



**Adult  
Community Conversation Notes:  
March 7, 2024**

**Municipality of Jasper Community Development – Lisa Riddell**

- Engage Jasper Social Assessment, Community Guide, Community Dinners, Emergency Planning
- Use the Calendar, upload your events.
- Bring a friend to Community Conversations
- Community and Economic Development Fund (CEDF) open until March 15

**Alberta Health Services – Ryan Verge**

- Still short staffed for mental health in Jasper
- Hinton has been providing support
- Anyone can still reach out and access support
- Drop-in services for addictions Thursdays 1-4pm. No pre-screening necessary.

**Friends of Jasper NP**

- Recipient of the Oilers 50/50 together with Food Bank and Jasper Minor Sports
- Getting ready for summer staff: difficulty with housing as always/cost of living

**Jasper Food Bank**

- Highest ever recorded numbers at the food bank in February: 167
- Used to have 120-130 (70 bags of food). Now up to 100 bags of food
- Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser was really successful raising roughly \$18K for the Food Bank and the Jasper Community Team Society
- Working towards becoming an accredited food bank in order to access grant funding and monthly allotments from Food Banks Canada.

**Councillor Waxer**

- Most controversial thing that happened was the transit hub. Council has directed Administration to go ahead and get quotes on building a building to house the busses.
- Councillor Waxer has heard some positive stories about the Transit Service so far.
- Interesting presentation about the Climate Resilience Group that included things we could be planning for with regards to climate change. Incorporate opportunities for cooling in outdoor environments.

**Community Outreach – Janeen Keelan**

- Inability to pay for housing and life. Working with older adults primarily. Not necessarily connected to wage, more about addictions and cost of living.

**Jasper Employment and Education Centre (JEEC) – Jennifer**

- Running English Language Classess M-Th, evenings. More available for daytime classes coming soon.
- Partnership with Windmill Micro-lending (low-barrier loans for newcomers to Canada) intended to help an individual to re-start a career in Canada. Can go towards credential recognition.
- TFW program. Most sessions in March are about taxes.
- \*\*Community Calendar times out and doesn't submit\*\*Lisa will look into this.



- People want to use JEEC

### **Mamawichihitowin Program – Jennifer Russell**

- Services for complex PTSD for violence and colonial trauma
- 13 therapists, 2 of which cover clients in Jasper
- Unprecedented level of referrals. Jasper = six month wait time. Used to be a month but went up in the last year and a half. Referrals are for individuals or whole family systems. Referral sources are victim services, childrens services, COS and other workers.
- Alberta Supports – Income Support Benefits – Donna Christensen
- Increase in need due to new Canadians and cost of living (data follow up)
- Work out of the Hinton office.
- Increase in refugee claimant applicants.
- Eased up restrictions on clients coming into the physical office. Now it's open again without restriction.
- File review going on for clients that are expected to work or be able to work.

### **Individual Resident - Lynda B**

- Just listening in. Really enjoys the zoom platform.

### **Community Outreach Services – Ian Goodge**

- Wrapping up Wednesday evening programming with JasperLIFE (free popcorn)
- Community Helpers (peer to peer support) coming up April 10 and 17 (evenings).

### **Habitat for the Arts – Marianne G.**

- Social media, music at Anglican church this month. Write Nights at the library. Earth Hour music performance. Spirit Dolls with visiting aboriginal artist. Summer Camp registrations are up. Spring Festival and Theatre Alberta doing a workshop on Character Building.
- Naloxone Training in the Library this week – get a hold of Mettra Pharmacy for more info.

### **ACFA – Emilie Langley**

- Fall and Winter session but to offer more sessions we will need to partner up with other organizations. Lots going on for March – Francophone month. Celebration ceremony on Friday with the flag. Live music night at the Olive. Food Tour (March 23). Word search going on around town. Pick up a form at three sheets and find the words, fill in the poem.

### **Museum – Heather Legacy**

- New manager learning lots, getting to know faces and names
- Looking ahead to summer and open to ideas
- Yes, please put stuff on the community calendar

### **Jasper Artists Guild**

- Exhibit and opening around J&J produced lots of traffic around the gallery
- Looking to expand roster of artists. Accepting artists between now and end of April. Younger artists with creative skills but no body of work already are welcome to get in touch and they will be mentored by more experienced artists to refine their portfolio.
- Friends of the Jasper Art Gallery concept in discussion now.
- Hiring a summer position to keep the gallery open
- Challenges: find ways to keep the gallery open longer and create more traffic in the gallery. The facility is wonderful, but off the beaten path.



### 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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