



APRIL TOWN NEWS

What's Happening

April

- 4 Council Meeting 6:00pm
- 7 Good Friday (Office Closed)
- 10 Easter Monday (Office Closed)
- 18 Council Meeting 6:00pm



May

- 2 Council Meeting 6:00pm
- 14 Mother's Day
- 16 Council Meeting 6:00pm



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Mayor's Message

Did you know that even though Coalhurst has no physical library, you can still access library services through the Chinook Arch Regional Library System? As a board member of the Chinook Arch Regional Library System, I am happy to share information about the resources available to residents of Coalhurst. Here are some of my favourite resources:

Digital Resources – Chinook Arch has subscriptions to many digital resources, such as Libby, which provides audio and e-books. Since the pandemic began, I have gotten into audiobooks and use Libby almost daily. I enjoy being able to access the newest books using this app.

Chinook Arch also has online subscriptions that include content such as movies, tv shows, magazines, newspaper archives, and online learning platforms.

Bookmobile - The Lethbridge Public Library parks the Bookmobile, a mobile library branch, outside the elementary school every second Friday from 12:00 – 5:00 PM. In my visits to the Bookmobile, I've learned a few secrets:

1. They always have some of the newest items in stock. Often, these items are difficult to get at a physical library without lengthy waits after you put the item on hold.
2. You can place holds on items that can be picked up from the Bookmobile. This means you can access any item you want within the Chinook Arch system without leaving Coalhurst.

Book Club Kits – Chinook Arch offers members a wide variety of book club kits. Each kit contains 12 copies of the book, reading guides with author information, discussion questions, and read-alike suggestions. They also include some tips on starting and running a successful book club. I've used these kits in the past, and they're excellent!

Digital Literacy Skills Program - Chinook Arch Regional Library System created the Fundamentals of Digital Literacy Skills program with funding from the Government of Canada. This program seeks to give viewers a foundation in understanding computers, mobile devices and the internet. Some topics include online privacy, digital resources and mobile devices.

Library to You - Library to You (L2U) is a free service for people with mobility or access barriers to visiting a public library. Members can sign up for L2U with their Chinook Arch member library card, and receive up to six books at a time, delivered to their home in a postage-paid mailbag. When done reading, the books simply need to be mailed back in the bag.

Chinook Arch is constantly adding new resources and items to the system, so check out what they offer. If you don't have a library card, you can easily access one online by visiting chinookarch.ca.

I'll see you at the Bookmobile!

Until next month,

Mayor Lyndsay Montana



COALHURST WELCOMES NEW CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

For immediate release – Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Coalhurst Town Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Shawn Patience as the new Chief Administrative Officer, effective May 2023.



“We are very pleased to welcome Shawn to our administrative team,” says Mayor Lyndsay Montina, adding that Patience comes to the role with a wealth of experience. “He is a well-respected leader with a demonstrated commitment to efficiency, community development, and building strong organizational cultures.”

Patience is a familiar face to many in the region, having served four terms on municipal council in Fort Macleod, Alta. including three as mayor. He holds both a Local Authority Administration (NACLAA) and Land Use Planning certificate from the University of Alberta, and his background includes extensive experience in community and regional economic development including leadership roles with numerous local and regional organizations such as the Alberta Southwest Regional Economic Development Alliance and the Fort Macleod Historical Association.

“Coalhurst is a great community with such tremendous potential,” says Patience. “Every community presents new challenges and opportunities and I look forward to building on the strong relationships the Town has already established to help them achieve even more in the years ahead.”

Most recently, Patience has been serving as CAO in the newly established Diamond Valley, Alta., an amalgamation of the former towns of Black Diamond and Turner Valley. Being involved in that unique transition has been incredibly rewarding but Patience is looking forward to working closer to home.

“You don’t get many chances to come home,” says Patience, who is married with two grown children and four grandchildren. “This opportunity lets me do the work I love closer to the people I love. I am hoping to bring the experience, best practices, and collaborative approach I’ve gained in other communities to the administration in Coalhurst.”

Patience will officially step into his new role in May. Reporting to Coalhurst Town Council, he will oversee Town administration and employees, ensuring that the organization effectively provides services to the community, plans for growth, and delivers on Council’s key focus areas.



