

August 2015

Downtown infrastructure project



Phase I of the Downtown Infrastructure Project will begin this year.

Work is expected to commence later this summer or early in the fall on Phase I of Coaldale's Downtown Infrastructure Project.

This initial phase of a two-phase project will be relatively unobtrusive in nature, involving the extension of the storm water line beneath 17 Street, from 20 Avenue to Highway 3 and the installation of additional fire hydrants. Temporary water service bibs will also be installed into each of the buildings in the affected construction area.

These temporary services will allow the Town to provide water to businesses along Main Street in the event of an emergency underground water line break and will be operational when the main line to Main Street is replaced in Phase II of the project. It will also feed area fire hydrants.

Phase II of the Downtown Infrastructure Project involves replacement of the underground infrastructure, including water and sanitary sewer lines. Phase II of the project has not yet been scheduled as it is subject to town council approval and available grant funding.

Committee considering SASG 2018 bid

It has been almost two decades since Coaldale last hosted the Southern Alberta Summer Games but if a cooperative effort pans out with the Lethbridge County the games could return to the region in 2018.

Both the town and the county are represented on a bid investigation committee looking into the feasibility of hosting the games three years from now.

Early in the process, the committee is looking at community engagement and whether there is enough interest in hosting the games in Coaldale. They are also looking at the budget implications for the four-day event.

In an effort to gauge the level of community support for hosting, the committee is asking local residents to fill out a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SASGCoaldale2018> by August 31. This input will not only help the committee with its decision but will be used in

presentations to both the town and county councils in the fall if the decision to host the games moves forward.

Anyone can fill out the survey including community groups, sport organizations, businesses and individuals. For more information about the survey or the potential for hosting the games in Coaldale contact Stephanie Wierl, Coaldale's community services manager at community@coaldale.ca or call 403-345-1325.

"We're collecting information, we hope to host," said Wierl.

She anticipates the decision will be made by this fall in order to give enough time to plan, organize and prepare for the games in 2018.

Not only does hosting the games bring an estimated 3,500 plus visitors to the host region, it also provides host communities with the opportunity to upgrade and

update sport and recreation facilities. Fundraising, grants and athlete fees would cover much of the cost of putting on the games.

Coaldale town councillor Roger Hohm sits on the committee and said the whole process is in the preliminary stages.

"Right now we're in the investigation stage."

He said he's in favour of anything that showcases the town and sports.

"Anytime we can do stuff like that, I'm all in favour of it," said Hohm.

While the call for volunteers is still on the horizon, Hohm said the committee needs to know there is support for hosting the games.

Considering Coaldale has not hosted for almost 20 years, he said this is a great opportunity from both the town and county's standpoint.

"It's a huge benefit for the town."

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MOVIE NIGHT

We're watching **Big Hero 6**
on the big screen in
Millennium Park.
(South of Arena)
Aug. 22 at 9 p.m.

Community Calendar

Gem of the West Museum open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 403-345-1323 to set up a time for a guided tour.

August 10-14: Register your 9 to 13 year olds for Sport Explorers. Fee: \$175. For more info or to register call 403-345-1324 or email commserv@coaldale.ca

August 11 & 18: Registration nights for Coaldale Junior Pride Football. Sign up between 7 and 8:30 p.m. at Varzari Storage, 330-4 Street South, Lethbridge. Ages 9 to 15.

For info call Coach Jake 403-360-6943 or email contact@jrpridefootball.org

August 15: CYAC hosting Hawaiian Youth Swim Night from 7 to 9 p.m. for 13 to 17 year olds. Toonie entrance fee gets you in to swim, play games and more.

August 17-21: Register your 6 to 8 year olds for Coaldale Explorers. Fee: \$175. For more info or to register call 403-345-1324 or email commserv@coaldale.ca

August 22: You voted and we're watching Big Hero 6 on the Big Screen. Join us for Movie Night in Millennium Park at 9 p.m. adjacent to the HUB, south of the Arena. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Come early and enjoy the food trucks.

September 3: Fall Mass Registration at the Kin Picnic Shelter from 5 to 8 p.m. Sign up for sports teams, community groups and local programs.

Eliminating invasive plants

Local gardeners are being encouraged to consider their plant choices in light of the spread of invasive plants in Alberta.

These plants, brought in from other parts of the country and the world, often spread, intentionally and unintentionally, and force out native plants and damage natural areas.

The Town of Coaldale has "Grow me Instead" brochures available at the Town Office for anyone who would like more information on which plants to grow in our region.

An online version of the brochure is available at <http://bit.ly/1If0MSF> or on our website at www.coaldale.ca

CYAC- Coaldale Youth
Action Committee
hosting a
Hawaiian
Youth Swim Night
Saturday, Aug. 15
7 to 9 p.m. Ages 13-17
Toonie entrance fee

Summer camps

Sport Explorers is a great introduction to a variety of sports and physical activity in a safe, inclusive and co-operative environment. Sport Explorers offers a variety of games and activities focused on developing the fundamental movement skills, such as running, jumping and throwing, these skills are critical for creating lifelong movers. **August 10-14, 2015 (9-13yrs)** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: Hub (2107-13 Street)

Coaldale Explorers in a summer cultural journey right in our own backyard! Coaldale Explorers will discover history, music, dramatic play, art, physical activity, literature, science and more! **August 17-21, 2015 (6-8yrs)** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: Gem of the West Museum (1306-20 Street)

Fee: \$175. For more info or to register call 403-345-1324 or email commserv@coaldale.ca