

September 18, 2023

# Town of Mayerthorpe News

Staying Connected

**Discover Mayerthorpe**

As you drive along Highway 22, take notice of the new Cowboy Trail sign!

Exhibition Centre  
Sports Grounds  
Off Leash Dog Park  
Playgrounds and Parks  
Aquatic Centre

Trails End Golf & Country Club  
Rangeland Park  
Paddle River

**Fallen Four Memorial Park**  
This park is the result of a group of dedicated individuals that came together after a national tragedy to develop a tribute to the four fallen RCMP, acknowledge their sacrifice and honour them. The design of the memorial will center on the number four, the four officers, four winds and the four directional points of a compass representing the RCMP's presence in all parts of Canada. Four life size bronze statues depicting the fallen officers will be the focal point of the park. Each officer is placed facing out in a directional point on a compass. For more information Contact (780) 786-4990.

• Cowboy Trail • Fallen Four Memorial Park • Crockett House •

[www.mayerthorpe.ca](http://www.mayerthorpe.ca)



Our Local Businesses and Attractions Welcome You...

Mayerthorpe is proud of its community. Surrounded by picturesque rolling hills, steeped in rich agricultural history, and bustling with friendly businesses and engaging recreational activities - this town truly is Everybody's Community.

While in town check out the Fallen Four Memorial Park, the Cowboy Trail Storyboard located along Highway 22 or our outdoor swimming pool and available open June 1 - August 31.

Don't miss our upcoming events

Agricultural Fair: August 10 - 11, 2019  
Kiwi Club Christmas Market: November 16, 2019

Culture Days: September 28, 2019  
Christmas Light Up: December 6, 2019



## A NEW LOOK - CHECK US OUT...

[WWW.MAYERTHORPE.CA](http://WWW.MAYERTHORPE.CA)  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MYMAYERTHORPE/](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MYMAYERTHORPE/)  
[@mayerthorpe1/X \(Twitter\)](https://twitter.com/mayerthorpe1/X)  
[WWW.SHOP43.CA/](http://WWW.SHOP43.CA/)

**THANKSGIVING HOURS:**  
Closed Monday, October 9th  
**CHRISTMAS HOURS**  
Closed December 25, 2023  
thru to January 1, 2024  
Back to Regular Hours  
January 2, 2024

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

## SUMMER OF '23 – WHAT A RIDE!

Well, that was quick! Summer seems to be gone in the blink of an eye and fall colors are everywhere. And, what a crazy summer it was; fires close to home, evacuees, floods and bountiful, early crops with apple and garden harvests to match.

While there was no loss of life during the intense fire season, several of our County neighbors lost their homes. Only the Herculean efforts of fire fighters and intrepid neighbors prevented additional property losses.

It was a rough start to the spring, but there are lots of good things to talk about. So many, in fact, I hardly know where to begin. Let's start with people...

Our three new doctors are settling in and already very busy. I know the community has made them feel welcome 'cause that's just how we role!

Back in April, the Town welcomed Duncan Milloy to the position of FCSS Director/Recreation Manager. He's had a busy summer getting to know folks and learning where everything is. He's overseen a successful season at our pool and, on September 9<sup>th</sup>, his hard work paid off in the form of a well-attended competition event at our Pump Track. Welcome, Duncan!

In other "people" news, Council just hosted its annual Staff Appreciation event. Burgers and dogs alongside salads and sides prepared by Council. Before we cut the requisite cake, we presented our Assistant CAO/Finance Manager, Louise Kormos, with a well-deserved certificate recognizing 15 years of dedicated service. Thanks, Louise!

November will mark a full year on the job for CAO Jennifer Sunderman. She's had a busy year of learning, networking, managing, emailing and all manner of other things. Jennifer has made the position her own and continues to put her mark on the work. Council and I consider ourselves very fortunate to have gained such a valuable partner.

Now, let's talk events...

Fairthorpe: success, Car Show: success, Canada Day: success, Public Library Summer Programs: success. Shouts must go out to the Mayerthorpe & District Ag Society, our amazing business community, and the staff at our library!! None of these things would be possible without you!

