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REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AUGUST 15, 2023 | 6:00 PM

Join us in person at the Town Office or watch it live on our YouTube Channel!

Agenda topics include:

- Council Member Reports
- Greenwood Area Structure Plan Bylaw Amendment
- And much more! Visit our website for more information

Upcoming Meetings of Council:

August 22, 2023: Committee of the Whole September 5, 2023: Regular Meeting of Council September 19, 2023: Regular Meeting of Council



CAO's Message

Happy summer everyone. With the early heat in May summer seems to be longer than usual but we're certainly not complaining, it won't last and we all know what comes next, enjoy it while it lasts. Except for taxes being due and managing development permits, summer is normally a slower time in the office, but that is not the case this time around. With a lot of new staff, we're playing catch up in a lot of areas and digging into a lot of new and exciting initiatives to support Council's strategic priorities while working around staff members well earned vacations.



The deadline for property tax payments was on July 31 and as many property assessments have increased so have the tax billings. We know it's nobody's favorite time, especially with the cost of everything going up and up. While having the value of your property going up is a good thing and will pay large dividends when and if the time comes to sell or refinance, the extra taxes are rarely welcome. From a positive perspective it shows that Coalhurst is prospering and continues to be a great place to invest. Fuel and utility expenses and inflationary increases across the board are impacting everyone's budgets, including the town's, so our Council and staff are always cautious and respectful of providing the best services we can as efficiently and effectively as possibly to minimize the burden on our businesses and residents, but we know it doesn't make cutting that cheque any easier.

Reviewing and updating bylaws and policies will be a main stay for the foreseeable future. Current bylaws under consideration include Community Standards, which is a new bylaw, Animal Control Bylaw, Land Use Bylaw, Business License Bylaw and Emergency Management Plan. All of these are significant and impactful for our residents, but they are far from the only ones in process. We're undertaking a full-blown reworking of all our town's health and safety policies and human resource policies along with Council's Procedural Bylaw, which, for the most part, have an impact internally but are critical none the less. Our Offsite Levy Bylaw is also close to completion which will ensure that all future development contributes to infrastructure expansion and development as to not burden our taxpayers while supporting growth within the community. We are also continuing to review our committees and their structures to ensure we are serving the needs and desires of the community.

Miners Days is quickly approaching and a number of community groups are coming together to put on an entertaining weekend. We're still looking for parade participants and volunteers are still needed on many fronts, check our website for details. Crime reduction has also been a topic of discussion recently and Council is currently planning a community meeting for September to discuss and explore options for our residents to become involved in helping reduce crime in the community. Council and administration are also focusing on some large initiatives to expand our residential, commercial and light industrial options, to enhance recreation and cultural opportunities for our residents as well as long term planning to ensure growth is well planned and advantageous to both current and future residents. These are all challenges we embrace and our Council and Staff are excited about the opportunities in front of us, but nothing comes fast or easy, so we're rolling up our sleeves to do our part in making Coalhurst the best it can be. All the Best and enjoy the rest of your summer everyone.

Shawn Patience, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

MINERS DAYS

AUGUST 25 - 27, 2023



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Friday, August 25

- Parking Lot Party: 7:00-11:00 pm, Coalhurst Legion
 Saturday, Qugust 26
 - Pancake Breakfast: 8:00-10:30 am, Community Hall
 - Parade: 11:00 am
 - Party in the Park: 12 noon 4:00 pm, Imperial Meadows
 Park
- Movie in the Park: Dusk Imperial Meadows Park

 Sunday, Qugust 27
 - Show and Shine: 12 noon 3:00 pm, Miner's Park

"Join us for a fantastic weekend of celebration and community building at Miners Days! With its rich history and array of activities, it's sure to be a fun-filled time. The Town Council is excited to welcome you!"

Mayor Lyndsay Montina

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 26

8:00 - 10:30 am, Coalhurst Community Hall
Coalhurst's Town Council and your regional elected officials
are pleased to be able to serve you a pancake and sausage
breakfast alongside our co-sponsors, <u>South Country Co-op</u>.
This community event is free to attend and enjoy. We can't
wait to see you there!



MINERS DAYS

PARADE INFO AND MAP



AUGUST 26 @ 11:00 AM

Bring your friends and family down to the 2023 Miners Days Parade. Some parade participants will be handing out candy so you may want to bring candy bags to collect the treats! A reminder that the safety of everyone collecting candy is of upmost importance. Please ensure that children do not run out on the street or in front of floats to collect candy. Candy and marketing materials may not be distributed from floats or vehicles. Those handing out treats are required to walk beside their floats to distribute candy so children maintain a safe distance from the floats. We are still looking for parade entries, we'd love to have your club or business involved. To register visit our website at coalhurst.ca or contact Kim at tripp159@shaw.ca.

PARADE MAP

Miners Days Parade

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023—11AM





MINERS DAYS

EVENTS



Movie-in-the-park

Hosted by Coalhurst Parks and Recreation Society
Saturday, August 26, 2023

Starts at dusk at Imperial Meadows Park or Coalhurst Community Centre (weather dependent)

The movie will be announced on the Coalhurst Parks and Recreation Facebook Page, watch for details.

