



Message from the Mayor

2004 was another year of accomplishment for the Municipality of Jasper; a year in which residents continue to see their tax dollars at work on the ground, in their own community.

This year saw the completion of the municipal compound building, redevelopment of the mobile home district and continuing work on the Town Perimeter Trail. New public parking facilities are nearing completion and final work is underway on the Hazel / Connaught traffic light. Our water source relocation continues; necessary work to meet new provincial standards and provide secure and high-quality water now and in the future. Council recognizes these

projects have been inconvenient for residents, and we thank you for your patience. Each project enhances our community and improves the service we provide to residents and visitors alike.

Council is proud, too, of the Municipality's financial performance. Both the 2004 and 2005 budgets continue to meet the projections approved in the 2001 vote on local government.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your interest, your support, and your commitment to community.

Richard Ireland
Mayor, Municipality of Jasper

Municipality of Jasper Council

The current Council and Mayor were elected to office on October 18th, 2004 for a three-year term.

Back row: Councillor Joe Couture, current Deputy Mayor Mike Day, Councillor Brian Nesbitt, and Councillor Andy Walker

Front Row: Councillor Brenda Zinck, Mayor Richard Ireland and Councillor Gloria Kongsrud



Development Funds

The Municipality of Jasper has established two funds to consider all requests for support of a financial or non-financial nature. The **Community Development Fund** assists in providing funding opportunities to non-profit groups or individuals to improve quality of life for Jasper residents; and the **Economic Development Fund** assists in the economic enhancement and/or promotion of the Municipality of Jasper.

Economic Development Fund

Council awarded funding from the Economic Development Fund to the following groups during 2004:

- Jasper Tourism & Commerce; \$5,000 for marketing initiatives; and
- \$3,000 towards Federation of Canadian Municipalities reception and joint trade show booth operation with Banff and Canmore.

Community Development Fund

The Community Development Fund granted funding to the following groups:

- \$1200 to the Jasper Adventure Club for kids to assist in the delivery of recreational activities for Jasper's youth;
- \$2500 to the Jasper Canada Day Committee to assist with the purchase of fireworks for the Canada Day celebrations;
- \$300 to the Jasper Junior/Senior High School student council for the Halloween party;
- \$750 for the Jasper Tourism and Commerce towards the Hakone/Jasper student exchange;
- \$500 to the Jasper Artist Guild towards the purchase of a sign to advertise cultural events and activities; and
- \$500 to a local youth to assist with costs to attend a Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa.

Smoking Control Bylaw

On April 15, 2005, Bylaw 61, the Town of Jasper Smoking Control Bylaw came into effect. The purpose of this bylaw is to limit the exposure of residents and visitors to secondhand smoke.

Highlights

Public Buildings

Smoking is not permitted in bars, restaurants, retail and commercial outlets or public buildings.

Outdoor Patios

Smoking is not permitted in outdoor patios intended for the consumption of food and beverages, whether or not service is provided.



Ashtrays

Proprietors must ensure that no ashtrays are placed in buildings or patios where smoking is not permitted.

Public Transportation Vehicles

Smoking is not permitted in taxis, vans, buses or limosines used to transport the public.

Signs

'No Smoking' signs are not mandatory; however, the Municipal Manager may require a Proprietor to post 'No Smoking' signs. It is an offence to remove, conceal or deface such a sign.

Business owners share responsibility

Proprietors of public and commercial buildings, and outdoor patios share responsibility to ensure the regulations are followed. 'Proprietor' means the owner of a public or commercial building and the manager of businesses or organizations in that building. As well, the owner or driver of a public transportation vehicle must ensure passengers do not smoke in the vehicle.

Mayor's Special Award

The Mayor's Recognition Awards were established in 2003 to recognize achievements and volunteer service by individuals, teams and groups who, through their efforts and accomplishments have enhanced the image of or made a significant contribution to the Municipality of Jasper. The Mayor's Special Award is the highest possible recognition from the Municipality of Jasper.



