

# COALDALE CONNECTION

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## Donation Opportunities for Coaldale Strong! Capital Campaign Open to General Public

*Goal post moves to \$2 million as initial donation rate exceeds expectations*

Over the past five months, generous members and organizations in the community have donated to the "Coaldale STRONG" capital campaign to support the construction of Coaldale's new recreation centre. The campaign launched in September 2021 and has already raised over \$600,000.

"From the onset of the campaign launch, we engaged with potential donors who we felt could help us create early and significant momentum as we embarked on our ambitious goal of raising \$1 million in philanthropic support," said Russ Tanner. "In the short span of time we've already received 60% of our initial goal from our generous donors. This has given us the confidence that a new revised \$2 million goal is achievable."

The campaign is now able to transact general donations from the public to help reach the new \$2 million goal to support construction and programming opportunities for the rec centre. Those interested in donating can do so online at [coaldale.ca/coaldalestrong](http://coaldale.ca/coaldalestrong) or by contacting Barry Knapp at 403-331-3852 or [b.k@globalphilanthropic.ca](mailto:b.k@globalphilanthropic.ca).

The capital campaign has already seen significant support from the following donors:

- Perry Family Farm
- Kasko Family
- BMO Financial Group
- Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta
- Haas Family Foundation
- Independent Crop Inputs (ICI)
- Coaldale Community Wellness Association
- John and Lisa Huvenaars
- Knapp Family
- Anonymous
- Anonymous

"We are thrilled to announce that the general public can now make project contributions online," said Jack Van Rijn, Mayor of Coaldale. "I extend my sincerest gratitude to all donors – with your support, the recreation centre can have all the equipment and field space needed to provide the intended experiences right from the start and make this facility the envy of communities across the province."

*Coaldale Chamber of Commerce Presents...*

## 40th Annual Awards & Appreciation Banquet

To celebrate community excellence, the Coaldale Chamber, in collaboration with the Town of Coaldale, will be hosting its 40th Awards and Appreciation Banquet on Saturday, April 23. Now accepting nominations for outstanding achievement. For a list of categories and to download a nomination form, visit [coaldalechamber.com](http://coaldalechamber.com).

**Nomination Deadline: March 18, 2022**



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# Southwest Design & Construction Donates \$5000 to Fire & Emergency Services Academy

*Coaldale's Kate Andrews Fire and Emergency Services Academy is currently in its third year of operation*

On behalf of Coaldale & District Emergency Services (CDES), the Town of Coaldale is thrilled to announce Southwest Design & Construction has donated \$5000 to the Kate Andrews Fire and Emergency Services Academy (KAFESA). This one-of-a-kind Academy is a dual-credit program run jointly through the Coaldale Fire Department, Palliser Regional Schools, and Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT).

"Palliser School Division greatly appreciates the support of the Kate Andrews Fire Academy by Southwest Design and Construction," said Dave Driscoll, Superintendent, Palliser School Division. "Palliser firmly believes that young people should have opportunities to engage in learning beyond the traditional classroom and to be able to do so in their own communities. The Kate Andrews Fire Academy allows students in Coaldale to gain valuable skills and knowledge that will further serve them in the years ahead as well as the community in which they live. We greatly appreciate the work of the Coaldale Fire Department, the Town of Coaldale and the support of companies such as Southwest in making this valuable program a reality for the students of Palliser School Division."

"This generous donation will help us be able to continue to offer this unique, once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunity while keeping costs incurred by CDES and Palliser at a reasonable rate," added Fire Chief Kevin McKeown of Coaldale & District Emergency Services. "The Academy has been tremendously successful and we look forward to

continuing to offer this program at a high level to students interested in pursuing their passions and getting hands-on experience in emergency services."

The donation will be put towards personal protective equipment, course supplies, and fees associated with renting the live-fire training centres in Lethbridge and Taber for the 2022-23 KAFESA class.

"We appreciate Southwest for their thoughtful donation to further enhance the program curriculum," said Coaldale Mayor Jack Van Rijn. "I am thrilled to see so many students taking advantage of this exceptional program and looking forward to seeing how it expands in the future."

Southwest was contracted to complete the firehall renovations where the program is being taught.

"Southwest Design & Construction has been very active over the years in the town of Coaldale building commercial buildings," said Blayne Janssens, General Manager of Southwest Design & Construction. "Being selected to build the new firehall project which we feel is a real landmark for the town of Coaldale & surrounding communities that the fire department serves was a real honor. We have employees that live in the community and we are proud to have the opportunity to give back to the local fire department."

## What's Happening in the Community?

### Coaldale Community Grant Program 2022

The Town of Coaldale is pleased to offer the Community Grant Program for 2022. Applications are being accepted from February 1 through May 4, 2022 at 4:30pm.

Applications will only be considered for:

- Not-for-Profit or volunteer-based organizations that operate within the Town of Coaldale or the portion of Lethbridge County included within the response areas identified within the Joint Town/County Fire Services Agreement;
- Programs, projects or events that contribute to the social well-being of the community, address a community need and enhance or improve the quality of life for residents;
- Applications submitted with all required documentation.

Visit [coaldale.ca](http://coaldale.ca) to access the application form or call 403-345-1324 for more information and to answer any questions.

### March Public Skate

Friday, March 4, 11, 18, 25: 1:00–2:15pm

Saturday, March 5: 3:00–4:00pm. Free skating sponsored by the Kinette Club of Coaldale.

*No public skate on Saturday March 12, 19, 26 due to Coaldale Figure Skating Carnival and Minor Hockey Tournaments.*

Sunday, March 6: 3:00–4:00pm

Sunday, March 13, 20, 27: 3:00–4:00pm. Free skating sponsored by the Kinette Club of Coaldale.

### Coaldale Community Wellness Spring Grant Applications

The Coaldale Community Wellness Association would like to remind non-profit organizations of the upcoming Spring Grant application deadline on April 15, 2022. Please visit our website at [coaldalewellness.com](http://coaldalewellness.com) for more information.