



April Happenings in Hardisty

CAO Corner

This month's CAO Corner hopes to find our residents doing well and staying safe. The COVID-19 pandemic has plagued our nation, albeit the wise words of our Chief Medical Officer of Health for Alberta, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, will continue to be on top of our minds as we all work together to win this war. This pandemic has brought illness world wide creating financial impacts to our local, provincial and national economies and more so to our energy industry. However, within the doom and gloom of COVID-19 TC Energy and our Alberta Government have saved an important North American project the Keystone XL Pipeline. With an investment by our Alberta Government in the amount of \$1.5 billion along with a \$6 billion loan guarantee Keystone XL projected to be operational by 2023 the pipeline to regain our strength. Generating almost 7000 jobs in Alberta and a great stimulus for rural Alberta and Hardisty. Gibson Energy will also be investing into our economy with the construction on their primary control center this month amid our turbulent times.

While this month's newsletter is slightly tardy, I wanted to wait until Council held their April 14th meeting so I could deliver hopefully more good news to our residents. With the Province delivering many Orders over the past few weeks, and with several governmental departments working together to help bring about relief for our residents and ratepayers Council was able to finalize the 2020 Budget and property mill rates. This year's budget now reflects the rollback of the Alberta School Foundation Fund Tax rate to 2019 which represents a 3% reduction vs the 3% increase as proposed in February. Along with this Council amended their property tax due date and

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Church services are suspended for now due to virus. Anyone wanting to join services can do so by video conferencing, which is free. For info call Gail at 780-888-2266.

Our minister has taken a position in Vancouver the end of April. We hope to have a replacement in the near future.

Time will change May 1st
to 10:00 a.m..
Everyone welcome.





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penalty rates bylaw. As passed by Bylaw 1247/20 Property Taxes will now be due December 1st. Penalty amounts for unpaid property taxes will be decreased from 10% to 3% on unpaid current year taxes and from 18% to 10% for ALL unpaid property taxes after December 31st. Council hopes that by moving the traditional property tax due date from June 30th to December 1st this gives ALL property owners time to recover from the effects of COVID-19 and our tough economy.

The 2020 mill rate bylaw was also passed to support the passing of the 2020 Budget. Holding the municipal mill rate firm to 2019's rates along with the slight decrease in the senior's lodge requisition and school tax roll back. Unless your assessment has increased over last year's amount many ratepayers should see a slight decrease in their total tax bill. Property owners who hold property subjected to minimum tax will see very little difference as the rate stayed the same as 2019 - \$1000.00.

Combined property tax notices and assessments will be sent out at the end of May, evidencing the new DUE DATE of December 1st. Ratepayers can make payments on their tax accounts anytime up to the due date if they so desire. Our administrative staff will be in contact with our preauthorized payment property owners (monthly & annual) to advise them of the changed due date and make any necessary changes for you if required. Another important item on your upcoming property tax notice & assessment will be the assessment complaint date. Pursuant to Ministerial Order 022/20 assessment complaint dates were extended from 60 days after the notice of assessment date or October 1st, 2020 whichever is later. Therefore, our assessment complaint date will be October 1st, 2020.

The installation of our new water meter reading system was completed late last week without too many hiccups. Hence, the delay in mailing out March utility bills. We are still ironing out some of the reports it provides but overall the system which now works out of the Cloud environment can provide us with more detailed information relating to when

exactly a leak may have started (with the date) within in your property and how long it occurred or if it is an on-going leak. With the old system which we had since 2008 did provide much of the same info it wasn't as exact as this new system. As well the software was over 10yrs old and today's computer systems could not operate the software any longer, it was time to upgrade and get remote accessibility on a more timely basis. Reads now take approximately 1 hr. where the older system was taking up to 2-3 hrs.

As we continue to "Prevent the Spread" with limitations on certain business and recreational activities we encourage our residents to support our local businesses. Order a takeout or delivery meal from our local restaurant. Buy groceries locally, phone in orders and pick up curbside or have them delivered for your safety wear & supplies. Our automotive, hardware and drugstore, supply stores are open and will assist you in a safe environment. Our other businesses will try to support your needs by phone, with curbside delivery but until such time will keep their doors locked to maintain social distancing to protect you and their staff. The Town Office remains open to the public and we continue to ask our residents to only attend if necessary to protect us and you.