R.C.M.P. Sgt. Mike Self was honoured at the 2004 Annual Community Christmas Party by the presentation of the Mayor's Special Award for exceptional achievement in a profession and for service to the community. The nomination was received from the Jasper Community Team. Sgt. Self was given the award for pioneering a community-based approach to crime prevention in Jasper.

After working as Jasper's detachment commander since 1996, Sgt. Self was transferred to RCMP headquarters in Edmonton in January 2005.

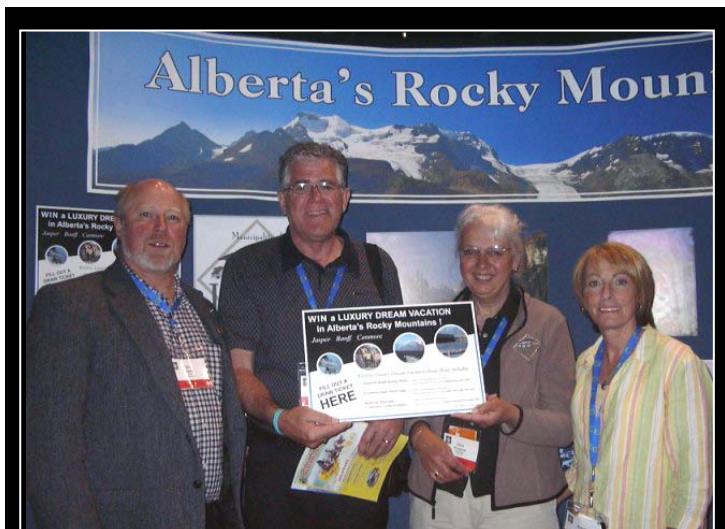
Memorial Bench Program



Individuals, families or groups may honour the memory of a friend or loved one by donating a memorial bench to the town.

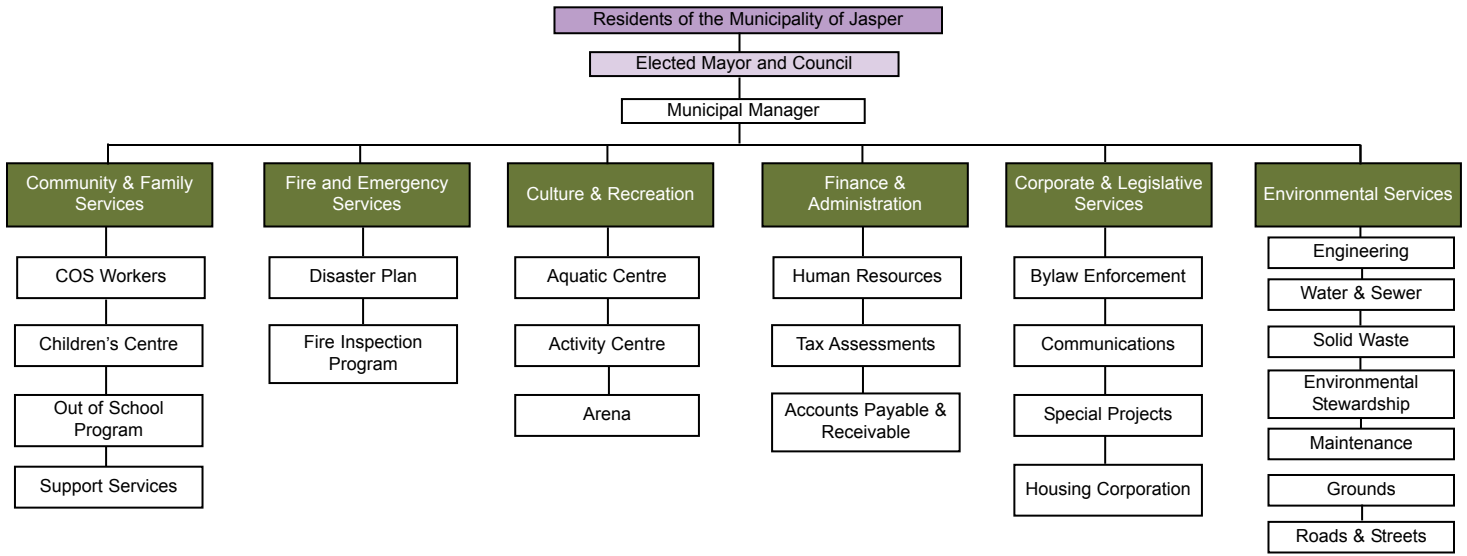
Memorial benches may be placed in town or along the town perimeter trail. Information is

