

### TOWN NEWS

Coalhurst, Alberta

February 2022

#### **FEBRUARY**

1 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. 8 Committee of the Whole 7:00 p.m.

Valentine's Day
Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Family Day (office closed)
Committee of the Whole 7:00 p.m.

#### MARCH

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

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This day only comes but once a year, and when it does, it means it's time to spread the love, give those you know a big hug, and enjoy a few chocolates!



Family ISLIKE BRANC

IS LIKE BRANCHES ON A TREE OUR LIVES MAY GROW IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS BUT OUR ROOTS WILL STAY

As One

Have an amazing Family Day!

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2022 to celebrate Family Day.



# Looking to become a volunteer Big or Little (child in our programs)? Join one of our programs!

#### **Traditional Mentoring:**

Bigs and Littles can do activities out in the community together with a commitment of 2-3 hours once a week for a minimum year.

#### Go Girls/Game On:

Ages 10-14. Runs for seven weeks, once a week, for 40 minutes.

Bigs meet with a group of Littles, play games together, and talk about mental health and COVID-19 related challenges.

#### Teen Mentoring:

This program matches a High School student with a child in Grades 1 – 6. The matches participate virtually in planned activities such as crafts, challenges, trivia games, experiments, and much more!

For More Information:
Please call 403.328.9355 or email at info.leth@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

## Move it! Move it!

This program inspires movement and muscle development through activities and play.

Grown-ups together with their children 0-6 years of age.

Wednesdays
January 26<sup>th</sup> - June 29<sup>th</sup>
10:00-11:30 am
Coalhurst FCSS
Community Centre ~ 527 50 Ave





To register contact

## **Jackie**

403-732-5470 or jackie.fiorino@fcss.ca

COVID-19 Protocols will be followed. Limit of 5 families.

## BARONS-EUREKA-WARNER FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS)

For all FCSS programs, activities, events, dates and information, check the Town of Coalhurst web site <a href="www.coalhurst.ca">www.coalhurst.ca</a> under Community Calendar – FCSS Programs. All contact information for FCSS can be found here.

## Family & Community Support Services www.fcss.ca

### THE BENEFITS OF FILING YOUR TAXES

While the term *taxes* can spark anxiety for some, there are many positive reasons to file your taxes that can create less stress and anxiety for you and your family in the future. Here are just a few:

1) FREE tax assistance is available for families who meet the criteria (see the chart below)\*: FCSS offers FREE assistance with tax returns to individuals, families, and seniors with modest income and simple tax situations.

Call or text Cindy Lauwen at (403) 915-7063 to make an appointment.

For services in Low German, contact Susie Peters at (403) 593-0618 (Whats App supported).

- a. When you file your taxes with FCSS, you can also learn about our other services including free counselling, family supports, child and youth programs, volunteer opportunities and many more!
- 2) You may be eligible for a refund: This means more money in your pocket for things like groceries and housing for your family or you can put it in a bank account and save it for a rainy day.
- 3) You can access additional benefits if you file your taxes on time: The Canada Child Benefit, Old Age Security, Working Income Tax Benefit, Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), and GST/HST credit are only available to families and individuals who file their taxes. This-can add up to thousands of dollars of additional income for families struggling to make ends meet.
- 4) It contributes to building your community, province, and nation: Taxes help grow your community's infrastructure, including roads, internet connectivity, public transit, and drinking water.
- 5) You can file online to get your return quickly: FCSS's volunteers will ask you if you consent to an online return and will file your taxes electronically so you can receive you refund without delay.

#### \*Tax Return Assistance Income Criteria

Family Size	Total Family Income				
1 person	\$35,000				
2 persons	\$45,000				
3 persons	\$47,500				
4 persons	\$50,000				
5 persons	\$52,500				
More than 5 persons	\$52,500				
	(Plus \$2,500 for each additional person)				

Cindy Lauwen is the Volunteer Services Coordinator at FCSS and provides support to seniors. For more information, contact her at <a href="mailto:cindy.lauwen@fcss.ca">cindy.lauwen@fcss.ca</a> or 403-915-7063.

Visit www.fcss.ca for more information.

