

COALDALE CONNECTION

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The Town of Coaldale wishes you a Happy Canada Day!

Lethbridge County Presents Town of Coaldale with Recreation Funding

On June 17, Lethbridge County presented the Town of Coaldale with approximately \$91,408 in recreation funding to be put towards the Town's recreation facilities. The recently signed Recreation Agreement stipulates that the County will provide the Town with \$470,960 over five years. This agreement is the first of its kind between the two municipalities, making this a significant and unprecedented arrangement.

"Many of our residents enjoy recreation facilities in the Town of Coaldale," says Lethbridge County Reeve Lorne Hickey. "By providing the Town with stable and predictable funding over the next five years we can help to ensure that these facilities receive any upgrades that might be needed

to accommodate growing populations or construct new facilities as needed. We have a very good relationship with Coaldale and the recreation funding we have presented today is just another way in which we can further strengthen that relationship."

Alberta's Municipal Government Act requires municipalities to sign Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF) with all municipalities with which they share a common border. One of the obligations within an ICF is a recreation funding agreement, which Lethbridge County and the Town of Coaldale signed earlier this year.

"The Town of Coaldale welcomes the opportunity to grow our relationship with Lethbridge County," says Mayor Kim Craig. "With the contribution of the recreation funding we can continue to offer exceptional amenities to residents of Coaldale and the rest of the County as they both continue to expand."



Photographed (left to right): Lethbridge County CAO Ann Mitchell, Lethbridge County Councillor Tory Campbell, Coaldale Mayor Kim Craig, Lethbridge County Reeve Lorne Hickey, Lethbridge County Deputy Reeve Robert Horvath, Coaldale CAO Kalen Hastings

Mosquito Habitat Prevention

The Town of Coaldale operations team has been busy implementing preventative measures to keep mosquito populations in the area down to a minimum. Mosquito management is important to reduce the risk of mosquito-borne viruses such as the West Nile Virus. West Nile Virus is usually spread by the bite of a mosquito that has fed on an infected bird.

There are several preventative measures that residents can take to reduce the chance of any mosquito habitats forming around their homes. Mosquitos lay their eggs in shallow water that does not move or flow, so it is important to get rid of any standing water that may be near your area. The following recommendations are cited from the Government of Alberta Health web page:

- Clean eavestroughs regularly to prevent clogs that trap water
- Replace water in outdoor pet dishes and bird baths at least 2 times per week
- Tip fishing boats and gear onto their sides to drain
- Drain or dry off water in:
 - Old tires
 - Rainwater barrels
 - Children's toys
 - Flowerpots
 - Wading pools

"Covering or emptying small items such as kiddie pools and bird baths that hold standing water goes a long way," says Terry May, Operations Supervisor at the Town of Coaldale. "The Town is optimistic that implementing these preventative measures will continue to have positive long-term effects on controlling populations in the area."

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Coaldale Swimming Pool, Tot Lot, and Spray Park Reopen in Time for Canada Day Festivities

On June 9, the Premier of Alberta and the Alberta Chief Medical Officer of Health unexpectedly announced the acceleration of the provincial relaunch timeline as well as a shift of certain facilities from Phase 3 to Phase 2 including swimming pools and spray parks. With Council's approval to reopening the Town's facilities, the Town has been working swiftly to expedite the reopening process with the expectation that the Pool, Tot Lot, and Spray Park will be ready to open on June 29th.

"The inclusion of recreation facilities in Phase 2 of the relaunch came as a surprise not only to the Town of Coaldale, but to every recreation facility operator in the province, including larger centers like the City of Lethbridge" said Cam Mills, Manager of Economic and Community Development for the Town. "We're excited about the opportunity to provide this service to our residents and will move quickly to do so, but we need



them to understand that provincial regulations will mean that the experience won't be the same as in other years."

With the risks of COVID-19 still in full effect, these facilities will not be running at full capacity and will have many limitations in place to help prevent the spread of the virus. Patrons will be required to book time slots ahead of time for the swimming pool on the Coaldale Rec Desk website. Additionally, a maximum of 40 patrons will be able to enter the pool at any one time to accommodate physical distancing requirements.

A full list of the rules and restrictions as well as guidance for registering and booking a time slot was sent out in the form of a brochure to Coaldale residents and residents in surrounding communities. This information can also be found on the Town's website - <https://www.coaldale.ca/about/news-public-notice/covid-19-pool-updates>

Main Street Updates

Tollestrup Construction Inc (TCI), the prime contractor on the Main Street Revitalization project, has identified a number of time-saving measures that are intended to result in a shorter project schedule. The purpose is to reduce the project timeline by 2-4 weeks so business will not have to operate amid the construction for as long as originally anticipated. The construction process now includes the closure of two intersections at once so there is no need to pump temporary sanitary lines above ground, resulting in fewer site restrictions and less short-term risk management. The two-intersection approach also allows for 2-way traffic to become available sooner.

Tollestrup Construction has also provided pedestrian and vehicle maps to help residents navigate the streets and ease traffic disruption throughout the Main Street project. These maps can be found on the project webpage: www.coaldale.ca/main-street-revitalization

Overall, the project has given the Town a series of value-added outcomes. Milling from the removed asphalt will be repurposed to Coaldale's LINK Pathway Phase 1 construction. A small portion of the millings will also be used to create ramps at all intersections for easier pedestrian access.

Community Grant Recipients

We are pleased to share the following list of successful recipients of this year's Community Grant funding!

- Coaldale & District Firefighters - \$10,000
- Coaldale Senior's Advisory Committee - \$2,317
- Coaldale Copperheads - \$10,000
- Gem of the West Museum Society - \$2,500
- Kate Andrews Fire Academy - \$10,000

These funds are generated exclusively from Coaldale's Photo Radar Program, which has generated a total of \$156,362 over the past 4 years. Approximately 75% of photo radar speeding tickets come from residents outside of Coaldale.

"The Coaldale Copperheads thank the community as a whole for this opportunity to help non-profit associations" Due to COVID-19, these funds will be very useful internally to offset some of our team costs."
- Kelly Weibe, Coaldale Copperheads Junior Hockey Team

"Our efforts towards creating new exhibits, as well as maintaining existing exhibits, have been complicated by the lack of display forms. This grant will allow us to display more items from our sizable historic clothing collection and expand the types of displays to showcase to the community."
- Carmen Vermeulen, Gem of the West Museum Society