



## January 2024

I would like to thank Reeve Baker from the County of Vermilion River for hosting a meeting between him, CAO Parkin and the mayors and CAOs from Paradise Valley, Marwayne and Kitscoty. It was a great opportunity to discuss issues we have in common and ways of working together. I look forward to the collaboration that was started at this meeting.

The Kitscoty Council met with the Kitscoty RCMP detachment interim commander Cpl. Weisbrod. This report is received quarterly and crime trends are reviewed. The information received is interesting and highlights needs that are in our community.

We also met with our Fire Chief Daryl Jakubec, this was part of the budgeting process but more importantly Council was able to hear first hand the challenges and the concerns of our fire fighters. Kitscoty would not be the safe, family community that we are; without our firefighters. These individuals give so much time for training, equipment maintenance as well as the call-outs, that come at all hours of day and night. If you know one of our department members, I would encourage you to take the time to thank them for what they voluntarily do for us.

As we look forward to 2024 I am excited by the possibilities of what can be accomplished and wish everyone a happy new year.

Until next month,

Joy Bell



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[Council Meetings are held in the Village Council Chambers](#)

[5015 - 50 Street starting at 6:30pm.](#)

[Members of the public are welcome to attend.](#)

## The Village of Kitscoty Administration January 2024

On behalf of Village of Kitscoty Council wishing all our residents a safe and happy new year in 2024. To complement the Mayors' Message for January 2024, we are looking forward to working with our neighbor municipalities to strengthen our services and resources to our residents in the coming year.

We have started to discuss the 2024 Operating Budget and Multi Year Capital Budgets to plan out our projects for continuing services and expanding our infrastructure upgrading such as road improvements, water and sewer upgrades and other capital projects.

One municipal service we do provide as a necessity is animal control, with our contracted Bylaw Officer responding to animal complaints. Complaints such as excessive dog barking, dogs off-leash or running at large and abandoned or stray animals that are not being cared for are investigated and attended by our Bylaw Officer. The Village of Kitscoty does have a Poundkeepers' Agreement with Border Paws Animal Shelter in Lloydminster for the kenneling of abandoned or stray animals. **Not all of these animals are adopted to new homes.**

The year of 2023 our agreement was for the submission of 15 animals for the calendar year and we have exceeded that number. The overall cost for providing this service was \$2850 for animals that were surrendered to Border Paws for care. This figure does not include the cost of our Bylaw Officer's time and mileage to attend and transport these animals. This is a direct cost to the Village and resident taxpayers.

If you do own a pet, please ensure the animal is spayed or neutered to deter the unnecessary population (especially cats) within the Village of Kitscoty. Please ensure if you own a pet to renew or obtain your license to minimize time and efforts for us to return your pet if found in the community.

Jason Olson CLGM  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of Kitscoty

## COMMUNITY GROUPS



Library Hours: Monday & Friday 1 pm - 4 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1 pm - 7:30 pm

Facebook: Kitscoty Public Library Website: [www.kitscotypubliclibrary.ab.ca](http://www.kitscotypubliclibrary.ab.ca)

Email: [librarian@kitscotypubliclibrary.ab.ca](mailto:librarian@kitscotypubliclibrary.ab.ca)

**CLOSED JANUARY 1 - 7, 2024**

January is going to be an amazing month at the Library as we have several programs underway!

- **Friday 15 Challenge** - help our library become the biggest reader in the Northern Lights Library System by logging 15 minutes of reading every Friday in January. This will give you a great start on the annual **Winter Reading Challenge**. There are prizes to be won in both of these programs. For more details visit the programming page on our website.
- **Pen Pal Program** - sign up by January 14th to be matched up with a fellow reader from across Alberta - all ages are welcome! Once you're matched up you will receive an email to let you know what library to send your letters to - drop off your letter to our library and it will be on its way to your pal.
- January 27th is **Family Literacy Day** - stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details on how we will be celebrating!

Exciting changes to our lending terms - we recently increased the lending time for books from 2 to 3 weeks and you can now have up to 40 electronic items borrowed/on hold in the Libby system - this is a huge increase from the previous limit of 10! Happy Reading

### “The Living Room of Our Community”

Kitscoty Multi 4-H Club has had an exciting start to our year, we have doubled in both member and Cleaver numbers, as well as starting up some new projects. Our Archery project members have had a blast attending archery on Monday evenings at the Vermilion Legion Armoury. The Small Engines project members has held their safety meeting and first workshop. The ram is in with the ewes in our sheep project and a due date of March 1 is expected. Our light horse member is busy attending barrel racing jackpots and starting to practice roping while moving her horses to winter feed to keep them warm. The Creative Options members held their first workshop and had fun making Christmas treats, this reporter thinks the butter tarts were the highlight. Our Cleavers had a lot of fun making crafts and getting to know each other at the first meeting. They worked on a special project to give back during our November meeting, I look forward to hearing their report in December. We held elections at our November meeting and are looking forward to fulfilling our new jobs. Club members are looking forward to working on their projects next month and getting together for our Christmas party.

Jace Moir, Club Reporter



# **PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS**

**Everyone Welcome**



**Wednesday January 10, 2024**

**10:00 am – Refreshments**

**Session 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Kitscoty and District Senior Centre**

**4921-50 Avenue**

**Kitscoty, Alberta**

Join us for a learning session on “Be Scam Smart” presented by an outreach officer from The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to share information on recognizing various CRA - related scams, steps you can take to protect yourself.