Keep practicing your social distancing, washing your hands often and connecting with friends and family electronically. Walking weather is upon us, enjoy our outdoors and exercise your legs and mind with a healthy stroll.

Reminder: Town Wide Clean-Up is still on: Saturday, April 25-26th 8:30am-12:00pm & 1:00-4:30pm with free tipping at the Hardisty Regional Transfer Site for our residents along with additional free times during regular operational Regional Transfer Site days consisting of (April 29th, May 2nd, May 6th, May 9th).

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." – Helen Keller, Author

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Employment Opportunity

Open Job Competition #2020-001 – Closing Date: May 1st, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

Job Description: **Summer Public Works Assistants**

The Town of Hardisty is recruiting for Summer Public Works Assistants for the period commencing May 11th, 2020 to October 2nd, 2020 depending on weather conditions. Commencement date and end date may vary with those individuals hired to accommodate work load demands. We will be seeking (2) individuals for May 11th commencement at approximately 40hrs/week (1) casual individual for May 11th commencement at approximately 25-30hrs/week and (1) individual for July 1st commencement at approximately 40hrs/week.

Ideal candidates would possess strong skills in the following areas:

- Communication
- Multi Tasking
- Mechanical & Technical
- Public Service
- Equipment operating and maintenance (mowers/hand held tools for trimming and landscaping)
- Safety Training Certificates (First Aid, WHIMIS, Fall Protection) would be an asset

This job entails working in environmental weather conditions, and physical activity. Maintenance and operations of common services area include grounds maintenance and beautification, street repairs & equipment maintenance. If you see yourself in this role the Town of Hardisty would welcome your application for this job competition.

Only those applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

If you are an individual who can deal with change and embrace diversity in their job, have excellent written and verbal communication skills with detail to adherence to policy & procedure please submit your resume to:

Town of Hardisty

Attn: Sandy Otto – CAO

PO Box 10, Hardisty, AB T0B 1V0

Ph. (780)888-3623 Fax (780)888-2200

e-mail: sandy@hardisty.ca www.hardisty.ca

FORM 3

Notice of Nomination Day
*Local Authorities Election Act
(Section 26)*

LOCAL JURISDICTION: TOWN OF HARDISTY, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is June 29, 2020 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on April 15, 2020 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Date

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
COUNCILLOR	1	

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:

4807-49TH STREET, HARDISTY, AB T0B 1V0

DATED at the TOWN of HARDISTY, in the Province of Alberta, this 15TH day of APRIL, 20 20

[Signature]
Returning Officer

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



**2020 Community Sponsored
Spring Clean Up**

We are pleased to provide **NO FEE WEEKENDS** at the following Transfer Sites for Residential Spring Cleanup (Please **NO Commercial**)

Permanently Closed Transfer Sites will be temporarily reopened for their respective **NO FEE WEEKEND!**
Note: Refrigerant removal charges (\$20/unit) & Mattress Recycling charges (\$15/each) will be applied.

SATURDAY APRIL 25	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	HARDISTY HARDISTY SEDEGWICK
SUNDAY APRIL 26	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	HARDISTY HARDISTY SEDEGWICK
WEDNESDAY APRIL 29	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	HARDISTY
SATURDAY MAY 2	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	HARDISTY KILLAM GALAHAD KILLAM ALLIANCE
SUNDAY MAY 3	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	KILLAM GALAHAD KILLAM ALLIANCE
WEDNESDAY MAY 6	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	HARDISTY

SATURDAY MAY 9	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	HARDISTY DAYSLAND STROME ROSALIND DAYSLAND HEISLER ROSALIND
SUNDAY MAY 10	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	DAYSLAND HEISLER DAYSLAND STROME
SATURDAY MAY 16	REGULAR TRANSFER SITE HOURS & FEES APPLIED	
SATURDAY MAY 23	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	FORESTBURG HEISLER DAYSLAND LOUGHEED
SUNDAY MAY 24	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	FORESTBURG LOUGHEED

Please Note: All other regularly open transfer sites will be applying usual fees.



Amisk School is accepting

new Kindergarten to Grade 3 student registrations for the 2020-2021 school year

Please call the school 780-856-3771 for more information or print off a registration form from the Amisk School website

<http://amisk.btps.ca/>

click red parents tab on right side of homepage then select registration from dropdown

A registration form can be mailed to Box 70 Amisk, Alberta T0B 0B0 or dropped off at 4911-53 St Amisk.

