



TOWN NEWSLETTER

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Housing Needs Assessment Completed fo Bassano – read it here under 'Town News'

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New Council Appointments following the Annual Organizational Meeting – learn more under 'Meet Our Council'

MAYOR

Irv Morey

DEPUTY MAYOR

John Slomp

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RCMP Monthly Mountie Updates are posted regularly under 'Town News' – keep informed

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Join us at the Town Office

Municipal Planning Commission – Nov. 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

RECYCLING EDUATION AND UPDATES

Recycling services in Bassano recently changed. The transition from BARRA to bins was done out of necessity. BARRA was a not-for-profit organization caught in a situation where commodity prices for recyclables were draining their limited resources, the overhead to run the building was no longer sustainable, and volunteers were tired. In collaboration with Newell Regional Landfill, Newell Recycling, BARRA, and the town, savings were reached on all fronts by transitioning the recycling system to bins which over time will be passed onto users.

At 702 – 1 Avenue (former BARRA site), residents can access cardboard and paper recycling options.



Tin, electronics, and other household items can be recycled at the Bassano Transfer Station. The transfer station is open Tuesday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Recycling will be at two locations because it was important for BARRA volunteers to ensure recycling was accessible as possible. Tin and electronics were collected at the two locations causing duplicated fees. It was agreed to keep cardboard and paper accessible 24-7 with bins at 701-1 Avenue and to provide the other services at the Transfer Station.

MISUSE OF RECYCLING

As recycling services change, we ask for your patience. Misusing recycling comes at a cost and degrades the efforts our community has taken towards beautification.

The cardboard bin is intended for residential use. Currently, the bin is being used by large volume commercial entities which is why it is filling every second day. Large volume commercial cardboard recycling must be managed differently and a program is being worked on immediately.

In these early stages of this updated service, we are learning what is needed regarding the number bins and scheduling. We are asking for our residents' cooperation while we find this balance. If the bins are full, come back. **DO NOT** leave any recycling or waste beside or around the bins.

RECYCLING EDUCATION AND UPDATES Continued...



This is a mis-use of the recycling facility. Mis-use has consequences for everyone. Please respect the service as it is provided and come back if the bin is full. This image was taken on October 14, 2024 in Bassano.

There is nowhere for this mess to go, but to blow around our community. When the driver arrives to load the bin, there is not excess room on the truck for loose cardboard.

The Off Leash Dog Park is waiting. A great place to exercise your dog, chat with others, and possibly make a few new friends. Located at 514 – 6 Avenue. Please be respectful of all users and neighbors.



If you see people misusing the recycling options, please ask them to stop. We get more done working together. We will find the right balance and see recycling continue to thrive in our community keeping recyclables out of the landfill.

In closing, you may be wondering what will happen to the BARRA building. Thanks to the generous donation from the BARRA board, the building will be converted for the public works department. The town planned an addition to the existing public works shop. This is no longer required with the acquisition of the BARRA building. Public works will be moving equipment out of the parks and rec shop and town council is exploring the feasibility of transitioning that portion of the building (joint facility with Pioneer Damsiters) for the Thrive Fitness Centre.

BUILDING, DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

BUILD Bassano – 2024 Development Projects

Construction has started on Part 3 – Large Lot Subdivision (south of the tracks) now that the Town received its final approval from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (AEPA). As part of the project, the Town hired BearTracks Environmental to complete a Wetlands Assessment and Impact Report to assess three low-lying areas. The assessment did not raise project concerns and formed the basis of our application to AEPA, subsequently receiving approval enabling construction.

This project segment is intended for Large Lot Residential (R3) developments per the Town's Land Use Bylaw 921/21. Twelve lots will be available between 2 and 3 acres each. Water capacity was verified by MPE Engineering allowing the lots to be partially serviced. Purchasers will be responsible for sanitary services as the town's sewer utility does not extend to this area. Septic fields or septic tanks are standard for this type of development and must be designed/permitted/installed according to the Alberta Building Code. Town council will establish development requirements and lot prices at their upcoming meetings.

The project is fully funded by municipal reserves. Municipal reserves will be replenished as lots sell and the subdivision process is underway. The BUILD Bassano 2024 Development Project does not interfere with the Town's infrastructure renewal project (water, sewer, and roads). The Town has a dedicated Capital Plan reserve for its infrastructure renewal projects. Council and administration are diligent in establishing an infrastructure renewal plan for Bassano that is in alignment with provincial and federal grant programs. Above-ground and below-ground assets will be renewed in Bassano when we can leverage funding opportunities.

A historical record check was also completed. None of the files presented concerns about the suitability of this area for development. Records pertaining to old landfills were contained in the existing transfer station area.

