



Jasper Community Team members work together to create the conditions in Jasper where residents of all backgrounds and abilities can thrive and achieve optimal wellbeing across the life-span.

Members take part in life-stage focused Community Conversations where participants identify social trends, problem solve together, provide mutual support, and seize opportunities to work together.

School Age Community Conversation Notes Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Attendance

Carla (Community Outreach Services), Lindsey Gartner (Community Development), Lisa Riddell (Community Development), Chris Woo (Settlement Services), Marie-Claude Faucher (Ecole Desrochers), Becky Koss (Jasper Elementary), Kavell Munro (Library), Lisa Daniel (Wildflowers Childcare), Meghan Journault (Public Health, AHS), Mark Crozier (Jasper Highschool), Annegret, Ralph Melnyk (Town Council)

Trends

- Transportation continues to be a barrier for children and youth at JPL. Some are finding it difficult to find rides to after school programming and other activities.
- Children and youth are showing an increased concern in their families housing situations.
- Both the elementary and senior level schools are focusing on helping students catch up academically. Schools are navigating the fine balance between not putting too much pressure on students while also meeting education requirements and encouraging progress.
- Ecole Desrochers is noticing dog poop in their school yard from people walking their dogs in the evenings. Possible solutions are increasing signage, providing doggy bags and having increased monitoring of the dog park in the evenings.
- The Jasper Elementary School is working with parents to limit idling cars while picking up children.
- Health Canada has approved a Covid vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 years old. Parents are encouraged to explore AHS support services and resources available:
 - [book an immunization appointment](#)
 - [Comfort to Care Resources – Information for Albertans:](#)
 - [Link to My Comfort Plan](#)
 - [Activities to Help adults discuss vaccines with their children](#)
- Wildflowers Daycare is seeing lots of enrollment in both after school care and extra curricular activities.
- Children are struggling with the holiday season due to parent stress and changes in routine.
- Santas Anonymous is receiving many applications.
- Food insecurity is very high. Food bank use is increasing, and people are asking for household supplies like toilet paper and cleaning supplies.
- Community Outreach Services is noticing high levels of participation in programming for KAOS (10-12 year olds) and teen programs (13-17 year olds).
- The library is adhering to Covid-19 restrictions and library goers must socially distance in the library.
- Town Council is working through budget discussions and presentations. The Link to budget presentations are here: <https://ab-jasper.civicplus.com/2532/Council-Highlights>

Opportunities

- In 2022 there will be three new Community Conversations focusing on Environmental Responsibility, Arts and Culture, and Recreation.
- The high school's Gender Sexuality Alliance has started up, with weekly meetings on Fridays at lunch hour. The GSA is asking schools and the community **to go purple on Friday** November 26th in support of LGBTQ2S+ youth. All JCT members are invited to a quick zoom call at noon on Friday to take a virtual picture wearing purple. Take pictures of your team in your purple shirts and post them on social media. Tag @annacosdeclercq with the hashtag #jaspergsa.
- The Town Council will be wearing purple as well.
- The Coat Rescue Program is in full swing. If you know of anyone that needs a jacket or other winter gear, please refer them to the Community Outreach Services office at 627 Patricia Street.
- There will be an elementary level homework club starting up on Wednesdays.
- Santas Anonymous World Tree Lighting will be on Saturday December 4th in the Robson Park. For Santas Anonymous enquires, please contact Marlyn Fernandez mfernandez@town.jasper.ab.ca.
- Community Development has hosted training based on trends identified in Community Conversations. Check out the [online training resources](#) on our website.
- There is an active [Community Calendar](#) on the website where people can see municipal meetings and events. Soon there will be an option for the public to submit events for approval.