Submitted by:
Cindy Lauwen
Volunteer Services
Coordinator



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Taber I Vauxhall I Warner

#### SERVICE CANADA

#### New Service Standard for SIN Online

I hope this email finds you well. The purpose of this email is to let you know that Service Canada has changed the service standard for SIN online transactions from **20 business days to 10 business days**. Clients applying through the SIN online portal can now expect to receive the letter containing their SIN in the mail within 15 days.

#### How to apply for a SIN

#### 1) SIN Online Portal

Applying <u>online</u> is easy. Submit a SIN application online within a secure and protected environment using <u>SIN online</u> and upload digital copies of your documents.

Please consult the What do you need before you apply page to ensure you have all the required documents ready before you apply.

#### 2) By mail

You can also apply for your SIN by mail. If you choose this option, you must provide a completed <u>SIN</u> application form in addition to your original documents.

You original documents will be sent back once your application is processed.

#### 3) Visit us by appointment

If you require service in-person, please make a request for an appointment by filling out the <u>service request</u> form. A Service Canada officer will call you back within 2 business days. If your request cannot be completed by phone, you will be offered an appointment for service at a Service Canada Centre. Please note that we are not accepting requests for same day bookings.

If you require an appointment and do not have access to the internet or face other barriers, the **Service Canada Outreach Support Centre** will ensure you get access to the services and benefits you need. Call our toll-free number 1-877-631-2657 (TTY: 1-833-719-2657) from 8:30am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

Please share this information within your network.

Thank you for your support.

#### PEACE OFFICER

#### DOG LICENCE RENEWAL

I would like to send out a second reminder to residents that all dog licenses are now due for 2022 and should be renewed on an annual basis before January 31 of each year. Please make your dog license payments to the Town and ensure your animals are registered and licensed for the year. Dog Bylaw # 379-15 states that:

#### 4. a) **ANNUAL LICENSING**:

i. The owner of any dog three (3) months of age or more shall obtain and keep in force an annual license for the dog from the Town Office, which period is from the first day of January and ending on the last day of December of each calendar year.

Failure to license Dog: \$150.00

Also, a friendly reminder to dog owners that if you no longer have a dog, please contact the Town Office so we may update our files to prevent penalties and reminder notices going out.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Peace Officer Marek

#### YOUR TOWN NEWS



The Coalhurst Town News is a publication for you, the residents, to inform and be informed of what is happening in your community.

All local groups, organizations, schools and residents are encouraged to submit their activities, functions, thank you's, congratulations, or any information you think may be of interest or amusement to the community. These things are offered free of charge as it is your Town News.

Any business, with a current business license, may use the Town News as a means of advertising and promoting your business, for a reasonable fee. A quarter page ad is \$10.00 plus GST and can give your business exposure and get your name out to the public. (Also available is - half page/\$20.00, whole page/\$40.00 plus GST). Payment must be made at time of submission. Many residents don't realize just how many businesses are in our community and would utilize the services available here.

Any and all submissions must meet the deadline which is before the last working day of each month (sooner is better). Articles can be e-mailed to <a href="main@coalhurst.ca">main@coalhurst.ca</a> or call the Town Office at 403-381-3033 for further information. If a fee is required it must be paid at time of submission.

We encourage you to submit your activities, articles and information to the Town News. Remember, the Town News is a publication for you, the residents. Take advantage of the publication and share your info with the community.

Remember also to check the Town of Coalhurst website for updated information at www.coalhurst.ca.

#### **Town of Coalhurst 2021 Water and Wastewater Summary**

Below is a summary of the testing and flows of the Town of Coalhurst water and wastewater systems for 2021:

The water summary shows the monthly total water used, the average, daily, maximum, and minimum flows. The average, maximum and minimum total chlorine level (in parts per million) entering the distribution reservoir. The average, maximum and minimum chlorine level (in parts per million) tested at random points out in the distribution system. The average, maximum and minimum clarity of the water in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. These tests are taken and recorded continuously in real time at the water distribution reservoir and taken by daily samples within the Town of Coalhurst distribution system at random locations.

