

**NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER**

**Next Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, Nov 14, 2017  
at 6:00 pm

**Next Council Meeting**  
Monday, Nov 27, 2017  
at 6:00 pm

**Next Council Meeting**  
Monday, Dec 4, 2017  
at 6:00 pm



The Town of Sundre will be closed Monday, November 13, 2017 in observance of

**Remembrance Day**



**Public Skating**

Monday and Wednesday 3:00pm to 4:20pm  
Friday 2:00pm to 3:00pm

**Sticks & Pucks**

Tuesday and Thursday 3:00pm to 4:20pm  
Friday 3:00pm to 3:50pm

For additional Public Skating and Sticks & Puck times check out the Google Calendar:

[www.sundre.com/Residents/Arena](http://www.sundre.com/Residents/Arena)

or Phone Community Services Office @ 403-638-2042 (Mon-Fri, 8:00 am- 4:00 pm)  
or Phone Sundre Arena @ 403-638-3177

**Adult (18+) \$5.50**  
**Senior (55+) \$3.25**  
**Youth (5+) \$3.25**  
**Child (under 5) Free \*Must have adult on ice with them at all times**

**Punch Pass (10)**

**Adult (18+) \$55.00**  
**Senior (55+) \$32.50**  
**Youth (5+) \$32.50**



**INTERESTED IN MONTHLY TAX INSTALLMENTS FOR YOUR 2018 PROPERTY TAXES?**

Contact the Town Office or access our website to receive more information on this convenient payment option. New applications will be accepted until **December 31, 2017**

**Keep Pedestrians Safe**

**Remember to Shovel Your Sidewalks**

With the recent snowfall, we would like to remind all property owners and residents that snow on any adjacent sidewalks must be removed within 48 hours of the snow being deposited. Owners and residents are further reminded, that when removing snow from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots the snow may NOT be placed onto any Town lands or roadways without written approval from the Town. People pushing, shoveling or otherwise depositing snow onto Town land or roadways may be fined under the traffic bylaw. If you have any questions please feel free to call The Town Operations or Bylaw Departments at 403-638-4707.

**Did you Know?**

- 14 – 20oz plastic bottles will make enough fibre to make an x-large t-shirt or 1 square foot of carpet.
- Aluminum cans thrown away outside, can take up to 500 years to decompose, a plastic bottle 700 years and a glass bottle would take 4000 years to decompose.



**Pick Up Schedule**

Nov 9- Garbage  
Nov 16- Compost  
Nov 23- Recycle  
  
Nov 30- Garbage  
Dec 7- Compost  
Dec 14- Recycle

## **Background Notes from the Mayor's Desk – November 2017**

Thank you to all of you who took the time to vote so that the current Council could serve you and our community for the next 4 years. Voter turnout was about 43%. I am most impressed with the optimism, enthusiasm and the positive attitude I have seen from your new Council. You have chosen a great balance of both experience and "fresh eyes" to deal with issues coming forward in the next four years - and beyond. The next four years promises to be exceptional for our community.

Your new Council was sworn in on October 23rd, and more than 25 committee assignments were done. Even before the swearing in of the new Council, all Council members hit the ground running with a compulsory regional Orientation that lasted all day on Wednesday October 18th at the Olds Legion. Councillors learned what they can and can't do, the purpose of municipalities (and that there are about 400 municipalities in Alberta), we reviewed the Municipal Government Act, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy legislation, learned about municipal taxation, budgets and finance, roles and responsibilities, personal liability, governance, assessment, safety codes regulations, environmental protection, offsite levies, and land use classifications, to name just some of the topics. There was also time to ask questions of lawyers and municipal government specialists. Councillors from Sundre, Olds, Didsbury, Cremona, Carstairs and Mountain View County were in attendance so there was a chance for all of us to meet many of the people we will be working with for the next 4 years.

After your Council was sworn in, all Councillors were given the opportunity for a "local Councillor Orientation" session all day on Tuesday October 24th. This session focused on local issues that everyone needs to be "up to speed" on, and reinforced some of the topics we heard about in Olds, but with more practical local examples. Feelings of being overwhelmed in this new role are common, but these two days are intended to reduce that anxiety with some information, time to talk, ask questions and become better informed about the issues before us, past, present, and future. There are hundreds of pages to read, and to think about. The learning curve will be steep, but these are good people with the best interests of the community at heart. You have done a great job in electing your Council :)

Have you ever heard that Town of Sundre Council and Mountain View County Council don't get along? That reputation is not the case. Did you know that Mountain View County has recently agreed to cover costs associated with the operation of the Recycling Centre? Did you know that Mountain View County recently asked to come before Town Council as a delegation to offer to increase the Mountain View County contribution to recreation and culture - by 40%? I point out these two recent developments to illustrate that, as two neighbouring municipalities, we are constantly in talks and discussions about issues in "our community." Both our borders and our responsibilities within our community are shared. We sometimes disagree about issues, because we have different responsibilities and different views on issues. I want to assure everyone that we are always talking to try and find solutions to the complex issues before us.

