



DECEMBER TOWN NEWS

What's Happening

December

- 6 Council Meeting 6:00pm



The Town Office will be closed December 23 at 4:30pm and will reopen Tuesday January 3rd 2023.

We want to wish you a happy and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2023.

January

- 3 Office reopens 9:00am
3 Council Meeting 6:00pm



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It's hard to believe that December is upon us ... although the bitterly cold temperatures and snow are probably a clue! This time of the year, I start reflecting on the previous 11 months, and planning for the next 12. Things may look different in the Office than when the year began, but we are all here to serve our residents at the highest possible level.

This has been a year of change for the Town but as we end 2022, staff are filled with optimism for the year to come. In 2023, we will continue to serve Council and the community to achieve our collective goals, especially as we execute Council's Strategic Plan. Meanwhile, your Council will continue to work towards envisioning a bright, prosperous future for Coalhurst.

As for the recent activities of Town Hall:

Budget deliberations:

On December 6th, Council will deliberate the 2023 Operating and Capital budgets. Members have led several budget conversations over the past two months, and they have worked hard to minimize costs while improving some services levels. I'd like to recognize Mike, our Director of Corporate Services, for his hours of work in preparation of the budget, and for his tenacity in finding operating and capital savings. Additionally, all staff are looking at how they do their work and working to implement the efficiencies they find.

Event attendance:

Aside from my usual Council and Committee attendance, I attended the Staff and Community Leaders Appreciation Dinner on November 26th. What a wonderful way to gather 'community' and celebrate our staff and the many volunteers who make Coalhurst a special place! Thank you to everyone involved in the evening – great MC job, Deputy Mayor Potrie and Cllr Florence! – and to Ashley for her work in putting it all together.

Wetlands project:

As you may have guessed, November's wet weather and the current cold snap has made hydroseeding the Wetlands impossible. This work will have to be completed in early 2023. Otherwise, the rest of this phase is complete (on time and under budget), and we have a working, functional drainage system in place with the ponds naturally filtering the water before it is moved into the Oldman River. We will begin planning Phase 3 – connecting the Wetlands to other parts of the town – in the new year.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) hiring:

November 30th was the closing date for CAO applications. Council received 44 résumés from across Canada, with most having relevant experiences and desired skills. Over the next few weeks, Council will review the CVs and narrow the selection to a medium list of candidates for a first round of interviews. Shortlist interviews ought to begin in early January with the goal of having a new CAO in place for the start of February. The sooner we have a permanent CAO in the position, the better it will be for the community, Council, and staff.

Speed data:

The second digital speed sign will be up and operating next week. While these signs are about driver awareness, they collect traffic movement data that our Community Peace Officer and the RCMP use for targeted traffic enforcement. This is another tool we use to help keep our residents safe.

Community Peace Officer (CPO) Update:

On December 5th, we will submit our application to Alberta Justice, for them to appoint John as our CPO. John has completed all his (re)qualifications and he is anxious to be out, in support of the community. In the meantime, he has been reviewing and re-drafting some of our bylaws – most recently our Animal Control Bylaw - to bring them to current best practices and standards. John participates on the Policy/Bylaw and Risk Review Committee, and he contributes his knowledge and experience to the discussions. If you have bylaw concerns, please email John at bylaw@coalthurst.ca or call his Office at 403-635-2529.

Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA):

At the end of October, our Director of Operations (Kevin) entered an ARMA contest, for one of 25 100% recycled plastic benches. We won a bench! The bench must be installed in a publicly accessible space and be in place by September 30th 2023. Keep an eye out for it in one of our wonderful park spaces, next spring!

Municipal training:

During the week of November 28th, staff will be participating in various (remote) training courses offered by Municipal Affairs. These courses cover everything from budgeting, and legislation updates, to bylaw enforcement, and sustainability. It's important that staff remain informed and engaged on the many facets of local government and these remote sessions are an easy way to accomplish this goal. During the first week of December, everyone will be participating in an interactive workshop on "bias."

Finally:

On behalf of your Town workforce, I wish each of you a joyous Holiday Season and may your 2023 be filled with the 'Three L's:' Life, Laughter, and Love.

Jeffrey Coffman
CAO (Interim)





Town of Coalhurst Council is excited to announce the 2022 **CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST**. ***Pre-Registration is required!!*** Only residents who have registered their homes for the contest will be eligible. Please call the town office at **403-381-3033** or email **ap@coalhurst.ca** to register. Judging will occur the week of *December 16th to 24th*.

**Stop by the Coalhurst Fire Hall on
Thursday, December 22, 2022!
Doors open at 5:30 PM**

- Visit Santa
- Crafts
- Games
- Fire Hall Tours
- Meet the Firefighters
- Pop, Hot Dogs, Popcorn
- Cotton Candy
- Bonfire
- Hot Chocolate





AUTO THEFT PREVENTION

NEVER LEAVE A VEHICLE RUNNING & UNATTENDED

**INSTALL A
REMOTE
STARTER**

OR

**STAY WITH
YOUR RUNNING
VEHICLE**

**DON'T LEAVE
KIDS OR PETS
IN A VEHICLE**

**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY
BY CALLING POLICE**

Auto thefts are crimes of opportunity. Do your part to keep your vehicle safe.



PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

Garbage pick-up schedule change for the holidays will be:

Tuesday December 27 2022 will be picked up

Wednesday December 28 2022.

No further changes are scheduled.



Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year

from the Public Works team.



Sidewalk sand is available for residents with bins at the following locations:

- * **Esso Parking Lot**
- * **Imperial Meadows Park (parking lot)**
- * **Recycling Depot (located beside the fire hall on 7th street)**
- * **Intersection of Sundance Road and Sundance Drive**



If you notice the bins are empty please call the office at

403-381-3033



The joy and magic of the holidays

may be found when unwrapping moments with loved ones. With more of our special memories and day-to-day activities taking place through phone calls and online, there is also an increased risk for frauds to occur. The Alberta RCMP would like to offer some tips and reminders to keep your holiday season merry, bright and fraud-free!

> Protect your computer

Watch out for urgent-looking messages that pop up while you're browsing online. Don't click on them or call the number they provide.

Watch out for emails with spelling and formatting errors, and be wary of clicking on any attachments or links. They may contain viruses or spyware.

Make sure you have anti-virus software installed and keep your operating system up to date.

> Protect your online accounts

Protect your online accounts by creating strong passwords with a minimum of 8 characters including upper and lower case letters and at least 1 number and a symbol. Don't reuse the same password for all online accounts.

> Don't be afraid to say no

If a caller tries to get you to buy something or to send them money right away, say "no" or just hang up.

> Do your research

Verify organizations are legitimate before taking any action. Check a company's official website for contact information and call them to confirm their phone call to you was valid.

If you receive a call about a family member in trouble, talk to other family members to confirm the situation.

> Don't give out personal information

If you didn't initiate the call, you don't know who you're talking to. Beware of callers asking for personal information including your name, address, birthdate, Social Security Number, banking information and credit card number.

> Beware of upfront fees

There are no prize fees or taxes in Canada. If you won it, it's free. Many scams request you to pay fees in advance of receiving goods, services, or a prize. It's illegal for a company to ask you to pay a fee upfront before they'll give you a loan.

If you feel you may be a victim of fraud, contact your local police to file a report.

To learn more about fraud, visit: <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/cyber-safety>

Happy holidays from the Alberta RCMP. Stay safe!

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 @RCMPAlberta

 @rcmpalbertagrc

#UnwrappingMoments



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Canada



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PHONE SCAMS | EMAIL & ONLINE FRAUD | SECURITY BREACHES | UPFRONT PAYMENTS

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Coalhurst Community Breakfast with Santa



Saturday, December 17

9 a.m. - 12 noon | Coalhurst High School

Pancakes & holiday fun | \$5/person or \$20/immediate family

Meet Santa & Mrs. Claus!

*Bring your camera and get a photo or better yet, a Santa selfie!
Come decorate cookies and create a sweet treat at our
hot chocolate bar!*

cookie decorating | bake table | music | games & crafts
only cash accepted

All funds raised support events and activities at Coalhurst High School.
Donations accepted for the Food Bank. For more information please contact
tmleboutillier@gmail.com

Friends of CES Society Presents...

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

SANTA'S GONE LOONIE

COALHURST COMMUNITY CENTER (527 51 AVE.)

8:30 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

CES Grades 1-6 OPEN-3:30pm | Community 3:30 - CLOSE
Closed 12-12:40pm

**ALL
ITEMS
ARE \$1**

This is an event specifically for children/youth
(under 18). **Kids bring their loonies and pick
out the perfect gift for their loved ones.**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE ANGEL TREE
CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN THROUGH LETH.FAMILY SERVICES.**

New and "like new" Items
can be donated at the
following locations:
**Coalhurst Elementary
School, Town of Coalhurst
Office, ABC Heating and
Cooling in Lethbridge
(3020 - 16th Ave N)**

All left over items will be donated to a thrift store.

The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205 6 Street Coalhurst Alberta

DECEMBER 2022

Wednesday: Dart League

Thursday: Pool League

Burgers and Chips: Dec 15&29 Cooked from 5-6:30pm
for \$6:00 Kids get a free pop with meal.

Friday: Meat Draws: 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00.

King Draw: 7pm

Friday: Jitney Darts: 7:00 everyone welcome to play

Saturday: Free pool tables

Steak Dinner: Cancelled for December

Jam Session: Dec 3

Veterans who need assistance can send an email
attention Service Officer at
legionbm273@gmail.com

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

This year we will be working Sunday afternoon Bingo's, some Saturday afternoon Bingo's, and a few Tuesday evenings.

Please call Wendy to volunteer 403-634-5262.

Dec 24

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

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

403-381-3080

Closed December 24



Thanks to all those who contributed and attended our Remembrance Day Service in honour of veterans.

