



Adults Community Conversation Notes: March 1st, 2023

TRENDS:

- Food bank seeing a significant increase in usage.
- There has been an increase in financial support requests at COS.
- Increase in mental health and addictions issues.
- Housing is precarious for lots of people.
- The RCMP is seeing similar trends around the increase in mental health issues and is also seeing an increase in family violence.
- RCMP responding to mental health calls with a nurse based in Hinton. This is for calls to people who are 18+. Under 18 would be Children's Services.
- There are numerous complaints about bikes: people don't stop or yield, people biking the wrong way down Patricia St. etc. The police will be cracking down on this concern this spring.
- The RCMP reported many visitors who don't have internet/data plans on their cell phones and therefore can't utilize the QR code/internet method of registering and paying for parking.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

- Fundraiser for the Food Bank (*Coldest Night of the Year*) was successful.
- 1 year anniversary of the war in Ukraine which means that Ukrainians will have to start paying rent.
- Massive rent increase was reported at Cavell (40%). **This has since been retracted.*
- Transportation Master Plan Study will look at e-bikes and group transportation options for Jasper.
- Council is reviewing Paid Parking - more pay stations needed, visitors don't have cell plans to use the QR codes (opportunity for town-wide wifi possibly)
- Council is also seeking resort municipality status.
- Jasper Event Management is wrapping up Jasper in January.

NEW PEOPLE, NEW ROLES:

- Natasha is full-time and covering the Hinton/Jasper Victim Services Unit.
- Mackenzie is at Victim Services part-time: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- There are Victim Services Unit volunteers in Jasper.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS OR EVENTS:

- Jasper Pride and Ski Festival is coming up with more events that connect to community. Our Pride Festival is the 3rd largest in Alberta.



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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