



Early Childhood + School Age Community Conversation Notes: May 10th, 2023

TRENDS:

- Maggie is wrapping up her winter programming.
- With Home Visitations, Maggie was seeing a need for diapers and formula, that gap has now been filled.
- The childcare subsidy has been extended for Ukrainians.
- The library has been busy with people using wifi.
- The pool is booking external groups for lessons.
- Seniors are donating to the Child and Youth Participation Fund.
- There are eating disorders happening in the high school.
- During Mental Health Week, a presentation by local Dietician revealed that connection over food is more important than the nutritional value of the food (for mental health).
- The demand for programming remains elevated.
- Seeing a lot of financial stress on families and an increase in people accessing the Child and Youth Participation Fund for social/emotional development and also for respite for caregivers.
- The Food Bank sees about 50-55 families a week.
- The typical package people receive from the Food Bank is not meeting cultural needs.
- Lots of newcomer families are feeling stressed about food.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

- Swim Squad has 19 kids registered. It's not just swimming - it's stretching etc.
- Go Girl (Program for girls Grade 5-9) just made it before the wildfires. It's a great program for girls to try new things and boost their confidence with no boys around.
- Early Childcare Action Plan was at Council and Council asked for more information.
- Transportation plan will go to Council next week. There is also an Active Transportation feasibility analysis for a town-wide bicycle network going on right now. Engagement opportunities are coming.
- Business Continuity work has happened at the Municipality and business/organizations are encouraged to utilize the new tools on the municipal website to plan for business disruptions due to emergencies.
- The Childcare Needs Survey is open until May 12th.
- One creative neighbourhood has organized a Firesmart 'story walk' to help kids learn about emergency preparedness.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS OR EVENTS:

- Maggie will be running early childhood programming in the Tent in Centennial once it is up. She is also doing Kimoji Characters (all about feelings) once a week on Fridays
- Ukrainian Support group continues to be really successful.
- Tween takeovers happening twice a week at the library.
- Library will be starting their Summer Reading on June 17.
- A new Parent Speaker Series will be happening in the fall.



- Jasper Park Cycling Association (JPCA) Crank it Up starts today (May 10th).
- May 19th is a non-school day. Carla and Torr will be taking 40 kids to the trampoline park in Hinton (ages 10-18).
- Summer Fun is coming.

ACTION:

- **Carla and Holly** to do an interactive movie together.
- Advertise Kids Help Phone.

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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