

# TOWN NEWS

Coalhurst, Alberta

May 2022



### MAY

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

8 Mother's Day

Committee of the Whole 7:00 p.m.

17 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.23 Victoria Day (office closed)

Committee of the Whole 7:00 p.m.

31 Committee of the Whole 7:00 p.m.

JUNE

7 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole 7:00 p.m.

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS3kdzlvzavAguAj\_aM4dxg or find the link on the Town web site under Government – Council Minutes & Agendas.



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The office will be closed for Victoria Day

Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend.



MAY 2022

Outside of regular Council meetings and internal committee meetings, Council members are required to sit on various boards/ committees. I am lucky to sit on the board for the Barons Eureka Warner Family and Community Support Services (BEW FCSS) as one of my assignments.

When I was employed by the Government of Alberta in the Ministry of Seniors and Housing, I had the privilege of working with FCSS to support seniors. During this time, I really came to understand the immense value the organization provides. Needless to say, I jumped at the opportunity to join the board when I became Mayor.

FCSS is an 80/20 funding partnership with the Government of Alberta and participating municipalities or Metis Settlements. This means that the Town of Coalhurst pays a requisition based on the number of residents, and BEW FCSS provides preventive programming to the community. Locally, FCSS offers counselling, programming for young children and parents, leadership programming for teens, comics clubs and support for seniors, just to name a few. You can learn more about the programs and services offered by FCSS by visiting <a href="www.fcss.ca">www.fcss.ca</a> or calling 403-732-5470.

I've also decided to start a "Four Questions With..." segment within my monthly message to allow residents to get to know Council and Administration a bit better. This month you can learn more about Councillor Scott Akkermans.

### Tell us a bit about yourself.

I grew up in the town of Hanna before spending time in Saskatoon, Calgary, and Edmonton. In fall of 2020, my wife, Natalie, two-year-old son Henry, and I moved to Coalhurst. I studied Mechanical Engineering Technology at SAIT, which led to a career in the oil and gas industry before settling into my current job as a draftsman for an instrumentation company that is based out of Edmonton.

### What has been the most interesting thing that you've learned since joining Council in October?

Since joining Council, there have been many eye-opening moments. Regional collaborations and work outside the town limits have opened my eyes the most. I understood that we work with our neighbouring municipalities, but I didn't realize the extent. As the town's elected representative for our local Regional Economic Development Agency (REDA), SouthGrow, I have learned how a regional approach can help at the local level. In addition, the wide range of topics and items a council covers is a vast scope, so there's been a ton of learning.

#### What are you passionate about?

There are many passions and hobbies that I enjoy. I enjoy spending time with my family, love going to the mountains, playing board games, and as an avid disc golfer, I'm super excited that a course is coming to town. I also enjoy learning about new things, which lends really well to being on Council.

### Is a hotdog a sandwich?

Not at all. If you go to a hot dog stand and ask for a sandwich, they'd look at you sideways. Personally, I'd say a hot dog is closer to a taco than a sandwich. I think if you look at the definition of Sandwich as, "an item of food consisting of two pieces of bread with meat, cheese, or another filling between them, eaten as a light meal." it doesn't quite line up. Either way, a hot dog is delicious!

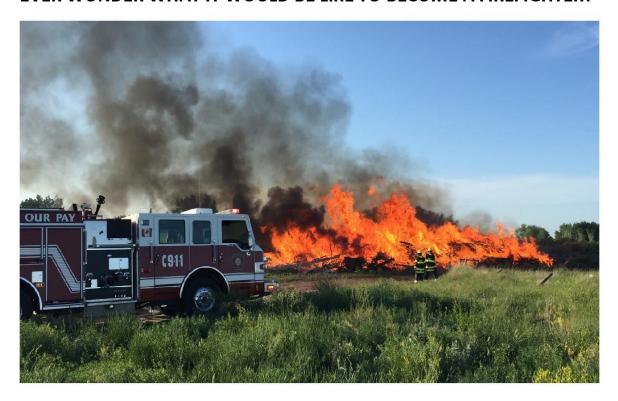


with others in the town.

