



August Happenings in Hardisty

CAO Corner

Not sure how many of you noticed the nice pool we had sitting on the east side of the flags a couple of weeks ago but I'm sure many were thinking it would be a great place to take a cool dip to beat the heat! The Town was performing aquifer testing on our three water supply wells and we had one of the wells pumping into the pool with a slow release. The aquifer test was being conducted as we have requested from Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) an amendment to our current licensing to divert water from (3) of our (4) water wells. Currently the Town is exceeding our licensed diversion limits on three wells and we have one well that has been shutdown for about a year and half due to low production rates. Keep in mind that this well is one of our oldest wells put into production in the early 70's. The aquifer tests will indicate to the Town if the remaining three wells will be able to handle increased pumping rates to meet our current and future water supply demands. Results should be available by month end giving us a better direction on how to proceed with the Town's water supply needs.

If you were wondering where Public Works got the pool it is part of our fire-fighting equipment, used for the Husky/Flagstaff water tender unit. This pool is a quick inflatable tub that can be used as a secondary containment to hold water for trucks to take water from in field purposes.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

For virtual Sunday service
contact: Sherry Hughes @
780-888-7085.

Everyone welcome to join.

In-church service tentatively
to begin Sept. 13.
Watch for further notice.

We have a new minister,
Paul Allard, who will
have an open door at
the church on Wed.
afternoons, 1:30 to
5:00 p.m. Anyone is
welcome to come
and talk.



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Easily transportable acting like an accordion by being strapped onto the tender unit with a quick release for setup.

The “Welcome Sign” committee have moved into the design stage where they will design two signs – (1) sign to replace our existing sign at the junction of highway 13 and 881 and (1) sign for the north entrance of Town – highway 881 and 52nd avenue. The committee will be working with the Fath Group – hi signs during this endeavor. While the committee hasn’t raised all the funds as of yet they will be coming up with some great fund raising ideas to get this project to the finish line.

Council approved the new Town of Hardisty Land Use Bylaw 2020 #1152/20 at their regular meeting of Council. This project took the better part of two years to complete we hope that it will last another 10yrs like our previous one, giving the Town opportunity for diverse development opportunities.

Members of Council and the Hardisty Development Group held a telephone conference call with Dawna Allard with the South-Central Region for Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism with the Alberta Government. Excellent dialog, with good next steps to take to move queries up the Alberta Government chain regarding a mediated discussion with Alberta Education between Buffalo Trail School Division and Battle River School Division. Bring together a more formal discussion with Alberta Transportation regarding “shovel ready” projects for Hardisty and to engage with Alberta Health Services regarding the temporary closure of the Hardisty Health Center’s emergency department for COVID 19 measures is only going to be temporary. As well

Dawna has offered her services to work with Council and administration and members of the Development Group to draft an economic development strategy for Hardisty.

On July 29th, Premier Kenney along with Minister McIver and Minister Madu announced a \$1.1 Billion Safe Restart funding. Part of this funding will allocate \$500 million in capital stimulus for Alberta municipalities. The Town of Hardisty was allocated \$65,853. These monies are to be used for projects that align with the Province’s mandate to create jobs, streamline processes, shorten timelines for development and permit approvals, make municipalities a more attractive destination for new investment and or tourism. These projects must result in the construction of major rehabilitation of a capital asset that falls within one of the eligible categories based on the modified Municipal Sustainability Initiative project categories. The \$65,853 must be used by December 31st 2021 and projects must be submitted to the Minister by October 1st, 2020. With a short timeline for project submission, these must be “shovel ready” or near “shovel ready” to make the first intake. Council will be reviewing two projects – one being a project that has been fully engineered and ready for tender the 48th Strt from (48th Ave. to 52nd Ave) underground and above ground rehabilitation and the other project will be intersection improvements along highway 881 and 46th avenue. With both these projects well beyond the \$65,853 dollar value, there will be tough decisions to use infrastructure reserve savings to pay for a portion along with the possibility of having to debenture the remaining balance.



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While 2020 is one of our more challenging years with the economic downturn of our oil and gas economy and the COVID 19 pandemic our rural municipal districts and counties are now facing an assessment model change that will potentially lead to them having a greatly reduced value on regulated assessment properties such as pipelines and oil and gas wells. With the assessment model allowing these properties to be depreciated beyond 40% to 10%, this will create significant shortfalls in revenue for rural municipalities leading to mill rate increases to meet budgetary demands. The challenge will be for local governments to mitigate property tax increases to continue to make rural Alberta a desirable investment.

