



*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.*

## **Adult Community Conversation Notes Wednesday, September 08 2021**

### **Local Government**

**Municipal Council** – \* Click this heading to read the full Council Highlights

- Council had a few weeks of in-person meetings this summer but this week they transitioned back into zoom.

### **Community Outreach Services**

- COS is going to try and keep in person programming in light of new restrictions and the potential for another Covid wave. The COS office is still locked to the public, but people can book appointments with outreach workers via the phone or ring the doorbell at the front door.
- This summer there was a lot of traffic to COS, and a trend noticed was a big uptake in people who are transient and/or homeless. This trend seems to be dying down as it gets a bit cooler.
- World suicide prevention day is on this Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There will be slogans about mental health support on stickers at various cafes around town.

### **Communications**

- The Municipality rolled out a vaccination campaign to encourage people to get vaccinated. There will be posters promoting “don’t procrastinate, vaccinate”. The town is hoping to get the vaccination bus back into Jasper. A trend discussed is the accessibility of the vaccine and testing sites.

### **Community Development**

- There is a Grief and Gratitude Tree in the lobby of the library where community members are encouraged to reflect on their hardships and successes over the last year. So far it has been very popular.
- In response to trends brought up in previous community conversations, Community Development worked on providing workplaces with “De Escalation and Conflict Resolution Training”. You can find the [training on the website](#), where there is also a keynote and worksheet.
- Community Development is working on a content audit for the website redesign which will be completed over the next year. Over the next months there will be opportunities for community members to give their feedback and input. If you would like to be involved and provide feedback, please email Lindsey at [lgartner@town.jasper.ab.ca](mailto:lgartner@town.jasper.ab.ca).
- Community Development has drafted an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion policy plan that will be reviewed by council. They have also drafted a Land Acknowledgement Policy for council’s review.
- Back in June, members of Community Conversations were asked how to promote social recovery from the pandemic and to foster resilience into the future. Community Development compiled all ideas and suggestions into a draft Community Recovery and Resiliency document that has been disseminated to the group. Any

feedback to the document is welcome. If you didn't receive a copy of the document, please email Lisa at [lriddell@town.jasper.ab.ca](mailto:lriddell@town.jasper.ab.ca).

## Non-Profit Sector

### Tourism Jasper

- Tourism Jasper is hosting a free Community concert on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-10pm. Another upcoming event is their annual Dark sky festival October 15-24<sup>th</sup>.
- Members of the Tourism Jasper team will be attending an Indigenous Cultural Sensitivity training day on Friday September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Friends of Jasper

- Staffing issues were a trend this summer for Friends of Jasper.
- There will be volunteer opportunities coming up in the next month for special events. Volunteers typically receive a gift card, food, and are put in draws for prizes. If you are interested in volunteering reach out: [volunteers@friendsofjasper.com](mailto:volunteers@friendsofjasper.com).
- Friends of Jasper is launching a winter trails project which will give people an opportunity to access trails right from the townsite. So far there has been a great reception from the local community.