PARTY IN THE PARK

Recreation Society
Saturday, August 26, 2023

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Imperial Meadows Park



EVENT CALENDAR

AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	Family Summer Fun: Imperial Meadows Park 10:00 - 11:30 AM	3	4	5
6	7 DO Crew 3:30 - 5:30 PM	8	Family Summer Fun: Imperial Meadows Park 10:00 - 11:30 AM	10	11	12
13	14 DO Crew 3:30 - 5:30 PM	Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	Family Summer Fun: Imperial 16 Meadows Park 10:00 - 11:30 AM Indigenous Summer Fun&BBQ 11:00 - 3:00 PM	17 Rec & Culture Committee Meeting 7:00 - 8:00 PM	18	19
20	21 DO Crew 3:30 - 5:30 PM	22 Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	Family Summer Fun: Imperial Meadows Park 10:00 - 11:30 AM	24	25 Miners Days	26 Miners Days
27 Miners Days	28 DO Crew 3:30 - 5:30 PM	29	30	31		



FREE! Neighbourhood **Play Program**

Drop-in enrollment on site!

Monday - Thursday from July 4th - August 17th

> Miners Memorial Park 55 Ave, Coalhurst

Program runs:

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

and

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*No supervision between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No programming on Fridays or stat holidays

For more details, visit:

www.ywcalethbridge.com/neighbourhood-play-program/



The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205 6 Street Coalhurst Alberta

August 2023

Thursday: Jitney Pool 7pm start

Burgers and Chips: Aug 17 and Aug 31 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.

Friday: Jitney Darts 7:00 start

Saturday: Free pool table

Steak Din<mark>ner</mark> \$20, Aug<mark>ust</mark> 26, sign up by August23. We need a minimum number of 10 signed up to go ahead with steak night.

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Bingo: Sunday Aug 27

Please call Wendy to volunteer 403-634-5262.

We have gone to one Bingo a month and the odd E-Bingo. This has dropped our income by about \$1000 a month. You don't need to be a member to work the Bingo's. Money received helps both our club and community.

Call the Legion for more Volunteer opportunities.

We are Closed Saturday, August 5

Saturdays, "Smack the Jack" is on the run again ready for a new attack.

"Dona & Mac and the Gang" are playing from 7-11 at the Parking lot Party

Friday, August 25.

We will have hamburgers and hotdogs available.

Drink tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each.

The General Meeting will be on September 12 at 7pm.

All are welcome to join in the fun of Jitney pool on Thursdays and or Jitney Darts on Fridays.



There is a registration fee for both which goes towards prize money and table fees.

We are hosting Western Canada Darts on August 13, registration from 10am, 11am start.

wcdldarts.com



We are looking for an MC for our Remembrance Day Ceremony. We would like to thank Comrade Alison Arneson for her years' service and dedication filling this role.

Veterans who need assistance can send an email attention Service Officer at

legionbm273@gmail.com



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.

Hours of operation

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

We will remain open if there are Patrons.

Closed: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday

403-381-3080

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



A division of Ability Resource Association, a registered charity (non-profit) dedicated to providing opportunities and supports for people with disabilities.

We are expanding our Beverage Container Pickup Service to Include Coaldale and Coalhurst

Pickups available on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays. 2 large bag minimum

Fee is \$8 and will be waived if refund is donated to Ability.

* Charitable donation receipts provided upon request *

For questions or to arrange pickup please Call 403-329-3911 or visit us at www.abilityresource.ca

WINTER HOUSE SITTING SERVICES

Hey snowbirds, need a dependable house sitter this winter? I am available for anyone in Coalhurst or surrounding area. I am a mature lady working in a professional field in Coalhurst. I currently have a home in Crownsnest Pass on the market, so I need to find accommodation for this winter. I can offer you peace of mind as you will not need to be concerned if the water line bursts, if the sidewalk is shoveled, or even if the insurance company is going to increase your premiums because you can't find someone to check your home on a regular basis. If you are interested, please contact Kim at 587-988-7668.

COALHURST 55 PLUS CLUB

Come join us and meet new neighbors!

We meet several times a week – Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at the Coalhurst Legion, use the back door off of the alley. Come for coffee or for just some good conversation.

Do you like to play games? We have shuffleboard, table tennis, cards, and more. Special events are often planned.

Plan to attend our Open House: Wednesday, September 27, 2023, between 7pm to 9pm (there will be door prizes, snacks and a draw for a gift basket).

Hope to see you there!

For more information call Les @ (403) 308-8046



BACK TO SCHOOL! (Already)

It's time to get ready for the "Back to School" season of the year! Now could be the time for you to put your house on the market! Getting the kids ready to go back to school can be stressful, listing your house can be too. Let me help make selling your house as smooth and stress-free as possible!



Mikhaila Lagemaat (403) 892-8469

As seasons change and colours change, markets can be seasonal as well. While fall is not typically as active as the May - June market, it is expected to see a continuing Seller's market in Coalhurst, despite increasing interest rates.

Prices in Coalhurst have discontinued their upward trend since summer of 2022, but do look to be holding steady.

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Call the Realtor® who has called Coalhurst home her whole life!

Mikhaila knows Coalhurst



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