available on the town website or by calling 852-3356.



In June, Councillor Gloria Kongsrud and Councillor Brenda Zinck attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference held in St. John's, Nfld. They are shown here with Jack MacPherson from Antigonish, Nova Scotia, winner of the trade show booth draw prize 'A Rocky Mountain Dream Vacation'.

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Corporate & Legislative Services

Communications

The Municipality's website – www.jasper-alberta.com – continues to be expanded and refined. New sections make it the best source of information about municipal projects, road and street work, bylaws, policies and current issues. In 2005, we hope to begin adding capabilities to provide on-line account information and to allow on-line payments.

Our emphasis on establishing a desktop publishing capability has brought us to the stage where documents such as this Annual Report can be done entirely in-house. This capability allows us to produce brochures, posters, mail-outs and other material quickly, efficiently, and at lower cost than is possible using outside resources.

Jasper Photo Project

The Jasper Photo Project, funded by a provincial centennial grant, will document all of the buildings in the community this summer, creating a freeze-frame for comparison to historical photographs. A joint project of the Jasper Photo Club and the Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society, the photo project will be complete by mid-summer and will form the basis of a public exhibit expected to open by early August.

Bylaw Development

The Municipality has reached an important watershed in its bylaw development: Municipal bylaws now address all of the areas in which Parks Canada has traditionally held regulatory authority. The Parks Canada Agency will now begin to remove its regulations from effect and leave these areas to municipal authority.

Jasper Housing Corporation

Work continues on the establishment of the Housing Corporation, intended to be a key player in the provision of perpetually affordable housing in the community. Much of the background work is complete. As a next step, Council will open discussions with the Parks Canada Agency on the release of residential lands for transfer to the housing corporation.

Emergency Services

Jasper Fire Department

In 2004 the Jasper Fire Department was dispatched 96 times. Of the 96 calls, 38 were full department responses consisting of 20 fire calls, 16 motor vehicle accidents and 2 Haz-Mat (Hazardous Material) responses.

The remaining 58 dispatches were mainly alarm investigations — calls for burnt toast as well as CO, sprinkler alarms, frozen pipes, illegal back yard fires, construction safety complaints and building system malfunctions.

To date in 2005 there have been 45 Fire Department dispatches, 16 fire alarm investigations, 11 motor vehicle collisions, 9 fires, 3 vehicle fires and 1 fuel leak.

Fire Chief Greg Van Tighem and JVFB members Paul Kennedy and Dan Anselmo received the Provincial Emergency Services Medal. Paul Kennedy also received the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal.

The Jasper Fire Department hosted the Alberta Fire Chief's Conference in May 2005. The annual Community Safety Fair was held on June 18, 2005.

Jasper also hosted the S-1100 and S-700 Provincial Fire Training Courses and co-hosted the S-300 and S-1100 courses with Hinton and Edson.



Harry Harkema, JVFB member, is presented with a 12-year service award from Councillor Gloria Kongsrud and Mayor Richard Ireland.

Community & Family Services

Community Dinners

Patrick Mooney, Adult Community Outreach Worker, coordinated the Community Dinner Program held every Sunday evening in the Activity Centre from December to April. Meals were prepared by a different team each week. The dinners provide food for the hungry, company for those who live alone, a night out for young families, entertainment, and an opportunity to connect with the community.