\* Please put your own signs up for your garage sale\*



### EVER WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO BECOME A FIREFIGHTER?



# Coalhurst Fire Department is now hiring positions for Paid on Call Firefighter.

- Must have a valid class 5 license (no GDL's)
  - Be 18 years of age or older
- Live or work in town with permission to leave for emergencies
  - Be able to attend weekly training on Wednesday nights
  - No prior training necessary, however would be beneficial
    - Be physically able to preform duties as a firefighter

We will be hosting an open house on May 12, 2022 from 6-9 pm. If you would like to apply before, please email your resume to <a href="mailto:firechief@coalhurst.ca">firechief@coalhurst.ca</a> or drop off at the Town office. If you have any questions or cant make it out to the open house give the Fire Chief a call @ (403) 892-0223 or at the email above. We will be accepting applications until June 1, 2022.



# Coalhurst Reuse Weekend May 13, 14, 15

On May 13, 14, and 15 residents are invited to take this opportunity to clear out usable, unwanted items that are taking up space in their homes.

Residents can place any items that are suitable to reuse on their property in front of their house on Friday evening and mark them with a FREE sign or sticker. Over the weekend, people are invited to cruise the streets and help themselves to any of the goodies, free of charge. The event is over on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Anything remaining after 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> must be taken back in by the owner. For more information call the Town Office at 403-381-3033.

### Examples of giveaway items can include:

- books, CDs and DVDs
- furniture, electronics and small appliances
- sports equipment and toys
- kitchen gadgets, dishes, cutlery, pots and pans
- unwanted gifts
- clothing

**Give away etiquette**: Respect other people's property, belongings and traffic laws. Consider the safety of items left out for reuse and consult the Consumer Product Safety Bureau if unsure.

The Town of Coalhurst hopes residents will take part and enjoy a weekend perusing through the neighbourhoods in search of new-to-you treasures! This weekend will coincide with **Spring Clean Up**, **being held May 25**th, to help cut down expenses. (*Watch for spring clean up details in Town News and on web site.*)







# SPRING CLEAN UP

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR SPRING CLEAN UP ITEMS OUT BY 8:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

ITEMS PLACED OUT AFTER THAT TIME WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOMEOWNER/RESIDENT. PLEASE YOUR ITEMS IN THE BACK ALLEY IF YOU HAVE ONE, OR, IF YOU HAVE NO BACK ALLEY, NEAR YOUR FRONT SIDEWALK.

ITEMS SHOULD BE PUT OUT NO EARLIER THAN 1 WEEK BEFORE CLEAN-UP.

WE WILL NOT BE DOING FOLLOW-UP COLLECTIONS. PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE.

### WE WILL COLLECT



- \*\* Bagged yard waste and household waste
- \*\* Furniture and appliances except refrigerators, freezers and air conditioning units
- Tree roots and tree stumps separated from branches

# PLEASE ENSURE:

- Grass and leaves are bagged. Please do **NOT** pile them loose in your alley.
- Material should be neatly stacked and SEPARATE from your regular weekly garbage pick-up.
- We will not enter private property to collect - alley line is private property line, curb for front pick-up.
- Please be sure that objects you do not want disposed of are not in your alley or collection area.

Please place TV's, Bikes, Appliances and Metals in separate piles in pick up area



### **Branch Chipping** Please follow these guidelines

- Do not include branches with roots, dirt, leaves, metal or other refuse.
- Pile branches so as not to obstruct pick up
- ... Branches should be stacked in one direction and piled as neatly as possible.

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS (THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED)

NO construction or renovation material

NO concrete, lumber, roofing shingles. siding material

NO dirt or piles of sod

NO paint, solvents, oils, antifreeze

NO car parts or car bodies

NO refrigerators, freezers or air conditioner units

### ARE YOU RENOVATING?



Renovation, construction and landscaping waste will **NOT** be collected during Spring Clean Up.

Please.....Take it to the Lethbridge landfill (403-327-3288), or rent a garbage bin from a private hauler.

