

Town of Bassano

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Election Year

The 2021 municipal election is quickly approaching with five elected positions to be filled. It is a great year to run for municipal office and to take on a new leadership role within the community as there are many important projects underway.

Consider nominating yourself, your neighbor, friend, colleague, or co-worker to form the next team of leaders in Bassano.

Nomination deadline: September 20 at 12:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

If you have questions about the election, contact the Town Office at 403-641-3788.

Eligibility requirements can be found on the town website (bassano.ca/2021-municipal-election)

Shout Out

Let's give a shout out to the current Mayor and Council of Bassano as they have invested countless hours into the community over the past 4-years and charting a path for the future. Many tough decisions have been made resulting in great opportunities for Bassano. Collectively, we thank you for making a difference.

What life is like as an elected official

Becoming an elected official can be a rewarding experience because you are fully involved in setting the direction for the current and future growth and development of the community.

You will be involved in many local and regional boards developing policies regarding things such as: waste management, recycling, recreation, water, and wastewater, library and literacy, emergency management, healthcare, arts and culture, economic development, investment attraction, social service functions and much more.

You are responsible for setting bylaws and policies to govern how the Town operates. You will work with many volunteer organizations to ensure our facilities are operating to meet the needs of the community and in alignment with the Town's strategic plan. In addition, you will interact with many professional organizations, upper levels of

government and other politicians.

You will be involved in planning all capital infrastructure in Bassano from roads, underground utilities, to buildings.

And, while the position is rewarding it is also challenging. As a council, you make decisions that have great impact on the lives of people, businesses, and the community. There will be opposition at times. You will hear the concerns of the public and receive complaints.

It is important that you stay informed and engage yourself in council related functions and community activities.

Come to the table with a desire to serve your community in a new way and a willingness to learn. Orientations are provided.

On average, you will spend 15 hours per week in your role as an elected official.

Community Standards Bylaw

Throughout the year we provide updates regarding the successes achieved through the Beautify Bassano Initiative actions. In 2019, the Town began a collaborative approach with property owners to encourage them to clean-up their properties. This has worked with 60 percent of the files. The remaining 40 percent are repeat offenders. This means, the overall success rate is decreasing which is why council is in the process of revising the Community Standards Bylaw to add significant fines for repeat offenders.

2021 unsightly properties complete/in-progress = 15

Recreation and Leisure

Community Hall

We are pleased to announce that terms have been reached to lease the meeting room at the Community Hall for a private art space beginning September 1.

This lease brings new revenue into the facility and is a great location for the private art space.

The Bassano Ag Society is pleased to present Gord Bamford on Tour!

Canadian country artist Duane Steele will be opening for Gord Bamford on Friday October 22, 2021 at the Bassano Community Hall. General admission and meet-and-greet packages will be available. Stay “tuned” for more details!

Bassano Outdoor Pool

The pool will close on August 28 as our staff prepare to return to school. This season our patrons shared new memories – it was wonderful to see families out enjoying the sun, the children in swimming lessons and new friendships being forged.

Thank you to Grace Beddows, pool manager and her team for helping to keep the community active this summer. While general usage was down by approximately 15% this year during July and August, we are optimistic for higher usage next season as the world continues to adapt to a new way of living.



Summer is Still Here

There is plenty of time to book a tee time and enjoy the golf course and clubhouse kitchen or to pick up a new book at the library and enjoy live music in the park. The next free concert is on September 1 at 7:00 p.m. – everyone welcome.

Capital Projects

Lagoon Project Update

This lagoon project is progressing well and continues to remain on target and within budget. Since the community site visit on July 16, we have been focused on building the storage cell – earthwork is well underway and will continue to be our focus over the next 6-8 weeks.

Later this fall we will host another community site visit so you can experience the progress firsthand. Stay tuned.

Joint Use Facility – Addressable Fire Alarm

To meet building code requirements an addressable fire alarm system must be installed at the Joint Use Facility (arena side). Council approved a project amendment to expand the system throughout the entire facility which includes the concession, common area, and pool rooms. The system is currently being designed and will be tendered this fall.

Projected cost: \$139,400

Project funds: the project will be funded jointly with the County of Newell. The Town’s contribution is from the Recreation and Culture reserve.

Former Stiles Building (413 – 2nd Ave.)

A public tender was issued for abatement (removal of hazardous materials from the building). The public tender closes on August 26. The tender award will be considered by Council on September 13.

Old Water Tower (317 – 1st Avenue)

A structural assessment was completed on the old water tower to verify its integrity and it has been determined by council that the tower will be disassembled.

A public tender was issued for the abatement and disassembly of the tower and underground infrastructure. The public tender closes on September 3. The tender award will be considered by Council on September 13.

Once the site is remediated, it will be sold for development. To honor this piece of history, council will engage the Bassano Historical Society to partner on the design and placement of a building mural.

