

March 2023



# Town of Vauxhall



## The Town of Vauxhall Municipal By-Election

Election Day is Monday **March 27, 2023**, at the Vauxhall Administrative Office, 223 5<sup>th</sup> Street N. Vauxhall, AB. The polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

To be eligible to vote in the Town By-Election, you must be a Canadian Citizen, be 18 years old and your place of residence be Vauxhall on Election Day. Proof of identity and current residence is required. Electors may vote for one Councillor to fill the vacancy.

## Town of Vauxhall Official List of Candidates

Norris, Russell Colin  
Zacharias, Henry  
*Congratulations to the candidates.*

## Business and Tourism Advisory Committee

If you have a passion or even an interest in matters relating to the development of economic and tourism programs and services for Vauxhall. Council is looking for residents and business owners of the Town to sit on a committee to act in an advisory capacity to Council. If you are interested in sitting on this committee please let us know by giving us a call 403.654.2174 or email us [mdunphy@town.vauxhall.ab.ca](mailto:mdunphy@town.vauxhall.ab.ca) The bylaw 991-23 pertaining to this committee can be viewed in its entirety on our website under Local Government and Bylaws.

## Sewer Rate Increase

You may notice an increase on your February utility invoice. Bylaw No. 990-23 Water and sewer Bylaw received all three readings at the regular council meeting January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Sewer rates increased by \$2.00. A rate increase is necessary to support the ongoing operation and reliability of the sewer system, helping to fund increasing cost for preventative maintenance and meeting growth demand. To view the bylaw please visit the Town of Vauxhall website.

## Vauxhall & District Regional Water Services Commission Update #4 Noticeable Water Taste/Odour Issues

The Vauxhall and District Regional Water Services Commission is providing a status update with respect to the ongoing taste/odour issue in Vauxhall, Enchant, and Hays.

Upon further testing, the Vauxhall Water Treatment Plant (WTP) can confirm that there were elevated levels of Geosmin (GSM) and 2-methylisoborneol (2-MIB) in the raw water reservoirs. GSM and 2-MIB are naturally occurring compounds responsible for the poor taste and odour. Surface water can experience seasonal elevated levels of GSM and 2-MIB when aquatic vegetation dies and begins naturally decomposing. GSM and 2-MIB are some of the most difficult compounds to remove during water treatment. These organic compounds do not pose a health risk. For residents who are sensitive, we recommend using an activated carbon water filter pitcher, such as a Brita, to help absorb the GSM which may further reduce the taste and odour that some are experiencing.

Our next steps moving forward, the Vauxhall WTP will be piloting an algacide addition project in the spring to help mitigate algae growth. The algacide will be certified to meet NSF standard 60, which is the standard for drinking water treatment.

We recognize the inconvenience and appreciate the ongoing patience and support water users have shown as we continue to work through these challenges.

For any questions or to submit feedback, please use our online tracking system:

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Category Type: Utility Services

Request Type: Potable Water

This will help us to better track, monitor and respond accordingly.

Learn more about seasonal changes in taste and odour of tap water here:

[mdtaber.ab.ca/p/changes-in-taste-and-odour-of-tap-water](https://www.mdtaber.ab.ca/p/changes-in-taste-and-odour-of-tap-water)



Did you know that FCSS offers a free tax service for eligible individuals in the FCSS service area? Eligibility is based on income threshold and the simplicity of the tax return. Tax assistance is offered year-round!

Call or text 403-915-7063 to make an appointment. Low German supports are available, as well.

Visit [www.fcss.ca](http://www.fcss.ca) for more information.

\*The CRA offers free support for small businesses and self-employed individuals. To learn more, visit their website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/small-business-tax-help.html>

## Horizon School Division

Register now for  
2023 – 2024

### **Early Childhood Services.**

Early learning and Kindergarten registration forms are available online at [horizon.ab.ca](http://horizon.ab.ca) or at your designated school. Bring your child's birth certificate or Canadian Citizenship status card and Alberta Health Care card. Learn more about your child's development progress, as well as the benefits of early childhood programming. Appointments available Tues. March 28, Wed. March 29, Thurs. March 30, Mon. April 3 & Tues. April 25  
To book call your school secretary.