Please include a copy of your child's birth certificate

Kindergarten packages and school supply lists will be available shortly.

Amisk School is part of the Buffalo Trail Regional School Division

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Nutrition and Covid-19 Messages

The following information has been prepared by Registered Dietitians in Alberta Health Services to help Albertans stay healthy during COVID-19. The information below is current as of April 2, 2020.

Overall key messages:

1. Healthy eating is important for everyone during COVID-19 Pandemic. A healthy diet helps people be at their healthiest and protect against illness.
2. Eat a variety of healthy foods every day, including plenty of vegetables and fruits, whole grains, and protein foods.
3. There are no single nutrients, vitamins or minerals to fight against COVID-19. An overall healthy diet supports the immune system.
4. Proper hand hygiene and social/physical distancing are essential to fight against COVID-19.

Key messages for everyone

- Healthy eating and staying hydrated is important to protect against illness, regardless of age.
- Eat a variety of nutritious foods to support health and immunity.
- No single food, vitamin, mineral or supplement can boost immunity or protect against COVID-19.
- Proper hand hygiene and social/physical distancing are the best ways to protect against COVID-19.
- Wash your hands frequently when preparing foods at home.
- Use the [Eat Well plate](#) to guide food choices: ½ plate vegetables and fruits, ¼ protein foods, ¼ whole grains.
- Enjoy meals with members of your household except if a family member is self-isolating.
- When eating together:
Don't share snacks, like a family popcorn bowl
Don't share drinks, cups or utensils
Have one person use utensils to serve food to others
- Disinfect surfaces daily. See guidance on cleaning surfaces and sanitizing solution.
- When family members are separated, consider eating together using video calling if possible.
- For grocery shopping, order online with curb-side pick-up or delivery to prevent community exposures if possible.
- If grocery shopping in store: after you leave the grocery store, sanitize/wash your hands; put away all groceries at home, then wash your hands again.
- When preparing fresh fruits and vegetables, wash or scrub them under cold, running, tap water before eating them.
- If ordering take-out or having home meal delivery on a regular basis use the Eat Well plate to help with choices. After you have unpackaged the food, wash your hands before you eat.

Key messages for healthy families at home

- Cook together with people in your household. This is a way of children learning and developing life skills while spending time together. Even young children can participate, e.g. setting the table, washing vegetables.
- Any ill family member should be self isolating and not be participating in family cooking activities or using common serving tools.

Preparing and stocking your pantry

- Plan ahead for groceries and buy enough food to minimize unnecessary trips to the store
- Avoid stockpiling.
- For grocery shopping, order online with curb-side pick-up or delivery to prevent community exposures if possible.
- If grocery shopping in store: after you leave the grocery store, sanitize/wash your hands; put away all groceries at home, then wash your hands again.



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Nutrition and Covid-19 Messages

Information for seniors

- Eating healthy is important at any age or stage of life.
- For older adults it is important to maintain strength and immunity.
- Meals can be simple. Look to Canada.ca/foodguide for the Eat Well plate.
- Include foods with protein at each meal of the day.
- Examples of protein foods to add at meals: eggs, yogurt, cheese, lean meat, poultry or fish, beans (any type), milk or fortified soy beverage.
- For grocery shopping, order online with curb-side pick-up or delivery to prevent community exposures if possible.
- If grocery shopping in store: after you leave the grocery store, sanitize/wash your hands; put away all groceries at home, then wash your hands again. If you live alone, try phoning or video calling a friend or family member and have a mealtime chat.
- If ordering take-out or having home meal delivery on a regular basis use the Eat Well plate to help with choices. After you have unpackaged the food, remember to wash your hands before eating the food.

Cooking for one

- For grocery shopping, order online with curb-side pick-up or delivery to prevent community exposures if possible.
- If grocery shopping in store: after you leave the grocery store, sanitize/wash your hands; put away all groceries at home, then wash your hands again.