REMINDER: In-town speed limit is 40km/h, playground zones is 30 km/h, and back alleys is 15 km/h

GET READY for Fall Programming

Coaches, volunteers, and parents are busy putting together fall programs at our facilities. Keep an eye out for hockey, skating, curling, bowling and other program registration offerings linked to the Town’s social media pages.

Special recognition goes out to the Bassano Rodeo Committee volunteers and participants for hosting the 2021 Bulls, Broncs, and Barrels Rodeo and FCSS for planning the parade of garage sales and ice cream social on Aug. 14. This truly was a weekend to remember!

2021 Tax Recovery Auction

October 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Office, call for more info.

- #11 831 – 2nd Avenue (minimum reserve bid \$1,750)
- 402 – 2nd Avenue (minimum reserve bid \$34,000)

Administrative Assistant

Join our administrative team in a support role where you contribute to the growth and development of our community. In this high paced environment, we have an opening for a full-time administrative assistant. The role includes customer service, accounting, marketing and website, general IT, cemetery administration, grants, professional writing, and a variety of other tasks. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Check out the full opportunity online at www.bassano.ca

Municipal Planning Commission (Member at Large)

Are you interested in urban planning and the development permit process? If so, submit your application to be appointed as a member at large on the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC).

We are in the final phases of modernizing the Town's Land Use Bylaw. With your involvement on the MPC you will be fully involved with its implementation and helping residents and investors build within the Town while meeting best practices.

An honorarium is provided for this role. The minimum commitment is 1-year. Members at large will be appointed by Council in October at the annual organizational meeting. Time commitment: on average, 12, 1-2 hour meetings per year.

Check out the full opportunity online at www.bassano.ca

Family and Community Support Services of Bassano is excited to share a new opportunity for young people in our community. We are seeking applications for interested young people to join us in our Youth on Board program. Through our **Youth on Board** program we are able to connect passionate young people to this skill building volunteer opportunity. This opportunity is open to any youth in grade 10 – 12 at Bassano School who are looking for a way to become involved in making a difference in their community. FCSS is currently accepting applications for 3 youth positions to join the FCSS Board, these positions will run for the duration of the 2021- 2022 school year. Successful applicants will be matched with an FCSS Board member who will act as a mentor to the youth, helping them gain skills around understanding board governance. Youth will have 1:1 supervision with the FCSS Director to aid in their development and understanding of the value that volunteerism holds. Youth will be engaged in various opportunities to plan and implement community-based programming that meets the unique needs of young people in Bassano. If this sounds like the right fit for you, please contact FCSS 403-641-3788 for more info on how to get involved!

Sewer Line Education

If you are experiencing issues with the sewer line at your property, two calls need to be made:

1. Contact the Town's public works department and advise them that you are having issues with your sewer line. The public works department will check the sanitary main and municipal infrastructure to ensure there are no blockages.
2. Contact a plumber to have them assess the sewer issue on your property.

By working together and following these steps, it is likely that the situation can be resolved quicker and with less cost.

Sewer Line Cleaning

Routine sewer line cleaning is scheduled to begin on September 13. You may experience the smell of sewer in the air or hear gurgling in your drains/toilets. This is normal and should settle quickly. Any immediate concerns, please contact the Town Office.



A Message From the RCMP

Cpl. Andrews would like to remind everyone to be aware of telephone fraud. Fraudulent callers are asking for money and threatening arrest warrants. Never give money over the phone. If you are concerned about an arrest warrant, go to your nearest RCMP detachment.

Do you love your dog, and would you like to see a community off-leash dog park?

Over the past few years, people have inquired about an off-leash dog park. Council advised that an off-leash dog park must be community driven. It must be led, organized, and planned by volunteers.

If you are interested in leading this project or being a member of the research and possible implementation task force, contact the Town Office. If there is volunteer interest, we will help to organize the working group.



CULTURE DAYS

Bassano DamFest and Culture Days – September 10 and 11, 2021

Join us for an amazing celebration in Bassano as a part of Alberta Culture Days!

Friday, September 10th:

- Children's Storytime - library
- Cooking Lessons– Korean, Filipino, German, Indigenous
- Art Show and Tell

Saturday, September 11th:

- Art Show and Tell
- Children's Craft Time
- Siksika Dance and Drumming Demonstration (tentative)
- Bassano DamFest (Music Festival with bands and solo/duet acts in between) and Outdoor Beer Gardens
- Food Truck
- Ice Cream Social
- Children's Western Heritage Activities and Outdoor Games



Please join us for these FREE family-friendly events in the Community Hall-Kinsmen Park block.

Follow the Bassano DamFest and Culture Days page on Facebook.

Watch the www.bassanoartscouncil.com and <https://bassano.ca/> websites for more info!

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