

Town of Hardisty Newsletter

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From the desk of Sandy

Regional Governance Update

The Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership Committee is working on the next area in the development of our single-tier regional governance model. The committee is currently reviewing taxation and services.

What level of service does each community have as it relates to: Utility Services (water, wastewater), Resource Recovery (garbage, recycling), Public Works (road, boulevard, sidewalk maintenance, snow removal, beautification, street sweeping), Recreation (parks, pathways, ball diamonds, soccer fields, playground, arena, pool, gym/fitness center, curling, bowling, tennis, golf course, football field, basketball court, pickleball court, BMX track), Culture (library, art gallery, museum, performing arts center, agri-plex community hall), Community Programming (recreation programs, leisure learning), Social Services (FFCS), Development Services (permits, plan making), Protective Services (fire, police, municipal enforcement), Other (airport, economic development, housing (incl. senior's housing, finance & general administration) Additional – Campgrounds, Cemetery, Office Buildings for Rent,

Health & Safety, Public Health? The committee is surveying the level of service in each of these areas that each community has and implements at what level. Are the services being delivered in a "regional manner" currently? Is the level of service contracted out or completed by municipal staff or provided for by an organization or group? What should be standardized basic services that every community should have? What should be an enhanced service? How are we going to standardize? This is a huge survey that on the first go around got answered in several different ways. The draft has come back to administrative personnel and individual councils to review closer and answer more concisely.

All elected officials in Flagstaff County will be congregating March 11 to hear from Urban Systems, which completed the "high level" infrastructure assessment for each of the municipalities as to how to use the information that was compiled in guiding them through its decision-making process.

Announcements

The Town would like to welcome Stacey Lavallie to our office team as our new Marketing & Administrative Co-ordinator. She worked most recently as a journalist, writing for the Stettler Independent and brings with her a decade of writing and marketing experience as well as a strong love for small communities.

We also regret to inform our community that Donna Buelow has resigned as Councillor for the Town of Hardisty. Donna desires to focus her efforts elsewhere. Council, at its Feb. 22, 2017 Special Council meeting, made a

motion to NOT proceed with filling the vacant councillor seat pursuant to the MGA. The MGA gives council the ability as long as it is within 12 months of a General Municipal Election that the seat does not require to be filled as long as the remaining number of Council is more than our majority which is (4) as per Sec. 143 of the MGA. Council has reappointed Councillor Dean Lane as Deputy Mayor and new councillors have been appointed to Donna's committees.

We also need to say good bye to Terry Zapf from our Public Works

department. Terry's last day with us will be Friday, March 3. We wish Terry the best of luck in his new endeavors.

Ladies' Night out is just around the corner, with the money raised by the event to go towards funding for the Toddler's Inn Playschool. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door. It's your turn ladies to let your hair down, arrange for a babysitter, organize a group and a designated driver. Come out and play a friendly game of Family Feud, shop the vendor tables and enjoy an evening with just the "gals."

2017

Community Calendars
are ready for pick up at the
Hardisty Public Library

- Tuesday **11 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
- Wednesday **1 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
- Thursday **11 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
- Saturday **1 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

Service Options for Seniors (a program of Flagstaff FFCS)

SOS with Donna Coombs

10 a.m. – 12 noon

Hardisty Town Office – 4807 49 St.

Thursday March 9

Friday, April 7

St. Paul's United Church News

Coming Events

The annual United Church Spaghetti Supper and Auction is right around the corner, coming up on April 4 at the Church Hall. Supper and silent auction run from 5-7 p.m., with a live auction starting at 7 p.m.

Cost for adults is \$10, children 6-12 years are \$5, and children five years of age and under are free.

Church & Sunday School

Everyone is welcome! Service and school begins at 10 a.m.

Don't forget, the church hall is also available for rent for your functions! To inquire after cost and availability, phone 780-888-3504.

Announcements

Land Use Bylaw Review (Bylaw 1139/09)

Council has filled three of the four outside advisory committee member positions. Thank you to Doug Irving, Curtis Devey and Roger Gaetzman for volunteering to assist with Council as they go through this review process. If there is anyone else who would be interested, please contact Sandy Otto, CAO at the Town Office as soon as possible.



CANADA 150

Highway/Secondary Highway Improvements planned for 2017

Council has been made aware that Alberta Transportation will be moving forward this year with improvements to Highway 881 commencing at the intersection of 48 Avenue to Highway 13 with an overlay. Intersection improvements at highways 881 and 13, to line up better with the approach directly south of the intersection, is planned, as well as lighting enhancements – more street lighting, and passing/climbing lanes to be installed up to RR 95. As soon as Mother Nature permits, Battlevue Developments will be busy getting

the new 48 Street completed, which will be running through its new proposed subdivision.

