



## September Newsletter



### Yard Clean-up

On Tuesday October 23, 2018 the Town of Bassano will be facilitating a Yard Waste Fall Clean-Up. The program is designed to assist residents in disposing of excess yard waste during fall yard cleanup. Residents can dispose of yard waste by bagging it in clear

plastic bags only (need to be able to view content since it will be deposited into the compost bin at the landfill) and leaving the bags out in their back alley for the town crews to collect. In areas where there are no back alleys, items are to be placed within 5 feet of their front road. Yard Waste must be placed on Town property to avoid issues with items being picked up in error. The Town of Bassano would like to stress that this program is strictly limited to YARD WASTE ONLY.

**ALL YARD WASTE MUST BE PLACED IN THE BACK ALLEY OR FRONT ROAD (only if you don't have a back alley) BY 7AM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

Yard waste includes grass clipping, leaves and garden debris (no tree branches). All other items such as household appliances, construction material and general garbage do not qualify for collection.



### Bassano DamFest & Culture Days

**September 28 - 29, 2018**

Celebrate the talents of local artisans including visual artists, musicians, quilters and more! Admission is free!

## FCSS Upcoming Events...

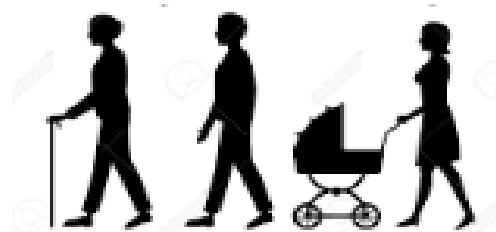


• Little Citizens will begin again this fall. Children grades 1-4 will receive a registration package at school. Please complete the package and return it to the Town Office.

• Pumpkin Parade - the Pumpkin Parade is being planned for November 1st. Save your jack-o-lanterns and donate them



to the Pumpkin Parade. Come out on November 1st, at dusk, to view the parade of pumpkins, enjoy a warm treat and some time with family, friends, and neighbours. Location TBD. Also, if your compost pile or farm animals would like the pumpkins afterwards, please contact Tiffany at 403-641-3788.



• Community Walk - Join your neighbours on September 8th for a walk around town. Two routes have been mapped out and will be marked. Washrooms and water stations will also be set up. We will meet at the Homecoming Campground at 2:00.

## July and August 2018 Council Meeting Highlights

### Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Update

Kevin Miller, the town's former CAO resigned from his position for a career advancement opportunity at the beginning of August. The Town of Bassano is currently recruiting a permanent CAO. Information regarding the position can be found at [www.bassano.ca](http://www.bassano.ca). Please note, this position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. In the interim, Amanda Davis of 2052900 Alberta Ltd. was contracted to perform CAO services for the Town.

### Strategic Plan Update

What is strategic planning? Strategic planning is the process of (a) understanding where you are right now, (b) determining where you want to be in the future, and (c) planning how to get there by choosing what areas to focus on first and determining how best to use limited resources.

In early July, Town Council undertook a strategic planning process. The session was facilitated by Kevin Miller. The plan is in a draft format. Pending public consultation, the plan is scheduled to be reviewed and approved later this fall.

The three main goals identified within the *draft* plan include

**Explore Regional Governance** *Explanation:* to provide a high level of service, quality services, and maintain existing taxation levels, Council has agreed to collaborate with our regional partners, through the Joint Shared Services Committee, to be a participant "at the table" in negotiation what a regional government would look like in this area, and whether it would serve the needs of Bassano citizens.

**Community and Economic Development** *Explanation:* To see the Town of Bassano grow and thrive, and to provide for not just the development of the local economy, but the local community and people, Council is committing to improving our Community and Economic Development by:

- Developing new community marketing material,
- Streamlining permitting and development processes, and
- Focusing on highway development, among other things.

**Infrastructure Renewal** *Explanation:* To truly show that the Town of Bassano is ready and "open for business", our infrastructure debt must be directly assessed. While the infrastructure needs through the entire community are great, the areas that require attention such as, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, the access road between old highway #1 and the new #1 highway, and water main looping. The priority areas do not take into consideration projects that are currently on the books (e.g. Lagoon Storage Cell project).

As a reminder, this plan is in a draft format. To learn more about the strategic priorities or the proposed vision, chat with a member of council, join us by attending any of the regularly scheduled council meetings as an observer, or stop by the town office.

### 2019-2021 Budget Summary

Changes to the Alberta Municipal Government Act (MGA) requires that all municipalities adopt three-year operating and five-year capital budgets. Over the next few months, council and administration will be focused on developing the necessary budgets. Three and five-year budgeting supports project forecasts. Residents of Bassano will know in advance where their tax dollars are going. Whereas, with annual operating budgets, there is long-long term forecast of events. Budget highlights will be included in upcoming newsletters. Council and administration will be busy working with departments heads, community organizations, and regional partners over develop the necessary budgets.

### Community Shout-out

We would like to thank all the residents and visitors that supported the Bassano swimming pool this summer! Lots of memories were made and we are happy that you allowed us to be apart of them. We look forward to seeing everyone back at the pool in 2019.

People volunteer for many reasons. It may be to support a cause they are passionate about or to engage in their community. Volunteering is one of the best things you can do for yourself and the world. To all our local volunteers – you make Bassano a better place and we appreciate you. Keep up the great work!