



NOVEMBER TOWN NEWS

What's Happening

November

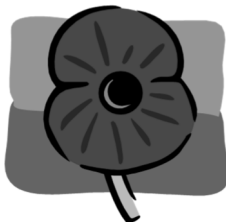
- 1 Council Meeting 7:00pm
- 8 Committee of the Whole 6:00pm
- 11 Remembrance Day (Office Closed)
- 15 Council Meeting 6:00pm
- 22 Committee of the Whole 6:00pm



*This office will be closed Friday November 11 2022 for
Remembrance Day*

For public works emergency call

403-634-1627



December

- 6 Council Meeting 6:00pm



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Happy November!

My name is Jeff and I am honoured and humbled to serve as your Interim Town Manager. My role is to provide governance and operational continuity to Council and the Organization, and to assist Council with the hiring of a new Town Manager. Both Council and Staff have been amazing in their support – and patience – with me, which I greatly appreciate.

Here are some updates on various activities that Town Council has stewarded on your behalf:

Pumpkin composting: This year, the Town is offering a composting service for pumpkins. Residents can take their pumpkins to Miner's Park (5700 2nd St) between November 1st and November 6th and leave them in the marked bins. The objective of this service is to remove heavy organic waste from the garbage stream, as the weight will increase the cost of our tipping fees at the landfill. To further reduce the waste, Ashley – our Finance Administrative Assistant – initiated calls to local farmers who will use the pumpkins as a food source for some livestock. We have had four farmer's express interest; they will come and pick up whatever supply meets their need. Our hope is that all the material is re-used in this manner so that we don't add any organic weight to our landfill costs. We have been advertising this on Facebook, the Town website and in this newsletter.

Community Peace Officer: It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you our new Community Peace Officer, Mr. John Herasemluk. John starts work on November 1st and brings eight years of CPO Level 1 experience to the position. Previously, he worked for the Town of Pincher Creek, so he understands the needs and challenges facing a growing community. John approaches his work with a focus on 'education towards compliance first.' His friendly, disarming personality will help him in this work. Please note: due to Solicitor General processes, it will take about a six weeks for John to resume his full CPO responsibilities. In the meantime, he will undertake bylaw enforcement only, and work on policies and strategies that support will support us as we grow. Please join me in welcoming John to our community!

Traffic enforcement: We have purchased a second electronic traffic control device (digital speed feedback sign), to reduce staff time involved in moving the device, to cover more sections of the community, and to gather more data on traffic movements and speed. These signs record the number of vehicles using that section of the road, the time of day, vehicle and we will use this data for targeted enforcement by our CPO. Additionally, we are sending this data to the RCMP who can include targeted enforcement – location and time specific - during their regular patrols.

Solar Project: At 11:00AM on Monday October 24th, our solar panels went "live." We are now generating energy, which means that we are reducing expenses *and* creating revenue. The final components of the work include tying the panels into our SCADA system and commissioning the project. I expect the project to be complete by November 9th. We can schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony once we have a firm "commissioned" date.

Wetlands: As of the last update on Wednesday October 26th, this phase of the project remains on-time for completion on December 16th. The ponds will be operational, topsoil will be laid, and hydro-mulch will have been applied (the latter two being weather-dependent). The contractor has removed the coal dirt pile from the north end of the project) and laid topsoil, so that work is complete. The clay pile (south end of the project) will be significantly smaller by year-end; wet weather will determine how fast it can be removed and anything that remains over the winter will be mitigated in the spring. The project is about \$290,000 under budget.

CAO Hiring Update: The intent is to have a community and CAO profile posted to professional sites by November 3rd. It is Council's hope to have a new CAO in place in January.

QMP Accreditation: We have received our accreditation on the Quality Management Plan from the Safety Codes Council. QMP accreditation allows us to issue permits (building, electrical, gas) which means that we are ensuring a safely built community. Sarah – our Development Officer -is to be commended on her efforts to achieve this standard!