Notice of Proposed ROGERS Telecommunications Facility & Public Meeting

Description: As part of the public consultation process required by the Town of Coalhurst, Rogers Communication Inc. is inviting the public to comment on a proposed telecommunications facility consisting of a 41m self-support tower and fenced equipment compound in order to provide dependable wireless data and voice communication services to Coalhurst, Alberta.

Location of Proposal: 5300 1 St, Coalhurst, Alberta **LINC:** 0023 831 993

Coordinates: 49.747595, -112.939819

Public Meeting Details

Location: Coalhurst & District Community Centre – Ron Coombes Room

527 50th Ave, Coalhurst, AB, T0L 0V0

Date & Time: May 8th, 2023, drop in between 5:00pm and 6:30pm

For More Information:

Contact Rogers Communications Inc. at:

Kristina Bell

c/o Cypress Land Services

Agents to Rogers Communications Inc.

Suite 1051, 409 Granville Street

Vancouver, BC V6C 1T2

Tel: 604.620.0877

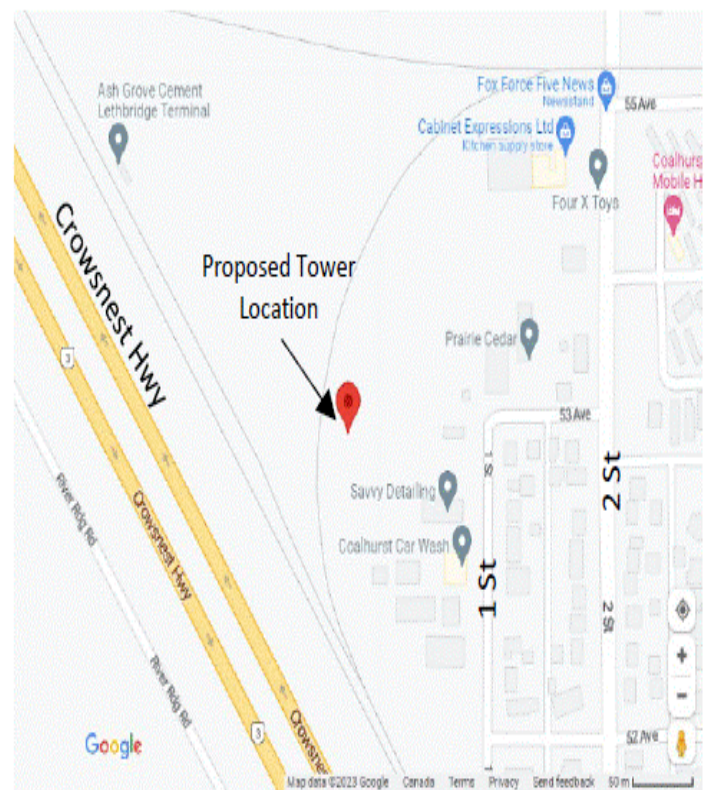
Email:

publicconsultation@cypresslandservices.com

The public is welcome to comment on the proposal by the end of the business day on May 12th, 2023, with respect to this matter.

Rogers File: W6520 - Coalhurst

Location Map



CAO Report: April 2023

Happy April!

The snow on April 2nd – a day late and too upsetting to be an April Fool’s joke – is great moisture for farmers, but it does keep our Public Works crew from getting into the Spring preparations and routine. We need a nice string of sunshine, positive (daytime and nighttime) temperatures, and **no snow** to thaw the ground, which we need to prepare all our park facilities and infrastructure. As of this writing, we are hoping to be on the fields and in the parks the week of April 11th. Fingers and toes crossed, everyone!

New CAO Shawn Patience

While the role of an Interim CAO is to provide stability, the underlying uncertainty of “who will be the new CAO” has lingered through this transition, so the announcement of Shawn Patience as our new CAO has been welcome news to staff. They have been incredibly patient through the hiring process waiting for this news and they are excited to move into the next chapter.

Shawn was in the office on March 24th to meet (most of) the office staff. He hopes to be in once or twice this month before his official start date, in May.

