

COVID-19
*** ALERT ***

PARK
CLOSED

Due to COVID-19, the Millennium Park, including the playground, is closed until further notice.

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, residents should stay home, except for essential travel.

Practice good physical distancing and stay at least two metres apart (about the length of an adult hockey stick).

For more information, see www.alberton.ca or:
Northwestern Health Unit—1-866-888-4577
Website: <https://www.nwhu.on.ca/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>
Telehealth Ontario—1-866-797-0000
Website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-noel-coronavirus>

RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE
TOTAL FIRE BAN EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY

April 1, 2020 - 12:18 p.m. CST

The Chief Fire Official has declared a Restricted Fire Zone - Total Fire Ban for the Township of Alberton. This ban applies to all open-air fires including agricultural burns, brush piles, burn barrels, campfires, chimeneas, cooking fires, consumer fireworks, incinerators and other types of outdoor burning, but does not including cooking appliances with a mechanical shutoff, such as propane or natural gas cooking equipment.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING



Wednesday May 13, 2020
As always, you are welcome to attend!

STEPS TO ATTEND DIGITAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. Visit www.alberton.com
2. Click the "Council Agenda" link



3. Scroll to the current meeting agenda. To join via video, click "Join Meeting". Alternatively, you can join via voice only by calling the phone number below the link and entering the meeting ID number when prompted.

[April 15 2020 Regular Council Meeting Agenda](#)
[April 15 2020 Regular Council Meeting Agenda Package](#) (public version)

Meeting start time: 7:00 pm CDST

To join the meeting via video, click the green button: 

To join via voice only (no video), call

Meeting ID:

Password: (

Host meeting controls will be active.

Note: Meeting links will be posted on the day of the meeting only.

ALBERTON MUNICIPAL OFFICE
CLOSED TO PUBLIC DUE TO COVID-19

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TOWNSHIP OF ALBERTON
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

www.alberton.ca April 2020

Happy Birthday!



NEWS FLASH



from the Alberton Volunteer Fire Department!!

Does your child have a **BIRTHDAY** coming up and are you looking for an "outside the box" idea for their special day?

We hate to see kids missing their birthday parties with family and friends during these trying times, but appreciate everyone practicing physical distancing to help flatten the curve.

As an alternative for a party, we are offering to drive past your house with fire trucks on your child's special day to help them celebrate!

Please feel free to call or text Fire Chief Joshua Colling at 807-271-4230 to set something up!

Any residence in the Townships of Alberton, Chapple, Emo, and LaVallee is eligible!

A MESSAGE FROM THE REEVE

I will start this month off by welcoming our newest member of Alberton Council Shawn Spence. Shawn took his oath of office at our April 15th council meeting. Welcome aboard Shawn!

This month also introduced electronic meetings to the Township. These meetings were conducted using Zoom. This format turned out to be quite successful. It did highlight the need for better internet connectivity though. Every month we will be posting the link to the township website so everyone can join in and see what we are up to.

On April 3rd I took the step of declaring an emergency in the Township in regards to the COVID-19 outbreak. The declaration puts us in line with our neighboring municipalities as well as the upper levels of government.

Provincial legislation also required the closure of our Millennium Park playground.

The Alberton Emergency Control Group is meeting regularly to monitor the ever changing COVID-19 situation. I have had frequent meetings with the Northwestern Heath Unit as well as our MPP Greg Rickford. Those meetings have provided me with information on the effects of the pandemic in our region. They do however stress the continued observance of the Social Distancing protocols in effect.

Did you know that Alberton has a Facebook Page? Please like and share with your neighbors. The Emergency Control Group has recommended that I provide a weekly update on the Facebook page. I have also been posting updates in regards to current circumstances.

Take care, be safe and remember keep your distance!

Your Reeve,
Mike Ford

IMPACTS OF COVID -19 ON ALBERTON MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

The Municipal Office remains CLOSED to the public, but office staff are still available by phone and email (see reverse for contact information).

Tax and other payments can be made by way of cheque or bank draft sent by mail or deposited into the locked mail box at the Municipal Office, online banking through RBC, or an email money transfer to us at alberton@jam21.net (just be sure you either call or send us a separate email to let us know the password).



**REMINDER TO PEDESTRIANS
Please remember to wear reflective clothing when walking on municipal roads to ensure that you are visible to motorists.**



For those of you who are new to Alberton or don't know, the Township has an agreement with the Fort Frances Library that allows Alberton residents to get a library membership at no cost. This can be arranged over the phone during Covid-19 restrictions by calling 274-9879.

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW MEMBER OF COUNCIL SHAWN SPENCE



Shawn has been a resident of Alberton for over 23 years. Shawn is a Red Seal Industrial Electrician and currently works for Evolution Gold in Red Lake and has for the past 6 years. Prior to that Shawn worked for Resolute Forest Products in Fort Frances for 27 years. Shawn and his wife Joanne have raised their daughters, Jennifer and Alyssa, and enjoy living the country life. They have recently become grandparents and adore their new granddaughter, Asha. He is looking forward to participating in Council and contributing back to the community.