

Town of Bassano

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Welcome to 2023 Town of Bassano!

Municipal Logo Modernization Project

For the past few years, council expressed an interest to modernize the Town's logo. Until recently, there were various renderings of a municipal logo being used. And while the original municipal logos served a purpose, they needed to be freshened up. Keeping true to our roots, the new logo is again centered around the Bassano Dam. Council approved the final design at their December 12, 2022 meeting.

Administration has been directed to develop a policy for council's review to retire the use of the former logos. Any existing stationary and swag will be used. The cost to design the logo was \$650. As new assets are ordered (such as the new street marking signs), logos will be updated. Much of the work to complete the project will be done by administration.

Introducing the Town's new logos:



The Town's logos to be retired are:



Dog Control Bylaw 928/22 – Approved



The community was invited to participate in a review/modernization of a local dog control bylaw. Bylaw 928/22 was introduced in September 2022. Council asked for feedback by December 1. One formal response was received from a community member, thanking the council for relaxing restrictions on various dog breeds. There were online and in-person discussions at the Town Office. Overall, the proposed changes within the modernized bylaw addressed a number of concerns that the Town had received over the past few years. With the support of those that chose to participate in this project, council passed Dog Control Bylaw 928/22 at their December 12, 2022 meeting as presented in the November 2022 newsletter. The bylaw is now active and can be viewed online at bassano.ca/bylaws/.

Off-leash Dog Park – One Thing Leads to Another

The introduction of a modernized dog control bylaw sparked the renewal of an off-leash dog park in Bassano. In 2021, the idea was proposed to the public as an opportunity for a community driven project. A group of interested volunteers have stepped up. Led by Grant McGarger, the group presented to council at the December 12, 2022 meeting with four specific requests, 1) that council recognize the volunteer working group; 2) that council agrees to establish an off-leash dog park; 3) that the town sets parameters for the volunteer working group; and 4) that the town assigns a liaison to the volunteer working group.

Having heard the delegation, council agreed to reconvene discussions and consider the request at their meetings in early 2023. We would like to hear from you. What are your views on an off-leash dog park? Is this an asset that would improve the quality of life for pet owners in Bassano?

Share your initial thoughts about an off-leash dog park by emailing Theresa Kelly at accounting@bassano.ca or by dropping off a note at the Town Office. The generalized feedback will be compiled and shared with council. If council chooses to support the idea of an off-leash dog park further direction will be given to administration and the working group regarding public engagement.

Various Council Updates

Nick Baer was appointed as a volunteer member of the Bassano Fire Department.

Kevin Jones was appointed as a volunteer on the FCSS Advisory Board.

The 2023 Bassano Memorial Library budget was approved with an allocation of \$15,660 (no change from 2022).

The public lands watering policy was updated for 2023 to include increased watering at the Town Office, the Community Hall, and the Cenotaph grounds. In addition, the hours for watering at the community gardens was changed be more inclusive for early morning waters/workers. Watering will be available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Town and the County approved an 8% increase to the Recreation Funding Committee grant. \$54,000 is available to user groups in 2023. Applications are available on the Town's website bassano.ca/recreation-funding-grant/

Dale Luchuck was appointed as the volunteer member at large for the Municipal Planning Commission for a one-year term.

Council approved a Disc Golf Maintenance Policy. The course will be maintained by the public works department and the library will be responsible for all capital costs. To promote this new asset, the Town will contribute up to \$2,000 for the installation of a main sign for the disc golf course.

The outdoor pool liner must be replaced in 2023. The Town will work in partnership with the Bassano Enhancement Society to complete this project. A CFEP grant application is being submitted to the province. The estimated project cost is \$300,000 and will be planned for the fall.

An upgrade to the bulk water loading station at the water treatment plant was approved to increase pump capacity from 1m³/minute to 2m³/minute. This upgrade supports business and industry users. The estimated project cost is \$35,000 and will be funded by bulk water revenue. Bulk water is pulled from the main distribution line and does not change waterflow or pressure within the Town.

Council agreed to take ownership of unsold properties following the tax auction. Once title transfers are complete the properties will be listed for sale. 701 – 2 Avenue; 242 – 3rd Avenue; and 415 – 2nd Avenue.

Generosity Never Goes Unnoticed – Thank you!

Over the past few months, there has been an outpouring of generosity. The Arena Management Board (AMB) hosted a community fundraiser in November to generate funds for plant upgrades. Over \$140,000 was generated through this event. The AMB plans to upgrade condenser in 2023/24 and the chiller is slated for replacement in 2027.

White Fox Group Ltd. donated \$5,000 towards energy efficiency lighting upgrades at the Community Hall to include stage lighting and a sound system.

\$8,500 in sponsorships and donations were received to support the Christmas Hamper program delivered by the FCSS Department in December.

