

Coaldale “Summer Fest” to Take Place August 5-6

This year’s Fest is themed “Thank You Frontline Workers”

On August 5 and 6, Coaldale will hold its first annual “Summer Fest”, which is dedicated to thanking Coaldale’s frontline workers.

“The past couple years have been hard on everyone, but especially on our frontline workers,” said Erica Romeo, Community Services Coordinator for the Town of Coaldale. “Not everyone was able to work from the safety of their homes, and that’s why this year’s Fest is dedicated to them. The entire Summer Fest Committee felt it important to bring awareness to all of the extra hours these people have worked, risks they’ve taken, and sacrifices they’ve made to keep things up and running during the pandemic.”

Coaldale Summer Fest is a celebration of and for the community, and will kick off on the evening of Friday, August 5, with a screening of the movie “The Bad Guys” in Millennium Park behind the Coaldale Sportsplex. West Winds Kettle Corn and Kona Ice food trucks will be on site around 7:30pm and there will be live music until the movie begins, just after sundown (approximately 9:30pm).

Festivities will then continue into Saturday, August 6, beginning with a Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast fundraiser (8:00am-10:00am) and the return of Coaldale’s Candy Parade (11:00am). “We’re extremely excited to see the return of the Candy Parade,” said Coaldale Mayor Jack Van Rijn. “Last year the parade had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. But this year marks a return to normalcy and I can’t wait to see all of our residents and their kids enjoying themselves along the parade route.”

Following the parade, Fest attendees will be able to take in live music at the ATCO Stage, watch the Coaldale Custom Cruisers Car Show, visit the Domesticated Divas Open Air Market, enjoy wagon rides along 18th street just south of the Coaldale Public Library, and enjoy many, many, other family-friendly events and activities including:

- a local farmer’s market (12:00pm-5:00pm);
- the Kinsmen Beer Garden (10am-11pm);
- a Coaldale Food Bank BBQ (11:30am – 2:00pm);



- a petting zoo (12:00pm – 5:00pm)
- face painting & airbrush tattoos (12:00pm – 5:00pm);
- lawn games (12:00pm – 5:00pm);
- bouncy castles & inflatables (12:00pm – 5:00pm); and
- balloon twisting (12:00pm – 5:00pm).

Finally, The Fireworks Factory Inc. will return to Coaldale to once again end the day with a bang, putting on a fantastic display of fireworks with choreographed music for the entire community.

For more information about Summer Fest 2022 – Thank You Frontline Workers, including a full list of activities and their locations, please visit <https://www.coaldale.ca/summer-fest-2022>.

Town of Coaldale Releases Its 2021 Annual Report

The report will be submitted for consideration of a fourth consecutive national award for financial reporting.

The Town of Coaldale has officially released its 2021 Annual Report. In addition to providing residents, businesses, and potential investors with an up-to-date overview of the Town's financial performance, the report once again goes beyond financial accounting requirements by highlighting many of the Town's ongoing projects, as well as by shining a spotlight on Coaldale Town Council's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.

When it comes to the Town's financial performance, the report shows that 2021 was a successful year. Financial assets totaled \$34.2 million, financial liabilities totaled \$26.8 million, and the Town's accumulated surplus grew by 9.26%, reaching \$133 million. The Town also saw a significant increase in demand for commercial land in its North East Industrial Park. Land sales increased from \$0.7 million in 2020 to \$3.4 million in 2021, which means that the Town remains in a strong position to capitalize on sustainable growth and investment into 2022.

"Overall, the Town is in a healthy and financially stable position", said Kyle Beauchamp, Chief Financial Officer & Deputy CAO for the Town of Coaldale. "Balancing service levels with fiscal responsibility is always a challenge, but as the report shows, Coaldale not only continues to benefit from sustainable growth and investment, but also, to utilize its limited resources in innovative, cost-conscious ways."

As for the Town's major projects, the report highlights many including the opening of the RCMP detachment building; the construction of the Town's joint multi-use recreation facility; the soon to be completed Civic Square building on Main Street; and the Town's lagoon upgrade project.

The report also previews some of the capital projects and advocacy efforts that the Town's newly elected Council is determined to advance over the next few years. "2021 was a year marked by both continuity and change," said Town of Coaldale Mayor, Jack Van Rijn. "As a newly elected Council we not only inherited a number of important ongoing capital projects but also had the opportunity to develop and launch a new strategic plan identifying all of the capital and advocacy projects we're determined to pursue moving forward. These include expediting improvements in Coaldale's infrastructure, improving pedestrian safety around Highway 3, and advocating for the return of urgent care to Coaldale's Health Centre, and advocating for the appropriate AHS EMS response times to medical emergencies in Coaldale."

Now that the report has been released, it will be submitted for consideration of the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting from the Government of Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. "For the past three years, the Town has submitted its Annual Report for consideration of this award and each time has received it," explained Beauchamp. "The 2021 Annual Report meets the same high standards as our previous award-winning reports, so we are hopeful that the Town will once again be recognized for its commitment to financial transparency."

Coaldale's 2021 Annual Report can be found on the Town's website at <https://www.coaldale.ca/annual-report>.

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5:30pm-10:30pm on weekdays

10:00am-3:00pm on weekends

