

TOWN NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2024



Town of
Coalhurst

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Mayor's Message

Welcome to September, Coalhurst! It's hard to believe summer is over. Kids are heading back to school, family vacations are wrapping up, and farmers are busy harvesting their crops.

With all of that activity, we're definitely seeing more folks out and about and our roadways are becoming busier again as we all shuffle our way into fall. That leads us to a friendly reminder to be mindful in our school zones and slow down, watching for pedestrians, particularly as excited kids and teens return to school and reunite with their friends as they come and go to and from class.

Looking at Town business, we also have a lot of exciting changes on the horizon, including Council's recent approval of a new dog park for our community which will be built along 55th Avenue and Range Road 223. We're also developing a new Responsible Animal Control and Ownership Bylaw. This bylaw is intended to consolidate, clarify and simplify multiple other prescriptive and outdated animal-related bylaws and policies we already have in place, so the information is more easily understood and the rules can be more consistently applied in our community.

On August 20, 2024, Council provided first reading of the new draft bylaw and then moved discussion of the bylaw to its September 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

We are now wanting to hear from you - our valued community members - to see what you think of the proposed bylaw and how it addresses responsible pet ownership in our community. Details on where to find the draft bylaw and how to provide feedback are available later in this newsletter.

Thank you for being part of our great community and working with us to make Coalhurst a wonderful place to live, work, invest and enjoy.

Mayor Lyndsay Montana



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings for Council and Committees:

- September 3: Regular Meeting of Council
- September 10: Committee of the Whole
- September 17: Regular Meeting of Council

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

NEW RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL CONTROL AND OWNERSHIP BYLAW

At its August 20, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, Council gave first reading to a new draft [bylaw](#) for Responsible Animal Control and Ownership. Council then moved the item to its September 10, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion. The draft bylaw is intended to consolidate and simplify multiple other prescriptive and outdated animal-related bylaws and policies into a single bylaw, for ease of understanding and application.

Council would now like to receive input from community members. To read more about the proposed bylaw and the other current documents related to the keeping of animals in Coalhurst, you can read the complete August 20, 2024 report on the Town's website. The link is as follows:

<https://coalhurst.diligent.community/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Org=Cal&Id=199>

To provide feedback, you can email Council members at towncouncil@coalhurst.ca or via the Council webform on the Town's website.

IMPERIAL MEADOWS PARK GRASS REMEDIATION

The southeast section of Imperial Meadows Park has been repaired with topsoil and grass seed and the grass is beginning to grow. Temporary fencing will remain in place until spring to protect the grass. Thank you for staying away from this area while the grass is repaired.



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COUNCIL APPROVES NEW DOG PARK FOR COALHURST

Following a recommendation by the Wetlands Enhancement Advisory Committee, Council has approved the development of a new fenced [off-leash dog park](#) in the northeast portion of Coalhurst, near 55th Avenue and Range Road 223. As part of the recommendation, it was noted an off-leash dog park was one of the most requested amenities by residents when they were asked what should be included in the Wetlands area development.

Up to \$160,000 has been approved from the Wetlands Enhancement budget for the building of the dog park, which will include double-gated entrances, an area specified for smaller dogs, a six-foot chain link fence, benches, dog waste bag stations and garbage cans, and a gravel pathway within the park. Additionally, a parking lot will be added near the dog park, providing easy access to the area. Opportunities for financial sponsorship of the dog park and its amenities will also be made available. Once a construction timeline has been confirmed, more information will be provided to the community.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR PROPOSED BYLAW 454-24: GREENTREE AREA STRUCTURE PLAN

- **Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Town of Coalhurst Council Chambers

PURSUANT to Sections 216.4, 606 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, the Council of the Town of Coalhurst in the Province of Alberta, hereby gives notice of its intention to consider adoption of Bylaw No. 454-24 being the GreenTree Area Structure Plan for lands within the NE¼ Sec 16, Twp 9, Rge 22, W4M.

THE PURPOSE of proposed Bylaw No. 454-24 is to establish the standards and requirements for a future comprehensively planned neighbourhood including both residential and commercial development along with public amenity spaces on the above mentioned land.

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT a **Public Hearing** to consider proposed Bylaw No. 454-24 will be held **in the Town of Coalhurst Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on September 17, 2024.** AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to submit written comments regarding the proposed Bylaw should send them to the Director of Legislative Services by email to clerk@coalhurst.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, to be included as part of the agenda.

Both written and/or verbal presentations may be given at the public hearing. A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Town of Coalhurst Office during normal business hours.



EVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day Town Office closed	3 --- First days of school --- Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Committee of the Whole 6:00 - 9:00 PM	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	18	19 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Legion Dinner Special
29	30					

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day. On this day, Canadians are encouraged to wear orange in order to commemorate the residential school experience, as well as witness and honour the healing journey of the Survivors and their families. By wearing orange, you spark a conversation about reconciliation.

