



Town of Vauxhall



Mayor's Message



Nomination Day

September 18th

10am – 12pm

Nomination forms and candidate guides can be picked up at the town office

Kitagawa Fitness Centre

Summer Hours

Monday to Thursday

5pm – 8pm

Saturdays

10am – 12pm

Sip and Swing Intro Golf Night

Every second Monday 5:30pm

To register

403-654-4085

Mommy & Me Program

Infants to 5-year old's

Vauxhall Public Library

Wednesdays 10:30 – 12:30

Have a safe and joyful summer!

13 Ways to Kill Your Community

This past spring, I attended a Doug Griffiths seminar on 13 Ways to Kill Your Community, and although all thirteen ways are obvious, we all can get stuck in the past or head down the wrong path. A community who works well together truly can create good things. So, I have decided to share one of these 13 ways each month in the newsletter with you so together, we can make sure we do not kill our community.

Number 11: Ignore Outsiders

Outsiders are people who were not born and raised in your community but who chose to move to your community. They can be important influencers to your community because of all the places they could live, they chose your community. Listen to them and find out why.

Outsiders can also be classified as people who do not fit perfectly into what everyone else thinks or does. They may have different types of work, or have non-typical lifestyles. They may have lived in the area all their lives or have relocated to your community.

Outsiders tend to not get invited to volunteer, invited to community events and end up not feeling welcome in the community. When this occurs, your community becomes a place that they no longer want to live and they will move somewhere else. However, invite them in and they will spend money locally, open new businesses, have children, invite friends and family to visit and volunteer. They will help our community prosper.

Let's not be one of those communities who kill their community through remaining complacent, let's work together to encourage people and business to move here. Let's support the people and the businesses who are here right now. Vauxhall, is YOUR community, it is MY community and it is OUR COMMUNITY.

Outdoor Pool

I hope everyone has been having a wonderful time cooling down at the pool this year. July sure has been a hot one.

Watch for our August schedule on our website and at the pool.

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Joint Economic Development Committee (JEDC)

Recently there was an article in the Vauxhall Advance (July 20th) about the JEDC. This is a committee that Vauxhall, the MD of Taber, Taber and Barnwell belong to. Our committee works together for the betterment of the region, and although the article made it sound like this committee is irrelevant and malfunctioning, I want to assure you it is anything but.

The article discussed how we had to change our terms of reference because of quorum difficulty. What was not mentioned was that 2015 was a year of snow storms which resulted in Vauxhall not attending one meeting. Not to mention that we have the MD who are farmers and they farm when the weather is right – it cannot be predicted a month in advance when meetings are scheduled.

There was also mention of Barnwell being not sure of the direction of the committee. At the time Barnwell expressed this concern they had just become a member and we were wrapping up our tourism visioning project. Since that time, we have adopted our tourism visioning project. Taber has been working diligently on their part. In Vauxhall, the project is not dead, we are just having difficulty with staffing and volunteers that are needed to make tourism a reality. The JEDC also completed two websites, one for economic development which will help us bring new residents and new businesses to our region. The other is our tourism website, so we have a regional public website to showcase all our events.

Our next project, that only one person was concerned about as they had missed a meeting, was a subcommittee that was put together to look at the needs of our existing businesses. This will eventually include interviewing our local businesses to see what they needs have. This information will assist us in supporting our existing businesses so we may learn what type of new businesses we can attract that could compliment them. This is a great initiative, one that I completely support. Learn what we have, find out what type of new business, if they were local would make their businesses stronger together. It's a win-win for everyone.

Our partnership with SouthGrow, Alberta Economic Development and Trade, Community Futures Chinook and with each other is only getting stronger. I look forward to continuing these relationships, working together for a more viable region.

<http://visitvauxhall.com/>

<http://www.advantagevauxhall.ca/>

Alberta Culture and Tourism

Are seeking volunteer nominations for the 2017 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards, the deadline is September 15, 2017. Visit www.culturetourism.alberta.ca/stars for details.