The BUILD Bassano 2024 Development Project bundle creates a variety of unique development opportunities to support the growth of the town. Part 3, the Large Lot Subdivision is our area of focus this season. The AEPA approval process impacted the anticipated construction timeline followed by a rainy period in September. Parts of the project bundle will carry forward into early 2025. All lots under the project bundle will be ready for builders in 2025.

BUILD Bassano – 2024 Development Projects Continued – Part 3 Site Plan



BUILD Bassano – Residential Vacant Land Development Incentive

Each year council reviews the BUILD Bassano development incentive policies to ensure each policy continues to be relevant. With several residential parcels being returned to the town, council updated the Residential Vacant Land Development Incentive.

When purchasing a lot under this incentive program, the updated process requires the full payment of \$5,000. Purchasers have 6-months to submit a development permit application that aligns with the Town's Land Use Bylaw. Pending this is achieved and a development permit is issued, a title transfer will occur. If the purchaser fails to provide/receive an approved development permit, the \$5,000 deposit is forfeited. Otherwise, the approved development permit is valid for 12-months from the date of issuance. If the purchaser fails to complete the development (or make substantial progress on construction) the Town will recover the land and the \$5,000 is forfeited. These changes were made to ensure any buyer is serious about construction, serious about investing in Bassano, and helping to grow the community.

Three lots are now available for re-sale under the incentive program.

- 826 – 4th Avenue (R1)
- 505 – 9th Avenue (R1) → minimum 1,400SQ home with attached front garage
- 317 – 9th Avenue (R1)

For more information, contact Amanda Davis, CAO at the town office or read the updated policy on the Town website.

Looking to the future, 2025 is the municipal election. A great way to prepare is to attend council meetings to learn about current projects and initiatives.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY JOIN OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works, Facilities, and Operations Assistant

This is a full time position, 40 hours per week with rotational on-call shifts. Salary is dependent upon experience and ranges between \$41,000 - \$62,000 + benefits.

Position Overview

The public works department is comprised of a small, dedicated team of three full-time and permanent positions that handle all aspect of municipal public works operations meaning the scope of responsibilities is highly varied. The position we are seeking to fill is Public Works, Facilities, and Operations Assistant. This versatile role combines technical expertise with operational support to maintain and enhance public infrastructure and services. This position involves a range of responsibilities, including facility and grounds maintenance/labour, equipment operation, construction support, and basic administrative tasks. The ideal candidate will possess a blend of mechanical skills, problem-solving abilities, excellent communication skills, a desire to learn, and a strong commitment to community service.

Key Responsibilities

- **Infrastructure Maintenance:** Support routine inspections, repairs, and maintenance on public buildings, pumps, roads, and other community assets.
- **Equipment Operation:** Safely operate and maintain various machinery, including backhoes and skid steers, ensuring efficient and effective use.
- **Construction and Support:** Assist in construction projects and support daily operations with hands-on maintenance and troubleshooting.
- **Grounds Maintenance:** Undertake landscaping and grounds upkeep to ensure a clean and attractive environment.
- **Administrative Functions:** Maintain records, manage inventory, perform tailgate and safety meeting functions to support overall department operations.
- **Data Collection:** Gather data for maintenance logs and reports, contributing to planning and improvement efforts.
- **Community Engagement:** Interact with residents to provide information and address public works concerns where applicable.
- **Team Collaboration:** Work closely with other team members and departments to coordinate and implement municipal projects.

Full details about this position are available online under 'Employment' at www.bassano.ca.

Get Ready for Winter, Our Community Outdoor Rink Construction is Underway!

As we anticipate the arrival of freezing temperatures, we're excited to remind you that our community-built outdoor rink will soon be open for skating! We are thrilled to see the construction of a brand-new outdoor rink, built by our dedicated BFRRS volunteers and funded entirely by our amazing community! This project wouldn't be possible without the generous sponsorships and donations from businesses, organizations, and residents who believe in bringing our community together. The ODR promises to create a space for fun, connection, and winter activities for all ages. Whether you're a skater, hockey player, or just want to enjoy the beauty of winter, this rink is for YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to all the BFRRS volunteers who are pouring their time and energy into this project and to the community who supported fundraising efforts. Together, we're building more than just a rink—we're strengthening our community spirit.

A Communities Choosewell Healthy Communities grant was received. FCSS is busy preparing the lending shed with equipment accessible to the community. The lending shed will reduce barriers to participation. Stay tuned for updates on the official opening date and get ready to lace up your skates!

Curious where to find the Outdoor Rink, let us help. The rink is located in the sport court beside the Community Hall (610 – 2 Avenue). It is set up and shining bright, waiting for winter.

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

[Bassano Community Turkey Supper](#) is taking place Nov. 4th at the Community Hall (610 2 Avenue) 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Under 6 – Free, 6 and Over - \$15.00 per person.

[Bassano's Curling League](#) begins Nov. 5th ending Mar. 2025. Experienced and new curlers welcome! \$210 per person (\$110 per person for Sturling). Registrations after Nov. 5th will pay an additional \$50. Interested? Contact one of the following.