Integration of Early Childhood Services

Community & Family Services, along with other community partners, began the process of designing a new integrated early childhood program that acts as a service hub combining learning, care and parental support. This new initiative will combine services currently provided by the Jasper Nursery School/Playschool Parent Cooperative, the Jasper Children's Centre and Community Outreach Services.

COS Workers

Jasper Outreach Workers provide information, referrals, support and programs for individuals and families in Jasper. Each COS worker specializes in a different life stage – prenatal to preschool, elementary school age, youth and teens, young adults and adults. They can assist with any problem – large or small.

Survival Guide

Every year, a Survival Guide is published for new residents to the town. It is geared towards providing information and services contacts for the large influx of seasonal workers.

Culture and Recreation

Jasper Aquatic Centre



The first year of *Swim for Life*, a swimming lesson program for adults and children, has been a huge success. Also, the River

Dragons Junior Lifeguard Club were the Provincial Champions!

Major mechanical renovations completed at the Jasper Aquatic Centre in 2004 have improved efficiency and customer service and reduced environmental impacts. Energy efficient boilers were installed as well as heat exchangers, and chlorine equipment. The mechanical room and reception area were renovated.

Sport Camps

During the months of July and August, the Jasper Activity



Centre hosts a variety of sport camps such as volleyball, power skating, basketball, boys and girls hockey, wrestling and dance. Students can attend the camps with or without the accommodation and meals offered.

Jasper: A Community of Promise

What is Alberta's Promise?

