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# JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

## CAO CORNER

Happy New Year!

May peace and joy find you well in 2019. As we commence another new year we are all looking for new year resolutions: "I am going to exercise", "I am going to eat better", "I am going to walk", "I am going to lose weight", "I am going to clean up my office", "I am going to..." as the lists grow longer with our minds wandering into all the areas we so desire to either do better or accomplish. With a heart felt delegation attending the December 11th, Council meeting a group of individuals calling themselves the Hardisty Development Group, have taken a serious position into working with Council and community members in making Hardisty better. Better in attracting new families to our community and school, better in encouraging more business development, better in growing Hardisty and making it a sustainable place to call home. Declining population, and declining school enrollment numbers are taking a toll on our community. However, the Town of Hardisty's assessment base has continued to grow.

This shows that property values are continuing to grow that there is an active market in Hardisty. All properties are assessed at fair market value. Depending on active sales during the year, and the type of property that is under assessment the Assessor looks at the valuations based on sales and if it is a multi family dwelling (apartment) then vacancy rates, formulizes and "voila" he has an assessment value. Non-residential has a little more to the formula but active sales show what the market is willing to pay for certain buildings and land and the purpose of the property. In the past certain era homes have taken significant increases in value due to active sales history for those types of homes as well as non-residential (commercial) properties. Our assessment

base also increases with new builds. More new dwellings and commercial properties add value to our existing base. Many ask, "If the Town of Hardisty's assessment base is increasing in value yet our population figures are declining where are all our people?" The answer is simple, we have more people making Hardisty their secondary home vs their primary dwelling.

The Town of Hardisty is not alone in this matter. Rural Alberta suffers the same symptoms. Declining population. Cities and some urban centers, many close to the Hwy 2 corridor are growing in population. Alberta as a Province is growing

Cities still make up 64-68% of our population in Alberta along with the biggest growth area. The next question is how do we make rural Alberta "great again"? How do we convince the people who are in our community using it as a secondary residence to make it their primary residence has its benefits?

Declining population plays a toll in our schools, where our children travel further to go to school, or double and triple grading are done to bring on efficiencies with teachers. School sports become challenging where 2-3 children may find that sport interesting and would like to play at a more competitive level but are required to travel to another divisional school in order to play where numbers make a team. Allan Johnstone School (AJS) in Hardisty has creatively made it work by using outside resources with the help of the AJS Parent Teacher Council and fundraising activities that have made it achievable for these students to par take in monthly field trips, purchase of school Chromebooks for the students to gain wider learning skills and topics and also to explore activities beyond the school curriculum

that would not be offered without the help of this group of parents and students fundraising so that they can experience and learn more. Even though the school's enrollment numbers are low right now, in a few years, there is an influx of young children entering school age. There are challenges that the school needs to review and come up with a plan in order for our children to become leaders in the school division and province when it comes to reading and math. Currently they are falling just slight below the School Division Average and the Provincial Average. Changes to the curriculum are pending and this may aid in this challenge.

Municipal project updates:

[MyFlagstaff.ca](http://MyFlagstaff.ca)

Regional Governance – If you haven't had the time yet to review the background document and fill out the survey/workbook you still have time. It will still be available till about Jan 15th. You can find BOTH documents available at: [www.myflagstaff.ca](http://www.myflagstaff.ca), or you can stop by the Office and pick up BOTH documents and fill out the survey and it can be mailed in or dropped off at the office in a sealed envelope and we will forward it along to New West Opportunities for their compilation.

January is planning time for Council. Council adopted an Interim Operating & Capital Budget at the December 11th, 2018 Council Meeting and have selected March 26th, 2019 as a Public Open House to discuss the 3-5yr Operating & Capital Budget plans for the Town of Hardisty. There will be a couple of Budget Committee meetings, planned for February 18th & 21st, 2019 to commence at 5:30 pm where they will start the draft of their long term plans. .... Continued

Looking to get a little active... January 19th is the Mixed Open Bonspiel round up your friends, family & neighbors and come out and enjoy a fun game of curling.

