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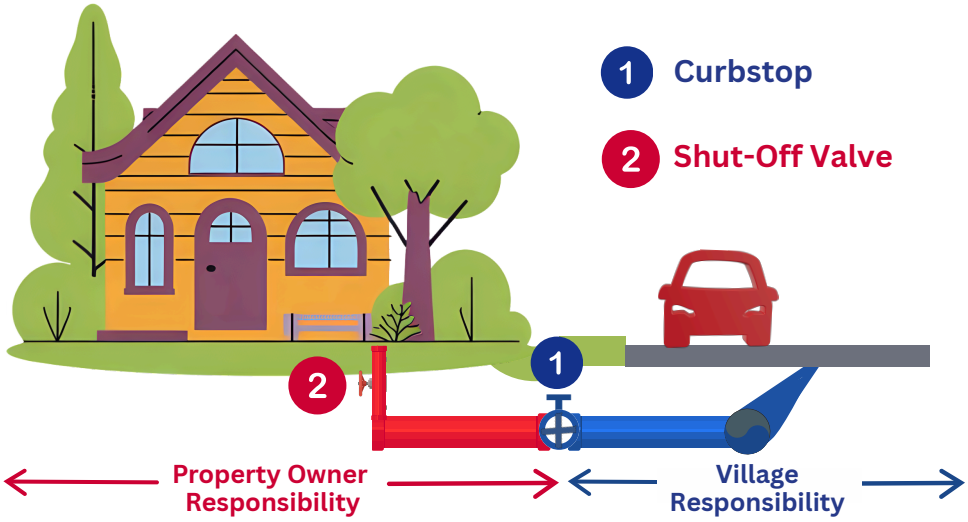
Northern Village of Air Ronge Newsletter

Third Quarter - 2026

What Is a Curb Stop - and When Is It Used?

A curb stop is an underground valve located near the property line that allows the municipality to turn water service on or off to an individual property. It is accessed through a vertical pipe (curb box) and is part of the public water system.

Curb stops are not intended for routine or convenience use. They are operated primarily by municipal staff to manage the system—for example, during emergencies, system maintenance, or authorized service changes. Frequent or unnecessary operation can damage the valve and affect service reliability.



Property owners are responsible for maintaining a working shut-off valve inside their home or building. This private valve is the appropriate control point for everyday repairs, plumbing work, and non-emergency situations. Properties without an internal shut-off should have one installed to avoid relying on municipal staff and to ensure water can be safely controlled when needed.

OCP/Zoning Bylaw Process

Council initiated the process of creating an updated Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw during the previous term in 2021. Due to staffing constraints and shifting organizational priorities, the project was not advanced. Recognizing the importance of maintaining a current and relevant OCP, supported by a Zoning Bylaw that reflects both existing conditions and future development needs, Council has identified this project as a Priority One item within the current Strategic Priorities and has approved the following implementation schedule:

- **June to August 2026** - Review and update/remove outdated content
- **September to Early October 2026** - Council review of draft documents
- **October 2026** - Public review
- **November 2026** - Final revisions and first reading
- **December 2026 to January 2027** - Public hearing, second and third readings, adoption (unless amendments required)

Funding Received

Infrastructure Funding

Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP)

- **$400,000** to upgrade drainage areas within the village to extend infrastructure service life, protect existing residential and commercial properties, and unlock land for future development. The upgrade may include excavator trenching, culvert replacement, ditch build-up, trench clearing, and swale creation or installation.

Summer Recreation Programming Funding

Community Initiative Fund (CIF) Grant

- **$7500** to provide wage support and cover a portion of operational costs

Sask Lotteries (via Northern Sport, Culture, and Recreation District - NSCRD)

- **$14,947** to offset project supplies, wages & benefits, and provide Summer Recreation staff training

Current Rebates Offered to our Residents

Outdoor Motion Sensor Light Rebate

- One rebate per residence of ½ the purchase price of motion sensor lighting to a maximum rebate of $50

Home Security Camera Rebate

- One rebate per property of ⅓ the purchase price of any outdoor home security system to a maximum for $100
- Rebate recipients will be placed on a registry of properties with cameras

Bidet Rebate

- One rebate per household of up to $50 for the purchase of a bidet

Staff and Office News

We are happy to have welcomed several new permanent office and public works staff over the last few months:

Village Office:

- Joye Talukder - Administrative Assistant/Reception Clerk
- Tabitha Burr - Deputy CAO/Manager of Legislative Services

Public Works:

- Greg McKay - General Labourer
- Richard Cux - Lead Hand

Public Works has a new **After-Hours On-Call** number. In case of an emergency **outside of working hours**, please call **306-420-4111**. For all other requests, please refer to our website for contact information.

Upcoming Office Phone Maintenance: The office is installing a new phone system on August 31st which may cause minor disruptions to our service on that day only.

Upcoming Office Closures:
Saskatchewan Day, Monday, August 3rd, Labour Day, Monday, September 7th, and Truth and Reconciliation Day, Wednesday, September 30th

Business License Bylaw

Bylaw 2026-01

The updates include:

- Perpetual licensing in place of yearly renewals
- Updated fee schedule
- Updated license application

For forms or copies of the new Bylaws, visit **www.airronge.ca**

We're updating our Business Directory!

Let us know uf you'd like to be added to our business directory by sending an email to **villageoffice@airronge.ca**

Think before you flush ...

Many products that say flushable don't break down and end up clogging our sewer system causing costly sewer repairs or sewer back-up into homes.

A Toilet is not a Trash Can!

Mass Notification

Enrollment

Budget Open House

Coming SOON

Watch our website **www.arronge.ca** and the Village Facebook page for details as they become available