

TOWN NEWS

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Town of
Coalhurst

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Mayor's Message

Hello Coalhurst.

As we head into November and closer to Remembrance Day, we are taking time to honour those who lost their lives in service and our veterans who have so bravely served our country. We are also taking time to pay tribute to the important and ongoing work of those who serve our country through military service today. We thank each of you for your bravery, and your families for their sacrifices, to help maintain peace throughout world.

If you would like to join in a collective gathering for remembrance, the Coalhurst Legion will be hosting a **Remembrance Day ceremony on Monday, November 11 at the Coalhurst Community Centre, starting at 10:30 am.** *Lest we forget.*

Looking back at the last month, we had a lot happen in Coalhurst. First of all, myself and Council officially welcomed Ms. Karlene Betteridge into the role of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). We have significant projects on the horizon that we expect will drive substantial growth for our community over the next several years. That's why Ms. Betteridge's professionalism and positive leadership style, and her knowledge and experience in the world of regulations, policy, and government will be what we need to achieve some very big goals. On behalf of myself and Council, congratulations to Ms. Betteridge on this new and exciting role.

Speaking of community growth and development, Council also endorsed a new community aesthetic and public space design concept that will help us establish a core identity for Coalhurst, driving future planning, while also paying homage to our community's long and storied history. Details of the concept are available later in this newsletter. I encourage you to learn more about it and the next steps we're taking to establish our town's identity and encourage future economic development.

There are big and exciting things on the horizon and we look forward to exploring more of these things together.

With gratitude,

Mayor Lyndsay Montana



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings for Council and Committees:

- November 12: Committee of the Whole/Budget
- November 19: Regular Meeting of Council
- November 26: Committee of the Whole/Budget

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

PUBLIC NOTICES



JOIN US ON A COUNCIL COMMITTEE!

Do you want to help shape Coalhurst's future when it comes to housing or development of the new wetlands park area? Then we have a great opportunity just for you!

We're recruiting volunteers for two (2) Committees of Council to help guide and shape the Town of Coalhurst's future. These committees provide Council with information, advice, and recommendations regarding important community issues and topics. A committee volunteer application is available on the Town's website at www.coalthurst.ca.

The **Community Housing Specialized Committee** is seeking one (1) volunteer who will be appointed for a two-year term. The committee explores partnerships, land, location, size, scope, client, and funding options for developing seniors and/or affordable housing, or other housing options in Coalhurst. The committee generally meets on the second Monday of each month (except August) at 12:00 noon for 60-90 minutes.

The **Wetlands Specialized Committee** is also seeking one (1) volunteer who will be appointed for up to two years or until the wetlands park is deemed complete by Council. This committee advises Council regarding the use of the established wetlands area while considering environmental impacts, operational sustainability, and the application of Council's Strategic Plan regarding connected spaces, gathering spaces, and community safety. The committee generally meets on the fourth Monday of each month (except August) at 12:00 noon for 60-90 minutes.

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MODERN 1930s COMMUNITY AESTHETIC AND PUBLIC SPACE DESIGN

During the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2024, Council began a discussion about establishing a core identity and aesthetic for public spaces in Coalhurst. The goal was to establish ‘who Coalhurst is,’ honouring our rich and storied history while also providing a clear direction for future economic growth opportunities and community development.

On October 15, Council endorsed a proposed concept – a modern approach to popular design from the 1930s – which stems from the period when Coalhurst was first a thriving town with a core business district, busy agricultural operations, and a consistently growing population that was primarily drawn to the coal mining industry.

In 1935, the Imperial Mine explosion occurred, which then led to many residents dispersing to other parts of the province and country to find new forms of work. However, over the decades, the community began to grow again and since the 1980s has nearly doubled in size. In 2025, Coalhurst will celebrate 30 years since being redesignated as a ‘Town’ in Alberta, and 112 years since it was first incorporated as a municipality.

With these milestones in mind, Council has endorsed a plan to pay tribute to the pioneers of our community and introduce touches of 1930s architecture and design into public spaces such as town signage, wayfinding materials, park amenities such as lights and benches, public art projects, and community garden designs. This approach will be introduced slowly and with careful consideration as projects arise (such as adding amenities to the new Wetlands park or developing other park spaces), and as project budgets allow.