# COALHURST FIRST RESPONDERS SOCIETY $2^{ND}$ ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday June 25, 2022 1:00 pm Shotgun Start Best Ball Land-O-Lakes Golf and Country Club

102 Fairway Drive, Coaldale, Alberta

Registration

\$500 per team \$125 per person Registration includes 18 holes, cart & dinner





# The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205 6 Street Coalhurst Alberta

# **May 2022**

Friday:

Meat Draws: 6:30 and 7:00 for Mad Butcher Certificates. Queen Draw: 7:00 Jitney Darts: 7:00 Start Thursday: Burgers and Chips:



Steak Dinner: May 28 sign up by May 25

Voices of Legends by Steve Hill: May 14-7pm tickets

\$25each

Pool League tournament and banquet: May 7

Horse race: May 28-4pm



legionbm273@gmail.com

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Funds raised from Bingos help support the branch, the Seniors 55 Club, the Schools, and the community.

Pick a date and call Wendy to volunteer 403-634-5262.

May 29, June 26, Jul 31, Aug 28

The Queen of Clubs and she is worth well over \$5,000. If you don't catch her your still win 20% of the nights sales if your number is drawn.



BET you'll have a blast cheering on one our lucky steeds. Our stable is stocked with several winners



ready to race.
Thanks to all the owners, jockeys, announcers, and bookies for such a fun activity.

Everyone is welcome to come play "Jitney Darts" \$7 registration- 7pm start.





Steve Hill "Voices of Legends" May 14-7pm Purchase tickets at the Legion or online.

We have complimentary meeting rooms for local non-profit organizations. We also have room rentals for private events. Please call for bookings.

Remember to come in for your free birthday drink the week of your birthday.



### Hours of operation

Wednesday -Thursday 5:00 until close Friday 4:30 until close Saturdays 3:00 until close

We will remain open if there are Patrons

Closed: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday
403-3813080

THROUGH YOUR DONATION TO THE LEGION



POPPY FUND, THE LEGION PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO VETERANS, INCLUDING THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE IN NEED.

# **CULTIVATING CREATIVITY**

In today's busy world, it's common to put our hobbies and creative interests at the bottom of our to-do lists. Pastimes like painting, gardening, writing, or playing games with friends can feel like things that only little kids have time for.

Thankfully, there are many reasons to make room for playing and developing creative skills in our daily lives! People in all stages of life can benefit from these activities, whether you're a busy student, parent, business owner, retiree, or anyone in-between.

So, why should we make time for creative hobbies & activities? Here's just a few of the reasons:

- 1. Creative activities improve brain function and memory.
  - Creative pursuits exercise many parts of your brain and allow you to build new connections between them. These new connections have been shown to improve your memory and to make it easier for you to learn new things and adapt to new challenges more comfortably.
- 2. Doing creative things makes it easier to solve problems & make plans.
  - Creative pursuits of any kind, whether it be writing a poem or fixing up a vintage car, give your brain the chance to think outside the box. Projects like these require you to plan ahead, making sure you have the right materials and time to complete them. However, even the best laid plans can fall apart sometimes. Learning to solve small issues in creative projects helps us become more comfortable with solving some of life's bigger problems, as we build patience, self-compassion, and resourcefulness.
- 3. Creative activities are great for our mood, health, and communities. Being creative has many benefits for our physical and mental health. There is more and more research showing that building creative skills and seeking out a sense of "mastery" is extremely good for us, as it provides a sense of accomplishment and purpose, motivation for the future, and an opportunity to relax and unwind from daily stressors. Creative activities also strengthen communities, as creative people are often able to connect with others by sharing their work and seeking out groups with similar

It's never too late to pick a hobby back up or get started on something new! Libraries and online communities are a great place to begin. If you're ready to reconnect to your creative side, take some time to think about what you'd like to do, look for some resources on how to get going, and then set yourself a small, attainable goal to start with. The sky's the limit from there!

Jamie offers arts-based programs to youth aged 13-18 through Kaleidoscope Inclusive Youth Programming. <a href="mailto:jamie.lewis@fcss.ca">jamie.lewis@fcss.ca</a>

interests.

Visit www.fcss.ca for more information.

Submitted by: Jamie Lewis Youth Inclusion Project Coordinator

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# 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.

