) and Rock your Socks Day on Mar 21st.

All events take place at the library at 4412A-50 street unless otherwise stated.



Feb 14, 15, 21 & 22 @ 7 PM

Grimshaw Community Theatre

Get your tickets at the library!



ATTENTION RESIDENTS

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Upcoming Council Meetings

February 26 & March 12
7 pm @ Council Chambers
Kennedy Administration Office



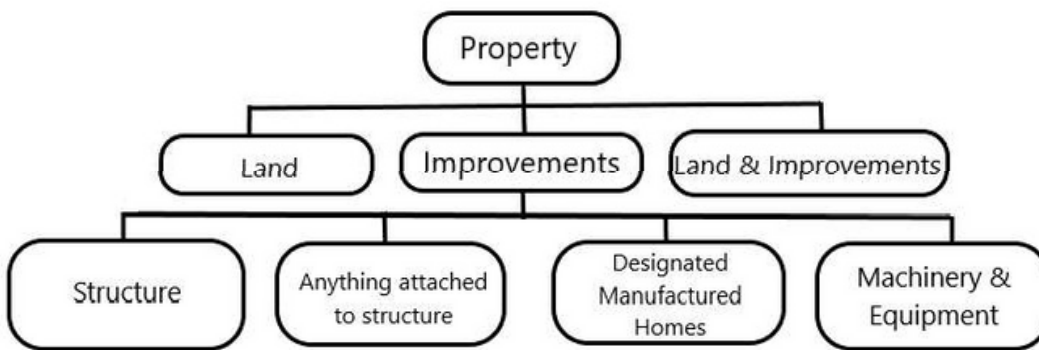
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Property Tax Assessment Season is Upon us!

WHAT IS AN ASSESSMENT?

- Property Assessment is the process of calculating/assigning a dollar value to each property for the purpose of property taxation.
- Based on Legislation, this “dollar value” can be: Market Value or Regulated Value

WHAT IS ASSESSED?



ASSESSMENT STANDARDS

- The MGA and Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation Regulation (MRAT) define the method and standards that must be met when assessments are prepared.
- A property assessment based on MARKET VALUE must:
 - Be prepared using mass appraisal
 - Be estimate of the value of the fee simple estate in the property, and
 - Reflect typical market conditions for properties similar to that property

WHAT IS TAXATION?

- Taxation is the process of applying a tax rate (mill rate) to a property's assessed value to determine the taxes payable by the owner of that property.
- Property taxes are the major revenue source of local governments.

WHAT IS A MILL RATE?

- The mill rate (or tax rate) is the relationship between the total taxable assessed value and the tax levy.

$$\frac{\text{Municipal Budget}}{\text{Taxable Assessment}} = \text{Mill Rate}$$

IMPORTANT DATES

- ♦ NOTICE SENT DATE:
FEB 26
- ♦ NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DATE:
MAR 6
- ♦ COMPLAINT DATE:
MAY 5
- ♦ TAX NOTICES SENT DATE:
MAY 15
- ♦ TAXES DUE DATE:
JUNE 30

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND...

- Assessors DO NOT determine how much property tax ratepayers must pay to a Municipality.
- The amount of municipal taxes needed to operate are determined by Council on an annual basis.
- Property Assessment is simply a distribution mechanism to fairly and equitably distribute the tax burden amongst all properties.

Mass Appraisal allows the Assessor to accurately value a large number of properties in a short period of time.

PROPERTY TAX

