



## **Early Childhood + School Age Community Conversation Notes: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **TRENDS:**

- Jasper Victim Services Unit was quiet over the Easter long weekend.
- Community Outreach Services is really busy. They are making a lot of referrals to the Hinton Wellness Program that offers therapy for survivors of trauma.
- Lots of people are asking for babysitters.
- An increase in requests to cover the cost of recreation programming.
- There has been great collaboration for the Jasper Pride Festival this year.
- The Pride Festival did encounter a couple of instances of "Pinkwashing" which is an interest in taking part that is more of a cash grab instead of genuine support. They are also worried about protesters showing up at events. There has been an increase in anti-pride demonstrations at drag events within the province.
- A lot of new moms are visiting the pool.
- The Kayak Club is really popular. 75% of attendees are youth.
- There are an increasing number of male youth going to the gym on Friday nights.
- The pool is seeing an increase in adult private lesson requests.
- Food insecurity continues to grow and be prevalent among young children, school age children, teens and their families.
- Food Bank continues to see record numbers of people showing up.
- Alberta Health Services (AHS) is seeing an uptick in third party referrals which are referrals from parents and employers. There are also changes coming to addictions/mental health treatment facilities. Shorter wait times and increase in length of stay. All covered under AHS.
- The group also discussed a rise in popularity of a hydration drink called "Prime".

### **COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

- The RCMP will be covering the cost for Pedal Pushers, a program that teaches young children about safe cycling within the town, following road rules, signaling etc.
- Kids want to go to the trampoline park for the next KAOS event.
- The bike park should be ready in a month. The trails are not ready yet.
- The Municipality received a 6.5 million dollar grant for housing.
- Council has directed the town administration to look into town-wide internet.
- Paid parking: Residents will need to register their vehicle only once per year.
- The Municipality is sponsoring a wall (the one by the tennis court) for the Uplift festival. The artist "Ola Volo" will be painting.
- 11 group swimming lessons sets are running right now. The demand for swimming lessons continues to be high.
- Climbing Club is wrapping up for the season.
- Indoor Playgroup is wrapping up for the season.
- The daycare is going to be doing a session with Aynsley Graham for their staff on non-violent crisis intervention on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30-4:30PM.
- There is no more ammonia plant outside of the daycare entrance. Hurray!
- Summer fun registration is coming up.



### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS OR EVENTS:**

- 20 girls signed up for *Go Girl* conference in Fox Creek.
- Circle of Security (9-12 on Saturdays starting in April) for 6 weeks. There is still space available.
- Program for young kids re: street smarts.
- Bike Safety check in May with the Jasper Park Cycling Association.
- Jasper Park Cycling Association is also planning a Newcomers Ride "Learn to bike".
- A list of some upcoming Pride events:
  - o Flag raising at noon on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Teen Pride Party at 6:30 in the Legion on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Family Pride Stories, songs and S'Mores 1-3PM at Jasper Park lodge on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Tween Takeover at 3:15 at the Municipal Library on Tuesdays the 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Teen Pizza Party 6:30-8:30PM at Jasper Pizza Place on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Pride Storytime at the Library from 10-12AM on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - o Family Pride Party from 6-8PM at the Activity Centre on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - o Family Pride at Lake Annette 2-4PM on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - o Aynsley Graham as keynote speaker on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - o Check [jasperpride.ca](http://jasperpride.ca) for a full list of events and more details.
- New program: Pride Community Wellness.
- New swimming lesson set starts on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer *Swim Squad* will be Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
- Ukrainian Support Group happening Tuesday nights and going very well.
- Other language storytime.
- Gardening program still going on at the Library every Wednesday.
- AHS hosting lots of virtual programs and workshops (over 18 so great for parents).

### **ACTION:**

- **Ryan** will check with Alberta Health Services if they have any background on the new Prime drink .

### **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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