



## ***SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!***

The Newsletter will also be posted on our  
Website: [www.mossbank.ca](http://www.mossbank.ca)

### **M A Y O R ' S M U S I N G S**

2016 has come and gone and we are well into 2017 (1/6 gone already)! We are very proud of the growth in our community since the last census of 2011 – we are up to 360 people now – a 10.1% increase.

Along with population growth, we have new construction going on or coming up in the next few months:

- \* By the time you read this, our newest residents – Dale and Merilee Stark will be close to settling in to their new home on Sutor Square – Welcome to urban living at its best!
- \* Gord and Fran Nagel have built a new shop and on the horizon we have three other new homes slated for 2017 which will bring two families to town and a relocation for another, and a new business building is going up in the spring.

I would like to encourage you to log on to our updated website – [www.mossbank.ca](http://www.mossbank.ca) or our Facebook page, if you are inclined to use the web. Christa French, our administrative assistant, does an excellent job of keeping the information current. If you have an event, news story or business related topic get hold of her and she will do her best to make the connection to this new, robust method of keeping informed in and around Town.

- \* We are very happy to introduce our updated Logo and new sign corridor. We hope this will encourage many others to join us – after all “*Life is Better in Mossbank!*”

## **A R O U N D T O W N**

### **I N T H I S I S S U E**

- **MAYOR'S MUSINGS**
- **AROUND TOWN** –  
TWO NEW RECREA-  
TION DEVELOPMENTS
- **NEW PEOPLE –  
NEW THINGS**
- **Swimming Pool  
Update**
- **Upcoming Events**
- **Land Fill Hours**
- **Thanks! To the  
Crew**
- **Our Social Media  
Updated**

### ***Parks & Recreation Update***

#### **Bike Park:**

Thank you to Councillor Brian Archer, for taking the lead on establishing the latest fun thing for our kids. We want to say thank you, as well, to everyone who helped with supplying equipment, dirt, bales or labour. At the risk of missing someone, we want to recognize the following people for helping in one way or another with the bike park: Dallas Miller, Marlo Krauss, Jolly Farms, Quark Farms, Norm Erb Jr, Wes Hutchison, Darren Gosling, Mitch Fehr, Harold Ray and Dale and Merilee Stark. There is a small amount of work to be done on it in the spring, but we know for sure the kids really enjoyed this new activity and by the end of last fall had become proficient at riding their bikes there.

#### **Nikita Park:**

In the summer of 2015, Irena Nesverenko, approached town council with the idea of establishing a walking trail in the area behind the “A’s” ball diamond. We agreed this would be nice, but she went beyond the idea and in the spring of 2016 put the plan into action. She, along with some volunteers from the community, planted over 120 fir trees of varying varieties, and then diligently cared of them throughout the summer, often watering them by hand. A trail was cut through the native grass in the area and the plan is to map out a walking trail along the dugout, extending along the town’s perimeter. We decided to name this area Nikita Park, after her son, who spends time with his mom in the area. Please take the time to walk this new area, you will be pleasantly surprised how much nature you can encounter right here in town!

Thank you, Brian and Irena for your vision to make our town more attractive for everyone.

**NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

***New People — New Things***

We have subdivided some commercial property north—west of the noodle plant and a new business venture is planned to be built on some of that space in the spring.

Two of the new houses being planned will be built in the second block of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East, and we have subdivided 2 more nice lots along that street as well. Things are happening!

Our new council is well into budget planning but we won't be finalizing our 2017 tax levy until after the provincial budget has come down.

**HATS OFF TO THE CREW!**



Thank you Rick, for 25 years of service and the contributions you have made ...  
***"Life Is Better In Mossbank!"***

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Several members of council attended the SUMA convention which provided good learning opportunities, a chance to connect with other councillors from around the province and to hear from Premier Wall and his cabinet members.

***Swimming Pool Update***

We have contracted Paradise Pools to be the lead contractor on our pool redevelopment. Preliminary drawings have been made and the final engineered plans will be issued shortly. With the bad October weather we decided to defer beginning construction to as early in the spring as possible. Our target date for opening remains to be July 1, 2017. In recent discussions with the Paradise Pool representative he is confident this timeline will be met. Donations and sponsorships from individuals, businesses and the RM of Lake Johnston have been outstanding.

Fund's Raised as of February 14, 2017 are at \$241,989.81 and with the \$100,000.00 committed from the Town's general reserve we are in great shape. Also, the Annual Spring Auction and The Dare to Dream Lotto have committed their net proceeds to the project. Our community has certainly met the challenge. ***Thank You!***

***Volunteers needed:***

Volunteers are an integral and necessary part of any community. Presently we have a need for help to get the Dare to Dream Lotto tickets out to our supporters. This year's net proceeds will be directed to the Swimming Pool Project. If you are able to help out please contact Bryan Howe (306) 354-2683 or leave your name with the town office and we will pass it on.

***Upcoming Events:***

- March 2 – World Day or Prayer – at Furrows & Faith
- March 3 — Farmer's Bonspiel
- March 4 — Blades vs Assiniboia, 2nd game in the league finals
- March 5 – Figure Skating Carnival
- March 24 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction – Community Hall
- April 21 — Cornerstone Gospel Church Garage Sale
- April 23 – Christina Singbeil Memorial Fun Run – Register at Library
- May 7 — Annual ***Justinsane*** Barbie Car Races— at the "Ardill Hill"
- May 20 — Dare to Dream Lotto Early Bird draw at The Barn
- June 18 — Dare to Dream Lotto Grand Prize draw at The Barn
- July 1 — Canada Day Celebrations and Slow Pitch Tournament
- July 2 — Annual Car Show & Shine
- July 28, 29 – Old Wives Lake Festival

***S o c i a l M e d i a !***

We consider our website [www.mossbank.ca](http://www.mossbank.ca) and Facebook pages to be a portal into our community. Why not make it your "Home Page"? If you have any events or news you want posted contact Christa at the Town office.

**Check it out!**

**CURRENT TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
 \*\* Watch for Spring time changes \*\*  
 Our Landfill is a shared responsibility and privilege. Please do your part in keeping it available to our community