Community Safety Meeting

Thank you to the Member of the Coaldale RCMP Detachment for taking the time to prepare and present to our community. We had a good turnout with great questions following the presentation. The main takeaways of the evening were that Coalhurst is a safe community and that we all play a role in ensuring that crime – mainly theft and drugs - doesn’t take root in our community.

During the Q&A, one comment resonated with me: “When people experience crime, they go onto Facebook and complain about it.” That’s understandable: Facebook is a great place to vent! However, the RCMP respond to communities based on statistics and if you don’t report a crime – no matter how insignificant it may seem to you – officers can’t track trends, follow criminal activity, or pursue the criminals with known behaviours and patterns of operating. If you have experienced crime, call the RCMP information line (403-345-5000) to report it *first*, before you go onto Facebook. Let’s give the police the information they need to solve crimes and prevent further criminal activity in Coalhurst!

Of course, if you see a crime in progress, call 911.

Public Open House – The Wetlands

We had a good turnout for Council’s Public Open House around The Wetlands. Those who stopped in provided great information and feedback. Additionally, we have had a great response to the online survey, again with excellent and valuable feedback. The online survey closed on April 1st and Council will receive the survey results at the April 18th Regular Meeting.

Hiring

Advertising for the positions of Coordinator of Community Development and Development Officer respectively, was extended so that the new CAO can review the applications and participate in the interview process. The coordinator posting closed on March 31st while the Development Officer posting will close on April 14th.

Community Peace Officer

During the month of April, we will focus on speed enforcement (as per the Alberta transportation enforcement calendar) and target poor parking behaviours. Please be mindful of speed throughout town and – especially - playground zones. As a reminder, our playground zones start at 7am and end at 9pm.

May 1st to September 1st, camping trailers and RVs will be allowed to be parked in front of your home for 72hrs. Please be mindful that your trailer, or RV is not a line-of-sight hazard, and that slide-out features on trailers are not out over the roadway or sidewalk. All other trailers must be attached to the vehicle towing it.

As the weather gets nicer, we become more active outside. Please ensure that you leash your dog(s) while out walking and remember that dogs are not permitted on school grounds.

2022/23 Fire Services Training Program Grant

March was a good month for grant notices! On top of the previously announced ACP grants, the Town has been approved for a Fire Services Training Grant. This grant will offset firefighter costs associated with NFPA 1001 Level 1, NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector Levels 1 & 2, and NFPA 1072 Hazmat training sessions. This will support our Fire Department with increased knowledge and practical applications that will service Coalhurst (and area) residents and businesses.

As always, thank you to the women and men who commit their time and energy to our community by serving on the Coalhurst Fire Department!

One last bit of information before I sign off, due to the extreme freeze – thaw cycles we experienced this past winter, there are an above average amount of potholes. We will be out filling these annoyances as soon as possible once asphalt becomes available and we have the plow and sander converted to carry the asphalt.





2023 VOLUNTEER NOMINATION

From now until April 16th we invite you to nominate volunteers who you think deserve to be recognized. This could be somebody apart of a volunteer group, a neighbour who is out in snowstorms clearing sidewalks or bringing the garbage bin back during our chinooks. All volunteer efforts deserve to be recognized and celebrated as they contribute to shaping the fantastic community we work and live in.

Please use the QR code to nominate or you can pick up a nomination form at the town office.
A copy of the form is also attached in the town newsletter.



Town of Coalhurst

PRESENTS 2023 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

First & Last Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

INFORMATION:

- Nominees must consent to being nominated (if under 18 years, parent/guardian must consent) and being contacted by event staff for further information.
- Information collected on this form will be used on promotional/event materials to highlight the nominee before during/ after the event.

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

First & Last Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Volunteers weave our communities together every day. From random acts of kindness to formal volunteer roles, volunteers transform our communities for the better and we want to celebrate and recognize all of these individuals. Please provide a detailed description on how the nominee demonstrated leadership, inspiration, impact, and/or engagement in the Coalhurst community.

