

TOWN NEWS

MARCH 2024



Town of
Coalhurst

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C.A.O.'s Message

Happy March Coalhurst! In a couple of weeks Spring will officially be upon us. We still have some availability on our new committees for public members who would like to be involved in community events, housing, improvement of public spaces and developing public amenities in the new wetlands. If you're interested in helping shape the future of Coalhurst, volunteer applications can be found on our Town's website (www.coalhurst.ca). Many of these meetings are being held virtually over the lunch hour to reduce the time commitment for our volunteers.

We all know there's been a lack of moisture over the last few years and some of our reservoirs, especially in the Oldman River basin, are very low, so we are keeping a close eye on provincial advisories and river system levels in general in preparation for what may be a challenging year for water users. Even though snow packs are improving and March and April are large snowfall months, we do have water shortage response plans in place. They may, however, need to be revisited if Lethbridge, who produces our water, makes any amendments to their plan. Conservation efforts may be required as we move into the coming months.

With Spring right around the corner, Council will be preparing to finalize its municipal operating and capital budgets. Plans are in place for our 2024 street and sidewalk maintenance and replacement program, based on our recently completed Transportation Master Plan. As part of that plan we will be embarking on a 10 year program to ensure we maintain those expensive assets and extend their lives as much as possible. We have a major sewer pipe relining program in the 2024 plan to reduce infiltration and extend the life of that system without tearing up roads. We also plan to continue work on our storm water management program to reduce localized flood risks. Among other exciting initiatives, we will be utilizing the Federal grant we received in November to assist local families with food security challenges by creating community garden spaces and planting publicly accessible fruit trees, with water conservation top of mind. You will also be hearing more about the development of our new Recreation Master Plan.

As the weather warms, more kids will be heading outside, please watch out for them and drive carefully, especially near school zones. Here's to trading the snow blower for the lawn mower, cheers!

Shawn Patience

Chief Administrative Officer



TOWN NOTICES

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

March Meetings for Council and Committees:

- March 5: Regular Meeting of Council
- March 12: Committee of the Whole
- March 19: Regular Meeting of Council

For meeting information including scheduled dates, minutes, and agendas, visit: <https://coalhurst.ca/government/council-committee-meetings/>

NEWS FROM THE TOWN



NEW! COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

We're pleased to announce a new Community Grant Program has recently been launched and is ready to receive applications. There are two funding streams available, which are open to local residents, non-profit groups, and businesses:

1. **Neighbourhood Connections Micro-grants of up to \$500** can be used for a wide range of neighbourhood-based projects, gatherings, or activities that foster social connections, inclusion, and well-being.

2. **Community Support Grants of up to \$2,000** can be used for one-time projects or initiatives, community events, or economic development initiatives designed to enhance residents' quality of life and/or Coalhurst's economic wellbeing.

"Council is thrilled to see this new program ready to go for projects and programs that are intended to improve quality of life in Coalhurst and bring our community members together," said Mayor Lyndsay Montina. "We're very excited to see how residents embrace the opportunity to apply and make some great things happen right here at home!"

Grant program guidelines, an application form, and the Community Grant Program Policy can be found on the Town's website at www.coalhurst.ca.

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WETLANDS PROJECT UPDATE

The Wetlands Enhancement Advisory Committee has begun work to ultimately provide recommendations to Town Council on the development of the newly established wetlands area. Early work has focused on prioritizing the guiding principles for the committee and identifying the inputs that it will use to help influence its recommendations. It is extremely exciting to see the opportunities that exist for that space and the interest the entire community has in what it will become.

For the committee, and ultimately Council, the challenge will be satisfying the wishes of everyone, while balancing the capital costs associated with the development.

HAVE YOUR SAY IN TOWN PLANNING: JOIN A COUNCIL COMMITTEE!

Are you looking for a way to get involved in your community and help shape its future? Do you have ideas about how we could celebrate Miners' Days, what we should add to the new wetlands area, or how we can incorporate sustainable beautification projects around town? Maybe you're passionate about housing and want to be part of the conversation to help diversify local housing solutions.

If this sounds like you and you love working collaboratively with others to find new and creative solutions, then we encourage you to consider joining a Council Committee as a volunteer.

