



## TOWN NEWS

Coalhurst, Alberta

February 2021



### FEBRUARY

- 2 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Committee of the Whole 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Family Day (Office closed)
- 16 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Committee of the Whole 7:00 p.m.



### MARCH

- 2 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Committee of the Whole 7:00 p.m.

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## Office Closure



The Town Office will be **closed** on  
**Monday, February 15, 2021**  
for Family Day

For public works emergency call: 403-634-1627

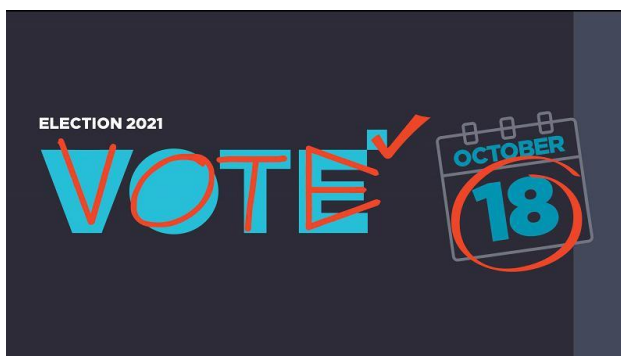


### 2021 LICENSE RENEWALS

The Town of Coalhurst Business License and Dog License renewal invoices were mailed out the beginning of January 2021. 2021 licenses are due and payable upon receipt. If you did not receive your 2021 invoice/renewal in January, please contact the Town Office at 403-381-3033. Fines may be handed out for noncompliance.

If you no longer require your license, please make sure to notify the Town Office so our files can be updated accordingly.

*Thank you for your attention and cooperation.*



## NOMINATION PACKAGES

The next municipal election will be October 18, 2021. In accordance with new legislation, Nomination Papers can be submitted to the Town Office during regular office hours anytime from January 1, 2021 to September 20, 2021. Nomination papers will not be accepted after 12:00 p.m. on September 20.

A candidate may withdraw his or her nomination at any time during the nomination period and up to 24 hours after the close of nominations (until 12:00 p.m. September 21, 2021).

If you are interested in running for office but would like more information please view the Nomination Package: [nomination package 2021 election](#), also found on the Town of Coalhurst web site – [www.coalhurst.ca](http://www.coalhurst.ca).

Hard copies of the nomination package are also available for pick up at the Town Office during office hours.

Nomination papers can be found on the [Government of Alberta website](#).

You can also:

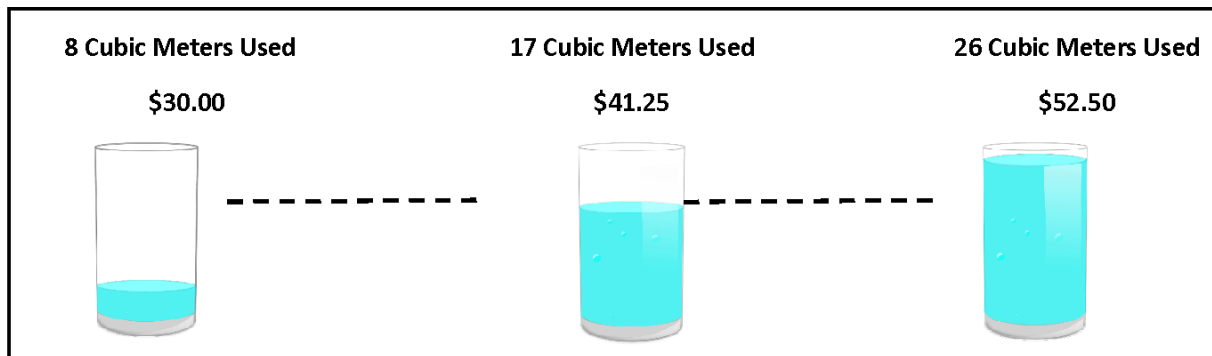
- Read the Alberta Municipal Affairs document on [Running for Municipal Office in Alberta](#).
- Consult [Municipal elections | Alberta.ca](#)

## 2021 Utility Rates

During the interim budget discussions, Town Council has approved the 2021 utility rates for the upcoming year. Most of the rates will remain unchanged, however the residential water flat rate will be lowered from \$21.00 to \$20.00 per household. The commercial water flat rate will also be lowered from \$26.63 to \$25.00. These changes will be reflected in your bill you receive at the beginning of March.

Residential Utility Rates	2020	2021
<b>Water Flat Rate</b>	\$ 21.00	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Garbage Rate</b>	\$ 19.15	<b>\$ 19.15</b>
<b>Recycling Rate</b>	\$ 2.23	<b>\$ 2.23</b>
<b>Storm Sewer Rate</b>	\$ 5.57	<b>\$ 5.57</b>
<b>Sanitary Sewer Rate</b>	\$ 37.78	<b>\$ 37.78</b>

Also as a reminder, the new water rate calculation has been in effect for almost a year now. You will have noticed that your bill fluctuates depending on your water usage. The more/less you use, the more/less you pay. This is to promote more environmentally conscious water usage and to incentivize residents to use their water wisely. Below shows an example of billing rates depending on consumption.



