

# A Message from the Mayor



Some Ponoka citizens have been recently asking the Town of Ponoka Mayor to make a statement about a matter that has been unfolding between a private business in downtown Ponoka and one of its tenants.

Because this matter involves a private business and their tenant, the Town is unable to comment on the matter directly. However, Mayor Kevin Ferguson did have the following comments that he would like to share with the community.

“The hallmark of a democracy is the freedom of thought, and the freedom of expression. The hallmark of a mature and healthy democracy comes in the understanding that we may not always agree with each other,” said Mayor Ferguson, adding, “Ponoka has always been a vibrant, safe and caring community. Our long history has always been about compassion for everyone. This is why I firmly believe that Ponoka has, and will continue to lead with our humanity,” he said.

## Town Facility Hours for Thanksgiving Statutory Day (Monday, October 9)

- The Ponoka Arena Complex and Ponoka Aquaplex will be closed on Monday, October 9. Regular programming will resume on Tuesday, October 10.
- The Town of Ponoka Waste Transfer Station will be open on Saturday, October 7 and closed on Monday, October 9 for the Thanksgiving statutory holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 10.
- The Town Office at the Ponoka Civic Centre will be closed on Monday, October 9. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 10.



## Annual Fall Clean Up Starts Tuesday, October 10

The Town of Ponoka's annual back alley collection of compostable yard waste begins after the Thanksgiving long weekend on Tuesday, October 10 and will continue until each back alley is completed.

Ponoka residents are asked to place all materials for pick up in a pile at their back alley no later than Monday, October 9. Residents who do not have a back alley can place yard waste near the curb at the front of their property, ensuring the materials are visible for pick up.

The Town of Ponoka will make one pass down each back alley to collect yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, weeds and branches less than five feet) in excess of what will fit in your Green Cart.

Yard waste set out for collection should not be bagged, as bagged material will not be picked up to avoid contaminating the compost pile at the Town's Waste Transfer Station. Other items that will not be picked up include: rocks, construction material, wood, household waste, plastic and pet excrement.

For more information, please visit [www.ponoka.ca/p/back-alley-pick-up](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/back-alley-pick-up)



## Kick it to the Curb October 11 to 16

Turn your unwanted items into somebody else's treasure!

Citizens are invited to place items they wish to give away in their front yard with a 'FREE' sign attached to them. People can then come by and pick up any items they would like to bring home.

At the end of the week, residents are asked to bring any uncollected items back into their home. Citizens are encouraged to consider donating these items to a local charity or thrift shop rather than throwing them away.

Shoppers' are asked to please respect others' property and avoid driving or walking on gardens or neighbouring lawns.

Kick it to the Curb Week promotes reuse and recycling. It's like a community-wide garage sale, except everything is free for the taking.

*Happy treasure hunting!*

## ~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, October 10 at 6 p.m.**
- **Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, October 17 at 6 p.m.**
- **2024 BUDGET DELIBERATION DATES: Wednesday, November 1 and Thursday, November 2 starting at 9 a.m.**

The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings. Meetings and budget deliberations will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).

## ~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 4, 5 and 6 – depending on your Zone.
- **Green Carts and Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 11, 12 and 13 – depending on what Zone you live in.
- **Missed Pickups** – If your curbside recycling, compost (green cart) or waste (grey cart) was not picked up on your designated collection day, please contact E360S dispatch at 403-341-9300 or by email at [rddispatch@e360s.ca](mailto:rddispatch@e360s.ca). For more information on the curbside waste collection program, please visit the Town website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/waste-management](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/waste-management) or call the Town office at 403-783-4431.



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