



TOWN NEWSLETTER

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CHANGES to the Business License Bylaw



An updated Business License Bylaw 932/23 was passed by council earlier this year. It requires all business owners to purchase their license between January 1-31 annually.

Unpaid licenses after January 31 will be levied a fine of \$75 and the rate will double.

License fees have not change.

- In-town is \$70/annum
- Out-of-town is \$120/annum

The bylaw is available at bassano.ca/bylaws/.

Friendly Reminder

Winter is here, please remove your vehicles from the road during snow clearing.

Shovel your sidewalks so people can safely walk around town.

Do not leave extension cords across the sidewalk. This is a tripping hazard.



General Council & Community Highlights

There are lots of things happening in Bassano. Contact the town office if you are looking for more information on any of these topics.

Irv Morey and John Slomp were re-elected as **Mayor and Deputy Mayor** at the recent organizational meeting.

Dale Luchuck was appointed as the member-at-large on the Municipal Planning Commission. This will be the start of his second one-year term. Thank you, Dale.

Council meetings will now start at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month unless otherwise posted to accommodate work schedules.

The November council meeting was rescheduled to November 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. **Everyone welcome.** Meeting agendas are available online at bassano.ca/agendas.

We are happy to announce the **Bassano Transfer Site** is now open 5-days per week (Tuesday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). Thank you to Newell Regional Landfill for making this operational change, we know how often this site is used.

The Beautify Bassano Initiative (BBI) is still strongly enforced. On an annual basis, our bylaw enforcement team aims to complete 10-unsightly orders. **Between the period of January 1 – September 30, 2023 – 20 unsightly property orders were issued and resolved.** Working together as a community, keeping ourselves and our neighbors accountable Bassano continues to look and feel better each year. The BBI was passed by council and kicked off January 1, 2019. Four years makes a huge difference with well over 100 properties cleaned up. Keep up the great work Bassano.

The **Bassano Outdoor Pool Liner Upgrades** project is 95% complete. Once our crew receives the skimmers, they will be back to work in the spring to finish the project. Our little swimmers will have fun with the new underwater themed decals placed in the shallow-end. A big thank you grades 1-6 for helping us design that!

The **energy efficient lighting upgrade** is now complete at the Joint Use Facility and is nearly complete at the Bassano Community Hall. We are happy to deliver on our commitment to decrease operating costs at recreation facilities by installing the LED lights.

413 – 2nd Avenue (former Stiles building) has sold. We welcome out of province investment into our community. With plans to fully development the site, the new owners will add two residential suites upstairs with a main floor business. Details to follow.

Highlights Continued

The BBQ on the Bow Society accepted our proposal to host/partner on the 3rd Annual **Small Town Smoke Down BBQ** competition. Mark your calendars for **June 7-9, 2024!**

The volunteers of the **Bassano Off Leash Dog Park** received approval to move forward with a two-year pilot project at the old Kinnette Park in 2024. Council supported this project under the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan. The volunteers met public consultation and planning requirements. Within their plan, they took public feedback and will revise operating plans. The town did not make a financial contribution. The volunteers will meet with the town early next year to finalize all required planning processes. Stay tuned for further updates.

Two of five properties were eligible for sale at the **tax auction**. Remaining tax balances were paid prior to the tax auction. No bids were received for 223 - 3rd Street or 808 - 3rd Avenue. Council will decide whether to take ownership of the two properties at a future meeting to place them for sale at fair market value.

Lest We Forget, **Remembrance Day Ceremony** on November 11 at the Bassano Community Hall.

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FCSS PROGRAMS

A STRONG PARTNER IN A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Winter Clothing Exchange

On November 6 from 4:30- 6:30 pm the community is invited to stop in at 502 2nd Ave and shop for FREE to acquire essential Winter Outerwear. Thanks to the generous donations from the community we are able to recycle gently used items and help ensure everyone stays warm this winter.

Community Christmas Hamper applications are available at Town Office or online at bassano.ca

Food and monetary donations accepted at Town Office.

Christmas Magic November 29th

Once again this year **Christmas Magic** will be taking place on November 29, from 4:30- 7 pm. This is an opportunity to shop locally for all your Christmas needs. Enter to win prize draws!

During this time FCSS and Royal Purple are hosting **Santa's Social** at the Community Hall, children will have a chance to meet Santa, build crafts, movement games and a hotdog meal will be available.

From 6:30 -7 immediately following the Social, Santa will be taking his tour through town for **Santa's Sleigh Parade**. Departing from the Bassano Fire Hall with his First Responder friends he will make his way through downtown Bassano to Homecoming Campground.

Join Santa there as we prepare to "**Light Up**" the Campground bringing in the magic of the Christmas Season at 7 pm. Bassano Arts Council will be serving up Hot Chocolate to go with your fire roasted Smores as you listen to the sweet sounds of Christmas carols.

Volunteer Driver Schedule is available online at bassano.ca under FCSS Upcoming Programs



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Rural Pop Up/ Parents and Tots

FCSS in collaboration with SPEC welcomes Rural Pop Up, an unstructured developmental play and social skill building opportunity. Offered the third Thursday of each month from 10:00- 11:30 am at the Community Hall for parents and guardians of children aged 0-6.

Upcoming Sessions : November 21
December 19

The Carseat Clinic has been postponed until Spring 2024

Stay updated to Bassano FCSS programs on Facebook @ Bassano Family and Community Support Services

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