

## Annual Back Alley Pick Up of Compostable Yard Waste

Starts  
Tuesday, May 23



Town crews will make one pass down each back alley in Ponoka to collect yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, weeds, branches between three to five feet) in excess of what will fit into your green cart.



Citizens are asked to place all materials for pick up in a pile at their back alley **no later than Monday, May 22.**



If you do not have a back alley, please place your yard waste at the front of your property near the curb where it is visible for pick up and clear of the roadway.



Compostable yard waste only. No bags please. **Bagged yard waste will not be picked up.**

For more information, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at [www.ponoka.ca/p/back-alley-pick-up](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/back-alley-pick-up) or call the Town Office at 403-783-4431.

## TOWN FACILITY HOURS FOR VICTORIA DAY

All Town of Ponoka facilities including the Ponoka Aquaplex, Ponoka Arena Complex, Waste Transfer Station and the Town Office will be closed on Monday, May 22 for the Victoria Day statutory holiday. Regular hours will resume Tuesday, May 23.

## ~ TOWN NEWS ~

- Fire Ban in Effect** – The Town of Ponoka is currently under a Fire Ban, which includes no open fires, no use of fire pits, no fireworks, no use of wood or charcoal burning outdoor appliances and no cigarette butts or ashes may be discarded anywhere except into appropriate receptacles or enclosed ashtrays designed specifically for that purpose. The use of propane and natural gas barbecues is still permitted at this time, although citizens are advised to use extreme caution when operating their barbecues. Lawn mowing and lawn maintenance operations is also permitted; however, residents are to exercise caution when operating any equipment that could cause a spark, including cutting tools, grinders, welders, etc. Learn more by visiting the Town of Ponoka website at [www.ponoka.ca](http://www.ponoka.ca).
- All Candidates Forum for the Provincial Election** – An 'All Candidates Forum' for the upcoming provincial election will be held at the Ponoka Legion on Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by the Ponoka and District Chamber of Commerce.
- Street Sweeping Operations** – Town of Ponoka annual street sweeping operations are underway. Please watch for 'no parking' signs and move parked vehicles from roadways on which 'no parking' signage is posted. Moving parked vehicles from roadways allows crews to conduct street sweeping operations safely and more efficiently. For regular updates on street sweeping operations in the Town of Ponoka, please visit [www.ponoka.ca/p/street-sweeping](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/street-sweeping).
- Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on May 17, 18 and 19 – 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 May 24, 25 and 26 - depending on what Zone you live in.

## 51 Avenue Redevelopment Project

Final Phase of the  
Project Has Begun



The following improvements are planned over the coming months for 51 Avenue (between 50 Street and 51 Street):

- Replacement of temporary asphalt sidewalks with new permanent sidewalks;
- Redevelopment and design improvements to the municipal parking lot on the south side of 51 Avenue;
- Final layer of asphalt paving on the roadway and line marking;
- Installation of pedestrian crossings;
- Landscaping including new shrubs and trees; and
- Installation of benches and garbage containers.

### Businesses Access Remains Open Along 51 Avenue

Pedestrian access to businesses on 51 Avenue will be maintained throughout the project. Ramps will be installed to business storefronts during the replacement of the sidewalks.

There will be a temporary interruption to storefront access for a few hours while concrete is poured for the new sidewalks at each storefront. However, alternate access options to these businesses will be facilitated at that time, allowing for continued customer access to 51 Avenue businesses throughout the construction period.

### Permanent Sidewalk Installation

The removal and replacement of the temporary asphalt sidewalks on 51 Avenue has begun. There is expected to be temporary lane closures as needed that may limit traffic to one way and parking on one side of the street as needed.

### 51 Avenue Parking Lot Redevelopment

Once installation of the permanent sidewalks is completed, two-way traffic and parking on both sides of the street will resume.

Work will then begin on redevelopment and design improvements to the municipal parking lot on the south side of 51 Avenue, followed by the final layer of asphalt paving on the roadway, line marking, landscaping and the installation of street furniture.

During redevelopment of the 51 Avenue parking lot, street parking will be available on 51 Avenue. Overflow parking will also be available in the municipal parking lot at 52 Avenue and 51 Street across from the Ponoka United Church.

### Project Updates

For full details and updates on the project, please visit [www.ponoka.ca/p/redevelopment-of-51-avenue](http://www.ponoka.ca/p/redevelopment-of-51-avenue).

Please note that construction on 51 Avenue will pause during Ponoka Stampede week.

## ~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, May 23 at 6 p.m.
- **Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday, June 13 at 6 p.m.
- The public is welcome to attend all Regular Council and Council Committee meetings. Meetings will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).



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