Follow some of the tips below in order to save some money on your monthly water bill.

### 6 Easy Ways to be More Water Conscious in your Home:

1. **Fix leaks.** You may have a slow leak in a faucet or toilet. This can increase your water usage dramatically. If you think you have a leak, there are free toilet leak testers at the Town Office.
2. **Install Low or Dual Flush Toilets.** This can decrease indoor water usage by up to 30%.
3. **Use Clothes/Dish Washer for Full Loads Only.** For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Also consider a High Efficiency Washer next time it needs to be replaced.
4. **Take Shorter Showers.** Implement a timer for kids or install low-flow shower heads and faucets.
5. **Turn off the water while shaving or brushing your teeth.** The same thing can apply to washing dishes or vegetables. Instead, plug the sink and fill it with some water when you need to rinse.
6. **Water your lawn less and fertilize.** You can still have a lush, green lawn, without using a ton of water. Most lawns only need about 1-2 inches of water per week. Put a pie plate or frisbee on the lawn to track water usage. Fertilizing about 4-5 times a year will help a lot as well.

## Clearing Away the Clutter



The spontaneous tendency of our culture is to add more and more to our lives: one more option, one more problem, one more commitment, one more expectation, one more purchase, one more debt, one more change, one more job, one more decision. We now have more “things per person” than at any time in history. Yet, one can only comfortably handle so much stuff! Exceeding this threshold is called *overloading*. Overloading occurs whenever the requirements upon us exceed what we can handle.

As a new year begins it might be important to ask yourself “What I am going to do about the overload in my life? Some of our confusion comes from not learning and respecting physical, emotional, spiritual and mental limits. We justify “overloading” by telling ourselves that we can do everything. Can you? Can you fly? Can you go six months without eating? Can you swim the Pacific Ocean? The truth is, you cannot live a healthy life while living chronically overloaded.

Tips for setting your limits:

- **Setting Limits to Your Schedule:** You must accept the non-negotiability of the 24-hour day. As you know, everybody else has a plan for your life, and it is draining to give and give and give. To stay within our limits, it is important to discipline ourselves to say “NO” to the good, so that we may say “Yes” to the best.
- **Setting Limits to Your Responsibilities:** Learning the difference between what is important vs. what is urgent. Not everything that presents itself as urgent is important. Many times, the urgent distracts us by holding us captive from engaging in what is important.
- **Setting Limits to Your Emotional Capacities:** There is no value in worrying, and it won’t change anything. However, if you are determined to worry, then at least worry about the important things and not the minor issues. When you worry about the important things the secondary things fall into place. Remember there are two rules for managing worry and stress - #1 Don’t sweat the small stuff & #2 It’s all small stuff.

In summary clearing away the clutter in your life involves identifying an area of overload and selecting one specific thing to be removed. Then, ‘Just Do It!’

FCSS offers workshops as well as individual counselling to help you learn more.

For more information call 587-370-3728

or email [counsellingservices@fcss.ca](mailto:counsellingservices@fcss.ca).

Visit [www.fcss.ca](http://www.fcss.ca) for more information.

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Counsellor



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#### ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

- Business Equipment
- Technology (Hardware/Software)
- Business training, consulting or certification
- Removal of barriers to access for people with disabilities and mobility challenges
- Interior painting
- Interior flooring (carpet, laminate, tile, hardwood)
- Shelving (removable)
- Interior counters and display cases
- Interior light fixtures

#### STORE FRONT BUSINESSES ONLY

- Signage in the front of business locations
- Repair or replacement of storefront windows and doors
- Exterior lighting of the building and signage
- Removal and disposal of broken signage and fixtures
- Installation and design of awnings and signs
- New storefront window openings and new doorways
- Interior window display areas and lighting
- Removal of exterior materials that cover architectural details
- New architectural details such as entryway features and cornices
- Signs that are uniquely designed to integrate into building architecture
- Creation of new retail bays in an existing building
- Addition of patio areas and permanent landscaping elements



# BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT LOANS

## COALHURST BUSINESSES

### Interest Free Loans

Up to \$5,000

**\* Available to home based  
and store front businesses\***

**Loan interest paid by  
Town of Coalhurst**



## **HOW TO APPLY:**

- ✓ *Pick up Grant Application documents at either:*

**Town of Coalhurst Office**  
100—51 Avenue  
Coalhurst, AB T0L 0V0  
Kim Hauta, Chief Administrative Officer  
Phone: 403 381 3033

or

**Community Futures Lethbridge Region**  
2626 South Parkside Drive  
Phone: 403 320 6044

Penny Patching, Business Advisor  
Direct: 587 800 8417  
[ppatching@albertacf.com](mailto:ppatching@albertacf.com)