There are many ways to start a conversation about Orange Shirt Day with your family. Here are just a few examples:

- If you have children, talking about residential schools is not easy, but it is important. To start a conversation, read age-appropriate books such as Phyllis's Orange Shirt by Phyllis Webstad, When I was Eight by Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, or Spirit Bear and Children Make History by Cindy Blackstock and Eddy Robinson.
- Discuss the meaning of reconciliation by doing an activity that speaks to kindness, friendship, and collaboration. A good activity for the whole family is to go outside and identify all the different ways nature interacts with each other to achieve a common goal of harmony and togetherness.

Did you know?

- FCSS offers free culturally sensitive programming for Indigenous families with children 0-18 years old, parent education and support, and assistance with system navigation.

Truth and Reconciliation Day can be difficult for those who have experienced residential school. If you are in distress, here are some resources:

- National Indian Residential School Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419
- Hope for Wellness Help Line: 1-855-242-3310
- Mental Health Help Line: 1-877-303-2642

For more information about FCSS's Indigenous Family Liaison Program, contact Michelle Eagle Tail Feathers at 403-332-1783.

Submitted by:
Michelle Eagle Tail Feather
Indigenous Family Liaison Worker



SERVING:

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ADVERTISEMENTS



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 273

5205-6 St Coalhurst Ab, T0L 0V0 403.381.3080

Opening Hours: WED/THURS 5pm FRI 4:30pm SAT 3pm
CLOSED SUN, MON, TUES

September 2024

Tuesday Sept.10 General Meeting 7pm

Open to All Members

Come join us to:

- Learn about the latest happenings at your branch
- Voice your opinions and suggestions
- Engage with fellow members

Your participation is valuable—don't miss this opportunity to stay informed and involved!

Wednesdays

Dart League

Sept 4 Registration

Sept 11 League starts

Thursdays

Burger Nights

Sept 12 & 26

Pool League

Starts Sept. 19

Fridays

Meat Draws

6:00, 6:30, & 7:00pm

Chase The King

7 pm draw time

Jitney Darts

7pm start Everyone Welcome!

Saturdays

Smack The Jack

6 pm draw time

Free Pool

Dinner and Dance

Saturday September 28

Music By DJ Revello

Dinner \$20/person

Dinner & Dance \$25/person

Dance \$10/person



September 8, 2024 is our next Bingo

We are always looking for New Volunteers. If this is something you would like to consider, please contact Wendy @ 403-634-5262

Veterans in need of assistance can send an email to the attention of the Service Officer at legionbm273@gmail.com . Through you donation to the legion Poppy Fund, the Legion provides financial assistance and support to Veterans, including Canadian Armed Forces and their families who are in need. Donations are gratefully appreciated at any time



COALHURST LEGION LOONIE AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

PREVIEW: 10 AM - NOON

AUCTION START: NOON

5205 6 ST, COALHURST, AB

Join us at the Coalhurst Legion for a fun afternoon with friends and family!

Take part in our Loonie Auction, where you can bid on exciting items and support a great cause. It's a fantastic way to enjoy the day while contributing to the Coalhurst Legion. Don't miss out—see you there!



Donate New or
Gently Used Items



Family-Friendly
Activity



Fundraise for the
Coalhurst Legion

Donations are accepted at the Coalhurst Legion

5205 6st Coalhurst, AB

Donations accepted during the following:

Wednesdays 5pm - 7pm

Thursdays 5pm- 9pm

Fridays 4:30pm -9pm

Saturdays 3:30pm 7pm



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Coalhurst Legion Branch #273
@coalhurstlegionbranch#273



Call Us
(403) 381-3080



SENIORS' EXPO

WHAT

Connect with service providers that support seniors at this FREE event. There will be a variety of information booths, refreshments, and door prizes. Free transportation available!

WHEN

Wednesday, October 23
10:00 am-3:00 pm

WHERE

Coaldale Community Centre
1217 20th Ave

FOR MORE INFO & TO BOOK A FREE RIDE

Renee
587-370-8518
Renee.White@fcss.ca





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.



County of
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Community
Learning
Council

celebrating **50** years

Office phone: 403-345-6009

Phone/text/WhatsApp : 403-915-3145

Email: clclcoffice@gmail.com

Visit: 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale (located in the library)



Back to regular hours



September 3

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 3:00pm

You're invited!

Annual General Meeting

October 3, 2024

12:00pm

RSVP to 403-345-6009 or
clclcoffice@gmail.com



**We have classes starting in
October!**

Contact us if you are an adult (18+) living in Lethbridge County and would you like to improve your:

- reading and writing
- basic math
- basic computers or
- need to prepare for the Driver's Class 7 knowledge exam

We also help with resumes and job searches.