# **55 PLUS SOCIETY**

Come join us for socialization and fun. Currently we are gathering on: **Wednesday** from 10:00 to noon – exercise club and socializing with coffee and cookies **Wednesday** from 7:00 pm until close – varying activities and coffee and cookies **Friday from** 10:00 to noon – crib and coffee and cookies.

We are located at 5205 6 street, lower, rear entrance of the Coalhurst Legion, with parking available at the Legion parking lot. Visitors and new members are welcome to come and check it out. For more information call Judy Plunkie at 403-849-2954 or e-mail rijs.plunkie@gmail.com





# TOWN OF COALHURST PUBLIC OPERATIONS

### **Roads and Sidewalks:**

The Town consists of 26km of roads and 21km of sidewalk.

### Parks, Recreation, and green spaces:

The Town of Coalhurst parks system consists of thirty-seven acres of irrigated park land and an additional eighty acres of greenspaces and property that the town is required to maintain. The parks contain eleven irrigation systems with hundreds of sprinkler heads, five buildings and more than five hundred trees.

Coalhurst Fire/Rescue PO Box 888 702 55<sup>th</sup> Ave Coalhurst, AB TOL 0V0 Station: (403) 381-3633 Fax: (403) 380-3664 Fire Chief's Cell: (403)892-0223 Email: firechief@coalhurst.ca

### **Volunteer Firefighter Openings**

The Coalhurst Fire Department is entrusted to protect the community we proudly serve. As a volunteer firefighter, you will play a vital role in providing a timely response to emergency situations, so we will invest a great deal in your hiring, training and personal protective equipment. We have set service and participation standards for our volunteers. You will be required to:

Attend weekly training nights. A minimum of 50% of your training nights must be attended every 3 months. Practice nights are held from 19:00 to 21:00 hours on Wednesday evenings.

Successfully complete a 6-month probationary period after completing your initial training program.

### **Required Qualifications**

Be a minimum of 18 years of age.

Possess a valid Class 5, AB Driver's License.

High School Diploma or equivalent.

Be able to perform duties in a manner that upholds the high degree of public trust that the position holds.

#### To be hired, you must

Participate in an interview.

Live within 5km of the Town of Coalhurst. (Preference will be given to town residents)

Provide a criminal record check.

Provide a driver abstract with 6 demerits or less.

#### Preferred qualifications

First aid training.

Fire-related courses.

### How to apply

Please email your cover letter and resume to the Fire Chief at firechief@coalhurst.ca or drop your resume off at the Coalhurst Town Office. Please include copies of any fire or first aid certificates you may have.

Competition closes: Wednesday, June 1st, 2022 @ 19:30 hrs

"PRIDE IS OUR PAY"

### **2021 SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For your information, here are our latest financial reports. For the complete Audited Financial Statements, please visit <a href="https://coalhurst.ca/government/financial-statements/">https://coalhurst.ca/government/financial-statements/</a>

# **TOWN OF COALHURST**

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021	2020
Financial assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 3)	\$ 11,706,841	\$ 11,985,687
Taxes receivable (note 4)	136,975	150,602
Trade and other receivables (note 5)	1,072,061	737,943
	12,915,877	12,874,232
Financial liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	357,128	168,002
Deferred revenue (note 6)	1,558,149	2,397,578
Deposit liabilities	332,371	319,564
Long-term debt (note 7)	3,646,461	3,796,202
	5,894,109	6,681,346
Net financial assets	7,021,768	6,192,886
Non-financial assets:		
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 6)	29,134,841	28,072,623
Contingent liability (note 12)		
Accumulated surplus (note 8 and Schedule 3)	\$ 36,156,609	\$ 34,265,509

# **TOWN OF COALHURST**

Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year ended December 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

