

## **April 14: COVID-19 update from Vegreville...**

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Today marks thirty-four days since the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic started to impact our Town.

We've seen our schools close, town facilities close to public access, and some of our incredible businesses close. But that is not what I want to focus on. I want to focus on the good, how our teachers are still hard at work educating our children, how our essential workers are keeping our Town running, and how our businesses are adjusting their services and planning for better days. As we all cope with this new normal, we must continue to remain positive and supportive of one another every way that we can, because although we can't see it as clearly as usual, our community is still working incredibly hard for each other.

Council and I have some very exciting news to share with residents. The Town has set up a live stream for our Council meeting on Wednesday. For those who want to tune in and watch Council from their homes, they can do so by visiting our YouTube page or website the evening of the meeting. The meeting's agenda is also available through our website for those who want to follow along.

As many of you know, the Town hosted the Lights of Hope and TELUS Tower Light Up with the help of many wonderful community members, which was intended to thank the incredible essential workers who continue to work each day to provide us with the services we need. The Town has posted a video of the event to our YouTube and Facebook page for those who may have missed it. I can not thank those who were involved with this event enough. It was truly remarkable.

Last week, the Province released their COVID-19 projections. The numbers were very tough to see. For those who aren't taking the social distancing guidelines seriously, I hope these projections help you understand why it's so essential for us to be vigilant in preventing the spread of COVID-19. We need to keep those numbers as low as possible. I recommend if you haven't visited Alberta's COVID-19 webpage, [alberta.ca/covid](http://alberta.ca/covid), that you do – there is so much valuable information.

The Town continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation very closely, and as adjustments are made to our services, they will be posted to our website, [www.vegreville.com](http://www.vegreville.com).

Stay home, stay healthy, stay positive, and stay safe, Vegreville.