Trains: My desk faces the 51st Avenue rail crossing, and my love of trains means that I glance up as an engine passes through the intersection. Now, I glance at my watch as well, to time how long the crossing is blocked. I understand trains are to clear the intersection – when *not* moving - in 5 minutes. In my month here, I have recorded 6 blockages that last over 5 minutes, with the latest one – October 26th – lasting about 30 minutes. Our Director of Operations (Kevin) does report these incidences to CP Rail, and they are striving to minimize these situations.

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Pumpkin Recycling

Where? *Miners Park (5700-2st) Beside the skating rink.*

When? *November 1-6, 2022*



*The bin is for pumpkins only.
All other recyclables can be
disposed of at our recycling
depot on 7 street.*



Coalhurst Town Council
2022-2025 Strategic Plan (DRAFT)

On behalf of Council, I am pleased to introduce our DRAFT 2022-2025 Strategic Plan.

Over the past several months, Council has worked with *Strategic Steps* to create this Plan. As a group, we took what we heard during the 2021 municipal election campaign and have turned it into a strategy for the next 4 years, a strategy to grow our community. Before Council approves the Strategic Plan, though, we want to make sure that the community is on board with our Vision.

We need your input!

On Tuesday November 8th, Council will be at Town Hall to meet with the you to hear your thoughts on the Strategic Plan. Please read the DRAFT document and come prepared to share your thoughts and ideas around the strategy. If you can't make it in person, please see the "Feedback Options" listed below.

Your input is important to help Council set the direction for the next 3 years, and beyond.

