



**Early Childhood and School Age
Community Conversation Notes:
March 13, 2024**

BEST Program – Amanda Denton

- Mental Health week is coming up.
- Seeing young children interacting with technology at a younger age and wanting to understand topics online that they may not have encountered until later in life before.

EJES Early Childhood Roots and Wings - Larissa

- Member of Blackfoot confederacy.
- Ukrainian agreements with GOA seem to be coming to an end. Influx of Ukrainian newcomers. We were able to create space and welcome new students.
- To increase spaces for childcare and preschool have worked

Indigenous Exhibit – Larissa

- Opening in September 2024

Parent of 4 year old – Megan Jones

- Curious about trends and aspiring early childhood educator.

Wildflowers Childcare – Courtney Turcot

- Daycare is at capacity for current staff shortages
- Story night raised \$7K
- Summer postings are out

AHS Addictions and Mental Health – Ryan Verge

- Short two mental health positions for quite some time. Therapist travelling from Hinton every week for local appointments. Virtual support is available as well. Keep making referrals and book appointments normally as it reflects the need and AHS will feel the requests as best they can.
- Drop-in Thursday afternoons first come first served for folks where making an appointment might be a barrier.

Community Outreach Services – Tor Begg Youth Outreach

- Showing *Migration* movie on Friday, March 15: 9:30-11:30 in the library.
- Cubs and Play once a month going well (expanded scope of program).
- Need for basic essentials is still high. Financial stress prevails.
- Shout-out to Totem for giving 30 sets of skis for an event at Whistler's Campground.
- Gender Sexuality Alliance will be involved in Pride in April again.
- Speaker Series coming in the Fall.
- Seeing very different rules in families around use of technology and there are implications on how teens engage with technology.
- Seeing lots of kids that could use Educational Psychologists and finances are a barrier to be able to access one.
- Starting mid-march on Thursdays at noon will be a Caregiver Support Group (for anyone who is a caregiver of adults or children).



Jasper Pride and Ski Festival – Maddie

- Nearly every day there is something you can take the family to that is super supportive.
- Family Pride Party kicking things off.
- Family Day Proud Peaks at Marmot with s'mores.
- Tween Takeover at the library Pride themed.
- Pizza Party at Jasper Pizza Place
- Story Time at the Library
- Teen Pride Party
- Ski down with the big flag
- Drag at Papa Georges also family friendly

Municipal Council – Councilor Waxer

- Report on Community and Economic Development (CED) Fund
- Men's Shed agreement with Council to find a space.
- Opportunity for funding: CN will pay up to a certain amount per hour of volunteering for current or retired railroaders towards a charity of their choice.
- Transit: Council has directed administration to gather proposals to build a building to store the busses for review. Grant funding will cover 80% of the cost of building the building, bikes and busses.
- Jasper is blessed in that we've pooled resources with school boards and parks Canada to create a system together to reduce the cost to the tax payer alone and increases reliability.

Municipality of Jasper Community Development – Lisa Riddell

- Engage Jasper Social Assessment, Community Guide, Community Diners, Emergency Planning
- Use the Calendar, upload your events.
- Bring a friend to Community Conversations
- CED Fund open until March 15

Community Development

- Community Dinner Coordinator in place for 2024 season.
- The Library of Things is still open at the Jasper Activity Centre. [Check out what's available on the website.](#)
- ESS is always looking for volunteers with training opportunities
- Community Guides – do you have any new staff? Get guides from us!

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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