

TOWN NEWS

JANUARY 2024



Town of
Coalhurst

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CAO's Message

As we start a brand new trip around the sun I want to take the opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. 2023 was certainly a year of change for our organization, and while change is constant in Municipal government, we are hoping to minimize any further changes and allow our new team to settle in and take advantage of the opportunities in front of us. There is much to be done but we are all very optimistic about the road ahead.

As you may be aware by now, Council has approved a restructuring of their Committees to better address their strategic goals. This means there are numerous volunteer opportunities for residents to become involved in shaping the future of Coalhurst. It's the volunteers that make a community special by sharing their knowledge, expertise, spirit and energy, so we challenge anyone that has an interest to put their name forward and help shape your community's very bright future. As Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has." With that we wish everyone all the best in 2024.

Shawn Patience

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)



CHANGES TO TOWN RATES AND FEES

As of January 1, 2024 a number of fees and rates have changed.

Some changes of note include the following:

- Utilities** - Minor changes to water consumption and flat rates, changes to water meter costs, mobile home park sewer, garbage, recycling and irrigation.
- Community Hall** - Changes to rental rates and security Deposits
- Miner's Park** - Changes to Social Area Rental Rates
- Corporate Services** - Changes to Non-Resident Business License Fees and Newsletter advertising costs
- Planning** - Changes to penalties and strategic plan amendment costs.

To review the entire new Fees and Rates Bylaw click on this link -

[https://coalhurst.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-Fees-and-Rates-](https://coalhurst.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-Fees-and-Rates-Bylaw-No.-449-23.pdf)

[Bylaw-No.-449-23.pdf](https://coalhurst.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-Fees-and-Rates-Bylaw-No.-449-23.pdf) or go to our website www.coalhurst.ca under 'Bylaws'.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

January Meetings for Council and Committees:

- January 2: Regular Meeting of Council
- January 9: Committee of the Whole
- January 16: Regular Meeting of Council

For meeting information including scheduled dates, minutes, and agendas, visit:

<https://coalthurst.ca/government/council-committee-meetings/>

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Did you know...? If you got a live Christmas tree this year, you can call the Town Office **before January 31** and ask for it to be collected curbside for chipping, for no additional fee (403-381-3033).

Remember to remove all lights, decorations and tree stands. *Trees wrapped in plastic or with tinsel, flocking or spray foam cannot be picked up for chipping.*



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2024 BUDGET SURVEY FOLLOW-UP

Thank you to everyone who submitted responses for the 2024 Budget survey. Your input helped Council members better understand residents' priorities as they deliberate next year's budget. To learn more about the 2024 Interim Budget, visit www.coalhurst.ca.

Residents who participated in the survey had a chance to win one of three (1 of 3) \$100 Amazon gift cards. Congratulations to the winners: Noel B., Raeanne K., and Chris M.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Congratulations also go out to the winners of this year's Christmas House Decorating Contest, which took place December 18!

Cash prizes:

- 🎄 1st place (\$75): 4714 6th Street
- 🎄 2nd place (\$50): 417 Walker Road
- 🎄 3rd place (\$25): 630 46th Avenue

Photo on right: 1st place house



50TH ANNIVERSARY

On behalf of the Town of Coalhurst we want to congratulate Robert Hawkins of Coalhurst (left) who received his 50th anniversary medal from Past President Bill Best (right), celebrating half a century of his membership in the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #273.



EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Town Office Closed 	2 Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	3	4	5 Bookmobile @ CES 12:00 - 5:00 pm	6
7	8 DO Crew (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:30 pm	9 Committee of the Whole 6:00 - 9:00 PM	10	11	12	13
14 Drop-in volleyball @ CES (age 15+) 6:00 - 8:00 pm	15 DO Crew (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:30 pm	16 Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	17 Move it! Move it! (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:00 am	18 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	19 Stay & Play (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am Bookmobile @ CES 12:00 - 5:00 pm Movie Night @ the Hall 6:30 - 9:00 pm	20
21 Drop-in volleyball @ CES (age 15+) 6:00 - 8:00 pm	22 DO Crew (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:30 pm	23	24 Move it! Move it! (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:00 am	25 Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	26 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	27
28 Drop-in volleyball @ CES (age 15+) 6:00 - 8:00 pm	29 DO Crew (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:30 pm	30	31 Open Gym (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:00 am			

BUSTING MYTHS ABOUT COUNSELLING

On January 24, the Bell Let's Talk Day awareness campaign creates a global conversation about mental health to help reduce stigma around mental health and promote mental health awareness.