		Budget (note 14)	2021		2020
Revenue:					
Net municipal property taxes (Schedule 4)	\$	2,086,978	\$ 2,081,528	\$	2,053,359
Sales and user fees	Ψ	1,779,650	1,962,444	•	2,314,509
Government transfers for operating (Schedule 1)		2,362,203	334,679		229,217
Interest income		110,000	55,900		90,218
Penalties and cost of taxes		40,000	38,663		36,162
Rental income		6,000	10,141		5,396
Franchise and concession contracts		90,000	78,632		87,418
Licenses and permits		75,000	83,084		69,74
Other revenue		21,000	7,093		184,06
Total revenue		6,570,831	4,652,164		5,070,083
Expenses (Schedule 5):					
Legislative		111,750	94,654		75,09
Administration		680,100	1,648,691		1,538,18
Protective services		588,281	402,111		328,57
Roads, streets, walks and street lighting		712,417	378,014		579,09
Water supply and distribution		499,010	418,798		480,87
Waste water		468,192	425,580		422,39
Waste management		344,600	291,518		289,37
Community support		39,050	29,439		28,36
Municipal Planning		267,175	210,677		227,63
Recreation and parks		260,350	216,608		216,74
Culture and library		130,600	113,743		115,33
Total expenses		4,101,525	4,229,833		4,301,67
Excess of revenue over expenses before the					
undernoted		2,469,306	422,331		768,40
Other:					
Government transfers for capital (schedule 1)		2,200,000	1,468,769		572,43
Contributed tangible capital assets			4 400 700		1,238,22
		2,200,000	1,468,769		1,810,66
Excess of revenue over expenses		4,669,306	1,891,100		2,579,070
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		34,265,509	34,265,509		31,686,43
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$	38,934,815	\$36,156,609	\$	34,265,50

# **TOWN OF COALHURST**

Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets

Year ended December 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	 Budget	2021	2020
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 4,669,306	\$ 1,891,100	\$ 2,579,070
Acquisition of tangible capital assets		(2,114,169)	(888,681)
Contributed tangible capital assets			(1,238,222)
Use (acquisition) of prepaid expenses			33,091
Amortization of tangible capital assets		1,010,821	920,993
Loss (gain) on disposal of tangible capital assets		(970)	9,143
Proceeds of disposal of tangible capital assets		42,100	100
Changes in net financial assets	4,669,306	828,882	1,415,494
Net financial assets, beginning of year	6,192,886	6,192,886	4,777,392
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 10,862,192	\$ 7,021,768	\$ 6,192,886

# **TOWN OF COALHURST**

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2	021	2020
Cash provided by (used in):			11
Operating activities:			
Excess of revenue over expenses  Items not involving cash:	\$ 1,891,	100 \$	2,579,070
Amortization of tangible capital assets	1,010,	821	920,993
Loss (gain) on disposal of tangible capital assets		970)	9,143
16. (25.8 - )	2,900,	951	3,509,206
Changes in non-cash assets and liabilities:			
Taxes receivable		627	(327)
Trade and other receivables	(334,	118)	2,376,637
Prepaid expenses	4 × 4 × 5		33,091
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	189,		34,388
Deposit liabilities		807	(856,617)
Deferred revenue	(839,		589,224
	1,942,	964	5,685,602
Capital activities:			
Acquisition of tangible capital assets			
- internally funded	(2,114,	169)	(888,681)
- contributed			(1,238,222)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	42,	100	100
	(2,072,	069)	(2,126,803)
Financing activities:			
Principal payment on long-term debt - capital	(122,	867)	(118,843)
Principal payment on long-term debt - operating	The second secon	874)	(26,059)
	(149,		(144,902)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(278,	846)	3,413,897
		3577	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	11,985,	387	8,571,790
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 11,706,	841 \$	11,985,687



### **SPECIALS MAY**

**6&7**: Mother's Day Cake REG. \$22.50 **SALE** \$17.50

**10-14**: 6 Macarons Reg. \$ 7.50 **SALE** \$ 6.95

**17-21**: Cinnamon Bread Reg. \$ 8.95 **SALE** \$ 7.95

**24-28**: Syrup Waffles Reg. \$ 4.99 **SALE** \$ 4.50

Tuesday – Friday 8am-6pm Saturday 8am-4pm 514 51 Ave, Coalhurst

403 394 7676 cell: 403 795 3202 email: kooymanbakery@gmail.com



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AND

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