

Town of Coaldale Receives Grant Funding for Potable Water Reservoir Engineering Project & Highway 3 Pedestrian Crossing

On Tuesday, April 18, MLA Grant Hunter held a press conference at Civic Square to announce the funding.



As part of the Government of Alberta's commitment to support infrastructure projects that drive economic growth, the Town of Coaldale will receive \$525,045 in grant funding for a potable water reservoir engineering project and \$544,600 in grant funding for an at-grade pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Highway 3 & Land O' Lakes Drive.

On Tuesday, April 18, MLA Grant Hunter held a press conference at Civic Square in downtown Coaldale to announce the funding. "This government recognizes the importance of investing in infrastructure projects that create jobs and strengthen communities, while also ensuring a high quality of life for Alberta's residents," said MLA Hunter. "With McCain's recent announcement of a \$600 million expansion to its Lethbridge County facility, there is a need to expand the water infrastructure around Coaldale. A new potable water reservoir will increase the capacity and reliability of the Town's water supply system, ensuring that the residents of Coaldale have access to a robust water infrastructure as their town grows," explained Hunter. "Southern Alberta and Coaldale are experiencing a surge in investment and economic growth, and our government is committed to

supporting that growth."

"On behalf of Coaldale Town Council, I want to thank MLA Hunter for supporting these projects and for helping our Town secure the grant funding necessary to make them possible. Building a new potable water reservoir and pump station is vital not only to keeping up with Coaldale's growth rate, but also, to ensuring that we have sufficient storage capacity for both fire protection and our ability to sustain pressure throughout our water distribution system," said Coaldale Mayor Jack Van Rijn. "We're also incredibly thankful to have received funding for the construction of an at-grade pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Highway 3 & Land O' Lakes Drive. This project will provide a central connection point from the south side of Coaldale to the new multi-use recreation centre and high school while at the same time improving pedestrian safety."

What's Happening in the Community?

On Saturday, May 6, the Gem of the West Museum will open for the season and host "Circus Day at the Museum." Activities will include face painting, balloon creations, carnical games, a magic show, crafts, and a blacksmith presentation. For more information, please visit: www.gemofthewest.ca

On Saturday, May 13, the Coaldale Public Library will hold a spring craft fair from 11:00am-4:00pm. Admission is free!

On Saturday, May 27, Coaldale Town Council will host its third Quarterly Coffee of the year. This Quarterly Coffee will feature Community Services. The event will take place from 1:00-3:00pm in the atrium of Civic Square. Refreshments will be served.

Town of Coaldale Receives National Award for 2021 Annual Report

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The Town of Coaldale has once again been awarded the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting – this time for its 2021 Annual Report.

Each year, the Town produces an annual financial report, the purpose of which is twofold:

1. to provide clear and transparent information to Town residents, businesses, and other stakeholders regarding the Town's financial position and performance; and
2. to provide insight into some of the Town's most recent innovations and accomplishments, as well as into some of its future challenges.

To be awarded a Canadian Award for Financial Reporting, the Town must produce an easily readable and efficiently organized report that meets certain criteria set by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). In accordance with these criteria, the report must go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles and demonstrate an effort to clearly communicate the Town's financial picture as well as educate residents about the Town's obligations when it comes to financial reporting. Reports submitted to the GFOA for consideration are then reviewed by selected GFOA staff and a review committee comprised of individuals with expertise in Canadian public-sector financial reporting. These individuals include financial statement preparers, independent auditors, academics, and other finance professionals.

This year marks the fourth year in a row that the Town has produced an award-winning report, which is no small feat. "We're incredibly proud to have received this award for a fourth consecutive year," said Kyle Beauchamp, Chief Financial Officer & Deputy CAO for the Town of Coaldale. "To receive it once is an accomplishment, but to receive it four years in a row shows how consistent the Town has been in its commitment to the principles of financial transparency and high-quality, straightforward financial reporting."

"Once again, our finance team has demonstrated that

Coaldale is a municipality where financial transparency is taken seriously," said Town of Coaldale Mayor Jack Van Rijn. "On behalf of Coaldale Town Council, I'd like to thank our finance department for their professionalism and for making sure that Coaldale residents continue to have access to straightforward information about the Town's financial performance. In Council's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, we identify service excellence as a key priority. But to deliver on this priority, we need to follow robust financial planning practices. Publishing award winning annual reports is one way to ensure those practices are being followed, because these reports always provide a clear picture – both to Council and our constituents - of where the Town is at financially, and where it needs to go moving forward."

To read the Town's 2021 Annual Report, please visit: <https://www.coaldale.ca/annual-report>.

What's Happening This Summer?

On Saturday, June 10, the Town will host its first ever Big Truck Petting Zoo. This event will not only provide residents with an opportunity to get an up-close look at the Town's emergency, construction, and operational vehicles, but also, to learn about these vehicles from their operators.

On Saturday, June 17, the Town will celebrate the grand opening of Civic Square. A formal ribbon cutting ceremony will take place from 1:00-2:00pm, followed by a Town BBQ. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

On Saturday, July 1, the Coaldale Food Bank will hold a Canada Day Pancake Breakfast, which will then be followed by a Town lū'au at the Coaldale Pool. The events promise to be fun for the whole family!

On August 11 & 12, Coaldale Summer Fest will return. Keep an eye on the Town's website for more details in the coming months!