

# Hardisty

# Happenings



## CAO Corner

Happy New Year Hardisty!

Now begins a new decade. A vision of hope for happiness, prosperity and good health.

December closed with a fantastic Community Christmas Party, the CP Holiday Train, Christmas Market and the Festival Trees. Many thanks to Encompass Credit Union – Hardisty Br., Hardisty Community Drug Mart, Desert Canary Industries, Scrubber and Oilfield Services, R&R Inn, Hardisty Home Hardware, Recon Utility Search, Rustics Stars, Comrades Parts & Accessories Ltd., & Hardisty Rodeo Association for participating in the Festival of Trees. 1st place went to Comrades Parts & Accessories Ltd. and the best decorated table at the Community Christmas Party went to Safety First (Muirhead's) Ltd. Congratulations to BOTH!

2020 is opening up with new challenges for municipalities in Alberta. Tight Provincial budgets along with forecasted declining grant funding to local municipalities and a new requisition for municipalities <5000 for Police funding has everyone taking a closer look at how we can accomplish our financial goals.

Council approved the Interim 2020 Operating Budget but will be reviewing much closer in January at the 28th budget meeting capital project plans. Stormwater and drainage will be a priority for 2020 to facilitate Gibson Energy's Primary Control Center development. With estimated cost of construction at \$280,000 provincial grants will be ear tagged to accommodate this infrastructure enhancement. The Town received an early Christmas present from Alberta Environmental Protection & Enhancement with the approval of our Stormwater Masterplan mid December. Smaller projects that are in the works already for 2020 are the development of a GIS (Geographical Information System) portal which will be open to the public and will hold information related to infrastructure information, assessment data, asset location, and emergency services data. This is one of the many steps as the Town moves forward in the development of an asset management plan. With the partnership of Flagstaff County and all the urban municipalities we were able to "piggy-back" onto Flagstaff County's hosted spatial database to make this an affordable and very worth while system for All of us to use.

We finished up the Regional Water Operators SCADA System (supervisory control and data acquisition, computer system) upgrade for our water treatment plant mid

### ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Church service & Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

**Jan. 5** - note time change for service and Sunday school to 11:30 a.m.

### 2019 Development Permits Issued

*L = Lot; B = Block, P=Plan*

**Permit No 2019-001 L6A, B1, P982 4444**  
Gas Station & Convenience Store

**Permit No 2019-002 L27, B1, P072 9501**  
Single Family Dwelling

**Permit No 2019-003 (MPC) L10, B5, P945R**  
Cement Pad

**Permit No 2019-004 (Denied) L22, B26, P172 0652**  
Contained Mobile Office

**Permit No 2019-005 L20, P002 0690**  
40' x 56' Cold Storage Building

**Permit No 2019-006 L8, B1, P982 2587**  
Office Building

**Permit No 2019-007 L11-14, B12, P76U**  
New Deck to replace old deck



December. Five urban municipalities have partnered up to share the costs of a master PLC (programmable logic controller) which is an industrial digital computer ruggedized and adapted for the control of water treatment processes. Hardisty, Sedgewick, Killam, Heisler, and Alliance now have the remote capabilities of controlling their water treatment plants, including pumps, well flows and treatment processes along with automated alarms and call outs that advise the operators of arising situations. The operators have agreed that this now gives them better control and the ability to share operators and provide the back-up support needed to meet new and current requirements of the Alberta Drinking Water Regulations. Higher standards, along with more requirements coming into effect in 2020 creates more demands on our water and wastewater operators. Like most of us, we are faced to do more with less – less manpower, less money, and less time. Building efficiencies to make day to day operations more manageable is a key in keeping budgets in line. This upgraded system has reduced overtime hours and for our operates a piece of mind that there is an “eye” on their plant and distribution system at all times without them having to physically be there. The operators will be looking to formalize the consortium in early 2020 where they will work closer together in standardizing their SOPs (standard operating procedures) and looking to all share the work load handed to them through new regulatory matters to provide an essential service at a reasonable cost to our residents. On this note I would like to congratulate - Brian Harrison for obtaining his Alberta Water Treatment and Water Distribution Level I Ticket in November. Brian will be working on his Wastewater Level I Treatment & Collection Ticket this winter. Ivan Lesmeister obtained his Water Treatment Level II ticket in November also. Excellent work gentlemen.

Council and Battleview Development’s shareholders reopened their discussions relating to the Subdivision & Development Agreement challenges that were creating a deadlock with a looming deadline for the subdivision to be registered. Infrastructure costs, economic downturn along with governmental regulations and Town policies muddled the waters of getting this project to move forward. After thoughtful discussions and some brainstorming on how to meet each other’s needs Council and Battleview Developments agreed that there was still room to work together to make this new 48 acre subdivision possible. Early 2020 Battleview Developments and the Town will work towards their “new” game plan and the Town of Hardisty Subdivision Authority has granted a one year extension for the registration of the subdivision in order to help facilitate the process.

Every year, millions of people make New Year's resolutions, hoping to spark positive change. May 2020 be the new decade to make this happen. Best Wishes.



**Get Your Tickets Early and Save!**

Buy a VIP Table of 8 for \$200  
(includes 8 drink tickets & homemade apples)

Individual Tickets \$25  
Available at Town Of Hardisty Office  
Call 780-888-1424

Tickets at Door \$30



72<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Spring Fling**  
April 18, 2020



**HARDISTY  
CURLING  
CLUB**

MIXED BONSPIEL  
**JAN 17-19, 2020**  
LAURA 780-888-7134 OR TREVOR – 888-1260

LADIES BONSPIEL  
**FEB 7-9, 2020**  
LINDA 780-888-3617 DIANA 780-888-2640  
LAURA-780-888-7134



**FLAGSTAFF'S INFORMED  
RESPONSE SHARING  
TEAM PRESENTS**

# **22ND ANNUAL FIRST DINNER AND AUCTION**

**Everyone welcome!  
TICKETS \$30.00 EACH  
CALL 780-385-3976 FOR MORE INFO**

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 1  
ALLIANCE HALL**

**DOORS OPEN 5PM  
DINNER AT 5:30 PM  
AUCTION AT 6:30 PM**



# JANUARY 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Council meeting @ 7 p.m.	15 Hardisty Market	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

## LEGEND

-  Curb-side Gargbage Pick-up
-  Hardisty Fire Department Meeting
-  Hardisty Library Open
-  Hardisty Bottle Depot Open
-  Bingo at Elk's Hall

## HARDISTY THRIFT SHOP

The Hardisty Thrift Shop is open five days a week to serve the community and surrounding area.

**CLOSED Mondays**

**OPEN Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.,

Tuesday evening 7 - 9:00 p.m.,

Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Seniors FIRST with FFCS

Thursday, January 16th

10:00 a.m. - Noon

FFCS will be in Hardisty

at the Town Office to

assist Senior Citizens.

## COFFEE TIME

Monday to Friday

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

At the Seniors Drop In Center

Would you like to see your event listed in our newsletter and our website or announced on our Facebook and Twitter accounts?

Email upcoming events to [marketing@hardisty.ca](mailto:marketing@hardisty.ca) no later than the 29th of the preceding month.

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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