



Early Childhood + School Age Community Conversation Notes: June 14th, 2023

TRENDS:

- The availability and cost of transportation continues to be a huge barrier for kids and teens to attend community programming.
- The availability of summer camps and programming has noticeably decreased since COVID and many have not returned. All available camps in town fill up quickly which indicates the needs for this type of programming.
- There is a lot of interest in a basketball camp.
- Many children are riding bikes and scooters without helmets.
- There is a need for a bike safety program to run again and campaign to reinforce the importance of wearing a helmet. Jasper Park Cycling Association (JPCA) and other community members are looking into to running this.
- Free outdoor public spaces for people to access are important, especially during extreme weather events like the heat waves we've seen so far.
- KAOS always has a massive waitlist for special programming and activities.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

- Public health clinic has free pregnancy, birth and early years books available for expecting and new parents in PDF or on a phone app.
- The Community Guide is being distributed throughout the hospital and at the public health clinic. It's a great tool for new families and newcomers to the community.
- *Books for Babies* bags are being made again and will be available through the elementary school.
- COS is looking for giveaway prizes (would rather local experiences to give away than things). Contact Carla Gallop to donate: 780-852-2100
- Aquatic Centre will be closed for renovations from September 5th through to at least November. Looking into the use of private pools to continue some programming during pool closures.
- Council updates:
 - o Entered into an agreement with the Jasper Skatepark society; the building of the new skatepark will begin spring 2024.
 - o [Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation](#) program for recycling is now in effect for Alberta. Alberta Government expect this will be fully operational by April, 2025.
- Summer Fun program has 40 children enrolled. Some weeks are full but there is some space - contact for availability.
- Wildflowers has two new staff members.
- 22 students have graduated from Youth Community Helpers' program.
- KAOS and teen end of year party at Trampoline Park was a big success (40 kids went).
- Go Girl program was a success.
- [Community Calendar](#) is a tool for everyone to use and [add your events](#). You can filter events by life stage or category and can view by week or day



UPCOMING PROGRAMS OR EVENTS:

- Alberta Health Services (AHS) are inviting community leaders to participate in an online 'town hall' meeting for feedback on services, areas for improvement, input on programming and to express concerns or gaps in our community. (eg: Wait times for doctors, Mental health service availability. Email: Meghan.Journault@albertahealthservices.ca to participate.
- Settlement Services will be offering programming for newcomers only as well as programs open to both newcomers and the general public. Programs will be aimed at those who have no experience and wish to do outdoor activities (mountain biking, paddle boarding, etc.)
- The Library is planning an escape room.
- Lemonade Day: 19 children signed up hosting stalls on Saturday, June 17th.
- Rec Room and Teen Adventure program is open for students graduating from Grade 6 through to grade 12.
- KAOS summer programming open to students 10-12 years old or moving from grade 4 to 5 in 2023.
- June 17th There is a *Used Book Sale* at library.
- June 18th Pursuit's Local Day Celebration @ Commemoration Park, 11AM - 2PM, free entrance, live music, BBQ by donation.
- **POSTPONED** June 18th JPCA Bike Park party, 4-6PM at Bike Park: All ages, food truck and good times.
- June 18th - August 27th, live music in Commemoration Park, every Sunday 6-8PM.
- **CANCELLED** June 19th, RCMP Musical Ride, Centennial Park
- July 4 - August 15, Summer Reading Club, at Library, 3 - 4:15PM.
- June 21- National Indigenous Peoples Day in Robson Park.
- June 28- Summer Launch Party, Centennial Park, 2-4PM.
- July - August, swimming lessons available. Contact the Fitness and Aquatic Centre.
- July 1- Canada Day Celebrations: Pancakes in Commemoration Park
- July 4 - August 30 - Summer Fun Program. Registration required week by week.
- July 8 - August 26 - Story Time at the Library, Saturdays 10:30AM. Books, Crafts.
- July 15th Parks Day.
- July 22nd Garden Tour. Contact Friends of Jasper for info and to purchase tickets: cost for individuals \$20, families are \$30.
- KAOS will run on Tuesday and Thursdays throughout the summer. Times vary but mostly 1-3PM. Program details and registration available on June 28th at Launch Party.
- Rec Park every Tuesday in July and August in Centennial Park, 7-9pm. Program details and registration available on June 28th at Launch Party.
- Teen Adventure Seekers on Wednesdays throughout July and August, 6-9PM. Registration is required. Program details and registration available on June 28th at Launch Party.
- Art in the Park, every Wednesday in Centennial Park, 1-3PM.
- Baby & Me, every Thursday in COS Playroom, 1-3PM.
- Park & Play, every Friday in Centennial Park 10AM - 12PM.



ACTION:

- **Tor** to talk to organizers for Canada Day event to book/arrange for outdoor games to be set up for Canada Day Pancakes in the Park July 1st.
- **Melissa** to add AHS town hall call out for participants to staff meeting agenda for COS, Settlement Services, LIP and Community Development participants. - (done).

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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