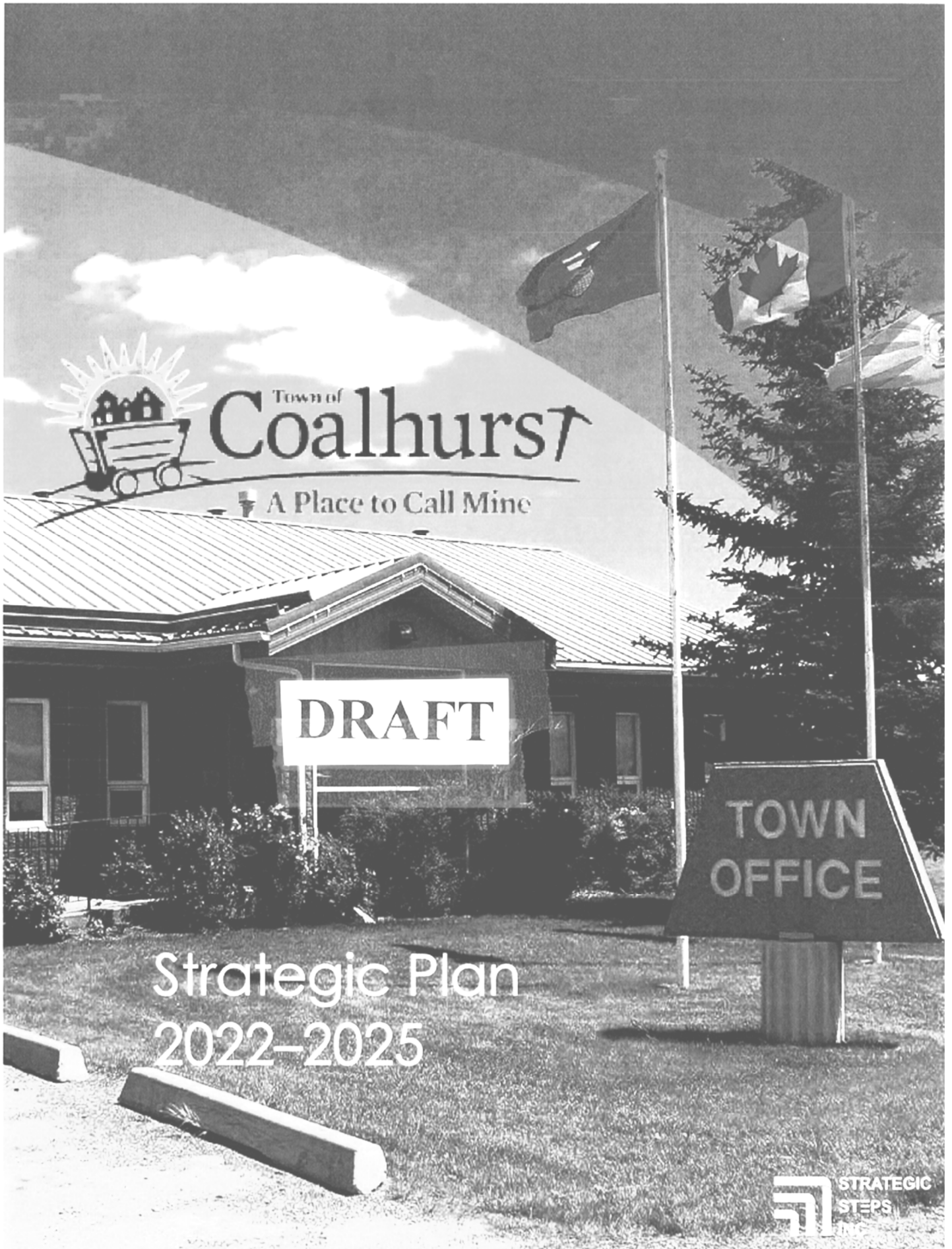
Lyndsay Montana, Mayor

Feedback Options:

In person: November 8th, 7:00PM at Coalhurst Town Hall (100 51st Avenue)

By email: mail@coalhurst.ca

By phone: 403-381-3033



Letter from Town Council

In the spring of 2022, the Town of Coalhurst Council and senior managers met to discuss priorities for the duration of this Council's term with a focus on how we can best take steps towards a big, bold future for the Town of Coalhurst.

We set a vision for our community and a set of goals that illustrate what we see as important changes to make, or to at least start, during our time together. We are proud to live in Coalhurst, and we plan to take bold steps together to build the community.

Coalhurst is facing a period of change and growth as a community. This plan provides us as a town with the best chance to focus on what we see as most important for our bright future. It's a journey, and we want you to come on that journey with us.

Mayor Lyndsay Montina and the rest of Coalhurst Town Council



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Vision, Mission, and Values

In looking towards the future of Coalhurst, it is important that council members agree on what the final destination looks like. With this in mind, Council decided on the town's ideal long-term future (Vision) and the general direction it will take to achieve that future (Mission).

Vision

A community's vision provides a long-term picture of where or what the community wishes to be or become and gives purpose and direction to the activities of Coalhurst's Council and administration. The vision also indicates what makes Coalhurst unique.

Coalhurst's strong community comes from generations choosing to build an inspiring future.

Mission

A town's mission answers a question about what business the community is in. It lets Council, citizens, and other stakeholders know what Coalhurst does and who benefits from Council's activities. This mission statement was created based on key ideas about how to achieve the town's vision.

By caring for one another and making bold decisions for our future together, Coalhurst is the community of choice for individuals, families and businesses seeking a unique place to call home.



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Values

The values expressed here are the guiding principles that help determine how the town will operate, both in public and privately:

<i>Value</i>	<i>What it Means</i>
<i>Equity</i>	All residents of Coalhurst are provided with the same opportunities within our community
<i>Innovation</i>	We develop new strategies to accomplish the wishes of our community
<i>Intention</i>	We are purposeful with our time, resources, and decisions
<i>Public Service</i>	We work for the greater long-term benefit of our community
<i>Sustainability</i>	We are good stewards of our limited resources, allowing future generations to determine their own path
<i>Vision</i>	We have a dream of what our community could be, and we work towards it



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Priorities for 2022-2023

Within the full list of Tactics that appear in the town's plans, Council has created a subset of 'high' ranked Tactics. The items on this list reflect the priorities that Council sees as both important and timely.

Many other Tactics are identified as having a moderate priority, meaning they will be worked in the corporate business plan as resources allow or deadlines near. It is expected that the high priority Tactic list will change over time as some high priority items near completion and new priorities emerge for the town.