- Sherry Steinbach (Mixed) – 403-633-2422,
- Sheila Evans (Womens) – 403-376-0540,
- Jose Rabadan (Mens) – 403-793-9249,
- Meryl and Harold Prentence (Sturling) – 403-362-9202.

DID YOU KNOW! [Art and Soul](#) is hosting a variety of programs in Nov.

- Make and Take Christmas Card Workshop Nov. 8th and 9th 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - \$15 per person,
- Open Studio (Bring your own project or just come for coffee/tea) Nov. 10th 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.,
- Jewelry Repair and Remoduling Nov. 14th 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. - \$10 per person.

[Willing Workers Christmas Craft Show](#) is taking place at the Community Hall Nov. 16th 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bassano Arts Council presents "[Christmas with the Travelling Mabels](#)" on Dec. 5th at the Community Hall.

[Bassano School's Christmas Concert](#) is taking place Dec 11th from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the school (240 6 Ave).

Knox Presbyterian Church (334 3 Ave) is hosting [Vesper Service – a Community Christmas Program](#) on Dec. 17th starting at 7:00 p.m. All welcome. Offering will be donated to the Bassano Community Christmas.

[Bassano and District Centennial Arena](#) will be hosting out of town [tournaments](#) throughout the winter season. Stay updated on the Bassano Arena Facebook page.

Come out and support our [Skating Club Star Skaters](#) for an informal [Christmas Showcase](#) on Dec. 19th 3:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M. in preparation for their competition.

DID YOU KNOW! [The Pioneer Damsiters Drop-in Centre](#) is looking for [new members](#)! All residents age 50+ are welcome. Members have access to drop-in coffee hour, bingo, crafting events, annual Christmas Party, and more! \$12.00 per year per person.



SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN US

**MAY 30 - JUNE 1
2025**

**FOR OUR 4TH ANNUAL
BBQ COMPETITION!
STAY TUNED FOR
MORE DETAILS.**

Remembrance Day Service

Hosted by Bassano Royal Purple and the Legion will be taking place on Nov. 11th beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Community Hall.



LEST WE FORGET

Here comes Christmas!!

The holiday season is upon us, and we are excited to announce that applications for our Christmas Hamper Program are now open! This wonderful initiative aims to bring joy and support to those in our community who may be facing challenges during this festive time.

Apply for a Christmas Hamper: If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, please submit your application by December 16th. We want to ensure that everyone in need has the opportunity to receive a Community Christmas Hamper. If you would like to be added to the Angel Giving Tree please submit your application before December 1st. Applications online at Bassano.ca/Upcoming Programs and at Town Office.

Donate to the Hamper Program: Your generosity makes a significant difference! Consider contributing non-perishable food items, gifts, or funds to help us create the hampers. Every little bit helps spread the holiday cheer. Collection available at Bassano School, Town Office, Connect First Credit Union and Bassano Foods.

Pick an Angel from the Giving Tree: Visit our Giving Tree at Connect First Credit Union and choose an Angel tag. Each tag represents an individual in need. By selecting a tag, you commit to providing a gift that will bring a smile to their face this Christmas to be included with Christmas Hampers.

Together, we can make this holiday season brighter for those less fortunate in our community.

Christmas Magic - Light up the Campground - Santa's Social: Join us on Wednesday November 27th at the Community Hall from 4:00 pm till 6:30pm We're excited to invite you to Santa's Social, a festive celebration filled with fun, food, and holiday cheer! Join us for a delicious hotdog dinner sponsored by the Royal Purple, and get ready to light up the campground with festive decorations. Bring your family and friends for an evening of Christmas magic including:

Meet Santa: Bring your holiday spirit and take photos with Santa and build a festive craft.

Hay Rides: Departing periodically from the Community Hall.

Christmas Magic Passports: Shop local and get a stamp on your passport to be entered to win prizes.

Light Up the Campground: Help us illuminate the area with beautiful lights and decorations! Join us for Hot Chocolate and Smore's along with Community Campfire.



Winter Clothing Available

Thanks to the donations from our community we are able to host the 2nd Annual Winter Clothing Event. If you are in need of warm winter wear join us on **November 8th from 4- 6 pm at Bassano Town Office** to pick out winter necessities available at no cost. We have a range of both children and adult sizes along with boots, gloves, scarves and ski pants.

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

National Day of the Child

Join us in honoring the National Day of the Child on November 20th, a day dedicated to recognizing the rights and well-being of children everywhere. This important day reminds us of the vital role we play in supporting their growth, development, and happiness.

To mark this occasion, we're excited to announce a Healthy Breakfast Delivery for children at Bassano School A nutritious start to the day is essential for their well-being, and we want to ensure every child has access to a healthy meal.