



JANUARY TOWN TIDBITS

Please note that you are receiving the Town Tidbits in advance of your utility bill. Your utility bill will follow at a later date in a separate email.



from Council and Staff of
the Town of Wainwright!

**NEW DEADLINES FOR COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT
GRANTS AND EVENT SPONSORSHIP**

The Town of Wainwright values the significant contributions of community not-for-profit organizations and volunteer groups in enhancing community well-being and improving the quality of life for its residents. The Town also recognizes the efforts of local organizations, community groups and sports teams that host events and activities to raise funds for worthwhile projects, programs, or services while promoting economic growth.

In an effort to support these organizations and their initiatives, the Town is committed to providing assistance to such organizations, community groups and sports teams through the NEW [Community and Support Grants and Event Sponsorship Policy](#).

Application deadlines are outlined below:

- Community and Support Grants - **March 1**
- Major Event Sponsorship - **March 1**
- Minor Event Sponsorship - **January 1, May 1 and September 1**

[Apply Here](#)

 **NEW PLAYGROUND ZONES**

The below locations are designated as Playground Zones:

- 25th Street (from 6th Avenue to 8th Avenue)
- 6th Avenue (from 25th Street to 27th Street)



The speed limit is 30km in playground zones every day from 8:30 am to 1 hour after sunset.

ELECTION NOMINATION PERIOD

The nomination period for the 2025 general election will begin on January 1, 2025, and run until 12:00 p.m. on nomination day: Monday, September 22, 2025.

Candidate Eligibility

A person may be nominated in any election under Section 21 of the [Local Authorities Election Act](#) if the person:

- is eligible to vote in the election;
- has resided in the municipality for six consecutive months immediately preceding nomination day; and
- is not otherwise ineligible.

Submitting your Nomination Form

Candidates who seek nomination for office must bring into the Town Office (1018 - 2 Avenue) the following:

- [Notice of Intent to Run](#) - If not already submitted
- [Form 4 - Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance](#) - Completed, along with a minimum of five elector signatures. These electors must be residents of the local jurisdiction on the date they signed the form and must be eligible to vote in the election
- [Form 5 - Candidate Information](#)
- \$100.00 Nomination Deposit in the form of cash, cheque, debit card or credit card as required by [Bylaw 2024-13](#)
- Criminal Record Check - dated no more than six months from the date in which a candidate's nomination form is submitted as required by [Bylaw 2024-13](#)

[Find Complete Election Information Here](#)

PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENT PLAN

Did you know the Town of Wainwright offers a pre-authorized tax payment plan? This is a popular program which allows you to pay your property taxes monthly, instead of one payment in June.

Each year, property taxes are billed in April, due June 30th, and cover the period from January 1 to December 31.

With this plan, your property taxes are paid in installments over 12 months, from January to December. Payments are automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the 15th of each month.

Your monthly payment amount is calculated by dividing your most recent tax levy by 12. When you receive your annual tax notice in April, your May payment amount will be adjusted to reflect the actual tax levy, ensuring your account is paid in full by the end of the year.

For more information, please contact our Tax Department at 780-842-3381 or accountspayable@wainwright.ca.

****If you are already enrolled in our pre-authorized tax payment plan and would like to verify your monthly payment amount, please contact our Tax Department.****

2025 Utility Rates Bylaw 2024-09	
Gas	
Cost of Gas	Gas Alberta Rates
Variable Rate / GJ	\$1.40
Carbon Tax / GJ	
Jan - Mar 2025	\$4.10
Apr 2025 - Estimate	\$4.86
Fixed Monthly Rate	\$27.50
Water	
Cost of Water / m3	CFB rate - currently \$2.32
Variable Rate / m3	\$1.02
Fixed Monthly Rate	\$20.85
Sewer	
Residential Fixed Monthly Rate	\$21.50
Commercial	
Fixed Monthly Rate	\$21.50
Variable Rate / m3	\$1.10
Garbage	
Residential Fixed Monthly Rate	\$15.95
Recycling	
Residential Fixed Monthly Rate	\$6.87
Stormwater (no change)	
Residential Fixed Monthly Rate	\$5.00
Commercial Fixed Monthly Rate	\$10.00
Rates are exclusive of applicable GST	

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS

Due to the national postal strike, business license renewal invoices were emailed to any email addresses we had on file. If you have not received an invoice by email, please come to the Town Office at 1018 - 2 Avenue to pick up your invoice or contact the Town Office at 780-842-3381.

The deadline to pay your renewal is still **January 31, 2025**.

Failure to renew by the specified date will result in fines and penalties and/or cancellation of your business license.

