

Town of Bassano

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Message from Mayor Morey

It has been almost a year working together with our new council and I must tell the community what a pleasure it has been. Council shares a vision to serve the community, to focus on our people and to achieve long-term revitalization. Together, we have had many healthy debates, updated bylaws and policies, and created new incentives. Atop this, we have seen to the completion of the lagoon project, all while being oriented in our new roles. I am proud of what we have accomplished together so far.

Let me turn this over to the community. In the Mayoral position, I have the opportunity to meet with many more boards and represent the Town in a different way across the province and region thanks to your support. It is our people that keep the community together. We see you working to keep our facilities active, teaching our children and youth, and engaging our generations. Whether you participate in healthcare, recreation, literacy, beautification, protective services, business, or any other role, it is each of you that makes Bassano a great place to live and the best place to serve. Thanks!

Lagoon Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The time has come. Every challenge has been crossed. The 12+ year lagoon project is complete. This means we can move onto a roads and deep utility service project. We got to the finish line!

Please join council, administration, White Fox Group Ltd., and MPE Engineering for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the lagoon.

WHEN September 12, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE Meet us at the entrance of the anerobic cells off the old TransCanada highway driving east past Range Road 183 towards Highway 1. Look for Town vehicles and an entrance arrow.

WHO Everyone welcome

Those that wish to attend should have closed toed, sturdy footwear. This is a standing event and will require walking on uneven ground. The ceremony will conclude by 10:30 a.m. No registration required.

We hope to see you there!

APPROVED - Revitalization Development Incentives

The last newsletter provided an overview of two draft development incentives. We are pleased to announce that the development incentives were approved. This creates opportunities for residential revitalization of privately owned vacant, abandoned, derelict, or poorly conditioned properties in Bassano. It also supports the addition of backyard suites to promote infill development, and to provide a wide range of housing options.

- *Were you planning on building a garage?* Consider adding a residential suite to the property to help pay for your project.
- *Did you inherit a property that could use a little extra care and attention?* Consider a revitalization plan. Upgrade the home or demolish the building. Lots are large in Bassano. You could revitalize the property and add a backyard suite. \$20,000 in tax credits goes a long way.

Eligible property owners can access up to \$10,000 in property tax credits under each development incentive program. Program details are available at the Town Office and on the website www.bassano.ca. See Amanda Davis, CAO for more.

This is a termed incentive opportunity. Council allocated \$150,000 for the initiative. It will remain open until December 31, 2025, or until the time that tax credits are used, whichever comes first.

NEW, Free and Fun – Disc Golf has arrived in Bassano thanks to the Bassano Library Board!

“Caught Being Beautiful”

Our beautification volunteers and community members have stepped it up again. There are four community projects that deserve a shout-out:

1. **Cenotaph Revitalization** – the Beautify Bassano crew along with the Library Board partnered to bring new life to the cenotaph park. Thanks to a generous \$5,000 donation, our volunteers upgraded drainage around the building, poured a cement pad and installed a picnic table to make the area more accessible. The volunteers are also working on area specific murals to add to the library wall facing the park.

Enjoy this greenspace in memory of our veterans. It is the perfect spot to relax with a book and a coffee, to bring a picnic lunch, or to play your favorite guitar or harmonica.

The area is nicely manicured with sun and shade. You may even catch a children’s library program while you are there.

2. **Pioneer Gas Co-op Seating Area** – have you noticed the new seating area, recycling cans, and garden area on main street? The bar has been set by the Pioneer Gas Co-op. After purchasing the 25’ lot from the Town in late 2020 and consolidating their property to allow for business growth, Pioneer Gas Co-op took their investment one step further and installed a new seating area – this little oasis is here for everyone to enjoy. Summer is not over, stop in and pick up your BBQ supplies, check out the upgrade and bring some ice-cream.
3. **9th Avenue Naturalization Project** – we heard, “more trees please” and “more local art” – ask and you shall receive. Over 100 trees were planted on 9th Avenue last summer, this year, volunteers followed up with a seating area. Rather than installing a traditional plaque to recognize the generous donations, a hand-crafted bench was erected. The bench was designed and built by our local artist, Travis Peters of Porcupine Ridge. The project and all donated funds will be spent next summer with the installation of a variety of bird houses.
4. **Main Street Mural Project** – our talented local youth finished the historical murals on the side of the Creaky Floor. A small group of volunteers worked with art students at the school, to design the murals to showcase our history. The side of the building was prepped and has been revitalized. A great contribution to our main street!

Great Things Continue to Happen

We are pleased to welcome *Amanda Barron* as the new FCSS Director for the Town. Amanda is a well-respected and dedicated community member and volunteer. She brings years of experience working with youth and seniors. She has compassion for people and a desire to see our community thrive. Amanda is a great addition to the team.

Stay up to date on all FCSS programs by following their Facebook page (facebook.com/FCSSBassano) and the posters around Town.

Welcome Wagon packages are just around the corner. A priority of the FCSS Board.

Let There Be Light

Our applications to the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre program for energy efficiency lights were approved for **\$29,076!** New indoor and outdoor lights will be installed at the Joint Use Facility and the Recreation Complex.



This project is one of our goals to help lower operating costs at the recreation facilities so that the boards have more funds available for programs and operations. Upgrades at the Joint Use Facility will start in September.

A huge thanks to Ric’s Electric for collaborating with us to complete all energy and light conversion. This partnership has proven successful again.

And the winner is...

Coming soon, blue curved street signs. Thank you to everyone who voted.



Newell Housing Foundation offers a **rental subsidy** – reach out when you need help.



Keeping Us Safe

Under the leadership of Fire Chief, Cory Cochrane, and his deputies, we are pleased to announce three new firefighters, Eric Baer, Donald Cornell, and Matthew Kelly.

We train hard, protect the community, and have fun together. Be part of the comradery. We welcome new members.

Get With the Beat!

Pick up this seasons’ tickets and support the Bassano Arts Council. Four concerts for \$70. A gift for you, an early Christmas gift for a friend or loved one. Many nights of fun wrapped in one ticket. Available at the Town Office. Cash or cheque only. First show, Nov. 2

