



*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.*

## **Early Childhood Community Conversation Notes Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

### **Attendance**

Laurisa (Roots and Wings), Maggie McDowell (Community Outreach Services), Laurie Labrun (L'Association Canadienne Francaise de Jasper), Lindsey Gartner (Community Development), Lisa Riddell (Community Development)

### **Trends**

- Parents have had limited social opportunities to notice development in children over the last two years.
- Parents and families are experiencing ongoing challenges navigating restrictions while keeping everyone safe and comfortable.
- Community Outreach Services is noticing high numbers in Community Outreach Services playroom. Parents are really happy to be there and people are eager to gather.
- As a result of seasonal lay offs there is a lot of financial stress for families.
- Many families are accessing the foodbank.

### **Opportunities**

- Community Outreach Services will hopefully bring back Baby and Me in January.
- The World Tree Lighting will be in Robson Park on November 4<sup>th</sup> and all funds will be going to Santas Anonymous.
- The Municipality will be putting in an ice rink in Robson Park again this winter.
- Community Development will be launching a Community Guide in Early 2022. This will be a resource to connect people to the community.
- Refer people to Community Outreach Service if they want to apply for Santas Anonymous. Community Outreach Services will be taking applications until early December.
- In 2022 there will be three new Community Conversations focusing on Environmental Responsibility, Arts and Culture and Recreation.
- Community Development is working on the website redesign which will be completed over the next year. Currently there are opportunities for community members to provide their feedback and input for the project. Sign up through the website: [Public Engagement | Jasper, AB - Official Website \(civicplus.com\)](https://www.civicplus.com)