The Priorities for 2022-23 below are identified in the order in which they appear in this Strategic Plan. They include:

Goal	High Priority Tactic
<i>Increase Community Engagement</i>	Create a Community Services Department to focus on social and cultural life within Coalhurst.
<i>Increase Community Engagement</i>	Increase engagement with community members using tools and technology that work for citizens.
<i>Provide Coalhurst Residents with Exceptional Service</i>	Ensure the town's service levels meet community needs while keeping budget in mind.
<i>Incentivize Business Development in Coalhurst</i>	Create a welcoming environment where businesses are encouraged to build and expand.



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Pillars, Goals, and Tactics

The plan below identifies what the town will be working on over the course of the next four years. It is divided into Pillars, Goals, and Tactics, all of which support each other.

Pillar: Area of major concentration for Town Council over the term of this strategic plan. The foundational elements of the strategic plan that support the achievement of the defined Vision of Town Council.

Goal: Change over time that is supported by Town Council. This becomes the answer to 'what does the town want to achieve?'

Tactic: Expected activity in support of the Goal. This becomes the answer to the question 'how does the town achieve the goal?'

In this strategic plan, the Pillars and Goals are governance related. How these Goals get achieved is through the use of Tactics. Tactics are the building blocks of the town's corporate business plan.

In some cases, management's expertise may require the adaptation or change of some of the Tactics to achieve the Goals that Council has identified.

Within the bulleted lists below, high priority Tactics are in bold.



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Pillar A: Effective and Informed Governance

The Town of Coalhurst strives to provide residents, businesses, and community organizations with efficient, timely and transparent governance. Through the goals and tactics here, we will provide the best programs and services possible.

Goal 1 - Increase Community Engagement

Tactics:

- **Create a Community Services Department to focus on social and cultural life within Coalhurst.**
- **Increase engagement with community members using tools and technology, and attend community events to connect with citizens, businesses, and community groups.**
- Increase council member attendance at community events where people gather.
- Meet community members where they are, whether that is in physical locations or online spaces.

How We Know When We Are Successful:

Performance Measure

A community satisfaction survey indicates at least 60% of respondents are feeling more engaged in their community year over year.

Goal 2 - Provide Coalhurst Residents with Exceptional Service

Tactics:

- **Ensure the town's service levels meet community needs while keeping budget in mind.**
- Conduct a regular community satisfaction survey to determine which town programs and services are meeting resident needs.
- Develop and implement a succession plan for staff roles.

How We Know When We Are Successful:

Performance Measure

The community satisfaction survey shows that respondents are satisfied or very satisfied that recreation and social opportunities are increasing in Coalhurst.

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Goal 3: Make Informed Decisions based on the Principles of Good Governance

Tactics:

- Ensure that necessary information is provided to Council and reviewed before Council makes decisions.
- Tie Council decisions back to achieving goals in the Strategic Plan.

How We Know When We Are Successful:

Performance Measure

Council members believe they make decisions based on the best information available.



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Pillar B: Strong and Sustainable Economy

The Town of Coalhurst understands the importance of a resilient and diverse economy. We will provide businesses with a supportive and stable foundation upon which to grow and thrive.

Goal 1 - Incentivize Business Development in Coalhurst

Tactics:

- **Create a welcoming environment where businesses are encouraged to build and expand.**
- Consider relocating the town office to allow commercial development on the current office site.
- Use partnerships to create a plan and a space for light industrial development in the community.

How We Know When We Are Successful:

Performance Measure

At least two net new businesses open in Coalhurst each year for the duration of this strategic plan.

Goal 2 - Create Spaces for People to Gather Within the Community

Tactics:

- Extend walking paths, biking trails, and gathering places throughout the town to encourage residents to move around their community.
- Plan for further business development in a central area where residents and businesses will be drawn.

How We Know When We Are Successful:

Performance Measure

Community satisfaction survey results indicate that respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with how much of the town is accessible through walking and biking trails.

