

Keeping you in the Loop!

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Hello and Welcome to the Town's first community update Our mission is to keep all residents and businesses informed and engaged.

We will provide ongoing updates on projects underway, public engagement opportunities for your participation as well as special announcements. It is our hope that you will find this information both informative and beneficial. Please contact us here at the office if you have any questions on any subject matter.



The Pool Project

Excitement continues to build as the pool construction is full steam ahead.

The project is on budget, and anticipated to open the week of July 18 with an official, awesome, grand opening event.

In addition, the much-longed-for slide has now been ordered, due to Council's approval and generous donations. In late August it will arrive and be installed. Protective barriers will be put up so the rest of the pool can safely be used by the public.

Fundraising efforts continue and we thank those businesses and individuals who have made significant contributions to date. "Every Donation Matters." For every \$20.00 (or more) donation the Town will issue a tax receipt and for every donation of \$500.00 (or more) the Town will be issuing a free family pass for the season, so please consider pledging today!

As of May 1, 2021 donations are \$216,797.20 and gifts in kind valued at \$38,175.82. Fundraising will continue until June 30, 2021.



9th Street Residential Lots

A new 26 lot residential sub-division is underway for 9th street between 1st Ave. and 4th Ave. This area is designed for new moderately priced and affordable homes with the potential for multi-family units as well. It is hoped that presales will begin in the summer of 2021.

Manning Ave./ 9th Street Industrial Lots

Council has approved moving forward with the creation of more industrial lots, as at present none are available. Design work is now complete and market appraisals and tenders are underway.

These 21 new lots (12 on ninth street averaging in size from .24 acres to .25 acres) and (9 on Manning Ave. averaging in size from .79 acres to 1.48 acres) allow the Town to leverage future growth in this sector, attract new businesses and retain existing ones that may require more space. Once appraisals and market prices are approved by Council these lots will be up for presale with a scheduled occupancy in the Fall of 2021.

South West Industrial Phase 1 is the upgrading of underground infrastructure

including sanitary sewer and water mains for the business community out in the industrial park. Anticipated completion date is May 31, 2021 which will be immediately followed by the **South West Industrial Phase 2** project which will include road restoration and drainage. Public consultation with all business owners will recommence once all proposed construction drawings are completed. Anticipated completion date s year end.

Other Happenings

The **bulk water station** will be relocated to the Plants area approximately June 30, 2021. There will now be a charge of \$4.00 per cube through an automated system.

The **compost site** has been relocated to the Plants area and will now be monitored by security cameras. **This service is for town residents only.**

Electrical Transformer Wrapping

As part of the Town's beautification strategy, and with a grant from Fortis, Town staff will be working with Fortis to start the wrapping process at 10 prime locations across the community. The intent is to apply an aesthetically pleasing wrap to these large green boxes which will enhance the overall appearance of the Town.

Fire Hall: A pre-emptive beacon is being installed on Hwy 3 Westbound and 2nd Ave. to allow for safer crossings for our fire fighters and equipment leaving the fire hall.

Recreation: Thank you to all residents who participated in the three recent public engagement/participation surveys with respect to our trail system, a dog park and other amenities (skateboard park, tennis courts and outdoor rink). We have received some in-depth feedback and good responses. Recommendations will be going to council May 24, 2021 and an action plan to move forward will be established. This will align with the strategic planning document and citizen input.

Downtown Parking Restrictions & Permit Program

This new program will be put into effect on Monday May 24, 2021. All residents who live in buildings along Main street and off of 2nd and 3rd Ave. have been sent permit program requirements to help them register and use allocated town parking in the area. This permitting program is free with the intent to free up prime parking areas for the benefit of the businesses.



If you have any questions on any of these updates, please contact the Town directly at 403-553-4425.



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The **June 2021 Edition** will include updates on Waste Management situation and RFP process, Westwinds Recreational Area Structural conceptual plan and Filming in our community.