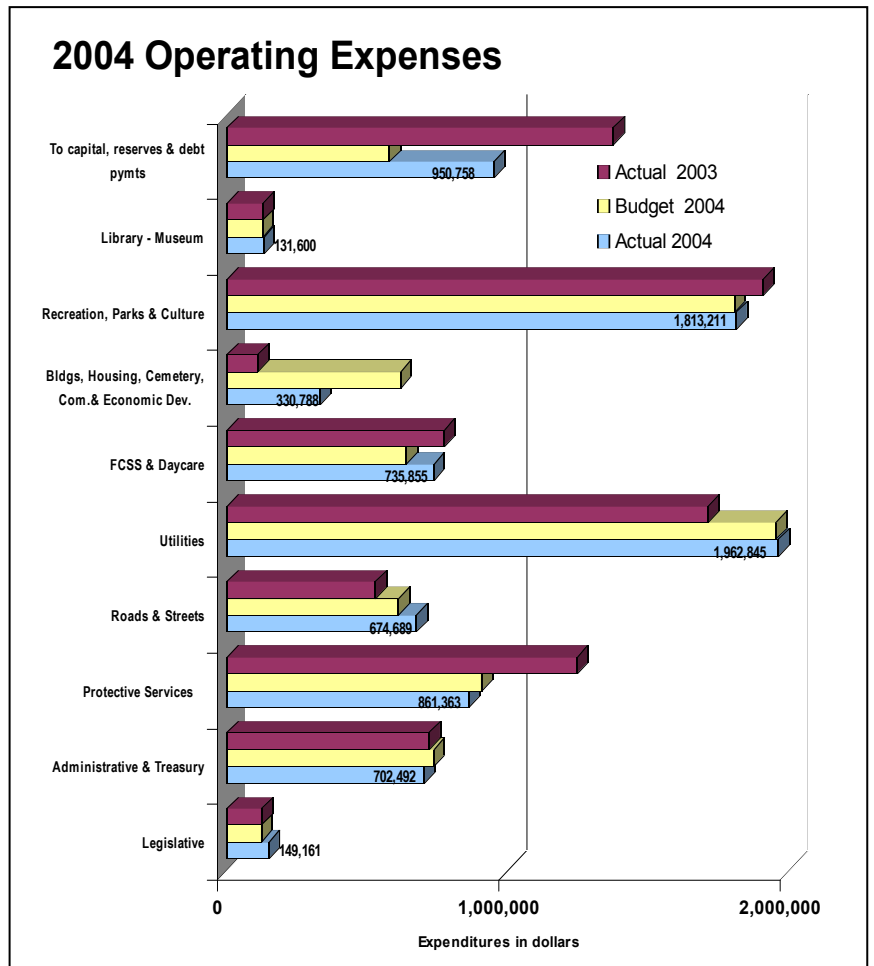
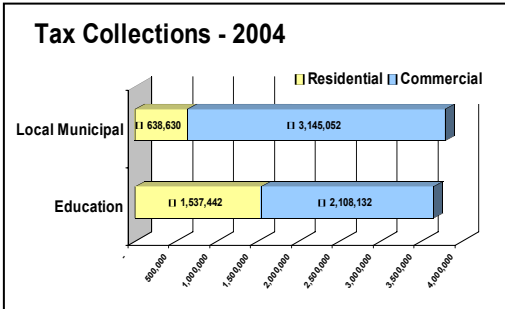
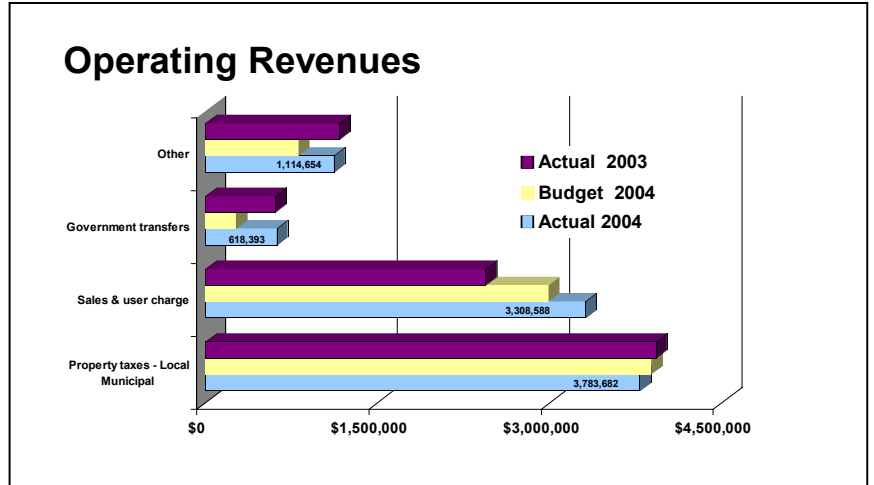
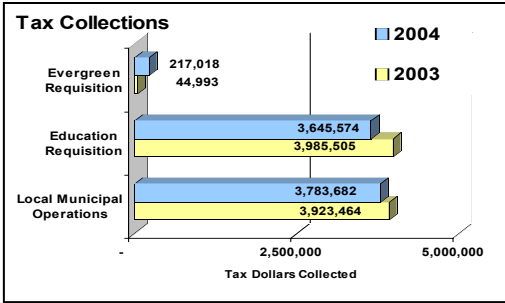
Alberta's Promise is a movement to inspire communities, businesses, service clubs, foundations and agencies to work together to direct more resources to benefit our children and youth.

Alberta's Promise celebrates successes and recognizes Partnerships to motivate all Albertans to raise awareness of the importance of investing in Alberta's children and youth.

The **Municipality of Jasper** is a **Community of Promise**. The municipality operates and subsidizes the operation of the Jasper Children's Centre, one of only two daycares in the province. The Municipality also provides free Aquatic Centre passes to all Jasper children up to grade six and provides infrastructure for the operation of the Community Outreach Workers.