"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one." – Brad Paisley

<b>TOWN OF HARDISTY - TAXABLE ASSESSMENT HISTORY</b>						
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Residential	52,988,490	58,164,860	60,465,370	65,588,600	72,072,340	73,029,550
Non Residential	<u>20,270,920</u>	<u>22,712,780</u>	<u>25,411,300</u>	<u>27,736,110</u>	<u>27,990,190</u>	<u>29,258,840</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73,259,410</b>	<b>80,877,640</b>	<b>85,876,670</b>	<b>93,324,710</b>	<b>100,062,530</b>	<b>102,288,390</b>

<b>TOWN OF HARDISTY - POPULATION HISTORY</b>						
	<u>1992</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2017</u>
POPULATION AS PER CENSUS	656	808	743	761	761	554

<b>PROVINCE OF ALBERTA - POPULATION HISTORY</b>						
	<u>1992</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2018</u>
POPULATION AS PER CENSUS	2,543,033	2,744,731	3,050,889	3,416,498	3,768,284	4,202,151

<b>POPULATION BY CATEGORY - HISTORY</b>						
	<u>1992</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2018</u>
CITIES	1,699,240	1,757,246	1,972,979	2,237,525	2,501,817	2,875,383
TOWNS	334,904	364,583	397,115	431,932	458,376	484,977
VILLAGES	44,273	43,619	41,194	39,881	39,546	36,585
SUMMER VILLAGES	4,674	4,704	4,141	6,164	4,726	5,200
MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS	387,003	407,184	422,627	440,943	453,346	467,163
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS	63,480	7,397	2,559	1,994	2,146	2,463
SPECIAL AREAS	5,765	5,756	5,314	4,729	4,499	4,184
METIS SETTLEMENT	3,694	5,596	5,146	5,956	4,858	5,632
SPECIALIZED MUNICIPALITIES	N/A	99,389	143,312	185,287	230,625	242,290
FIRST NATIONS	N/A	48,106	55,361	60,937	67,195	78,274

## 2018 Development Permits Issued

L = Lot; B = Block, P=Plan

Permit No 2018-001 L11 B26 P772 1166  
Public Washroom Renovations  
Permit No 2018-002 L11 B1 P072 9501  
Addition with Deck & Risers  
Permit No 2018-003 L14 & Pt 15, B5, P945R  
Shed  
Permit No 2018-004 L11 & Pt 12, B8, P945R  
Detached Garage  
Permit No 2018-005 L1 & 2, B22, P1578KS  
Dressing Rooms Renovations  
Permit No 2018-006 (Denied) L37, B1, P072 9501  
Carport  
Permit No 2018-007 (Denied) L36, B1, P072 9501  
Carport  
Permit No 2018-008 L5 & 6, B8, P945R  
Back Entry & Deck  
Permit No 2018-009 L10, B11, P76U  
Demolition  
Permit No 2018-0010 L27, B16, P752 0527  
Remove Manufactured Home  
Permit No 2018-0011 L27, B26, P782 2749  
Move in 2003 20' x 76' Modular Home

## 2018 BYLAW INFRACTIONS

### APRIL

Lot 9, Block 11, Plan 76U - Violation Tag  
Unightly Premise Fine - \$500  
Lot 14 & 15, Block 5, Plan 945R - Order  
Unightly Premise  
Lot 18, Block 30, Plan 942 3071 - Order  
Unlicensed Animal/Unightly Premise

### MAY

Lot 8, Block 14, Plan 76U - Order  
Unightly Premise  
Lot 10, Block 14, Plan 76U - Order  
Unightly Premise  
Animal License # 439 - Violation Tag  
First Offence Fine - \$100

### JULY

Lot 2, Block 6, Plan 945R- Violation Tag  
Use of RV on Lot Fine-\$100

## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH NEWS

Church service and Sunday  
School resumes January 6 at  
10:00am.  
Everyone is welcome.



**HARDISTY  
CURLING  
CLUB**

MIXED BONSPIEL

**JAN 18-20, 2019 \*NEW DATE\***

LAURA 780-888-7134 OR TREVOR - 888-1260





































LADIES BONSPIEL

**FEB 8-10, 2019**

LINDA 780-888-3617 OR DIANA 780-888-2640

**The 2019 Community Calendars are available  
for pick up at the Hardisty Public Library.**

# January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 	7 	8   	9  	10 	11	12  
13 	14 	15   	16  	17 	18	19  
20 	21 	22  	23  	24 	25	26  
27 	28 	29  	30  	31 	1	2

## SOS with FFCS

Thursday, January 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, FFCS will be in Hardisty at the Town Office to assist Senior Citizens.

## HARDISTY THRIFT SHOP HOURS

The Hardisty Thrift Shop is open five days a week to serve the community and surrounding area. The shop is closed Mondays, open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday evening 7-9 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. January 2019

Would you like to see your event listed in our newsletter and our website? announced on our Facebook and Twitter accounts? Email upcoming events to [marketing@hardisty.ca](mailto:marketing@hardisty.ca) no later than the 29th of the preceding month.

## LEGEND

-  Hardisty Fire Dept. Meeting
-  Curb-side garbage pick-up
-  Hardisty Bottle Depot open
-  Hardisty Library open
-  Bingo @ Elks Hall