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Pillar C: Land and Environmental Responsibility

The Town of Coalhurst protects and honours the land upon which our community is built. To make Coalhurst a more complete community, we provide residents with opportunities to enjoy outdoor recreation. We are building a more walkable, environmentally sensitive, mixed-use community that encourages people to walk or bike around town.

Goal 1 - Develop Infrastructure that Meets Community Needs

Tactics:

- Be mindful of responsible sustainability in energy efficiency and consumption.
- Create walkable and attractive business areas.
- Develop a solid waste management plan to divert material from the landfill.
- Increase access to recycling and composting.

How We Know When We Are Successful:

Performance Measure

The Town of Coalhurst has, funds, and follows a comprehensive asset management plan.

Goal 2 - Make the Town an Attractive Place to Be

Tactics:

- Create a memorial garden.
- Create and implement a public art program.
- Encourage residents to have visually attractive properties that show off the best of Coalhurst.
- Increase planting of local trees and flowers in public spaces.
- Update the entrance to the community to create a welcoming space.

How We Know When We Are Successful:

Performance Measure

Citizen satisfaction survey results indicate that respondents believe Coalhurst is increasingly visually appealing.

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Pillar D: Deep Cultural and Social Connections

Social connection is the fabric that makes Coalhurst unique. We rely on each other to create a community where people feel safe and are safe.

Goal 1 - Maintain a Safe Community

Tactics:

- Consider where to place new protective services locations so they are aligned with projected population growth.
- Consider working with surrounding communities to identify a regional Director of Emergency Management and develop related Emergency Management policy.
- Ensure that a proactive bylaw and policy framework is built to create a safe community.
- Update the town's bylaw and peace officer enforcement programs.

How We Know When We Are Successful:

Performance Measure

In the citizen satisfaction survey, at least 80% of respondents indicate they feel safe within Coalhurst.

Goal 2 - Promote Diverse and Attainable Housing within Coalhurst

Tactics:

- Create an environment that encourages the growth of attainable and diverse housing choices in the community.

How We Know When We Are Successful:

Performance Measure

The Town's MDP and LUB are revised and approved to support diverse housing options

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Goal 3 - Anticipate and Respond to the Social Needs of the Community

Tactics:

- Create a Recreation Master Plan.
- Develop a volunteer program to recognize and promote volunteerism.
- Develop opportunities to incorporate the relevant Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- Ensure that community programs are reflective of resident needs.

How We Know When We Are Successful:

Performance Measure

A Recreation Master Plan is considered by Town Council by the end of 2024.



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Conclusion

The pages of Coalhurst's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan provide a roadmap that was developed by the town's elected officials and senior administration. It is important that both Council and administration work together to achieve the priorities that are outlined in this plan.

The environment in which the town operates is always shifting. In response, the Town's plans also must change over time to remain relevant. As with any plan, this one must be used, reviewed, and updated on a regular basis.



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Fall Leaf Pickup



The Town of Coalhurst is offering a leaf, yard waste pick-up.

Leaves and compostable yard waste such as plants and flowers must be in **disposable brown paper bags** available at the Town office, (Maximum 5 per household), or for purchase at various retailers. If leaves are in any other type of bag or container, they will not be picked up. Place the bags in your rear lane no sooner than November 12th, 2022. If you do not have a rear lane, place them on the front of your property. The bags must be out **by 7:30 am on November 14th, 2022**. There will be no callbacks for pick-up.

Kevin Lewis

Director of Operations



How Can We Help Your Trees Today?



**Winter is a Great Time to
Prune Deciduous Trees & Shrubs**



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ladybugarborists@gmail.com

www.ladybugarborists.com

Maureen Sexsmith-West
ISA Certified Arborist, PR-4600A
ISA Qualified Tree Risk Assessor



Office: 403 327-0001

Cel: 403 634-3062

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

November 2022

Wednesday: Dart League

Thursday: Pool League

Burgers and Chips: Nov 10&24 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: Nov 26 sign up by Nov 23

Jam Session: Nov 5 at 1pm everyone welcome

General Meeting: Nov 14 at 7pm

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

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27	28	29	30			

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.

