



Seniors Community Conversation Notes: February 4th, 2023

TRENDS:

- Trends we are seeing across the province include: mental health challenges, transportation issues, communication barriers, cost of living and aging in place.
- Seniors having trouble accessing money from the province because of My Alberta Digital Identification (MADI).
- Federal Government putting standards in place for long-term care.
- Victim Services is seeing a high amount of domestic violence, family violence.
- Increase in people disclosing addictions and wanting to address the issues. AB Income Support does help people get through treatment. But it's hard to access.
- RCMP's Community Conversation: concern about cyclists not following traffic laws.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

- Anglican Church collaboration with the United Church continues. Thrift store is busy.
- Jasper Seniors Housing Society (JSJS) had a positive reply from Parks and is now viewing land parcels for potential development.
- Jasper Seniors Society submitted a letter to Council asking for complimentary passes for ages 75+. They are working with the Jasper Employment and Education Centre to support computers in Pine Grove.
- The Alpine Traveller Bus continues to be available for Community Dinners.
- Jasper and Banff have the lowest residential tax rates of 33 surveyed communities.
- The Jasper Community Housing Corporation is in transition from a society to a municipally controlled corporation. This will allow opportunities to borrow and build.
- Victim Service's will be in Jasper Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
- RCMP together with an Alberta health Services (AHS) nurse will be taking mental health calls in the future.
- Pursuit has a new community volunteer program.

NEW PEOPLE, NEW ROLES:

- Hinton Victim Services will have new Jasper staff here in March.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS OR EVENTS:

- COS + JSS Coffee Connections at Pine Grove.
- Anglican and United Church Pancake Supper/Shrove Tues., Feb 21, McCready Centre
- Mental Health First Aid for Seniors is being run by Tasha March 29th - 30th
- Coldest Night of the Year: Food Bank/Jasper Community Team Society fundraiser. Sign up for a 2km or 5km walk through the community. Raising awareness for homelessness, food insecurity and mental health.

ACTION:

- **Natasha** to invite RPAT for March
- **Lisa** to consider bike/traffic safety in Active Transport Study
- **Lisa** to send a blurb to Ann Thomas encouraging seniors to come at 5pm to the dinners.
- **Lisa** to incorporate ideas like donation can, article in paper, line-up control at dinners.



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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