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Financial Results



Balance Sheet

Financial Assets	2004	2003
Cash & Equivalents	1,968,485	2,639,643
Receivables	1,570,387	1,934,508
Prepaid Expenses	76,478	208,674
Tax Underlevy	228,173	-
Long Term Investments	214,834	-
Total	\$ 4,058,357	\$ 4,782,825
Physical Assets		
Land	414,879	414,879
Buildings	24,337,297	22,203,347
Engineering Structures	4,304,809	2,316,625
Machinery & Equipment	2,002,520	1,810,535
Vehicles	1,582,352	1,336,159
Inventory for Consumption	-	35,400
Total	32,641,857	28,116,945
Total Assets	\$ 36,700,214	\$ 32,899,770
Liabilities		
Accts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 1,790,539	\$ 3,594,858
Deposits	22,570	71,781
Deferred Revenue	79,708	479,034
Tax Overlevies	-	69,991
Capital Lease obligations	136,976	-
Long Term Debt	9,005,171	5,532,740
Total	\$ 11,034,964	\$ 9,748,404
Municipal Equity		
Capital Deficiency	-	-2,551,555
Operating Fund	1,180,177	667,622
Reserve Fund	985,363	2,486,494
Total	\$ 2,165,540	\$ 602,561
Equity in Capital Assets	23,499,710	22,548,805
Total	\$ 25,665,250	\$ 23,151,366
Total Liabilities and Municipal Equity	\$ 36,700,214	\$ 32,899,770

FUNDS FOR MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The provincial budget announced in April 2005 committed \$3.1 billion dollars to municipalities for infrastructure. The plan calls for the money to be distributed to

municipalities over the next five years at \$600 million per year. The money can be spent on municipal projects such improvements currently underway in the

town such as the Central Business District upgrades to parking lots, including the new RV parking lot, the traffic lights at Hazel Avenue and Connaught Drive, the new

sidewalks and the Perimeter Trail. Many projects included in the town's capital plan have been fast forwarded with the injection of this new infrastructure funding.

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Environmental Services

Perimeter Trail

When completed, the Perimeter Trail will be a continuous multi-use trail circling the town of Jasper. The section of the Perimeter Trail along Connaught Drive across from the Sawridge Hotel will be paved. The Municipality is collaborating with Jasper Yellowhead Museum and Archives and Parks Canada to integrate the trail with the 'A Walk in Time' program. Successive interpretive signs placed along the trail will tell the story of Jasper's history.

The Parks Canada trail crew will continue the trail from the Sawridge Hotel behind the west and north side of the town to Stone Mountain Village. The existing trail from Stone Mountain Village along the rail line back to the Central Business District will be upgraded to the same standard as the rest of the new trail. The sidewalk in front of the train station which forms part of the trail has been widened to accommodate multi-use.

New Public Works Building

Municipal staff from the Environmental Services Department and Corporate and Legislative Services moved into the new Public Works Building located across the rail way tracks in December 2004.

The new facility houses offices, supplies, and equipment and the community's maintenance, grounds, and street and roads operation. The recycling bay holds the cardboard and paper baler operation.



Service Standards

The Municipality of Jasper provides services, facilities or other things that in the opinion of the Council are necessary or desirable for all or part of the Municipality and which contribute to the development and maintenance of a safe and viable community.

The policy of the Municipality of Jasper is to provide the highest level of service possible with the resources available to the Municipality.

Work is underway to describe service standards in detail. Completed standards can be viewed on the town website. Service standards can also be obtained in printed form by calling 852-3356.



RV Parking Lot

A new RV parking lot is under construction across the CN rail line on Highway 93A beside Jasper Lumber. This parking lot will accommodate large recreational vehicles as part of efforts to alleviate traffic congestion and parking in the townsite. This parking lot will be maintained for summer use only.

A paved trail from the RV parking lot will link up with the Town Perimeter Trail and the Connaught Drive and Hazel Ave. intersection. A kiosk with directional signage will be installed at the corner.



Traffic Lights

Work on traffic control lights and pedestrian crosswalk lights at the busy intersection of Connaught Drive and Hazel Avenue started at the end of May. The lights will be functional by the end of June in preparation for the busy summer season. Start-up of the lights is tied to the paving contract as the vehicle sensors are installed in the asphalt.

A small information kiosk will be built on the southwest corner of Connaught and Hazel. Signage will show the route of the Perimeter Trail and the trail to the RV parking lot.