Please visit wainwright.ca for further information on business licensing.



BUSINESS LICENSES

Town of Wainwright

Our goal is to help you obtain your business license quickly. We are committed to making the process as simple and streamlined as possible!

Contact Us

In Person
Planning & Development
1018 - 2nd Street
Wainwright, AB T9W 1R1

Phone
780-842-3381

Fax
780-842-2898

Online
www.wainwright.ca



FREQUENTLY ASKED Questions

To operate and/or advertise a business in the Town of Wainwright you are required to obtain a business license. A person found operating without a license may receive a bylaw fine.

Why does Wainwright require business licenses?

A business license allows the Town to ensure that public health and safety regulations are addressed by businesses when the public has access.

Does every business need a development permit?

Home based occupations require development permits as this is considered a discretionary use. (The development permit is a one-time cost only.)

Do I require any other permits?

Prior to making any major renovations at your new business premises, it should be noted that a development permit is required for a change of use. A building permit may also be required.

What are the benefits for a business owner when a business license is obtained?

- It is a good investment, is relatively inexpensive and can be used as a tax write-off.
- It can protect it's owners against certain types of liability.
- It shows your customers that you are a legitimate business that complies with local laws & regulations.
- It offers validation and gives you the documentation necessary to apply for a business bank account and/or business loans if needed.
- It provides free advertising in the Wainwright business directory on the Town's website.
- It provides business knowledge and support from the Town's Economic Development Department, which wants to develop and nurture success in the business sector.

How does business licensing benefit my community?

- It provides a fair environment for all businesses operating in the Town of Wainwright.
- It provides a registration system where a community can track its economic development and businesses can use the registry as a resource for business planning.
- It allows the Town to work closely with the Provincial Government to track businesses that may require additional regulations.
- It ensures that public health and safety regulations are addressed by businesses when the public has access.
- When combined with the development approval process, it ensures that building codes have been adhered to and zoning and other restrictions have been enforced.

When do I need to get a business license?

You are required to obtain your business license prior to opening your door to the public. This license is to be prominently displayed in your place of business.

This applies to all retail and commercial establishments, management and professional firms, home based businesses and bed and breakfasts.

You should not operate your business until you receive your printed business license.

How do I obtain a business license?

You may apply for a business license from the Town in person or by mail. The business license form is available online or at the Town Office.

Payment can be made via cash, cheque, debit or by credit card on the Town website or app.

BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

Category of Business	License (Annual)	After July 1
Resident - In Town Commercial	\$100	\$50
Resident - Home Based	\$150	\$75
Out of Town	\$200	\$100
Weekly	\$50	
Home/Office Occupation Permit	\$150	

Who must apply for a business license?

The owner of the business, or anyone who has authority to sign on the owner's behalf, can apply for the business license. Land owner permission is required.

How long does it take to get a license?

The time required to process a business license application depends on the approvals required for your business operation. A license is typically issued within 7 to 10 business days, but may take longer.

**The Fire Department
has been responding
to a large number of
false alarms.**

**Our firefighters' time
is precious so please
make efforts to
eliminate false alarms
& have your security
company contact
you first.**

**Recurring false alarms
will result in charges
to the homeowner/
resident.**



Free Salted Sand Available

Pick-up Locations:

- Dog Park, 1401 - 1 Ave
- Peace Memorial Park, 733 - 5 Ave



NOISE BYLAW AND SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

The Town of Wainwright takes pride in fostering a peaceful and well-balanced community. As such, we would like to draw your attention to the [Noise Bylaw 2005-15](#), designed to ensure the well-being of all residents.

According to this bylaw, designated "Quiet Hours" are in effect from 10 PM to 7 AM daily. We kindly request your cooperation in respecting these hours to create a comfortable living environment for everyone. Your consideration towards your neighbors is greatly appreciated.

Furthermore, within the Noise Bylaw, there is a specific provision related to "Snow Removal". In commercial and



For your convenience, the complete Noise Bylaw is available for reference on the Town's website at

industrial areas situated within 200 feet www.wainwright.ca of residential districts, snow removal activities are not to take place between the hours of 12 AM and 6 AM. This measure is intended to minimize disruptions to the residential community during those crucial resting hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Attention Snowmobile and ATV Users:

To maintain the integrity of our greenspaces and respect the peace of our community, please adhere to the following rules:

- **Stay off all greenspaces within Town.**
- **When leaving Town, use the most direct route.**
- **Observe the 20 km/h speed limit at all times.**
- **Ensure the proper safety equipment (helmets lights, etc.) is being used at all times.**

We kindly ask all riders to follow these regulations to ensure safety, preserve our park space, and maintain good relations with residents.