Paper Free Utility Billing

Take advantage of paper-free utility billing. It is a new year, start fresh. Contact Christine Petkau at the Town Office to set this up or to learn more town@bassano.ca or 403-641-3788.

2023 Utility Rates

Council will set the 2023 utility rates at their January meeting having just received the solid waste collection fees from the Village of Duchess.



**SMALL TOWN
SMOKE
DOWN
BASSANO, AB**

SAVE THE DATE.
Join us for great food, good fun,
and a little friendly competition at
our second annual BBQ Competition.
JUNE 2-4, 2023.

Recreation & Leisure in Bassano

Men's Curling Bonspiel – January 11-15, 2023 – contact Jose 403-793-9294 or Gavin 403-793-1207

Snowflakes and Sandcastles Figure Skating Competition - January 14 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
– All spectators welcome at the arena

Bassano Arts Council Dinner Theater – Par for the Corpse – A Mystery Comedy by Craig Sodaro – April 29 \$50/ticket or \$400/table of 8. Tickets are available at the Town Office (cash or cheque only).

INDOOR WALKING

at the Community Hall



Monday, Wednesday and Friday,
December 28 to March 31
9 am - 11:30 am
(Hall rentals take precedence over indoor walking)

For people 18 and older that would like a safe, indoor space to walk for active living, or rehabilitation. Visit the Town of Bassano office to register.

Thrive Members can enjoy unlimited indoor walking access for only \$5!

For information on Indoor Walking member fees only, visit bassano.ca or the town office.

Effective January 2, 2023 the Bassano Health Centre Emergency Department Re-opened for 24/7 Support – Welcome Dr. Amechi Okam!

A Message from Fire Chief Cochrane

The Bassano Fire Department responded to 146 emergency calls in 2022 within the community and surrounding area. There are 16 active volunteer firefighters with 5 being new members in 2022. We welcome new recruits – help us keep our community safe. Be a part of a great team of men and women – find your place with us. Contact Fire Chief Cochrane for more information 403-633-1540.

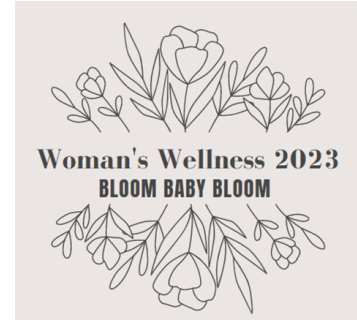


BASSANO FCSS PROGRAMS

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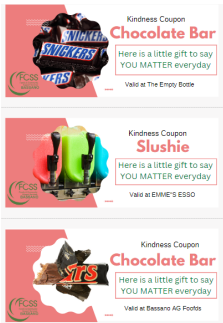
Bassano FCSS would like to extend a bounty of gratitude to the community. It is through the generosity, volunteerism and kindness of Bassano residents and local businesses that Bassano FCSS was able to deliver the Spirit of the season with the Christmas Hamper program. With the help of the Bassano Fire Department, 27 hampers were distributed locally.



OH LADIES.. WRANGLE UP THE GALS FOR WOMAN'S WELLNESS 2023

Bassano FCSS would like to announce the return of Woman's Wellness Day so mark off April 1st, 2023 on your calendars. We are feverishly working to finalize event details to provide an uplifting and rejuvenating experience for all. We can tell you to be prepared to laugh your socks off with our comedians from The Boob Tour! Ticket sales will open early February, stay tuned for program details.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



February, the month that brings acts of kindness to the forefront of minds. Bassano FCSS is excited to share that we have partnered up with the local RCMP and throughout February will be celebrating Kindness. Local officers will be handing out Kindness coupons randomly throughout town. These can be turned in at participating local businesses to receive something sweet. Be kind, not because of who they are or what they do in return but because of who YOU are!

BE THE REASON SOMEONE SMILES TODAY BUILDING A BULLYING FREE BASSANO

Be sure to follow us on Facebook @ Bassano Family and Community Support Services throughout the month of February as we highlight the "Ripples of Kindness" that are created through action.

Together WE BENEFIT Bassano

International STAND UP to Bullying Day takes place on February 24, 2023. This day is a special semi-annual event in which participants sign and wear a pink shirt to take a visible, public stance against bullying. The color of the shirts is based on a campaign started by Travis Price and David Shepherd, two students who took a stand for a fellow student who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. International STAND UP to Bullying Day takes place in schools, workplaces, and organizations in 25 countries across the globe.



FAMILY DAY GIVEAWAY

To Celebrate Family Day and keeping in mind the theme of kindness Bassano FCSS would like to invite Bassano residents to nominate a family to receive an evening of five pin fun at our local Bassano Bowling Alley. To enter a family for this fantastic fun filled night out drop by the Town of Bassano office, between January 23 - February 17, nominate your friends and family. Winner will be selected by random draw.

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