Jasper Mobile Home Redevelopment Project

Last summer, new utility lines — water, sewer, gas, Telus lines, and Shaw cable — were installed in the mobile home park, followed by new sidewalks and curbs. Final paving of the roads and patching of the driveways is underway. Restoration work on the front yards began in May with preparation for topsoil and sod.

Mobile Home residents now have the option of building houses on their lots. This was not possible prior to the redevelopment work as services ran underneath the trailers.

Town Water Supply Project

In 2005, Alberta Environment's regulation for water systems across Alberta became more stringent, necessitating upgrades to Jasper's existing water treatment system. Under the new rules, the existing wells by Old Fort Point are considered to be at future risk from surface water contamination. After careful cost-benefit analysis of several options, the decision was made to drill new ground water wells.

Two new water wells have been installed adjacent to the Mobile Home Area; one in Parcel FY beside the Patricia Street walk-up apartments and the other in Parcel FZ beside the creek. Due to the nature of the aquifer, it has been a long process to determine what the long term yield is for these wells. Flow testing is necessary to ensure pumps are sized to optimize how much water can be used without "mining" the aquifer. The end result is that these two wells will supply the town winter water demand which is approximately half of what is required during summer. Three additional wells are presently being drilled along the west bank of Connaught Drive. Drilling and flow testing of these wells will continue until mid-July.

At the end of the drilling phase, detailed engineering work will be completed along with a full project Environmental Assessment. The construction contract will then be tendered. The only deviation to this schedule has been an attempt to complete road crossings before the paving is done this spring. This was done on Cabin Creek Drive and Poplar Ave. Final road work on this section will be completed in the fall of 2005.



Other Parking Lots

The parking lot across from the Shell Station will be reconfigured to make more efficient use of the space. Modifications to the section of Connaught Drive in front of the train station and the parking lots will include widening of the sidewalks to 10 feet and relocating one crosswalk. As well, a curb cut and left turn lane will be installed on Connaught Drive approximately in front of Karouzos Steakhouse to allow for a left-hand turns into the parking lot across from the Shell station.

The parking lot on Connaught Drive across from the Astoria Hotel will be widened to accommodate two rows of angle parking rather than the current single row of straight-in parking. In the fall, parking will be improved in the lot adjacent to the United Church and an additional small lot will be constructed in the old Hazel Street road allowance at Geikie Street.

Environmental Stewardship

Over the past year many new recycling initiatives have been launched by the Environmental Stewardship Coordinator, a position jointly funded by the Municipality and Parks Canada.

Composting Pilot Project

From April - June 30, 2005 100 Jasper residents volunteered to participate in an organics collection trial. Collection bins and Biosak Compostable bags were supplied. A group of residents were randomly selected to weigh their kitchen organics on a weekly basis. Participants took their collected organics to the wildlife-proof bins located at the Jasper Recycling Centre, S-Block Recycling Depot, Cabin Creek Drive and Patricia St (900 block).

Feedback and data collected from residents will be used to develop future composting and waste reduction strategies for Jasper.

Cardboard Recycling

The new Public Works building was designed to process all recycled cardboard and paper. Previously this operation had been contracted out. In January, the municipality began baling all cardboard and paper recycling at the new Public Works Building resulting in significant savings.

Several bins are located around the town for residential collection of cardboard. Cardboard and paper are also accepted at the Jasper Recycling Centre and at the recycle area by the bottle depot in S Block.

Plastic Recycling

Beginning this June, residents and visitors can recycle plastic bottles! The Green Community Recycling Trailer is located at the Recycle Centre behind the Museum. All plastic containers that have an opening smaller than the base are accepted for recycling. The trailer and launch of the 'All Plastics Recycling' Program was funded by a special provincial inter-municipal grant received by Hinton and Jasper.

Plastic bottles collected in our community will be made into new plastic products such as carpeting and clothing, plastic lumber and garden furniture.

RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Jasper Recycle Centre
behind the museum

Jasper Recycling Depot
Stan Wright Industrial Park

Public Works Building
#3 Compound Road