I mention this because inter-municipal cooperation is a new requirement in the upcoming Modernized Municipal Government Act. Your new Council is committed to working together with Mountain View County, and continually improving the planning, coordination and cooperation as our community moves forward. The two examples above are part of a long list of agreements and projects where we have worked very well together. As a new Council, we intend to work better together with all our regional partners.

As always, please call me (403-559-7352) if you have questions or comments about any of the information above.

Terry Leslie, Mayor  
Town of Sundre

# How to Navigate a Roundabout

## Motorists

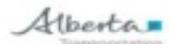
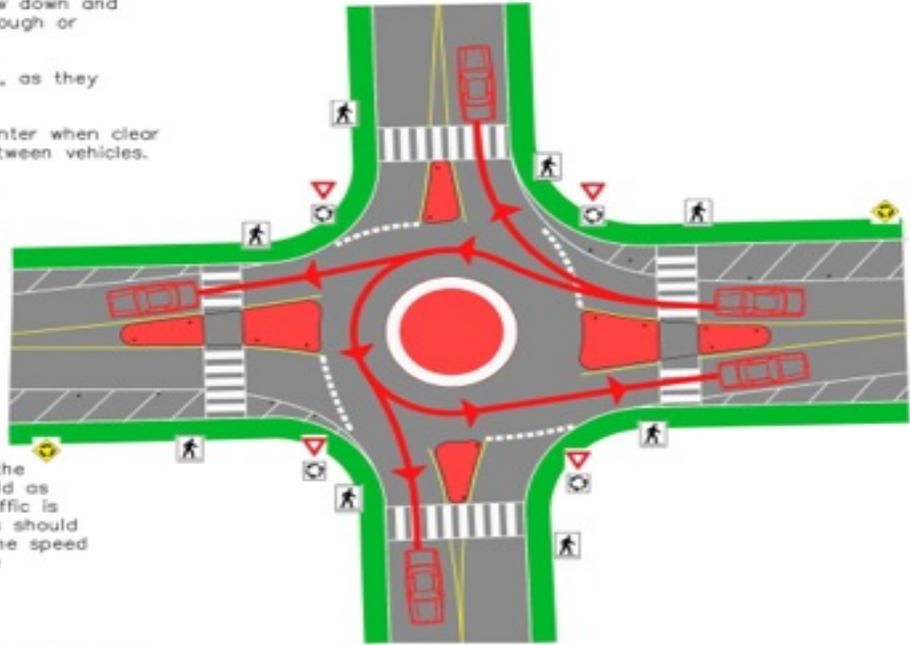
- When approaching a roundabout, slow down and decide whether you are travelling through or turning left or right.
- Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, as they have the right of way.
- Yield to the circulating traffic and enter when clear or when there is a sufficient gap between vehicles.
- If an emergency vehicle approaches, exit the roundabout immediately and then pull over. Do not stop or pass in the roundabout.
- When exiting the roundabout, signal right and yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

## Cyclists

- Cyclists can either ride with traffic inside the roundabout or use the crosswalks appropriately.
- Cyclists who ride with traffic follow the same rules as vehicles and must yield as they enter the roundabout. Since traffic is slower inside the roundabout, cyclists should be able to travel at or near the same speed as motorists, staying in line with the circulating traffic.

