



## Seniors Community Conversation Notes: April 3, 2024

### Seniors' Society – Betsy DeClercq

- Spring Dinner Apr. 22 50/50 Draw,
- Whitecourt seniors coming to Jasper
- Arts Jasper no longer viable and dispersing remaining funds to other organizations.
- Senior's Society will make a request to Council to consider appointing a member to sit on their board.
- Pursuit is doing a bus tour for local seniors during Seniors' Week in June.
- JSS willing to put forward a proposal to pay for air conditioning for Alpine Summit residents.
- Betsy and Megan to follow up on this.

### Food Bank – Cristin Murphy, General Manager

- February was the busiest month to date.
- 41% of people coming in have full time work but not full time hours being given
- Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) fundraiser garnered 18K which will be split between the Jasper Food Bank and Jasper Community Team Society with a portion of proceeds going to the CNOY main organization outside of Jasper.
- Jasper Food Bank was also a recipient of the Oilers 50/50 and will be receiving a portion of proceeds, the amount of which is not allowed to be disclosed. Friends of Jasper National Park will be receiving the funds and then further dispersing to the Food Bank and Jasper Minor Sports.
- Food Bank also just received an access grant to make space more accessible.
- Food Bank continues to stress the difference between their service from that of the food recovery program stressing that confusion between the two could be contributing to the spike in food bank usage.

### Fitness and Aquatic Centre – Jo-Ann Sherlow

- FitAqua has been offering Aquafit to local seniors through a partnership with Décor Hotels. Lots of seniors have been coming out.
- First Aid: full course and recertification opportunities coming in June
- Get to know Gym: this ½ hour free session can walk seniors through how to use the gym safely. There are lots of seniors using the facility.

### Jasper Municipal Library – Traudi Golla

- Informative talks this month on Food gardening/flowers
- April is Pride Month - Tween take over. Pride Storytime also happening.
- Later in April, Jennifer Ottaway is doing a talk on being homeless for a year.
- Regular library programming continues all month.
- Lisa to follow up with Jo-Ann about leasing a machine for the gym that could be a trial for seniors.

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### **Alpine Summit – Megan**

- Alpine bringing in live music and drag bingo to the facility.
- Many events are for seniors who don't live at the facility.
- Megan to include community events on the calendar.
- Seniors' Week discussion started. Lisa to start a group email with Library, Museum, Alpine, MOJ and JSS to ensure we are all in the loop on what each group is doing.

### **Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives – Heather Legacy**

- Heather is relatively new in the role and getting to know everyone.
- The Museum is loosely planning a Seniors Week Tour + Tea

### **Municipal Council – Mayor Ireland**

- Emergency Preparedness is at the centre of focus right now with fire season around the corner. There is a Firesmart Information Session for local businesses coming up.
- Another session for residents coming in April.
- There is also an Open House-style engagement for transit on April 18, 4pm-8pm
- The Transit Survey is open on [engagejasper.ca](http://engagejasper.ca). Seniors had suggested some additional drop-off locations including: Hospital, Library, Pine Grove, Food Bank.

### **Community Outreach Services – Kacie Whyte, Outreach Worker**

- The program, Prime Time, is growing.
- Drive Happiness, a program where volunteers drive/accompany seniors to appointments or help them accomplish errands, is looking for volunteer drivers.
- Mental Health First Aid Seniors is available online through the Imagine Institute for Learning FREE for 1 more year.

### **Community Development – Lisa Riddell**

- The Community Calendar is a central place for everyone to list programs and events. It just takes a few minutes. Contact Lisa if you need any help: [liddell@jasper-alberta.ca](mailto:liddell@jasper-alberta.ca)
- [Engagejasper.ca](http://engagejasper.ca) is paid for by grant funding, that we have access to for one more year to see if it helps us reach a more diverse audience with engagement opportunities.
- The Community Guide is in the final stages of a refresh and then another print run will happen to support businesses in welcoming new staff for the summer season. Thank you to everyone who submitted helpful feedback for the guide.
- Preparing for the upcoming hazard season – check out the 72-hour kit on display at the Jasper Activity Centre beside Glenda The Great's concession.

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### What do you think?

- ✓ [Engage Jasper – Jasper’s brand-new online engagement portal. It’s a place to share your ideas and provide feedback.](#)
- ✓ [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](#)
- ✓ [Register 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.
- ✓ Welcome them to your neighbourhood using our [welcome bags](#).
- ✓ [Plan a neighbourhood gathering using our Neighbourhood Connections program.](#)

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