We have four committees with open positions that are available for members of the public:

1. Community Celebration Committee
2. Community Enrichment Advisory Committee
3. Community Housing Advisory Committee
4. Wetlands Enhancement Advisory Committee

By joining a committee, you can be part of some really big and important conversations about what life in Coalhurst can look like in the future.

Committees have an opportunity to dream big, think outside the box, and make recommendations to Council, for its consideration. (The one committee that's a little different is the Celebration Committee, which helps plan and host major community events such as Canada Day and Miners' Days.)

If you're interested in being part of a committee or just want more information, head over to the Town's website and click the "Council committees" link under POPULAR LINKS.

You can also scan the QR code below to find an online application form.



SAVE THE DATE: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Volunteers are the heart of a community and we want to take an opportunity to say a great big THANK YOU to ALL the volunteers in Coalhurst!

Be sure to SAVE THE DATE for **Saturday, April 20** to join us for a **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**.

Details of the event and an RSVP request will be available on the Town's website and Facebook page in the next couple weeks. Stay tuned!



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COALHURST'S 2023 WATER USAGE SUMMARY

You've probably heard a lot of discussion over the last few months about ongoing drought conditions in Alberta. According to the Province, Alberta is in water shortage management stage 4 (out of 5).

The Town is closely monitoring the situation and working with its provincial and municipal partners (particularly, the City of Lethbridge) to better understand what these conditions may mean locally over the next several months and beyond.

Recently, Council received an update on the water and wastewater usage in our community in 2023. The information came from an annual report that is submitted to the Province regarding Coalhurst's water distribution system and wastewater collection system.

The report indicated our community's total water usage in 2023 was higher than it was in both 2022 and 2021:

- **2023:** 315,236 m3
- **2022:** 285,383 m3
- **2021:** 292,724 m3

It's no surprise that the majority of water used last year month-over-month was during the summertime, with the highest volumes of water used between May and September when residents were watering outdoors.

In light of this information, and as we prepare for warmer weather and summertime conditions, we wanted to provide some ideas about how all of us can help conserve water at home.

INDOOR WATER CONSERVATION TIPS



Take shorter (5 minute) showers.



Fill the sink instead of letting the water run when washing dishes.



Use dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only.



Fix leaks, including leaky toilets and faucets.



Keep a jug of cool water in the fridge instead of running the tap.

OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION TIPS



Collect and re-use water for outdoor plant use.



Check for leaks in outdoor pipes, faucets, and hoses.



Clean outside with a broom instead of a hose.



Plant drought tolerant vegetation.

**Tips from [Alberta.ca/drought](https://www.alberta.ca/drought)*

To read more information on Coalhurst's water usage in 2023, you can check out the Water Summary Report in the [February 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting agenda](#).

For up-to-date information on drought conditions in Alberta, visit the Province's website at [www.Alberta.ca/drought](https://www.alberta.ca/drought).

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WE ARE HIRING SEASONAL LABOURERS

Work term: MAY - AUGUST 2024

40 hours/week

\$17.94 - \$20.18/hr, depending on experience

Number of positions available: Three (3)



APPLY NOW

SUBMIT YOUR RESUME BY 4:30 PM ON
APRIL 5, 2024. GET DETAILS AT
WWW.COALHURST.CA



EVENT CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Bookmobile @ CES 12:00 - 5:00 pm	2
3 Drop-in volleyball @ CES (age 15+) 6:00 - 8:00 pm	4 DO Crew (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:30 pm	5 Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	6 Move it! Move it! (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:00 am	7 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	8 Stay & Play (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am	9
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Note: Due to Easter Monday, the Town Office will be **closed** Monday, April 1, 2024.

CHEERS TO VOLUNTEERS 2024

Do you know an individual, youth, or group who has made a significant positive impact in your community?

Nominate them to win one of THREE
Outstanding Volunteer Awards

Eligibility:

- ✓ Live and volunteer within the FCSS service area (Lethbridge County - excluding Lethbridge, M.D. of Taber, or County of Warner).
- ✓ Exemplify a spirit of volunteerism and inspire others.
- ✓ To answer your questions, please contact volunteerservices@fcss.ca or call (403) 915-7063

NOMINATION DEADLINE: MARCH 18TH, 2024



Scan the QR Code or
visit fcss.ca to submit
a nomination!