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” – Jane Goodall

COVID-19

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

<p>STAY HOME IF SICK Stay home and do not use playground if displaying symptoms of cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat.</p>	<p>PHYSICAL DISTANCING Stay a minimum of SIX FEET away from others.</p>
<p>PERSONAL HYGIENE Follow Alberta Health's guidance on personal hygiene before visiting playgrounds, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash your hands frequently. • Avoid touching face with unwashed hands. • Carry and use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol content immediately before and after using playground equipment. 	<p>LIMIT CONTACT Avoid sharing toys and limit contact with individuals outside your household or cohort family.</p>
<p>SURFACES Please also be aware that COVID-19 virus could persist on surfaces (including metal and plastic) for up to several days.</p>	<p>USE AT YOUR OWN RISK</p>

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE GUIDELINES AS THIS EQUIPMENT IS NOT BEING SANITIZED AFTER USE

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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 complete an on-line registration form from the Amisk School website

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

Bottom of the page -student registration and email completed form to patti.hovde@btps.ca

A completed 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 available on request from the school office

All grades school supply lists are available on the Amisk School website or on line at Write-On Stationery www.write-on.ca

Amisk School is part of the Buffalo Trail Regional School Division

AUGUST 2020

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

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 - have resumed.

Hardisty Library - open.

Hardisty Bottle Depot - open.

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

Thursday, August 13
Town Council Chambers | 10 AM - 12PM

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





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The Town of Hardisty Office is a MASK distribution center for ALL TOWN RESIDENTS & FLAGSTAFF COUNTY RESIDENTS in the area.

4807-49th Street
Hardisty, AB
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



COVID-19 INFORMATION

HOW TO WEAR A NON-MEDICAL MASK

Non-medical masks, including homemade cloth masks, can help prevent the spread COVID-19. They are another tool to use in places where it's difficult to keep two metres from other people for extended periods of time – such as public transit, grocery stores, pharmacies, hair salons, airplanes and some retail shops.

Masks do not replace proper hygiene, physical distancing or isolation to prevent the spread.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WEARING AND CARING FOR YOUR MASK

alberta.ca/masks



Hardisty Golf Association
Box 400
Hardisty, AB
T0B 1V0

GOLF COURSE OPERATION-

- Until the next round of "Alberta Reopening" May 14th, the clubhouse is open only for payment of Golf fees and memberships. There are currently no cart rentals available as well as Food or beverage sales.
- Clubhouse hours
 - o Monday to Friday 11am-7pm
 - o Saturday and Sunday 10am to 7pm
- To pay your memberships or green fess please do so within the hours as above and please make sure not to enter the payment area if someone is already in the area to maintain social distancing.
 - o Membership fees and green fees could also be paid via E-transfer(hardistygolf@hardisty.ca) or by calling the clubhouse and a credit card could be processed
 - o If you are golfing outside these hours please arrange payment with the clubhouse prior to golfing.
- Please call the clubhouse to book tee times within the hours listed above. Tee times will be 15 minutes apart
- No walk-ons to eliminate grouping at the 1st tee.
- Daily golf fees are \$20/9holes and \$30/18 holes
- Please be advised there are no washrooms available either in the clubhouse or on the course.
- There will be no club rentals
- There will be no driving range usage
- There will be no cart rentals
- Maintain Social distancing of 2M
- The cups on the green are filled with foam in order to prevent the need to remove the flag to minimize contamination areas. The flag is to remain in at all times.



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Development Permits Issued - 2020

L = Lot; B = Block, P=Plan

Permit No 2020-001

L4-7, B12, P76U

Use & Storage of Recreational Vehicles

Permit No 2020-002

L24, B26, P172 0652

Structural Roof Changes & Repairs

Permit No 2020-003

L16-18, B6, P945R

Installation of 10 meter wood pole

Permit No 2020-005

L13&14, B16, P6726AJ

Cement Driveway

Permit No 2020-006

L26, B16, P752 0527

Remove Manufactured Home

Permit No 2020-007

L1, P982 2598

Demolition of Accessory Building

Permit No 2020-008

L9, P6429NY

Addition to Shop

HARDISTY MARKET



WED. AUGUST 12

4 - 7 PM

ELKS HALL

For more information, contact Anne at 780-888-3690

Donna Coombs

Seniors First

Thursday August 13, 2020

10A.M.-12P.M.

Located in the Town Council Chambers

Donna Coombs with Seniors First will be visiting Thursday August 13 from 10 till Noon at the Town Council Chambers. Donna helps Senior Citizens discover any programs, grants, and other opportunities of which they may otherwise be unaware of.