

Town of Coaldale Launches Public Engagement Campaign to Finalize Plans for Civic Square Outdoor Space

The Town of Coaldale has officially launched a summer long public engagement campaign to help with finalizing a detailed civil design for the outdoor space located between the Coaldale Public Library and the new Civic Square building.

During the May 9, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, Town staff came before Council to present the design, which includes:

- a large concrete pad where community events such as Coaldale Summer Fest, farmer's markets, concerts, movie nights, and festivals can be held;
- refrigerant line "rough-ins" for an outdoor skating rink on the concrete pad to ensure that the space can be used year-round (in both cold and warm weather); and
- parking spots for approximately 44 vehicles, 4 of which will outfitted with electric vehicle charging stations.

After reviewing the design, Council directed Town staff to reach out to the public for input concerning other potential programming opportunities for the space, as well as to see whether operationalizing the "roughed-in" outdoor skating rink should be considered a priority. "In Council's recently launched 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, we single out continued community engagement on new recreation projects as one of our top priorities", said Coaldale Mayor Jack Van Rijn. "Before plans for

this outdoor space are finalized, we will make sure that just this kind of engagement has taken place. As a Council, we strongly believe that residents should have a voice in the decision-making process for amenities like the Civic Square outdoor space."

The public engagement campaign consists of an online survey that residents can find at www.letsconnectcoaldale.ca. It also consists of an in-person engagement event that will take place during Coaldale Summer Fest (August 6), right in front of the Civic Square building. This way, residents can also their ideas for the space directly with members of Council and Town staff. "The survey is just one avenue that Town residents can use to have their voices heard on this matter", said Van Rijn. "Another is by speaking directly with members of Council and the Town's administrative staff. It's our belief that the survey results, supplemented by the feedback we receive in person, will give us the information we need to finalize the design and get to work on turning this outdoor space into something all our residents can enjoy and be proud of."

The redevelopment of the Civic Square Outdoor Space will be funded primarily by federal grant dollars, which will cover 63% of project costs up to a total of 1.2 million dollars. These dollars must be used specifically for revitalizing downtown cores and reinventing outdoor spaces.

Community Reminders - July

Coaldale Summer Fest Is Fast Approaching!

This year, Coaldale Summer Fest has a theme of "Thank You Front Line Workers". Festivities will begin on the evening of Friday, August 5, with a movie in the park and will continue into Saturday, August 6, with a pancake breakfast fundraiser, candy parade, show and shine, live music, kids activities, beer gardens, markets, bbq fundraisers, and fireworks. Join us this August to celebrate and visit www.coaldale.ca/summer-fest-2022 to learn more.



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Coaldale's Golf Cart Bylaw Repealed Because of Non-Compliance with Provincial Legislation

Following a request for advice, the Town of Coaldale's legal counsel advised Coaldale Town Council that the Town's "Golf Cart Bylaw" (Bylaw 217-R-7-87), passed in 1987, was offside and inconsistent with the Government of Alberta's Traffic Safety Act. Because municipalities lack the legislative authority to pass or maintain bylaws that contradict Provincial legislation, the local "Golf Cart Bylaw" was repealed at the Regular Council Meeting of June 28, 2022.

Originally, the "Golf Cart Bylaw" (Bylaw 217-R-7-87) was passed by Town Council in 1987 for the purpose of regulating and controlling off-highway vehicle traffic (i.e., golf carts) on Fairway Drive (and Fairway Drive only) – the street located

within the housing development of Land- O-Lakes Golf Course.

According to legal advice recently provided by the Town's solicitors, the Town cannot authorize the use of golf carts on a public roadway or sidewalk – no matter how long standing a bylaw governing the convenience of this practice may have existed. Golf carts meet the legal definition of "miniature vehicles," which are not permitted on a public highway in Alberta (as governed by Section 59 of the Operator Licensing and Vehicle Control Regulation and Section 52(1) of the Traffic Safety Act). The operation and use of golf carts must therefore be confined to private lands or pathways.

"Memorial Giving" A Meaningful Way to Honor the Memory of Your Loved Ones

Coaldale's new Recreation Center is an ideal project to support if you are considering how to remember a loved one and how to ensure their legacy lives on in our community.

When a donor considers making a memorial gift they think about a project or charity that can offer a lasting and enduring way to honor the person lost. They also consider the benefits that a project or charity provides and whether these benefits align with the values their loved ones held. These are extremely personal and special considerations and charities that receive gifts of this nature pay particular attention to the intent of the gift, as well they should.

Facilities built with today's construction technology are lasting

legacies on their own which means they will have a tremendous impact on their communities for many, many decades. This makes Coaldale's new 55,000 ft² Recreation Center a perfect project to consider supporting with a memorial gift. The social, physical and mental health benefits that families and individuals will derive from this magnificent new facility for years to come are immeasurable.

If you would like to discuss making a gift in memory of someone or a legacy gift for yourself in support of Coaldale's new Recreation Center, please contact Barry Knapp at Global Philanthropic at 403-331-3852 or by email at b.k@globalphilanthropic.ca.

What's Happening in the Community?



Summer Day Camps

Different theme each week
Daily planned and free play activities

\$130 WEEK OR \$40 DAY

OFF SITE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:
swimming, parks and baseball quads
Limited Spaces

Email: danita.mcginn@coaldale.ca or
Call **403-345-1379**

Town of COALDALE
A Wise Choice

Summer Day Camps Are Back!

Summer means time in the great outdoors, making memories with friends, learning new things, and having a blast at camp! This summer, day camps for youth aged 7-12 are returning to the Town of Coaldale and with so many day camp options to choose from, your child is guaranteed to have a great experience. Learn about space, get creative, play in the Olympics, or time travel. All Town of Coaldale day camps will offer your child the chance to get outside, make new friends, and have an incredible week. Each program is held on a weekly basis Monday through Friday from 8am - 5pm and offers a great counselor to camper ratio. Drop in spots are also now available. Register online at <https://www.coaldale.ca/summer-camps-2022> or by phone at 403-345-1379.