Over time, the intention is to develop a well-grounded, consistent approach to public space design and create areas of attraction for residents, visitors, and residential or business investors to drive economic growth and development opportunities throughout the community.

Council has now directed Administration to prepare a policy to guide this work, and has also endorsed a project to have a new Town brand and website developed for Coalhurst.

This brand will include the development of a new logo, tagline, potential new colours, fonts, and brand voice for the community, outlining how the Town approaches all its communications and how we ‘present’ ourselves on the Alberta, Canada, and global stage. Once complete, the new brand will guide the development of a redesigned Town website that will be created to be more robust, user-friendly, and accessible.

When the branding project begins, the Town will be conducting public engagement to ensure the finalized brand appropriately represents our community’s values and vision for Coalhurst’s future, while still honouring our past and who we’ve become together.

Funding options for the branding project and website will be discussed during Council’s budget deliberations, which will take place later this fall. Updates on the budget and these projects will be provided to the community once more information is available.

Sundance residents...



Your garbage pickup day is changing to Fridays.

**STARTS
NOVEMBER 15**

All other Coalhurst residents remain on their currently scheduled days.

Our community is growing. So is our garbage collection route.

To better serve the Town of Coalhurst, we are adding a new garbage pickup day. As of the week of November 11 - 15, we will begin collecting garbage in the Sundance area on Fridays (with the first collection on Friday, November 15).

Why is this change necessary?

As our town's population has continued to grow, our garbage collection routes have also expanded. By adding another collection day, we can prepare for further community growth and ensure that all residents' garbage is picked up in a timely manner.

Why Fridays?

Our crew currently collects garbage on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Therefore, Fridays were chosen for the new collection day to avoid a number of statutory holidays that land on Mondays. This will maintain consistency for residents and avoid having to reschedule pickups during holidays.

Who does this change affect?

Only residences in the Sundance area will be moved to Friday collection.

Does anything else change?

No. All other Coalhurst residences will remain on their current collection schedule, and the time and location of pickup remains the same. Collection will still occur on a weekly basis. Please have your cart curbside by 7 AM on your designated collection day. If a collection is missed or if you have questions, please give our team a call at **403-381-3033** so we can help you.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and assistance with this service update.



EVENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	2 Coalhurst Christmas Market @ Comm Ctr 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
3	4 Youth DO Crew 3:30 - 5:30 pm	5 Move it! Move it! 10:00 - 11:30 am Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	6	7 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	8 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	9
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NEED HELP SHOVELING YOUR SNOW?

APPLY FOR THE FCSS SNOW ANGELS PROGRAM

The Snow Angels Program invites neighbors to volunteer and shovel snow for community members who are unable to clear their own sidewalks. It's the neighbourly thing to do!

To be eligible you **MUST**:

- Reside at the property.
- Have a condition or disability preventing you from participating in snow removal activities.
- Not have any other able-bodied person residing in your home to assist shovelling snow.

To apply, contact Cindy at
volunteerservices@fcss.ca
or (403) 915-7063



**A SNOW ANGEL IS
NEEDED HERE**

Please shovel the walk and
driveway of this home.

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

November 2024

***A Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held
at the Coalhurst Community Centre on November 11.
The Service will start at 10:30am sharp.
An Act of Remembrance will follow at the cenotaph.
All are welcome to a light lunch and comradery at the
Coalhurst Legion.***



Members there is a sign-up sheet for those making doantion for the lunch.

Wednesdays Dart League

Thursdays	Burger Nights	Nov 7 & 21 5:30pm - 7pm
	Pool League	7pm start
	Dart Sharks	7pm start

Fridays	Meat Draws	6:00, 6:30, & 7:00pm
	Chase The King	Draw at 7pm
	Jitney Darts	7pm start Everyone Welcome!

Saturdays Smack The Jack Draw at 6pm

Steak Dinner Saturday, November 30 2024 5:30pm



November 17, 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 your donations 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.





Seeking a Board Treasurer

We are currently seeking a **Volunteer Board Treasurer** to assist us in providing lifelong learning in Lethbridge County.

Join us in our mission to enrich the quality of life, promote lifelong learning, increase awareness of the community and assist individuals in developing foundational skills through the Community Learning programs.

For more information, please contact our Executive Director, Melanie:

clclcouncil@gmail.com

403-345-6009

**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.