



## Seniors Community Conversation Notes: June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### TRENDS:

- Jasper Seniors' Society (JSS) have noted more people looking for ways to get involved in the society.
- Fitness and Aquatic Centre noticing that adults who live alone and come to the gym/pool regularly will reach out if they aren't coming to stay connected.
- Service Canada in-person services are not meeting the need for services. Getting an appointment is difficult and the availability of the service is unpredictable.
- Alberta Supports' Income Support continues to be difficult to access.
- Jasper Employment and Education Centre (JEEC) is seeing older adults interested in work but they are limited by their skills or experience.

### COMMUNITY UPDATES:

- Shout out of appreciation to the seniors who volunteer in the community. Especially impressed by volunteers at the Grand Fondo event.
- Shout out to Jasper Theater for using local seniors' voices in their current production.
- Library is looking for seniors to read to seniors.
- L'Association Canadienne Francaise de Jasper (ACFA) is open to ideas and suggestions for French programming for seniors.
- Free Fitness and Aquatic Centre memberships for seniors 75+ continues and has been greatly appreciated.
- JEEC's Seniors resume program is receiving interest and uptake.
- Racquet courts and volleyball courts are now open
- Verhey Friendly Visiting is now offering services full time. Adult day programming for social and physical well-being to launch in the summer.
- Alberta Health Services (AHS) will host a 'Town Hall' event for community feedback on services. Date to be announced.
- AHS & Fitness Centre looking into running the physio program again in the fall.
- Aquatic Centre will be closed for renovations from September 5<sup>th</sup> through to at least November. Looking into use of private pools to continue some programming during pool closures.
- Soup program still running daily in Activity Centre
- Seniors Society will promote new membership in the Fall.
- Anger Management for men course through AHS coming in September.
- Council updates:
  - o Council proclaimed June 5-11, 2023, as Seniors' Week in Jasper and reminded all that our seniors provide an invaluable foundation for our community.
  - o The Protection for Vulnerable Residential Tenants resolution was seconded by the Town of Edson for submission to Alberta Municipalities. Details and draft Resolution are available to read in the [April 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting Agenda](#) (See Agenda item 6.6, pages 36-39). The resolution will be published in Alberta Municipalities 2023 Resolutions book, to be released August 2, 2023.



- Routes and cost report for new Public Transportation Plan are underway with a report expected by fall.
- Looking into approval of patio variances for businesses
- [Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation](#) program for recycling is now in effect for Alberta. Alberta Government expect this will be fully operational by April, 2025.
- JEEC will be advocating and raising awareness for Menopause friendly workplaces.
- Compass for the Caregivers training coming in September: Course teaches resources, boundaries, and self-care for caregivers.
- Emilie Langley is the new Director for ACFA.
- JEEC will have a new Executive Director starting in July. Ginette to stay on until end of year.
- JEEC Astra has moved into the Temporary Foreign Workers role, Alisen Charlten in adult learning.

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

- Throughout June: Mural display of local seniors in Library & Cultural Centre Foyer
- 8<sup>th</sup> June, Seniors Afternoon Tea, 2 PM, Activity Centre multi-purpose hall. Free & open to all ages
- 9<sup>th</sup> June - Free Yoga, 10 AM, COS Playroom
- 12<sup>th</sup> June, Seniors Society meeting: last one until fall.
- 15<sup>th</sup> June, 9:15 - 10:15 AM, FREE Aquafit class for senior's appreciation month
- 17<sup>th</sup> June, Used Book Sale at library.
- 19<sup>th</sup> June, RCMP Musical Ride, Centennial Park
- 21<sup>st</sup> June, From the Stacks, Library, Reading by Janice Marks
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Technology for Seniors course (last one until fall)
- 26<sup>th</sup> June Seniors Picnic, McCready Centre. Doors open at 5, Dinner at 5.30. RSVP by Wed 21<sup>st</sup> to JSS email. Open to all Seniors including non-members. \$10
- July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Garden Tour with Friends of JNP. Cost \$20. Tickets at Friends of Jasper.

#### **ACTION:**

- **Janeen** will make a list of ways/people & organizations that the seniors society can contact to advocate & raise issues of concern.
- **Melissa** has linked Council's Resolution re: rental prices and support for Vulnerable residents to CC notes.



### **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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