Alberta Transportation will be REMOVING the access at 47 Street and Highway 13 as they put in the climbing lanes. Therefore, our new 48 Street will need to be operational.

2017 is going to be a busy infrastructure year for our community.



CANADA 150

Know your Bylaws, Pet Edition - Animal Control Bylaw 1178/12

Town of Hardisty staff

Ahhh. Spring. You can smell it in the air – the warmer breeze, the smell of thawing earth, the scent of melting snow and running water, and the tang of melting dog poo. There`s nothing quite like it.

Under the Town of Hardisty`s Animal Control Bylaw No. 1178/12, owners are not allowed to permit their animals, feline or canine, to deposit waste on any property other than their own. This means whether it is your neighbour`s property or public property, if your dog or cat uses nature`s loo, you`re required to bag it and deposit of it.

Not only does cleaning up after man`s best friend help reduce the strong tang of “l`eau de doggie doo,” it helps keep Hardisty a clean and healthy place. Feces contain bacteria and sometimes parasites, some of which can not only be transmitted to other animals, but also to humans.

Before taking your pooch out for a run, make sure you have a pocket full of biodegradable waste bags for your hound`s deposits, then enjoy the beauty of spring.

We`d also like to remind our residents that a new year is here and all animals must be licenced. The cost of licencing your first dog or cat is \$15, and \$25 for the second and third. Lifetime registrations are also an option. When you licence your dog or cat, you not only help fund animal control services, you help us reunite you with lost companions. This can help you avoid the \$50/day pound fees, plus ensure your companion makes it home. Whenever a dog or cat leaves the safety of the indoors, they are required to wear their licence tags on their collars or harnesses.

If you break the bylaw, which is available on our website, fines start at \$100 for licenced pets and \$250 for unlicensed. This can be found in our Master Rate Bylaw 1206/15, also on our website.

HOSPITAL

AUXILIARY IS RECRUITING!

Are you interested in caring for others and being involved in our community?

Would you enjoy the comradery of belonging to a group with a wide variety of talents and a common interest in supporting the Hardisty Health Centre?

Consider joining the Hardisty Hospital Auxiliary;

new members are welcome and encouraged.

Meetings are held the

second Monday of each month

from September to June at 7 p.m.

in the Wild Rose Room in the lower level of Hardisty Health Centre; next meeting is

MONDAY, March 13 at 7 p.m.

and we`d love to see you there!

Meet Stacey

Hi, I`m Stacey, and I`m excited to join you here in Hardisty. The first time I saw the community, driving in and down the hill, I just fell in love with the hills and the terrain. It must be beautiful in the summer.

In the short amount of time I`ve been here – preparing for the move to the community, moving in, and starting my new career outside of journalism, everyone has been so friendly, welcoming and helpful.

This is what makes small communities precious and I hope I will be part of Hardisty for many years to come.

Golf Course & Curling Club RAFFLE

Draw Date is May 1!






Prizes: 2016 Sea-Doo GTI SE 130

Club Car Gas (EFI) & Smart TV

Tickets \$25 from members

& local businesses

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5. St. Paul's service 10 a.m.	6.	7. 	8. Town Office CLOSED	9. SOS 10 a.m.	10.	11. RCMP Regimental Ball - Killam
12. St. Paul's service 10 a.m.	13.	14.	15. Town Office CLOSED Hardisty Seniors' Social Club Pot Luck & AGM	16.	17.	18. Ladies' Night!
19. St. Paul's service 10 a.m.	20.	21. 	22. Town Office CLOSED	23.	24.	25.
26. St. Paul's service 10 a.m.	27.	28. TOWN COUNCIL MEETING	29. Town Office CLOSED	30.	31.	
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Flagstaff Community Adult Learning

Upcoming Courses call 780-385-3712 www.fcal.net

OUR BATTLE: PEOPLE AND PLACES IN THE BATTLE RIVER WATERSHED

Monday, March 13 7 p.m. at the Forestburg Library **FREE!**

The Battle River is rich in culture, history and ecology. Take a virtual tour of Alberta's largest prairie-fed watershed to get to know the landscape, challenges, and the heroes that make this place special.

STRONGER TOGETHER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Thursday, April 27 with Brenda Robinson