



**Early Childhood & School-Age  
Community Conversation Notes:  
May 8, 2024**

**Wildflowers Childcare – Lisa Daniel, Childcare Services Manager**

- Summer Fun registration is now open
- Lots of families are looking for weekly care vs. all season
- Hiring went well and the daycare/out of school care teams are fully staffed
- There is a trend of families using screens as a childcare tool as they are juggling several jobs and very busy schedules. Culturally, this seems more prevalent among newcomer families.
- The daycare is seeing an increasing number of children with speech pathology needs/support.
- **Lisa's** to start a convo with Settlement and JLIP and COS about potential supports.

**Municipal Council – Councillor Waxer**

- Transit standards were passed by Council as drafted. MOJ will be aiming for 98% adherence.
- Council also received a report on Information Technology (IT)
- Councillor Wilson went to the National Housing Conference.
- Councillor Waxer is starting in on the Communities in Bloom meetings.
- Mayor's Recognition Awards: Marie Pierre for Music in the Park and Kiara Davis for athletics.
- Community and Economic Development Funds awarded to three applicants.

**Community Outreach Services – Lisa Riddell passing on info from Outreach team**

- Saffron Centre presenting 'What happens when youth press SEND?' May 14 from 6-8 PM
- Parent Speaker Series is coming at the end of May. Sessions on self esteem and body image, youth summer employment and more. The last 3 rec room programs happening before the program heads outdoors in July. Tor is looking for activities to do with youth if anyone has ideas or the ability to share a skill.
- Mental Health Awareness Week activities have been really successful.

**Fitness and Aquatic Centre – JoAnn Sherlow**

- Roller-skating is happening with family times and 15+ times.
- Intermediate First Aid (IFA) recertification is coming soon as well.
- There is a 4-month pass special on until the end of May
- FitAqua is planning lake swimming lessons
- The daycare goes climbing regularly and kids are loving the space.
- Fitness Centre is noting teens trying to use the weights before they turn 15.

**ACFA, Jasper Library – Emilie Langley, Coordinator for ACFA**

- Staff changes at the Library. Melissa Day is covering for Holly's leave.
- Lots of programming continues: Baby & Me, Let Them Play, Comic Book Day, book club.
- ACFA Crafternoons on Fridays are coming after school in June. July 22-26 Theatre Camp coming as well and St. Jean Baptist show will happen in Commemoration Park June 23.
- Job Fair coming up May 15, June and August.



**Community Development, Municipality of Jasper – Lisa Riddell, CD Manager**

- May 21 – Welcome to town event, Commemoration Park. New Community Guides will be there!
- Please remember to put your programs and events on the community calendar.
- Sign up for Voyent Alert and prepare your 72-hr kit in advance of hazard season.

**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](#)
- ✓ [Community Conversations most recent notes](#)
- ✓ [Register 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.
- ✓ Welcome them to your neighbourhood using our [welcome bags](#).
- ✓ [Plan a neighbourhood gathering using our Neighbourhood Connections program.](#)

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