Thank you for your cooperation!



The Town conducts clearing of public roadways, sanding and snow removal on a priority basis to allow for prompt response by emergency services, access to hospital facilities, and reasonable vehicle access to the primary roadways, businesses, industries, schools, residences and recreational facilities.

Please view [Snow And Ice Management; Policy 2022-14](#) for details on snow and ice management in the Town of Wainwright.



SIDEWALK REMINDER

Per [Traffic, Streets, and Public Places; Bylaw 2018-13](#), all persons owning or occupying property in Town shall remove and clear away all snow, ice, dirt and other obstructions from the Town sidewalk situated on land adjoining the property within **48 hours** after the completion of the event where such snow, ice, or other obstruction was deposited thereon.



With snow removal upon us it's time to remove curb mats and be sure to take garbage bins off the road as soon as possible on pick-up day.

Thank you!



BE SEWER SMART!

What are you flushing???



To avoid costly repairs never flush:

- Feminine hygiene products
- Small toys
- Rags
- Pet, baby, or cleaning wipes (all wipes should be trashed)
- Fats, oils or greases (store don't pour)
- Condoms or wrappers
- Cotton balls or swabs
- Prescription medication
- Cigarette butts
- Band-aids
- Dental floss
- Cat litter
- Disposable diapers
- Hair

Find your clean out...

Being aware of where your sewer clean out is and making sure it's accessible will make things go much easier if you do have a back-up. Clean out access is a 3" or 4" cap located in the floor close to the front of the foundation or on the main plumbing stack.

Learn how to avoid a costly encounter with The Clog at TheClog.ca.

News from the Fire Chief...



**It's a good time
to check your carbon
monoxide detectors -
check the manufacturer's
expiry date and change
the batteries!**



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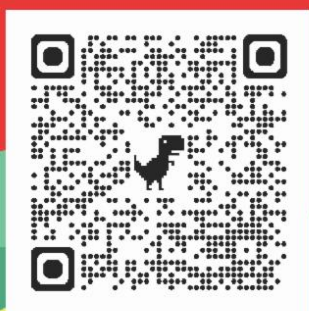
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Rural Community Route

Our curriculum combines classroom learning with clinical simulation and practicum placements to prepare you to enter the profession.

Applicants must be residents of Alberta and reside within the geographical region identified for each community at the time of application and for the duration of the program.

Contact us at bnosinfo@ucalgary.ca
nursing.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/rural



Further Information



Afternoon Public Swimming for Semester Break

January 30 & 31
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wainwright C-Plex 780-842-5508



DON'T MISS OUT!

SWIM LESSONS FOR KIDS & ADULTS

Winter 2025

Twice per week Mon & Wed
Set 1: Jan 13 - Feb 12
Set 2: Feb 19 - Mar 24

Once per week
Tues: Jan 14 - Mar 18
Thurs: Jan 16 - Mar 20

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780-842-5508

Rotary All-Seasons Park Outdoor Rink

- Helmets are mandatory for anyone under 18 and recommended for anyone 18 and over.
- Please respect the facility and fellow users by sharing the space accordingly and ensuring fair play at all times.
- Refrain from rough play.
- Use this facility at your own risk. Please keep pucks and sticks on the ice and within the confines of the facility to avoid injury or property damage.
- Parking recommended in the paved parking lot.
- Maintenance and snow removal will be completed by Town staff as time allows. Shovels on site.
- Lights will automatically shut off at 10pm nightly and skating must conclude at that time.
- Adult supervision is recommended.



For more information please contact the Town of Wainwright,
Parks & Recreation Department at 780-842-3381

DOWNTOWN VACANT SPACES INCENTIVE

The Downtown Vacant Spaces Incentive is a limited pilot program designed to provide up to \$2,500.00 in start-up costs for entrepreneurs to activate vacant street-level commercial spaces in the C1 - Commercial Central District.

The incentive is available to businesses that take occupancy of a

commercial space that has been vacant for at least three (3) months.

Funding to a maximum of \$2,500.00 per successful application may be used to cover 50% of eligible startup costs.

Downtown Vacant Spaces Incentive



Apply for up to \$2,500 to start a business in a vacant commercial space in the Town of Wainwright C1 District


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To find out more, please contact Economic Development Officer **Carley Herbert** or visit wainwright.ca.

[Apply Here](#)

EMAIL ADDRESS NEEDED

We encourage residents to go paperless! If you are still getting your utility bill in the mail (or if you use online banking or auto pay and get a copy in the mail) please contact the Town Office at 780.842.3381 or email utilities@wainwright.ca to provide your email address.

Connect with us



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