



Adult
Community Conversation Notes:
June 5, 2024

Jasper Food Bank – Danel Cooke and Nancy Robbins, Board Members

- The Food Bank is closing for the summer months (July and August) in order to remain financially sustainable as an organization.
- Sustained increased demand and associated expenditures over the winter months resulted in this move. They will open again in the Fall when they anticipate an increased demand again.
- The Food Bank in the Bow Valley also closes over the summer and has seen success with this move. The Food Bank has put measures in place to meet urgent/emergent needs of individuals and families in crisis.

Jasper Employment and Education Centre(JEEC) – Victoria, Education

- Foot traffic has slowed down as most people have work.
- Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) programming continues.
- CELPIP Prep support continues to be available.
- Rural Renewal Stream (RRS) is going strong. JEEC will relay official messaging on this.

Fitness and Aquatic Centre – Jeremy Todgham, Manager

- Roller skating continues at the Activity Centre.
- First Aid courses and recertifications will be offered as well.
- Movie nights are going well and will continue through summer.
- For any info on the project updates, please see the website or follow MOJ on Facebook/Insta @municipalityofjasper

Alberta Supports (Government of Alberta) – Donna Christensen

- Income Support applications steady.
- More applications for Utility disconnect benefit coming in.
- There is a new program to support clients who are unemployed but 'employable'.

Lynda Betkowski – Individual Resident

- Just here to listen.

Community Development – Sarah Ray, Coordinator

- Finalizing the Newcomer Film Series Premiere which will be on June 11, 2024.
- Please RSVP so that we can plan for food and the space.
- Community Guides (printed) continue to be available for employers to give new staff.
- A reminder to put all events and programs in town on the Community Calendar on the MOJ's website.



Community Outreach Services – Ian Godge, Outreach Worker

- Increased demand for services from folks just moving through town at risk of homelessness or facing homelessness.
- Increased use of relief-focused resources like the Soup For You program, income support and Food Recovery.
- Sharing that Alberta Health Services (AHS) offers drop-in addictions counselling on Thursdays and this has really been helpful for clients.
- Community Outreach Services continues to be open M-F, 9am to 4:30pm where folks can access confidential, non-judgmental support and referral.

Settlement Services – Danel Cooke, Settlement Worker

- Alberta Immigration programs were generally stopped so only the Rural Renewal Stream was the option. More options are opening up now taking some pressure off.
- There is considerable anxiety with the immigration process.
- Settlement Services is offering some 'how to' sessions for applying for citizenship

Community Futures West Yellowhead – Nancy Robbins, Executive Director

- Continuing to support businesses in the West Yellowhead.
- Seeing an increase in businesses changing hands (sales, retirement) and closures post-COVID.
- Working on business continuity supports across the region as well...coming soon.
- Working on Lemonade Day across the region as well.

What do you think?

- ✓ [Engage Jasper – Jasper's online engagement portal. It's a place to share your ideas and provide feedback.](#)
- ✓ [Municipal public engagement opportunities](#)
- ✓ [Give feedback, contact council or report an issue.](#)
- ✓ [You can also contact council by emailing them.](#)

Promote your program or event:

- ✓ [Check the Community Calendar to find out what's going on in Jasper.](#)
- ✓ [Add your program or event to the calendar.](#)

Share your passion:

- ✓ [Fill out this form](#) and we will contact you to discuss your idea!

All things Community Conversations:

- ✓ [Community Conversations schedule and information](#)
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Do you have neighbours or colleagues who are new to Jasper?

- ✓ The [New to Jasper page of the website](#) has helpful information for them.
- ✓ Welcome them to your neighbourhood using our [welcome bags](#).
- ✓ [Plan a neighbourhood gathering using our Neighbourhood Connections program](#).

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