Year round, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Counsellors are available to provide free counselling support for residents. However, there may be some misconceptions about FCSS counselling services that prevent residents from reaching out. Here are just a few that have been debunked:

- 1) **MYTH:** It's too difficult to connect with a FCSS counsellor as I have a very busy schedule.
FACT: FCSS offers free, short term, and goal-based counselling services that can fit any schedule. We offer in-person, video, or phone counselling options, and there is currently no wait time to access counselling in the area.
- 2) **MYTH:** I have experienced a death in the family and there's no way someone can know what I'm going through.
FACT: All of our FCSS Counsellors are equipped with the tools and skills to help you process your emotions around grief and loss.
- 3) **MYTH:** My friends or family will find out that I am getting counselling.
FACT: Your appointment is completely confidential. Your counsellor or any FCSS staff member will never share that you are accessing services. If you are concerned about going to the FCSS office in your community, you are welcome to attend counselling in one of the other municipalities that offer counselling services or access counselling online or over the phone.
- 4) **MYTH:** I'm not depressed or anxious enough to access counselling.
FACT: You are welcome to access counselling regardless of how you're feeling or if you have a mental health diagnosis. Everyone's ability to cope with the stressors of life is different and talking to someone can help you get perspective.
- 5) **MYTH:** My income level is high. I'm not allowed to access this free service.
FACT: Everyone who lives in the FCSS service area (ages 10+) can access counselling, regardless of income. Accessing this free service can be a great way to try counselling and see if it's a good fit for you.
- 6) **MYTH:** FCSS only offers one-on-one counselling.
FACT: FCSS offers family, couples, and individual counselling. FCSS also offers group programs when relevant.

For more information about FCSS Counselling Services or to book an appointment, please visit our website at www.fcss.ca or contact the Counselling Intake Supervisor at (587) 370-3728.

Visit www.fcss.ca for more information.

Submitted by:
Michael Fedunec
Counselling Intake Supervisor



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**YOU'RE
INVITED**

**to join the
55 Plus Club!**

**Wednesdays
& Fridays**

**10 am
- to -
Noon**

Join us weekly to play Crib.



Wednesdays

**7 pm
- to -
10 pm**

First hour: various activities (shuffleboard, ping pong, crafts, jigsaw puzzles) followed by 1000 rummy to finish the evening.



Saturdays

**7 pm
- to -
10 pm**

Join us weekly to play 1000 rummy.



Coffee and snacks available.

Drop-ins welcome. Fee of \$1 per week and crib players pay an additional 50-cents each day we play.

Lower level of Coalhurst Legion building (5205 6th St)
Enter off the back alley.
Accessible parking available near door.

Not 55 yet? Don't worry! We welcome
anyone over the age of 45. Join us for social
activities and conversation.

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The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205 6 Street Coalhurst Alberta

January 2024

Wednesday: Dart League

Thursday: Pool League & Dart Sharks

Burgers and Chips: Jan 11 & 25 *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

Friday: King Draw 7:00

Saturday: Free pool table

Steak Dinner \$20, Jan 27 sign up by Jan 24

We need a minimum number of 10 signed up to go ahead with steak night.

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Please call Wendy to volunteer 403-634-5262.

We now have only one Bingo a month and the odd E-Bingo. You don't need to be a member to work the Bingo's. Money received helps both our club and community. Next Bingo January 28 2024.

Hours of operation

Wednesday -Thursday 5:00 until close

Friday 4:30 -Close Saturdays 3:00 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.

THE COALHURST BRANCH WISHES A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE. MAY THE COMING YEAR BE ALL THAT YOU HOPE FOR.



The Horses are off and running. Sponsor a horse for \$25 for the season. Next race is on Jan 27-4pm.

A new Smack the Jack will start on Saturday Jan 6th 2024. Come on out and see if you can smack him down.



Our elections were held in December at a well attended General meeting. Welcome to the incoming executive officers and directors and Thank You to the outgoing ones. Your commitment of time and talent is appreciated.

There will be some openings for committee chairmen, so if you are interested in any of these positions please tell President Noel Burles or any member of the executive board.

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



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.

Through your donation to the Legion Poppy Fund, the

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County of Lethbridge Community Learning Council

Office phone: 403-345-6009

Phone/text/WhatsApp 📞 : 403-915-3145

Email: clclcoffice@gmail.com

Website: communityclasses.ca

Visit: 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale (Coaldale Public Library)



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

C L A S S E S

Classes start
again the last
week of
January 2024

- Coaldale
- Picture Butte
- Shaughnessy



Some daytime classes offer free childcare during class.



Digital Drop in



**Tuesdays from
1:00 - 2:30 pm**

**or book a time that is
convenient for you!**

**Drop in and get assistance with
your tablet, cell phone, laptop,
social media, etc...**

Intermediate First Aid Level C and AED

Instructed by St. John Ambulance

Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1, 2024

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Coaldale Public Library

\$180

For more information, please contact us or
visit communityclasses.ca