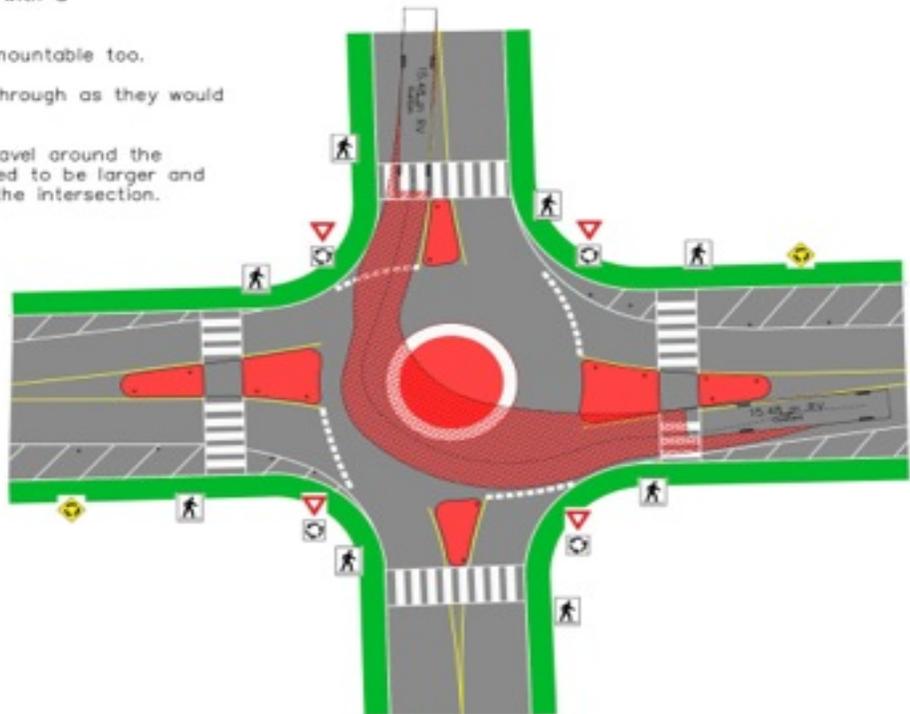
## Pedestrians

- Cross only at crosswalks, and always stay on the designated walkways.
- Never cross to the central island.
- Cross the roundabout one approach at a time. Use the splitter island as a halfway point where you can check for approaching traffic.



## Mini-Roundabouts

- A mini-roundabout is a roundabout with a fully-mountable central island.
- Sometimes the splitter islands are mountable too.
- This allows large vehicles to travel through as they would with a regular intersection.
- At a roundabout vehicles have to travel around the central island, which means they need to be larger and sometimes require property outside the intersection.



# Mini Roundabout FAQ

## 1. “How is a mini-roundabout different than a regular roundabout?”

A mini-roundabout is not simply a small roundabout. Rather, it is a roundabout with a fully-mountable central island. Sometimes the splitter islands are fully-mountable too. This allows them to be over-tracked by trucks and other large vehicles, enabling a mini-roundabout to be used within an existing intersection footprint. However mini-roundabouts, like regular roundabouts, need some means of slowing vehicle speeds so that drivers yield at entry to circulating traffic.

## 2. “Why are we building mini-roundabouts in Sundre instead of regular roundabouts?”

Regular roundabouts, with non-mountable central islands that traffic has to go around, would have to be quite large to accommodate trucks and over-dimensional loads along Highway 27, and vehicles making left turns to/from Highway 27 and the side streets. This would require property outside the right-of-way, and make the roundabouts very expensive. It is hoped these mini-roundabouts can achieve many of the same goals as regular roundabouts but with much less cost and installation time.

## 3. “How will I get my trailer or RV through the mini-roundabouts?”

If you’re driving along Highway 27, you will be able to navigate the mini-roundabouts without over-tracking the splitter islands or central island. If you’re turning right, you’ll need to drive over part of the splitter island as you complete your movement. If you’re turning left, you’ll need to drive over some or most of the central island.

## 4. “How will large trucks and agricultural equipment get through the mini-roundabouts?”

It is expected that large trucks and wide agricultural equipment will remain on Highway 27 as they navigate the mini-roundabouts. Regular tractor semi-trailers will need to over-track the outer edge of the central island, and possibly some of the splitter islands as well. Wide tractors and combines may swing across the central island. Larger over-dimensional vehicles will need to over-track most of the splitter islands, central island and flexible bollards.

## 5. “Will long loads like logging trucks swing out into pedestrians or buildings?”

Longer loads will be restricted from turning onto side roads and will be able to drive over the central islands of the mini-roundabouts to avoid dangerous swing outs.

## 6. “Will these mini-roundabouts be safe for pedestrians?”

Statistically, regular roundabouts are safer for pedestrians than signalized intersections. Studies in Europe have shown reductions in injury crashes with roundabouts of between 50% and 80%. Roundabouts are safer because traffic speeds are lower, crossings are made in two stages via a refuge area in the splitter island, pedestrians only have to watch for traffic in one direction at a time, and drivers are more likely to be looking in the direction of pedestrians. The same is generally true for mini-roundabouts, although the splitter islands may not provide as much of a refuge area if they are fully-mountable.

## 7. “How will these mini-roundabouts be maintained in the winter?”

The mini-roundabouts will be ploughed straight through east-west by Alberta Transportation, just as Highway 27 is now. Town maintenance staff will clear sections on the central island, and in the splitter islands and around the outside next to the flexible bollards, using smaller equipment.

## 8. “With a 2-lane cross section on Highway 27, where do drivers pull over to let emergency vehicles pass?”

Any street furniture adjacent to vehicle travel paths would be offset enough to allow drivers to pull over on either side, leaving the middle of the roadway open to allow emergency vehicles to pass.

## 9. “Is the new 1st Street access sufficient for emergency vehicles?”

After speaking with emergency services, a right in, right out access at 1st Street will be sufficient. Consideration will be given to installing flexible bollards like those planned at the mini-roundabouts.

## 10. “Will queues from the Centre Street signals back up to the mini-roundabout at 2nd Street?”

A queuing analysis estimates a maximum queue length of 102 m during peak summer tourist season. The 2nd Street roundabout, at a distance of 174 m, should not be affected.

## 11. “Can RCMP enforcement be increased?”

Having spoken with Peace Officers working along the corridor, speeding is not believed to be an issue at this time.