



TOWN NEWSLETTER

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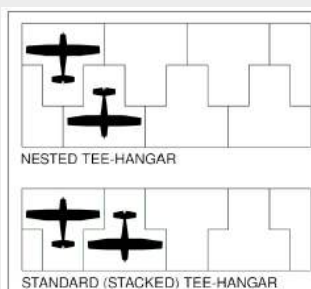
SOON – there is a growing interest to purchase and develop lots at the Bassano Airport. As a result, the Town and the County partnered to develop a new concept plan to accommodate different sizes of hangers and to make our airport more investable.

The concept plan was approved by both councils along with a plan of subdivision. The subdivision will occur in 2024. There will be 14 lots available.

The partners will prepare cost estimates to develop the new parcels of land for 2024 budget deliberations.

Lot prices will be available after budgets are completed.

Concept planning cost was \$11,340.



2023 Capital Project Highlights

Joint Use Facility (Arena & Pool)

Fire Proofing & Ventilation System Upgrades – NOW In-Progress

To meet current fire code standards, fire proofing and ventilation system upgrades were needed within the arena side of the building prior to installing new energy efficient lights. The project was awarded to Armor Building Systems Ltd. for **\$95,505** and will be funded equally by the Town and the County of Newell. The Town's contribution will come from the Recreation & Culture Capital Reserve.

Energy Efficient Lighting Upgrades – NOW In-Progress

Lighting upgrades will be completed at the Joint Use Facility once the fire proofing and ventilation system upgrades are complete. The total project cost is **\$38,000**.

- **MCCAC Energy Efficiency Grant = \$16,700**
- Project balance will be funded equally by the Town and the County of Newell. The Town's contribution will come from the Recreation & Culture Capital Reserve.

Once complete, the new lighting will help lower operating costs at the facility as they consume less power.

Bassano Outdoor Pool Liner Upgrade – Starts in September

The pool liner has reached the end of its useful life. Repairs were made prior to the 2023 season which allowed us to operate without interruptions – this is a good thing. In July, 2,390 people used the pool for public swim and fun days (not including swim lessons). On average, throughout a summer season, there are over 6,000 visits to the pool employing 14-20 students annually. The total project cost is including interim season repairs and design is \$415,000.

- **CFEP Grant = \$114,229** (a partnership with the Bassano Community Enhancement Society)
- **Small Town Smoke Down BBQ Proceeds = \$7,000**
- Project balance will be funded equally by the Town and the County of Newell. The Town's contribution will come from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative Capital allocation.

Condenser Upgrade – Starts in September

The Arena Management Board (AMB) will complete a condenser upgrade in September thanks to the funds raised last fall. This upgrade is fully funded by the AMB.

UPDATED: Business License Bylaw

Bylaw 932/23 was updated and passed earlier this year. Businesses operating in Bassano must have an active license, renewed annually by January 31 without penalties. We promote your business when your license is active.



WE ARE THINKING ABOUT INVESTMENTS

There are various development incentives available for your investment in Bassano.



If you are looking to build a revenue property, consider an Accessory Dwelling Unit (second home in your backyard). Or take advantage of decreased lot prices in the residential districts; a duplex is a great way to invest. Live on one side and rent the other side out. This can easily happen here with incentives and savings.

You can do even more with a commercial/industrial business development. New builds are eligible for incentives.



To find out more, contact Amanda Davis, CAO at 403-641-3788 or cao@bassano.ca

Development incentives are available online at bassano.ca/development.

MAIN STREET BUILDINGS FOR SALE

You can make your dream a reality by starting a main street business in Bassano.

The Town has two properties for sale on main street that were recovered through tax forfeiture. Each building is suitable for multiple uses that include a main floor business, an upstairs business, or mixed use with business and residential opportunities. The buildings are priced to sell and require an investment to become operational.

415- 2nd Avenue = \$30,000

413 - 2nd Avenue = \$7,000

Viewings can be made with Royal LePage, Jolene Ledene Reimer at 403-363-1320.

As you may have noticed, the Town recently painted the exterior of the buildings. We will also be installing business murals on the window to support main street beautification.

PUBLIC TAX AUCTION



A public tax auction will be held at the Bassano Town Office (502 - 2nd Avenue) on October 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Properties subject to tax sale will be offered for sale at fair market value. Parties interested in bidding must adhere to the terms and conditions of the tax sale (available for pick up at the Town Office or online at bassano.ca/public-notices/).

There are currently five properties scheduled for the auction. Please note: property owners subject to tax sale may pay account balances until October 11, 2023 at 9:59 a.m. Property accounts that are fully paid prior to the commencement of the tax auction *will not* be sold.

1. 302 - 3rd Avenue - \$73,900 (reserve bid)
2. 226 - 2nd Avenue - \$220,167 (reserve bid)
3. 223 - 3rd Street - \$91,000 (reserve bid)
4. 509 - 7th Avenue - \$101,775 (reserve bid)
5. 808 - 3rd Avenue - \$197,733 (reserve bid)

LET'S SUPPORT THE BASSANO ARTS COUNCIL

The Bassano Arts Council is comprised of a dedicated group of volunteers that are passionate to promote live music. Each year they host a winter concert series with prized talent. Celebrating 40-years together, there is an outstanding line-up of musical talent.