Oct 30, Nov 1, Dec 24

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

Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Community Hall. It starts at 10:30 sharp. Doors open at 9:30 for seating. Please join us at the Legion in comradeship following the service. There is a sign-up sheet for donation of sandwiches, baked goods, and fruit and veggie trays.



The Loonie Action raised almost 3,000 dollars. Thanks to everyone that donated items, organized, volunteered, and supported this event, making it a great success.

Pay for your membership early and have a chance to win your money back. Draws are made in Oct, Nov & Dec. Congratulations to Ida Hinds October's winner.



We are Chasing the King of Clubs. You could win half of over \$2400. If you don't catch him, you still win 20% of the nights sales if your number is drawn.



The Chevelles are playing at the Legion November 12 starting at 7pm \$20 tickets at the Door or prepurchase at the Branch.



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.



***In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.***

***We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.***

***Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.***

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae



TURKEY BINGO!

FUNDRAISER

**DOORS
OPEN AT
6:30PM**

**GAMES
START AT
7PM**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

**WIN A GAME & WIN
A TURKEY + MORE!**

**BINGO CARDS
\$3 EACH OR
4 FOR \$10**

- **FULL CONCESSION**
- **TACO-IN-A-BAG**
- **"GRAB A GOBBLER" TREE**
- **50/50 DRAW**
- **BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE**

FOR MORE INFO, TO DONATE OR TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE
CONTACT COALHURST PARKS AND RECREATION SOCIETY ON
FACEBOOK OR BY EMAIL AT COALHURSTPNR@GMAIL.COM

NO CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

COALHURST PARKS AND
RECREATION SOCIETY

Christmas Craft Fair & Market

Join us and get your Christmas shopping
started with our local makers and vendors!

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 5**

9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

COALHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE
527 50 AVE, COALHURST, AB

FREE ADMISSION BUT WE WILL BE
COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
ITEMS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED.

[FACEBOOK.COM/COALHURSTPNR](https://www.facebook.com/coalhurstpnr)

Stay & Play

Drop-in Program for Parents/Caregivers & Children (birth to 5)

Learning through **play** children develop social and cognitive skills, mature emotionally, and gain the self-confidence required to engage in new experiences.

TUESDAYS

9:30-11:30 am

Coalhurst FCSS

527 50 Ave

For more information contact:

Jackie

403-732-5470

jackie.fiorino@fcss.ca

FCSS
Family & Community
Support Services
www.fcss.ca

Alberta Government

Move it! Move it!

WEDNESDAYS

10:00-11:30 am

Coalhurst FCSS

Community Complex

527 50 Ave

This drop-in program
inspires movement
and muscle
development through
activities and play.

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

For more information contact

Jess

(403) 795-2963

jess.walton@fcss.ca

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Baby & Me

This class is targeted for new parents with children 0-12 months.

Join us to learn about the rewards and challenges of being a new parent, infant development and milestones, get community information and resources and make new friends.

WEDNESDAYS

November 23rd - December 14th

12:30-1:30 pm

Coalhurst FCSS

527 50 Ave

Classes are
FREE of
Charge!

To register contact


Jackie

403-732-5470

jackie.fiorino@fcss.ca

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Family & Community
Support Services
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Reiki

Julie Anhorn
Reiki Practitioner
Animal Communicator



Sessions Now Available for Animals & Humans!

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reduce stress,
which allows for relaxation & restoration
of the
body, mind & spirit



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

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AND

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SPECIALS NOVEMBER

1-5: 1 DZ. GINGER COOKIES REG. \$ 6.75 SALE \$ 6.25

8-12: BUTTER PIE REG. \$ 7.50 SALE \$ 6.95

15-19: CHEESE PIZZA BUN REG. \$ 4.25 SALE \$ 3.75

22-26: SYRUP WAFFLES REG. \$ 4.99 SALE \$ 4.50

**WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
NOVEMBER 11.**

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

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email: kooymanbakery@gmail.com