

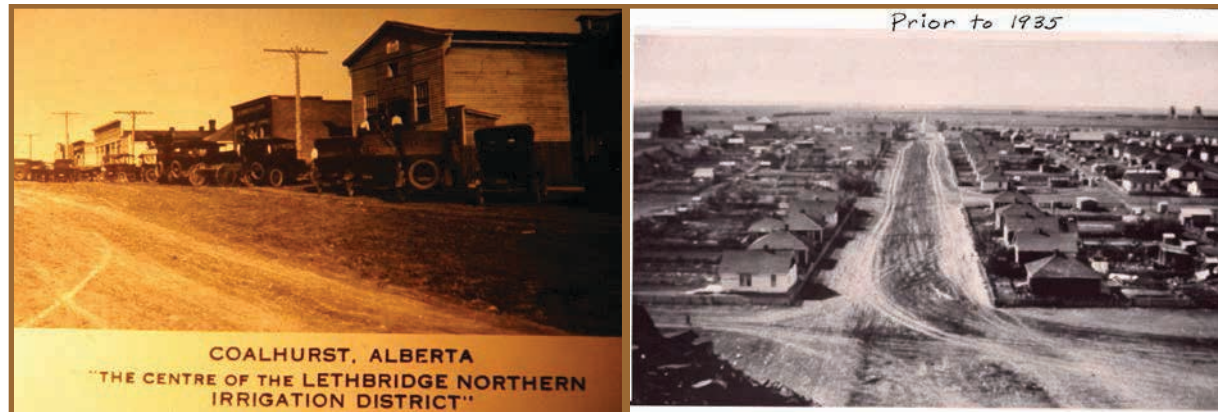
A WALK THROUGH TIME



Coalhurst Heritage Walking Tour
~ 1913-2013 ~



The Coalhurst Heritage Walking Tour serves to honour all the pioneers, miners, and adventurers who forged through difficult winters and challenging times, creating homes in what was once considered an uninhabitable land. These early settlers fashioned a community that lives on today as a thriving Town with excellent schools, a core business population, and wonderful neighbours. December 17, 1913 marked the official establishment of Coalhurst as a municipality in the Province of Alberta.



Coalhurst was founded on the coal mining industry, which operated from 1911 until the explosion at the Imperial Mine on December 9, 1935. Coalhurst had strong agricultural roots as well with Ellison Milling operating a grain elevator, a busy downtown area including dry goods, a meat market, a shoe store, clothing store, bank, blacksmiths, post office, hardware store, pool hall, confectionary, garage, Chinese restaurant, RCMP detachment, the Coalhurst Hotel and a hospital. Contributing to the community were our local churches, and schools.



Following the mine disaster of 1935 Coalhurst predictably became reminiscent of a ghost town. As families moved their homes to other areas of Southern Alberta in order to secure work, few stayed behind. For decades Coalhurst struggled to stay alive, however in the past thirty years an increased population has forged new found vibrancy to the Town.

**Much of the information for our History Walk and Signs has been provided by "Our Treasured Heritage, The History of Coalhurst and District".*



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1. **Imperial Meadows Park** - Monument Honouring our Past and Celebrating Our Future – dedicated August 9, 2013 as part of our Centennial Celebrations, the monument lists the names of those that contributed and were residing in or near the Town of Coalhurst in 1913.
Imperial Meadows Park – Original site of the Imperial Meadows Mine and marked by a plaque outlining the 1935 mine disaster.
2. **West End of Community Centre** – The Hospital (Built to serve the miners in the 1920/30s)
3. **51st Avenue between 4th and 6th Street** - Downtown District – Read the Main Street Banner
4. **513 52nd** – The Rohovie House (purchased from Diamond City in 1924)
5. **Head East 500 metres from the north end of 7th street at 55th Ave** – The Dump
6. **Coalhurst High School Track West End** - The Low School - The Schools Bridgend School Division #2394 was formed March 25, 1911.
7. **Coalhurst High School Track East End** – The High School – Built in 1924 and moved to the location of the current Elementary School in the 1960s.
8. **St. Joseph's Church - 433 52nd Ave** – Moved to the current location in 1924
9. **1st Street and 51st Avenue** – Coalhurst Train Station (Moved from Kipp in 1927)
10. **1st Street and 51st Avenue** - Coalhurst Grain Elevator (Originally built in 1928)

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