This year the service was dedicated to the memory of Comrade John Coombes who established the current format of this event in our community.

December is the last chance to win your membership payment back in the early bird draw.

Horse Racing season is now closed. We will be looking for sponsorships of horses and racing in the new year.

Kids Christmas Party December 4 @ 2pm.

Meat Draws: We will be drawing for a Turkey Dec 9, A Ham Dec 16, and a breakfast basket Dec 23, along with the 2 regular Mad Butcher certificates.

Come out and chase the King of Clubs. You could win half of over \$3000. If you don't catch him, you still win 20% of the nights sales if your number is drawn.



Ugly Sweater Christmas Party
Dec 17. Bring an appetizer to share.
Ugliest wins a prize.



New Year's Party

\$20 Karaoke, Beef on a Bun, Snacks, & Party favours.



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.

What's Happening at FCSS?

December 2022

Parents & Caregivers

Strengthening families in rural Alberta!

Barnwell

Kim at 403-795-7841 or
Lauren at 403-331-1325

- * **Stay & Play ~ Drop-in**
Dec 7th, 14th & 21st
9:30-11:30 am

Barons

Maria at 403-795-7561

- * **Stay & Play ~ Drop-in**
Dec 7th
9:30-11:30 am

Coaldale

Kim at 403-795-7841 or
Maria at 403-795-7561

- * **Move it! Move it! ~ Drop-in**
Dec 5th, 12th & 19th
9:30-11:30 am
- * **Stay & Play ~ 9:30-11:30 am**
Dec 1st, 8th & 15th

Coalhurst

Jackie at 403-732-5470

- * **Stay & Play ~ Drop-in**
Dec 6th & 13th ~ 9:30-11:30am
- * **Move it! Move it! ~ Drop-in**
10:00-11:30 am
Dec 7th & 14th
Contact Jess at 403-732-5470

Milk River

Penny at 403-915-4017

- * **Stay & Play ~ Drop-in**
Dec 13th
9:30-11:00am

Nobleford

Susy at 403-915-7136

- * **Move it! Move it! ~ Drop-in**
Dec 7th, 14th & 21st
10:00-11:30 am
- * **Stay & Play ~ Drop-in**
Dec 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd
9:30-11:30 am

Picture Butte

Jackie at 403-732-5470

- * **Stay & Play ~ Drop-in**
Dec 5th & 12th
9:30-11:30am

Stirling

Stacey at 403-756-3572

- * **After School Adventures ~**
Children 4-6yrs ~ Dec 14th
Registration Required
- * **Caregiver Café ~ 9:30-11:00 am**
Dec 7th ~ Registration Required
- * **Stay & Play ~ Drop-in**
Monday December 5th
Thursdays, Dec 1st & 8th
9:30-11:00am
- * **Triple P Discussion Group:**
Bedtime Routine ~ Dec 8th
Registration Required

Vauxhall

Kim at 403-394-8657

- * **Stay & Play ~ Drop-in**
Dec 2nd & 16th
9:30-11:30 am

Raymond

Myrna at 587-370-4847 or
Janet at 403-795-6962

- * **After School Adventures**
6-10yrs, Fridays ~ until Dec 16th
- * **Baby & Me ~** Nov 15th-Dec 20th
- * **Lego Club ~ 6-12 yrs**
Mondays ~ until Dec 19th
- * **Move it! Move it! ~ Drop-in**
Dec 7th-21st ~ 10:00-11:00 am
- * **Open Play ~ Drop-in**
Dec 5th-19th ~ 9:30 am-3:30 pm
- * **Stay & Play - Drop-in**
Thursdays, Dec 1st, 8th & 15th
1:30-3:30 pm
Fridays, Dec 2nd, 9th & 16th
9:30-11:30 am

Taber

Kim at 403-394-8657 or
Lauren at 403-331-1325

- * **Baby Sign Language**
Nov 29th-Dec 20th
- * **Stay & Play - Drop-in**
Dec 7th - 21st ~ 6:00-7:00 pm
Dec 1st - 22nd ~ 9:30-11:30 am
- * **Gingerbread Pajama Night**
Registration Required
December 7th
6:00-7:15 pm

Warner

Penny at 403-915-4017

- * **Open Play ~ Drop-in**
Dec 14th ~ 1:30-3:00 pm

SERVING: Barnwell ~ Barons ~ Coaldale ~ Coalhurst ~ Lethbridge County ~ County of Warner ~ Coutts
Milk River ~ M.D. of Taber ~ Nobleford ~ Picture Butte ~ Raymond ~ Stirling ~ Taber ~ Vauxhall ~ Warner

Check out our website for programming

www.fcass.ca



SPECIALS DECEMBER

ALMOND RING

ALMOND STICKS

STOLLEN BREAD

ALMOND SPECULAAS

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED, PLEASE ORDER A DAY AHEAD

WE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 27, 28 AND 29

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

514 51 Ave, Coalhurst 403-394-7676 cell: 403-795-3202

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