Questions can be directed to Shirley McRobert, Senior Support Coordinator at 780.581.2414 or email to [smcrobert@vermilion.ca](mailto:smcrobert@vermilion.ca)



If you would be interested in meeting together for cards or board games, please contact Dennis Roth at 780-846-2571.

## PUBLIC WORKS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

WASTE MANAGEMENT	
WASTE TRANSFER STATION	<b>WINTER HOURS NOVEMBER 1 - APRIL 30</b>
	Wednesday 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
	Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
RECYCLING	Co-mingle recycling bins are located at the WTS for all of your recycling activities (except plastic).
INCLEMENT WEATHER	<b>In the event of inclement weather</b> call the Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Services Office at 780-853-1070 to get updates on transfer station sites. Automated recording will inform you of any changes.

**REMINDER TO OUR RESIDENTS:** In accordance with Community Standards Bylaw No. 10-2017 a person shall remove snow and ice from any sidewalk adjacent to Property they Own or Occupy within 48 hours after the snow or ice has been deposited. A Person shall not deposit snow or ice upon any Road, Public Place or Property that is not their own.



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 RATE OF \$10.00**





# Vermilion River Pastoral Charge

Kitscoty – Vermilion – Mannville

CHRISTMAS 2023

Greetings to you and your loved ones at this celebration of the Nativity of the Christ Child.

A message that we can hear from the stories of Jesus' birth is that God's holy presence is evident even in the darkest circumstances of our lives. Because we are looking back to that time, we see God at work then, and we rejoice in the wonder of such a love. One gospel writer describes choruses of heavenly beings singing which tell us that heaven is on the side of those who struggle in the cold and dark, especially those who are poor, and may be disconnected with the mainstream of the community. Another gospel invites us to look even to the alignment of the stars with what is happening on earth, which suggests that our story has cosmic implications.

Yet, at the moment when the birth was happening, all the regular concerns were front of mind for those participating in the event. Fear for the safety of mother and child, the struggle to find accommodation, the desire to stay out of the attention of occupational authorities, the wondering what it was all about, the incredible announcements from luminous messengers, all were impinging on Mary, on Joseph, on the shepherds, and ultimately on the magi too. Could they see in the moment that God was at work? Decisions that were necessary immediately had no benefit of hindsight. So, it may have felt like a very sad and anxious time. Perhaps it felt much like our own time. Where can we see God at work now, or does God feel absent?

We are confronted by tragedy in the news every day. We feel that somehow, we are implicated in the wars across the world, even if only because our 24-hour news cycle makes us "eye" witnesses. We might wonder how the policies of our own country and our allies have fed the violence, and what is our responsibility in ending it, not just because violence tends to escalate, but because we are people who believe that our divine call is to peace among all the nations.

In the psalms, the writer cries out to God about all the fear and unfairness they are experiencing. They hope to see God make a difference. But even when the response they expect isn't happening right away, they remind themselves about all the good things that God has done in the past. We can do the same thing when we are feeling sad and uncertain in the face of challenging times. Christmas celebrations happen because we are remembering God's amazing work in the past. So, we can trust that even when the times feel "out of joint", God's great love for all the creation is still working to bring hope, peace, joy to all.

May you and your family be blessed in your holiday celebrations, and as you welcome the new year of 2024.

Cordially, Carolyn

Rev. Carolyn Woodall

Intentional Interim Minister  
Vermilion River Pastoral Charge

Kitscoty Wesley United Community Church - First United Church, Vermilion - McQueen Memorial United Church, Mannville

Our communities acknowledge that we live and work and worship within the traditional territories of the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples, that is called Treaty 6, and Region 2 of the Metis nations.

## THE ABILITY TO LOVE

It is said “Little Love” requires little pain, but “Great Love” requires great pain. You may be beginning a journey that is often frightening, painful, and sometimes lonely. It is the Grief journey. No words written or kind words said can take the pain away.

When someone you love dies, or a life loss occurs, the emotion of love necessitates that you mourn and embrace the pain of grief. In order to move through grief, it cannot be denied, minimized, or escaped. You must feel it to heal it. You must do the work of grief by mourning, which is the outward expression of the inward grief pain.

Grieving is a process not an event and so it will take time for healing to occur. Be patient and gentle with yourself, the pain will lessen or change in time. Remember each person’s journey is uniquely theirs and will be felt and dealt with in their own unique way.

There are some social “Myths” held in relation to grief. For example, the idea that if you are controlled and rational all the time you are doing well or that if you openly express your grief you are thought to be over emotional. Other myths may be that you should get over the loss and grief as soon as possible or that crying is a sign of weakness. In reality, feeling the emotions during the process of grieving and allowing tears to fall are important parts of healing.

Denying the loss or the pain and brokenness because of the death of someone you have loved or the life loss you have experienced that has changed you forever will not make the pain go away. Accepting and embracing the pain and moving through the pain helps with the healing and reconciling to your life changes on the grief journey.

Death may separate you but love will never go away. Memories live on. To honour the memories, spend time sharing thoughts and feelings with a compassionate listener and understand that each person has a unique journey and timespan for their grief journey.

Submitted by : Walking Through Grief Society

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### OFFICE HOURS

Regular Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Closed Holidays

Upcoming Office Closures:

**FEBRUARY 19, 2024**