Purchase your season ticket \$70 for 4 shows - Christmas can start in November. Bring friends and family or come solo. This is a great way to meet people and have a night out.

Bassano Arts Council 40th Anniversary Season!

www.bassanoartscouncil.com

Season Tickets for this year's season are on sale now!
Four concerts for \$70 – at the Town of Bassano Office,
the Brooks ConnectFirst Credit Union or by
sending an email then an etransfer to bassanoac@gmail.com!!



An acoustic, intimate evening with one of our all-time favourites, George Canyon!
November 8th, 2023



From Newfoundland – the Ennis Sisters!
November 27th, 2023



The Charms!!
Meg Korschuh & Denis Dufresne
April 17, 2024



Multiple CCMA Nominee
Garrett Gregory
March 21, 2024



Alberta
Foundation
for the Arts



FAIRWELL TO OUR SUMMER STAFF

Our summer students are integral to town operations, both at the pool and with public works. 17 students were hired for the pool, and two for public works. Together, they offer recreational activities, life saving skills, lessons, and deliver on maintenance and beautification objectives. Thank you for a great season and best of luck for your upcoming school year – we look forward to having you back again.

SHOUT OUT...

To the Bassano Historical Society – the new mural on the Empty Bottle is thought provoking and a great display of our community's history.

To the Bassano Golf Course – the new entry signs in town and near Crawling Valley Reservoir are outstanding. What a great way to increase the promotion of the facility and grounds – the design is bright and welcoming!

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE OFF-LEASH DOG PARK?

PLEASE JOIN THE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE BASSANO COMMUNITY HALL (610 – 2ND AVENUE) FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING. GET THE FACTS. Q&A TO ALL CONCERNS. EVERYONE WELCOME.

CONTACT: GRANT MCCARGAR
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BASSANO RCMP POLICING PRIORITIES

By working together, we can help keep Bassano safe. Policing priorities remain unchanged for the next period with rural crime watch, traffic and speed enforcement as well as community engagement.

NEW Online Crime Reporting is available at <https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta> - in person and phone crime reporting is still an option.

STAY ACTIVE AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER

Bassano Memorial Library Upcoming Events

September 9th Car Care Demo @ 10:30 a.m. with K&S Auto, register at bassano.manager@shortgrass.ca

First Annual Disc Golf Tournament September 16th 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Meeting near the pool by the bike park, discs are available.

September Tennis from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the school courts, everyone welcome and equipment is provided.

Bassano Fire Rapid Response Society Bottle Drive September 9th beginning at 10:00 am. All donations in support redevelopment of the Sport Court and Outdoor Rink. Bottles may also be dropped off at the Empty Bottle at any time with mention they are in support of fundraising efforts by BFRRS. Leave for pick up at the end of your driveway.

Bassano Skating Club Registration and AGM - Thursday Sept 7 at 7:00 at the arena – join us!

Bassano Curling Club Registration - contact Sandra Mitchell for more information at 403-734-2868.

Bassano Bowling Alley AGM - September 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the bowling alley 109 1st Avenue – join us!

Bassano Minor Hockey is actively seeking children born between 2014-2019 for this hockey season. Please contact Tiffany Gibeau for registration information at 403-501-1866.



Intention Journals

Available at Bassano Pharmacy and Town Office in men's, ladies, and children's versions. This free resource has mental health information and were designed to help reduce stress and anxiety while allowing for introspection and personal development. Stop in at a location and get yours today.

World Suicide Prevention Community Walk

Join us Friday September 8th for a lunch hour walk in recognition of Suicide Prevention Week from 12:30 -1:30 departing the Bassano Community Hall.

Life is a journey...you don't have to walk it alone!

Today in **Canada** 12 people will end their lives by **suicide**. For each death by **suicide**, the World Health Organization estimates 10 people are deeply affected.

Sing Out on Fire Safety

Mary Lambert will be performing her Fire Prevention Sing Out on Fire Safety performance on October 6th at 10:00am at the Bassano Community Hall. All members of the community are invited to attend this FREE performance and learn about fire safety!



Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Mental Health First Aid Survey. Bassano FCSS is a committed community partner and we look forward to providing programs and events that build community capacity and promote social, emotional, and physical wellness.

Fall Clean Up

Fall Clean up will begin the week of October 16th, 2023. If you would like to help beautify Bassano with some volunteerism, please contact Amanda Barron at (403) 641-3788 to adopt a section of town for garbage pickup.

Large items and Vehicles can be registered for pick up at (403) 641-3788. Piled branches and clear bagged leaves can be placed in the alley for pick up. Pick up dates are October 17 and 20 please have items out before 8 am.

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 - September 19th, October 17th CARSEAT CLINIC and November 21st.

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