

February 2016

Coaldale recycling increasing, more needed

Coaldale residents can do their part to help reduce the amount of money the Town has to pay out each month for tippage fees at the Lethbridge Regional Landfill.

And in the process they could earn a Movie Night in the Park for their side of Town.

Michelle Overbeeke, chief financial officer for the Town of Coaldale, said the more Coaldale residents recycle the less garbage that will need to be picked up and hauled to the landfill. Less garbage means a cost savings on tippage fees.

She praised residents who do recycle on a regular basis noting it is having an impact on the amount of garbage being diverted from the landfill.

In 2015 the amount of recycling collected in Coaldale rose to 738 tonnes from 491 in 2014 and 459 in 2013.

“We did a good job, we just need to keep it going.”

The Town first implemented curbside recycling in October of 2012 and Overbeeke said use of the service has steadily increased since the program was introduced.

“We have increased our recycling but we’ve also increased the number of residents,” she noted.

While it does cost the Town to have the recycling handled, \$3.20 per bin, it’s certainly more cost effective than the \$75 it currently pays per tonne at the landfill, a figure that is set to rise upwards of \$115 per tonne in the next few years.

The Town’s tippage fee increased to the \$75 rate on Jan. 1 of this year, up from last year’s rate of \$60.50. At the 2016 rate the Town expects to pay at least \$21,000 more this year for garbage fees at the landfill based on the 2015 tonnage.

At projected 2021 rates the Town could see its fees increase by \$122,000 over last year’s fees just for tippage at the landfill.

Overbeeke said recycling is just one way of reducing the amount of garbage headed to the landfill.

“It very quickly adds up.”

Overbeeke said the Town is working toward a cost recovery model for its utilities and is currently in that range on the operational side but not for capital expenditures.

Over the past three years the garbage tonnages had steadily increased from 2,133 tonnes in 2013, to 2,223 in 2014 and 2,245 in 2015. Overbeeke said any reduction in the amount of garbage going to the landfill from Coaldale will mean a cost savings for the Town and ultimately its residents.

Starting Feb. 1 the Town will be using the data it already receives on the tonnes of recycling collected in Coaldale by region to launch a contest between the East and West sides of Town.

The dividing line will be 20 Street, also known as Highway 845.

The contest ends April 30, 2016. At that time whichever side of Town has increased their recycling by the highest percentage will win the chance to host the annual Movie Night in the Park in August.

If the East side wins the movie will be shown in the field next to the HUB, behind the arena, where it has traditionally been held the last two years.

If the West side wins the movie will move to the other side of town to be shown in the greenspace at the Kin Picnic Shelter west of the Alberts Birds of Prey Centre.

In addition the Town is also working on another recycling competition involving school children in Coaldale that will be launched in the fall.

With the increase in postage, the Town is also once again encouraging residents to sign up for e-billing. With an e-bill residents can receive their Town utility bill via email rather than traditional postal service. Not only does this mean a cost savings in postage but also in staff time to print and mail out bills.

Residents who sign up for e-bill also receive the town newsletter by email and will be able to access their bill anywhere and at any time through their email. This is beneficial for residents who are traveling or away from Coaldale for an extended period.

The Town is hosting a draw for free Family Swim Passes to be used this summer at the Coaldale Pool. Anyone who is currently signed up for e-billing will be entered into the first draw for two passes and a second draw will be made from the names of those who sign up between Feb. 1 and April 30, again with two winners.

“It’s another way to make better use of our resources,” said Overbeeke.

E-billing cuts down on paper and postage while saving staff time.

In 2015 the number of residents using the e-bill service rose to 557 from 469 but the Town would like to see the number increase even more.

For more information on e-billing please call the Utility Billing Department at the Town Office at 403-345-1318.

Information on the Town’s utility services can be found on our website at www.coaldale.ca under the Services’ tab.

Snow removal reminder

Community Peace Officers’ corner

February is upon us and that means snow keeps falling.

Just a quick reminder to make sure everyone keeps their sidewalks clear of ice to ensure people don’t slip and fall. With all the Chinooks we get, ice quickly can build up and freeze, making walkways slippery and becoming a hazard.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to March when the weather might just get a little nicer.

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Community Calendar

February 3: Winter Walk Day. Join schools, workplaces and individuals in getting out and taking a walk outdoors today. More info at winterwalkday.com

February 5: Deadline today to purchase tickets for the Valetine's Day High Tea, Feb. 13 at the Gem of the West Museum. Tickets are \$15 per person and include tea, sandwich selection, a variety of desserts and entertainment. For information call Alysha at 403-345-1323.

February 5: The Arts & Culture Committee of the Gem of the West Museum present jamani duo in concert at 7 p.m. at the museum. Join us for an evening of world, classical and popular music on flute and a collection of percussion instruments from around the world. Tickets at the door.

February 6: Family Movie Matinee at the Coaldale Public Library at 1:30 p.m. We'll be watching Paddington. Bring your own blankets, pillows and snacks or purchase snacks at the library.

February 7: Annual Turkey Supper 4 to 6 p.m. at Coaldale United Church, 2022-18 Street, Coaldale. Eat-in or take out. Call 403-345-3240.

February 11: eHelp! at the Coaldale Public Library at 7 p.m. for anyone who received an eReader, iPad or tablet for Christmas and would like to learn how to set it up and use it. Please register for this event by calling 403-345-1340. Staff will also be available for one-on-one help.

February 12: Coaldale Youth in Action Drop-In Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Gem of the West Museum. Come join in activities and community projects.

February 15: Coaldale Community Fest with activities throughout the community on Family Day. Come join in the free family fun. Schedule of events at www.coaldale.ca

February 21-27: Freedom to Read Week. Join in our Food for Fines project this week. Bring non-perishable food items to the Coaldale Public Library and receive \$5 off your outstanding library fines.

February 27: Family Programming at the Gem of the West Museum at 10:30 a.m. as we explore historical games. \$2 per child, must be accompanied by an adult.

Who needs a business license?

EVERY business, trade, profession, industry, operation, employment who provides goods and/or services within or partially within the Town of Coaldale requires a business license.

If you have not registered your business for 2016 with the Town of Coaldale, you can contact Julie at 403-345-1318 or locate forms and additional information at www.coaldale.ca under the Business tab.

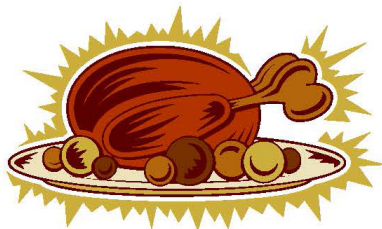
12th Annual Coaldale Community Fest Monday, Feb. 15 Family Day

Check out www.coaldale.ca for details on the events planned for this day.

Volunteers are also needed.

Please call 403-345-1325 or email community@coaldale.ca

ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER



Sunday, Feb. 7, 4 to 6 p.m.
Coaldale United Church
2022-18 Street

Adults \$15 • Children 6-12 yrs \$6
Take-out orders call 403-345-3240

Coaldale Municipal RCMP Detachment

Located: 1708-20 Avenue,
South entrance of
town office building.

Office Line: 403-345-5552

Complaint Line: 403-345-5000

Emergency: 911