



School-Age Community Conversation Notes: January 11th, 2023

TRENDS:

- Coat rescue is being highly used this year, with an increase in demand for long johns.
- Santos Anonymous saw the highest number of applications ever.
- Community Dinner has seen an increase in participants.
- Cold weather wreaked havoc on our schools. The Christmas concert was postponed.
- There is the desire from residents to have bussing to and from school from further neighbourhoods within town. While the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) gets funding to offer transport to and from the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, the province will not offer funding to Ecole Jasper Elementary School (EJES) or Jasper Junior Senior High School (JJSJS) for bussing within the townsite.
- The Municipality is looking into transportation for within town.
- There are 38 kids in Out-Of-School-Care (OOSC) and they all seem happy and settled.
- Alberta Health Services addictions and mental health are short staffed and are still looking for a Mental Health Therapist.
- Alberta Health Services Addictions and Mental Health North Zone is rolling out some programs for teens and parents, the goal being more consistency across the region. There is no plan for programming yet in the elementary age, but Ryan is interested in finding solutions.
- Ecole has noticed that they have had to supplement food more this year. They used to supply snacks or 'supplements' to kids' lunches. Now they are providing entire lunches to some children who do not come to school with food for the day.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

- High school diploma exams are going on.
- Teacher's Convention: Kids want to have a Nerf war, but all the mats at the school were destroyed in the flood. They also want to go to the trampoline park.
- COS has access to funding to prevent homelessness and to help Ukrainian Nationals.
- Teens went fat biking over the holidays for Teen Adventure Seekers.
- Settlement Workers In Schools (SWIS) is continuing Homework Help and Cultural Kitchens.
- The municipal 2023 budget was passed with a new position to support: Indigenous Relations, Community Engagement, Food Security, Community and Education Development Fund Administration and fund development.
- On-Street Bicycle Network Feasibility Study.
- Looking at redoing Robson and Lions Parks
- Fitness Centre lobby is damaged from a burst pipe. They are open but at a limited capacity.
- A pipe at the Fire Department burst as well.
- Activity Centre renovation is underway. The Ice Plant moving to corner of Pyramid Lake Road and Bonhomme. Universal change rooms will improve things.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS OR EVENTS:

- Pink Shirt Day is Feb. 22nd and KAOS will be doing an activity.
- Ice walk and ice climbing is happening for teens in February.
- Rec Room is starting back up.
- SWIS will be doing a learning to ski session in March, it will be a 3 hour lesson.
- On Tuesdays, the library will start having a *Tween Takeover*.

ACTION:

- **Lisa:** Community Dinner on Feb. 19th could be Pink Shirt Day themed?
- **Holly** is looking for non-functional electronics.
- Check out the strategic priorities on our website [here](#).
- **Dale** to bring bus inquiries to GYPSD board to see about solutions.
- **Dale** to share Pink Shirt idea with ministries



What do you think?

- ✓ [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](#)
- ✓ Community Conversations most recent notes
- ✓ Application to join Community Conversations
- ✓ Municipal Community Conversations policy

Do you have neighbours or colleagues who are new to Jasper?

- ✓ The [New to Jasper page of the website](#) has helpful information for them.

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