Town of Coalhurst Annual Water Su			Supply	upply Summary 20		2021		Approval# 00223622					
Month	Janurary	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total/ avg
Flow m3	18246	17504	19423	17885	25462	43219	48995	37934	27505	18789	16307	17466	292724.5
Flow Avg.	589	625	601	617	821	1441	1580	1171	971	606	546	567	845
Flow Max	709	798	1236	841	1369	2021	2107	1805	1319	758	624	698	2107.00
Flow Min	421	523	464	393	569	681	991	772	697	485	498	508	583.50
Cl in avg.	1.60	1.63	1.68	1.50	1.42	1.61	1.28	1.27	1.38	1.43	1.50	1.55	1.49
Cl in max.	1.63	1.75	1.78	1.62	1.56	1.94	1.45	1.37	1.53	1.55	1.61	1.60	1.94
Cl in min.	1.56	1.54	1.48	1.32	1.29	1.25	1.19	1.14	1.13	1.34	1.37	1.51	1.13
Cl out avg.	1.29	1.30	1.43	1.31	1.16	1.36	1.06	1.06	1.13	1.12	1.14	1.19	1.21
Cl out max	1.59	1.56	1.62	1.47	1.41	1.58	1.20	1.24	1.28	1.32	1.46	1.43	1.62
Cl out min.	0.79	1.01	0.90	1.01	0.80	1.06	0.91	0.80	0.89	0.82	0.79	0.84	0.79
turb. avg.	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.14	0.13	0.15	0.13	0.13
turb max.	0.17	0.17	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.16	0.17	0.19	0.19	0.30	0.22	0.30
turb min.	0.80	0.10	0.07	0.12	0.13	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.06
				Total	Average	Maximum	Minimum						

Other testing completed by Water Operators are bacteriological testing and tests for lead and trihalomethanes within the distribution system. All Town of Coalhurst Water System testing and operations are conducted within the Alberta Code of Practice for Waterworks Systems Consisting Solely of a Water Distribution System and are reported to Alberta Environment and Parks.

Below is a summary of the wastewater flows that are collected for treatment at our Wastewater Lift Station #1.

Town of Coalhurst Sanitary Annua 2020					
Month	Meter Reading				
Janurary	18310	m <sup>3</sup>			
February	15460	m <sup>3</sup>			
March	19677	m <sup>3</sup>			
April	19415	m <sup>3</sup>			
May	20929	m <sup>3</sup>			
June	22694	m <sup>3</sup>			
July	27391	m <sup>3</sup>			
August	19479	m <sup>3</sup>			
September	18249	m <sup>3</sup>			
October	17751	m <sup>3</sup>			
November	18738	m <sup>3</sup>			
December	18894	m <sup>3</sup>			
Total	236987	m <sup>3</sup>			

All operations of the Town of Coalhurst Wastewater Collection System are conducted following the Alberta Code of Practice for Wastewater systems Consisting Solely of a Wastewater and are reported to Alberta Environment and Parks.

#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES – TOWN OF COALHURST

#### **DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

The Town of Coalhurst is currently accepting applications for the full time permanent position of Development Officer.

This position is responsible for efficiently and effectively processing and considering development and construction permit applications, development and planning related submissions, including compliance certificates, and providing information and advice in response to inquiries regarding development control and land use regulation. It involves working with the general public, residents, developers, Council, other municipalities and staff and serving as Secretary to the Municipal Subdivision and Development Authority.

#### DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

The Town of Coalhurst is currently accepting applications for a motivated and dynamic professional to fill the full time position of Director of Corporate Services.

Coalhurst is a vibrant community of 2800 plus residents situated 8 km outside the City of Lethbridge.

#### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

Reporting to the CAO, the Director of Corporate Services is a key member of the Administration team. The Director of Corporate Services is responsible for the efficient and effective administration of the Town's financial operations including accounting, financial statements, reports, investments, taxation, the collection of all revenues, grants and levies, the coordination and preparation of operating and capital budgets and long-term planning documents and the development of financial and material management policies and procedures. Administering of the employee pay and benefit programs, having a working knowledge of all Town Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and acting as CAO in his/her absence are also the responsibility of this position.

FOR FULL DETAILS ON THESE POSITIONS CHECK THE TOWN OF COALHURST WEB SITE AT:

www.coalhurst.ca



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15-19: 6 ALMOND COOKIES REG. \$ 11.95 SALE \$ 9.95

22-26: CINNAMON BREAD REG. 8.95 SALE \$ 7.95

#### EVERY FRIDAY HOT LUNCH

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## Kid's Stuff (Color Me)



"Happy Valentine's Day"