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Mayor's Message

Happy New Year, Coalhurst!

The start of a new year always brings a sense of hope and renewal, and it's a perfect opportunity for us as a community to come together and set our sights on the goals and aspirations that will shape our future.

2025 is a significant year as we celebrate 30 years since being redesignated as a *Town* in Alberta. Over the next 12 months, we'll be hosting a number of celebrations to bring neighbours together, honour our history, and celebrate a big and bright future ahead. Keep an eye on the Town newsletter and website for details as we roll out some exciting events and activities for all ages.

This year is also significant for Town Council, as this is the final year of the current Council term. As a team, we'll be reviewing our Strategic Plan to celebrate the things we've accomplished, while also zeroing in on the final projects we want to accomplish in these last few months.

A municipal election will be held on Monday, October 20th, at which time all eligible Coalhurst voters are encouraged to let their voices be heard at the polls. Local government has the largest direct impact on the daily lives of our residents and it's incredibly rewarding work to serve our citizens, businesses, and local organizations each day.

If you are interested in potentially running for a seat on Council, or learning more about the role of municipal elected officials, I strongly encourage you to visit the Town's website (*search 2025 Municipal Election*) or talk with myself or one of our Councillors. We'd be more than happy to share about the role and some of the very exciting things we've been working on to make Coalhurst one of the best places to live, relax, and do business.

If governance isn't quite your thing but you're still wanting to get involved in shaping Coalhurst's future, we also have a great opportunity available for one more volunteer to join the Wetlands Specialized Committee, which is working on plans for further development of the new Wetlands recreational area. Being part of this committee is a great way to learn more about municipal planning and bring life to Coalhurst's newest recreation amenity. You can apply quickly and easily for this role on the Town's website.

Mayor Lyndsay Montina

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## **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Meetings for Council and Committees:

- January 21: Regular Meeting of Council
- January 28: Finance and Committee of the Whole

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

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### **2025 COALHURST UTILITY RATES**

As of January 1, 2025, some utility rates have been adjusted, while others remain the same.

#### 2025 GARBAGE, RECYCLING, AND STORM WATER: no change

#### **2025 SEWER AND STORM WATER:** 3.180% increase (sewer only)

Residential/Church/Commercial	\$43.50
Mobile Home Park	\$4,783.95
Schools	\$412.70

2025 WATER FLAT RATES: 1.9308% increase

Residential/Church	\$20.40
Commercial	\$25.50
Acreages	\$28.80
Mobile Home Park	\$2,242.25
Railroad	\$392.40
County Water Station	n\$891.80
Schools	\$91.75



For the average residential property using 20m3 of water per month, the following table outlines the impact of these changes:

	2024	2025	Difference
Water	\$47.68	\$48.72	\$1.04
Sewer	\$42.15	\$43.50	\$1.35
Storm Water	\$5.57	\$5.57	\$0.00
Garbage	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$0.00
Recycling	\$3.21	\$3.21	\$0.00
Total	\$119.61	\$121.90	\$2.29

2025 CONSUMPTION RATE: 2.31% increase to \$1.416 per c/m

**EVENT CALENDAR** 

## JANUARY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day Town Office closed	2	3	4
5	6	7 Move it! Move it! 10:00 - 11:30 am	8	9 Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	10 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	11
12	13	14 Move it! Move it! 10:00 - 11:30 am	15	16 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	17 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am Bookmobile @ CES 12:00 - 3:30 pm	18
19	20	21 Move it! Move it! 10:00 - 11:30 am Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	22	23 Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	24 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	25
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## LOOKING TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY THIS WINTER? VOLUNTEER FOR THE 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!

- Shovels are provided by the resident
- No registration required
- Enter into monthly prize draws by submitting
  - your volunteer hours!

To learn more, contact Cindy at <u>volunteerservices@fcss.ca</u> or (403) 915-7063

# A SNOW ANGEL IS NEEDED HERE

Please shovel the walk and driveway of this home.



## **Building Healthy Habits in 2025**

The new year is the perfect time to start building some healthy habits!

HOW: Here are some tips for writing your new year's goals:

- Set goals that are realistic. Start small to avoid getting overwhelmed.
- Think about what is important to your own life. Set goals based on what you think is best for you.
- Write them down and refer to them often.
- Celebrate your successes! Even small, healthy changes in routine are a step in the right direction.

Here are some ideas for healthy habits to build in 2025:

- Reduce your screen time. Giving your brain and eyes a break has many health benefits.
- Increase your social connection. Make extra time to see loved ones, such as family and friends.
- Volunteering in your community. Many organizations are in need of volunteers. Try something new and make a difference in your community!
- Focus on a healthy diet. Meal planning and preparation can be helpful for a nutritious diet.

FCSS Counsellors support residents set goals and navigate life's challenges. For more information about FCSS programs and services or to book an appointment, please visit our website at www.fcss.ca or call (587) 370–3728.

Submitted by: **Michael Fedunec** Counselling Services Supervisor



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#### Coalhurst 55 Plus Club 2024 Year End Review

The Coalhurst 55 Plus Club strives to provide social and learning activities to enhance senior wellbeing through support and socialization.

Thanks to the Town of Coalhurst Community Grant, we were able to plan several social outings this year. Seniors enjoyed a trip to the Kootnai Brown Village including Heritage Acres and to Heritage Park in Calgary.

Our year wound up with a funfilled Christmas lunch enjoyed by all with good food and conversation. Thanks Coalhurst for supporting our club!

If you would like to join us, please do so. We welcome anyone over the age of 45.

We are located in the lower level of the Coalhurst Legion building.



### Coffee and snacks available. Drop-ins welcome. Fee of \$1 per week.

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.

## The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205 - 6 Street Coalhurst, AB TOL OVO (403) 381-3080 OPENING HOURS WED 5pm THUR 5pm FRI 4:30 SAT 3pm We will remain open if there are patrons Closed SUN, MON, TUE

## January 2025 Newsletter

## Weekly Events

Wednesday Thursday Friday	Dart League Dart Sharks and Pool League Meat Draws, 6, 630, 7 pm
	Chase the King 7 pm
	Jitney Darts 7 pm Start
	Everyone welcome!
Saturday	Free Pool
	Smack the Jack 6pm

Congratulations December early bird winner, Kelsea Bly !

## Reminder

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

## Veteran Information

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

## **Upcoming Events**

\$6 BURGER NIGHTS January 2, 16, 30



### Join us for DINNER January 25

Bingo January 19

## Special Event

### January 4th

10 am Legion Mixed Senior Darts Noon Jitney Darts, All welcome!

## Bingo

We are always looking for new volunteers, so please give Wendy a call (403) 634-5262. You do not need to be a member to volunteer. Money received helps both our Club and the Community.

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. Donation are accepted.



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