Information for people who are self-isolating

- Stay home and self-isolate.
- It is important to maintain good nutrition and hydration.
- Make sure you are eating and drinking regularly, even if you have a low appetite.
- No one food or vitamin/mineral or supplement can boost immunity or protect against COVID-19. At this time, there is no vaccine for COVID-19 or any natural health products that are authorized to treat or protect against COVID-19.
- If you share a household with others, avoid sharing household items outlined in "How to self-isolate".
- Arrange to have food and other items you need dropped off or delivered to your home or room you are isolating in.

Keystone XL Project in Canada

Project background

The Keystone XL Pipeline Project (Keystone XL) is a 36-inch diameter crude oil pipeline, beginning in Hardisty, Alberta and extending south to Steele City, Nebraska. The Keystone XL Pipeline offers a safe, reliable and environmentally responsible way to enhance market access by delivering crude oil to markets in the United States. The Canadian portion of Keystone XL includes approximately 530 kilometres (km) of pipeline and eight pump stations, traversing portions of southeastern Alberta (AB) and southwestern Saskatchewan (SK).

The National Energy Board – now called the Canada Energy Regulator – issued the Certificate for the Canadian portion of Keystone XL in 2010. Following this, we began facility construction at the Hardisty tank terminal, select pump stations, and horizontal directional drills at certain river crossings in 2011.

Since then, we have obtained all required easements in Canada, and have continued to conduct important project activities, including updates to environmental studies and ongoing stakeholder, landowner and indigenous engagement. In May 2019, the National Energy Board approved outstanding pre-construction conditions for the project in Canada.



Keystone XL

Anticipated project schedule

Pipeline construction

- Q1 2020 - Announcement to progress construction
- Q2 2020 - Allow construction award
- Q3 2020 - Pre-construction activities
- Q4 2020 - International Border crossing
- Q1 2021 - Alberta pipeline construction activities
- Q2 2021 - Saskatchewan pipeline construction activities
- Q3 2021 - Anticipated in-service date

Facilities construction

- Q1 2020 - Announcement to progress construction
- Q2 2020 - Allow construction award
- Q3 2020 - Pre-construction activities
- Q4 2020 - Facilities construction activities
- Q1 2021 - Substantial completion
- Q2 2021 - Substantial completion
- Q3 2021 - Anticipated in-service date

Canada Project scope

The Canadian pipeline route extends from Hardisty, AB to Medicine, SK.

Alberta: Approximately 280 km of pipeline and three pump stations

Saskatchewan: Approximately 250 km of pipeline and three pump stations

Local benefits

Keystone XL will create substantial economic activity during both construction and operations, putting thousands of workers to work. We anticipate approximately 2,800 construction jobs and 100 permanent jobs during pipeline construction across the right-of-way in Canada. Local residents from the region will be employed to build and maintain the pipeline. The pipeline will be constructed using local materials and services. There are already 100+ local suppliers and contractors in the region that will be involved in supporting goods and services to the project and the project's workers. To help the regional economy, we will continue to hire in-service. Keystone XL will also contribute an estimated \$2.4 billion in additional regional revenue to municipalities along the pipeline right-of-way. We will also support community activities such as fire protection, parking, schools, hospital clinics and water management.

Anticipated annual contribution to the province of Alberta is expected to be **\$4.35 million** in tax revenue.

Anticipated annual contribution to the province of Saskatchewan is expected to be **\$2.97 million** in tax revenue.

Anticipated increase to the Canadian GDP is expected to be **\$2.4 billion** in total.

Peak construction jobs are **2,800 in Canada**.

Safe delivery of **830,000 barrels** of oil per day.

Next steps

We are committed to continuing to engage stakeholders along the Keystone XL right-of-way, and we will provide regular updates to stakeholders, landowners and indigenous groups on our progress toward construction-related activities and activities and facilities construction.



APRIL 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 	7	8	9	10	11 Good Friday	12 Easter Sunday
13 Easter Monday	14 	15	16	17	18	19
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

LEGEND

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

Hardisty Fire Department Meetings - cancelled until further notice.

Hardisty Library - closed until further notice.

Hardisty Bottle Depot - closed until further notice.

Bingo - cancelled until further notice.

HARDISTY THRIFT SHOP

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

CLOSED until further notice due to COVID-19.

Seniors FIRST with FFCS

Cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19.

COFFEE TIME

Cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19.

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 no later than the 29th of the preceding month.

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

Website: www.hardisty.ca

Phone: 780-888-3623

Fax: 780-888-2200