RAINBOWS FOR ALL CHILDREN



WHAT

In this 8 module program, children ages 6-9, will process feelings of grief resulting from parental separation and/or divorce.

WHEN

April 2, 3, 4, & 5
9:30-11:30 am

WHERE

Coalhurst FCSS
527 50 Ave

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Deadline March 22, maximum of 6



Amanda
403-331-4763
amanda.fontaine@fcss.ca

Jackie
403-732-5470
jackie.fiorino@fcss.ca



INFANT MASSAGE



WHAT

In this class, caregivers will learn massage strokes and how it can calm the baby, newborn to approx. 7 months old, promote strong parent-child attachment, stimulate circulatory and digestive systems, improve sleep and more.

WHEN

Mondays, April 22-May 13
10:30-11:30 am

WHERE

Coalhurst FCSS
527 50th Ave

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Jackie
403-732-5470
Jackie.Fiorino@fcss.ca



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FCSS offers FREE tax support for eligible individuals & families

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT: **403.915.7063**

SUPPORT IN SPANISH AND LOW GERMAN



403.394.8983

Te ayudamos en Español.

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Alberta



**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
(located in the Coaldale Library)

celebrating **50** years

of serving adult learners in Lethbridge County
1974 • 2024



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES



Join anytime !



Some daytime classes offer free childcare during class.



FREE 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, email, social media, etc...

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The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205—6 Street Coalhurst, AB T0L 0V0 Phone (403) 381-3080

We will be closed Friday March 29 & Saturday March 30

OPENING HOURS WED 5 pm • THU 5 pm • FRI 4:30 • SAT 3 pm

Closed SUN, MON, TUE—exceptions below

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Sunday

MARCH 31

Our next bingo



Please consider volunteering,
even if you are not a member,
by calling **Wendy** at **403 634-5262**.

The money we receive helps our community and our club.

Monday

MAR 18

8 am—6 pm

INTERNATIONAL AUCTION

Appraisal Service for your jewellery, sports memorabilia, coins, and
treasurers. Appraised (and Purchased if you're willing to sell.)
www.internationalauction.ca

Tuesday

MAR 12

7 pm

GENERAL MEETING

Enjoy \$1 off your 1st beverage after the meeting.



Wednesdays

➤ Dart League

Final date March 13

Thursdays

➤ Dart Sharks
➤ POOL LEAGUE
➤ **MARCH 14**
➤ & 28

Final date March 7

 
\$6 BURGER NIGHTS! 5-6:30 pm
Kids get a free pop with meal!



Fridays





Meat Draws
Chase the King
Jitney Darts
MARCH 29

6:00, 6:30 & 7:00 pm
7 pm Draw time
7 pm start *Everyone Welcome!*
CLOSED

Saturdays



Smack the Jack
Free Pool
MARCH 16
MARCH 23

6 pm Draw time
 
TRAIN WRECK 7pm
HORSE RACES 4pm
HAM DINNER 530pm

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March Newsletter—Special Events

Saturday, March 16 7:00 pm Come and Dance the Night Away!
\$20 per person In advance or at the door

♪ **Breanne Urban & TRAIN WRECK** ♪



⌘ **ENTER TO WIN** a one night stay at the *Prairie Rose Collage* ⌘
Tickets available now 3 for \$5 to be drawn March 16th Good luck!

Wear your best green outfit and you could win a prize !!

Saturday, March 23



Horse Races !
At the gate 4pm

Come and cheer on your favourite steed, followed by ...

Ham Dinner, 5:30 pm
\$20 per person
Sign up by Mar 20



Veterans who need assistance can send an email to the attention of the 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 are gratefully accepted at any time.

We have complimentary rooms for Non-Profit organizations, and rental space available for private functions or events.

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**YOU'RE
INVITED**

**to join the
55 Plus Club!**

Mondays

2 pm

Gentle stretching and mobility exercises.



**Wednesdays
& Fridays**

**10 am
- to -
Noon**

Join us weekly to play Crib.



Wednesdays

**7 pm
- to -
10 pm**

Shuffleboard, ping pong, crafts,
jigsaw puzzles, followed by 1000 rummy.



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.