#NVW2023
#WeavingUsTogether





COALHURST COMMUNITY
Spring Market

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 | 9AM - 3PM
COALHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE

FREE ADMISSION

STILL ACCEPTING VENDORS \$30/PER TABLE | APPLY HERE: bit.ly/coalhurstspringmarket



UPCOMING EVENTS

CPRS MONTHLY MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 10, 7 P.M. | COALHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE



Saturday April 22, 2023

CPRS Disc Golf Tournament

Join us for the inaugural Coalhurst Parks and Recreational Society Disc Golf Tournament! This is the first Disc Golf Tournament at Miners Park in Coalhurst, AB. Beginners to seasoned pros welcome.

For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/CPRS-discgolf-tournament



Wednesday April 23, 2023

Spring Painted Sign Workshop - Learn from your Neighbour Series

Join us for an evening of painting and community! All supplies included with ticket. Six sign designs to choose from!

For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/spring-signs-workshop



Saturday May 13, 2023

Community Spring Market

Free Admission with over 30 vendors! Join us from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Coalhurst Community Centre! **For more**

information visit our Facebook event page: bit.ly/spring-market-event



FREE HIGH FITNESS EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM!

The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205 6 Street Coalhurst Alberta

April 2023

Wednesday: Dart League potluck April 19 7pm

Thursday: Pool League

Burgers and Chips: April 13 & 27 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 start

Saturday: Free pool table

Steak Dinner \$20 April 22, sign up by April 19

Jam Session: See you in September.

Spring Rally: April 22 2023, at Community Centre.

Members who wish to attend must be in uniform and must advise Krystal that they will attend. (403-381-3080)

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BINGO CALENDAR

Please call Wendy to volunteer 403-634-5262.

Apr 15, Apr 30, May 20, May 28, June 10, June 25, July 17,
July 30, Aug 17, Aug 27

We have complimentary 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 Friday April 7th and Saturday April 8th.



JR Matthew the Hypnotist making some April 1st foolery. The fun begins at 8pm. Tickets \$10.

"The Chevelles" will be entertaining us on April 29, from 7-11 pm. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in advance or at the door.



THE KING OF CLUBS IS STILL ON THE RUN. YOU COULD WIN HALF OF OVER \$8 000. IF YOU DON'T CATCH HIM, YOU STILL WIN 20% OF THE NIGHTS SALES IF YOUR NUMBER IS DRAWN.

Clip clop the races have stopped. The new season will start in September 2023. We need to fill up the stable with trusty steeds. Sign up and sponsor a horse for \$25.



What The Cluck Easter Raffle?

Ticket 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5

1st prize -2 tickets for the Chevelles with Reserved seating

2nd prize- Adult Chocolate Easter Basket

3rd prize \$25 Branch Gift Certificate.

The Draw will be made April 27, 2023

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. Donations accepted at any time.



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

THE COALHURST LEGION

PROUDLY PRESENTS



SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

7PM - 11PM

\$20.00 PER TICKET

DOORS OPEN AT 3PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE LEGION

The Month of APRIL

Did you know:

- ◆ The month of April gets its name from the Latin word *aperio*, meaning “to open (bud)”, because plants really begin to grow now.
- ◆ April was the second month in early Roman calendar, but became the fourth when the ancient Romans started using January as the first month.
- ◆ April’s birthstone is the Diamond. The stone symbolizes power, extreme beauty, and purity.

What’s happening in April?

- **April 2** is **Palm Sunday**, the Sunday before Easter and the last Sunday of Lent.
- **April 5** is the start of Passover, which begins at sundown on this day.
- **April 7** is **Good Friday**, a major Christian observance that commemorates the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.
- **April 9** is **Easter Sunday**, it marks the Resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his death.
- **April 22** is **Earth Day**, an annual celebration that honors the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect Earth’s natural resources for future generations.





SPECIALS APRIL

Mar. 27-1: 1 DZ. COOKIES REG. \$ 6.95/9.95 SALE \$ 5.95/8.95

4-8: EASTER STOLLENBREAD \$ 13.95

11-15: BUTTERPIE REG. \$ 7.95 SALE \$ 6.95

18-22: CHEESE PIZZA BUN REG. \$ 4.75 SALE \$ 3.95

25-29: 4 HAM&CHEESE SNACKS REG. \$ 13.00 SALE \$ 11.50

We will be closed for Good Friday April 7

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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

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Colour Me
Volunteer Week

