

Coaldale Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Its Newly Upgraded Wastewater Treatment Facility

The upgrades will accommodate the next 20 years of residential, commercial, and industrial growth in Coaldale.



On October 13, 2022, the Town of Coaldale held a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the grand re-opening of its newly upgraded wastewater treatment facility. Members of Coaldale Town Council (past and present) and MLA Grant Hunter were in attendance, along with representatives from MPE Engineering Ltd., Chandos Construction Ltd., and Town Administration.

Built in 1970 as a conventional lagoon and then upgraded to an aerated lagoon in 1984, Coaldale's wastewater treatment facility was last upgraded in 2005 when it received substantial aeration and liner enhancements. Over the past decade, however, the adoption of new rigorous wastewater systems effluent regulations (WSER) by the federal government, combined with the need to expand the Town's current facility to accommodate future growth, made upgrading the facility further a high priority for Town officials.

"Eventually, we got to a point where upgrading the facility became critical", said

Jason Siemens, Manager of Development Engineering for the Town of Coaldale. "In the Town's 2019 Infrastructure Master Plan, wastewater treatment upgrades were identified as essential not only for satisfying the latest provincial and federal regulations and legislation, but also, for accommodating future residential, commercial, and industrial growth. Thankfully, in 2020 we were able to secure approximately \$4.4 million of provincial grant funding from the Alberta Water/Wastewater Partnership, which positioned the Town to get the ball rolling and break ground on the upgrades in August, 2021."

Fast forward to just over one year later and the Town's wastewater treatment facility upgrades project is nearly complete. "The Town of Coaldale wastewater treatment facility upgrades project had two primary objectives," said Town of Coaldale Mayor, Jack Van Rijn, at the ribbon cutting ceremony. "The first was to meet the latest wastewater effluent regulations adopted by both federal and provincial governments, and the second was to accommodate the next 20 years of residential and commercial growth in Coaldale. With both objectives now met, we can officially declare the project a success and Coaldale a place with the wastewater treatment infrastructure necessary to facilitate development, including continued growth in our industrial sector, for decades to come.

What's Happening In the Community

On Saturday, November 5, the Gem of the West Museum Society will host its annual Craft and Hobby Show. Vendors interested in showcasing their products can contact Myrna at [403-345-4521](tel:403-345-4521). The cost per table is \$25.

On Friday, November 11, at 10:30am, the Town of Coaldale will hold a Remembrance Day Ceremony in the Jennie Emery Elementary School gymnasium. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.coaldale.ca/remembrance-day-2022>.

Tuesday, November 15, is the Coaldale Community Wellness Association Fall Grant Application deadline. For an application and/or more information, please visit: <https://www.coaldalewellness.com>.

Coaldale 50+ Senior Curling takes place every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday starting at 1:00pm. All abilities are welcome. \$6 daily or \$225 for the season, plus an annual \$13 Curling Canada fee. For more information, call [403-359-0352](tel:403-359-0352).

Coaldale McDonald's Donates \$5,770 in Support of the Town's New Recreation Centre

Donations to the Coaldale STRONG! Capital Campaign help ensure that Coaldale's new multi-use recreation centre is fully stocked with equipment required to facilitate full programming upon opening in spring, 2024.



Thanks to a generous \$5,770 donation from the Coaldale McDonald's, the Coaldale STRONG! Capital Campaign is that much closer to reaching its goal of generating \$2 million in philanthropic support for Coaldale's new multi-use recreation centre.

It is well known that each year, McDonald's Canada franchisees and crews across the country celebrate McHappy Day, a day of community giving in support of Ronald McDonald Houses and other local children's charities. This year, however, the Coaldale McDonald's decided to celebrate a second day of annual community giving called "McCommunity Day."

"As Coaldale McDonald's employees, McCommunity Day provides an opportunity for us to celebrate where we work and live, together with our team and our guests, by raising funds for a local project that will enhance the quality of life of Coaldale resi-

dents", said Jordan Brown, Owner and Operator of the Coaldale McDonalds. "Raising funds for the Coaldale STRONG Capital Campaign was a natural choice because we're all looking forward to seeing the new recreation centre open and believe it will be a facility that everyone from Coaldale can be proud of. Thanks to everyone who came out to show their support!"

Once operational, Coaldale's new recreation centre will stand as a centerpiece for recreation, sports, and special events in Southern Alberta. It will also serve as a hub for the local community. Programming will be designed to attract participation from all ages and will consist not only of activities directed towards enhancing people's quality of life, but also, of activities directed towards growing Coaldale's economic prosperity.

"As a community, we're incredibly grateful to see franchises like McDonald's support local projects like our new rec centre", said Town of Coaldale Mayor, Jack Van Rijn. "Let's be honest - there's no obligation that any business, whether it's based in Coaldale or not, give back to the community, and so to see McDonald's step up and donate a portion of its total daily sales to support building our new rec centre is truly heartwarming. On behalf of Coaldale Town Council, I want to thank Jordan for all of the hard work he's done to integrate McDonald's into the community."

On Saturday, November 19, from 11:00am-4:00pm, the Coaldale Public Library will hold a Christmas Craft Fair that features hand-made crafts from local artisans. Admission is free, and a wide variety of hand-made crafts will be available for purchase - from candy to cards to wood crafts and more! For more information, please call the Coaldale Public Library at 403-345-1340.

On Friday, November 25th, the 22nd Annual Country Christmas Night of Lights will return! Family activities will take place throughout Coaldale with the parade kicking off at 7:00pm. For more information and the schedule of activities please visit <https://www.coaldale.ca/night-of-lights-2022>.

The Coaldale Winter Walk-in-the-Park returns for its fourth year at the Kin Picnic Shelter Park. Opening night will be Saturday, December 3rd, from 5:30-8:30pm. The park will be open every Saturday and Wednesday between 5:30-8:30pm in December, excluding Dec 24 & 31. For more information please visit <https://www.coaldale.ca/Winter-Walk-in-the-Park>