Roldo Eliason, Business Advisor  
Direct: 587 800 8427  
[reliason@albertacf.com](mailto:reliason@albertacf.com)

- ✓ *Complete Loan Application document:  
Application for Credit*
- ✓ *Set up a meeting with a Community Futures  
Business Analyst to present application.*
- ✓ *Once the completed grant application  
documents are received, CFLR will perform  
due diligence on the application and contact  
the business owner to set appointment within  
10 working days to proceed.*
- ✓ *Once approved by CFLR, loans documents will  
be signed by the business owner and a cheque  
will be disbursed within 5 working days.*





**Community Futures** Lethbridge Region  
Growing communities one idea at a time.

**CFLR SERVICES:**

ALTERNATIVE FINANCING  
CONSULTING  
BUSINESS TRAINING  
BUSINESS PLANNING  
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**FLEXIBLE TERMS**

- Loans between \$800 and \$5,000
- Terms between 1-3 years

### **Sample Loan**

#### **\$5,000 Loan**

- Term of Three Years
- Loan Payment \$138.88/month
- Grant to cover interest - \$394.60



**Check [www.coalhurst.ca](http://www.coalhurst.ca) for Business Improvement Loan Applications - under  
COMMUNITY SERVICES – Community Futures Lethbridge Region**





### WEEK SPECIALS FEBRUARY

**1-6: APPLE PIE REG. \$ 11.95 SALE \$ 10.95**  
**9-13: 6 CUP CAKES REG. \$ 6.95 SALE \$ 5.95**  
**16-20: CINNAMON BREAD REG. \$ 8.25**  
**SALE \$ 7.25**  
**23-27: CHEESE PIZZA BUN REG. \$ 3.95**  
**SALE \$ 3.50**

Tuesday – Friday 8am-6pm Saturday 8am-4pm

514 51 Ave, Coalhurst

403 394 7676 Cell: 403 795 3202

Email: [Kooymanbakery@gmail.com](mailto:Kooymanbakery@gmail.com)



## DOG GROOMING AND TRAINING

All Breed Dog Grooming – Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

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Julie Anhorn  
Reiki Practitioner  
Animal Communicator



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509 - 52 Avenue, Coalhurst, AB  
julieanhorn.reiki@shaw.ca 403-892-4584



# NOTICE OF VIRTUAL JOINT PUBLIC HEARING



## Lethbridge County Bylaw 20-023 & Town of Coalhurst Bylaw 421-20: AMENDMENTS TO THE LETHBRIDGE COUNTY AND TOWN OF COALHURST INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

### WHAT IS THE BYLAW ABOUT?

Coalhurst and Lethbridge County are proposing an amendment to the Intermunicipal Development Plan.

The proposed amendments update the Intermunicipal Development Plan to address the changes in provincial legislation (i.e. amendments to the Municipal Government Act and the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan) as well as the creation of a light industrial/commercial node in the area north of Coalhurst.

This light industrial/commercial node is supported by the North Coalhurst – Kipp Area Structure Plan which is proposed to be included in the Intermunicipal Development Plan as an Appendix.

A copy of the Bylaw and proposed amendments may be viewed at the Lethbridge County website at <https://lethcounty.ca/p/intermunicipal-development-plans>

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC  
HEARING:  
9:00 AM THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 25, 2021  
ONLINE AT  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/  
LETHCOUNTY](https://www.facebook.com/LETHCOUNTY)**

### HOW DO I GIVE INPUT ON THE PROPOSED BYLAW?

If you wish to provide comments respecting this proposed amendment, you may do so by any of the following:

- Register to speak to Council virtually by contacting Hilary Janzen, Supervisor of Planning and Development with Lethbridge County at [planning@lethcounty.ca](mailto:planning@lethcounty.ca) or 403-328-5525.
  - If you would like to address Council, you MUST register before 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Due to technical requirements, we cannot accommodate unregistered speakers
- Submitting written comments before 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 by email to: [planning@lethcounty.ca](mailto:planning@lethcounty.ca) or [main@coalhurst.ca](mailto:main@coalhurst.ca)
- Submitting written comments by regular mail to be received by Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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### HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions or comments regarding the proposed amendment please contact:

Hilary Janzen, Supervisor of Planning and Development with Lethbridge County at 403-328-5525 or email [planning@lethcounty.ca](mailto:planning@lethcounty.ca)

or

Diane Horvath, Planner with the Town of Coalhurst at 403-329-1344 or email [dianehorvath@orrc.com](mailto:dianehorvath@orrc.com)