What's coming up for Council?

Council is looking forward to attending the annual Alberta Municipalities convention at the end of September. This conference provides an opportunity for networking, learning and reconnecting with old friends. Both myself and Deputy Mayor Morton are taking courses at conference this year.

Council's annual Strategic Planning exercise is coming up and on October 30<sup>th</sup>, we'll host our annual Town Hall at the Legion. Mark this one on your calendars! We're mixing it up this year. Immediately following Council's Town Hall, the RCMP detachment will be on hand for their own Town Hall.

November is budget month! Our dedicated Staff does the heavy lifting here. Each department prepares its own budget, then the amazing Louise Kormos consolidates it all into one document. The hardest part

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

of Louise's job is walking Council through the numbers. Approving the annual budget is the single most important task on Council's to do list every year.

Before I sign off, I'd like to mention a decade-old partnership in which the Town is involved. It is an active member of the Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA), Growth Alberta. This collaboration currently brings Woodlands County, the Town of Swan Hills and our town together to work on initiatives aimed at fostering a diverse, resilient socio-economic foundation for the region. It's been a strong collaboration over the years and our current Board of Directors is working to ensure its continued success.

Growth Alberta recently leveraged federal funding to assist tourism operators in the region in their post-pandemic recovery and our operations plan takes its cues from the Government of Alberta's Economic Development in Rural Alberta Plan (EDRAP) document.

Fall is always a busy time for everyone and Council is no different. Take some time to enjoy the last of the warm weather. I'm determined to get out on my bike for a few more rides before I have to park it for the winter.

Be well, stay safe and call me for a coffee. I'm buying!

Mayor  
Janet



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT updates

## The Enabling Housing Choice Research Report is Complete

Thank you to municipal officials and housing development stakeholders for participating and working with Rural Development Network staff on providing input on advancing housing development in Mayerthorpe. The final draft of the research report will be presented to Town Council for approval. The report will guide Council in making policy changes that enhance existing and create new incentives, extend municipal rebates, provide for forgivable costs, guide staff in applying for funding, and work towards completing a housing needs assessment.

Administration has already made application to the Housing Accelerator Fund advancing key residential properties infrastructure reducing costs of housing development in the Town of Mayerthorpe.

This project was made possible with funding from the Alberta Real Estate Foundation.

## Small Business Resources

Small Business now have access to a new streamlined website which provides a "one-Stop-shop" for government service information at [smallbusiness.alberta.ca](http://smallbusiness.alberta.ca). The website provides information on:

- How to start and operate a business;
- Resources on regulation, funding and other topics;
- Strategies and initiatives to help small business grow.

Through the "Ask the Expert" service, business advisors will be available to help navigate government business programs, supports, and regulatory information. Advisors can be contacted through the website above or at 1-844-422-7705.

## Find a Loan for Your Small Business

Canada Small Business Financing Program makes it easier for small businesses to get loans from financial institutions by sharing the risk with lenders. Loans can be used to finance the cost of:

- Purchasing/improving land/buildings use for commercial purposes;
- Purchasing new/existing renovations to premises occupied by the business as a tenant;
- Purchasing/improving new/used equipment (including commercial vehicles);
- Intangible assets and working capital.

You can learn more about a loan at [lseed-isde.canada.ca](http://lseed-isde.canada.ca).

## CELEBRATING LOCAL BUSINESS

**Congratulations to [The Gym 2.0](#)** for completing building improvements qualifying for the Town's Vitalization Grant in the amount of \$2,500!

**Congratulations to [Esther's Healing Centre](#)** on your 10th Anniversary!

**Congratulations to [ECHO Thrift Store - Affordable Fashions](#)** on your 20th Anniversary!

**Congratulations to [Lariat Restaurant](#)** on your 30th Anniversary!

**Congratulations to [Calyx Cannabis Ltd.](#)** on your official opening

# LABOUR ATTRACTION

**Alberta Advantage Immigration Program - Community Designation** application has been made.

With the assistance of Town staff, GROWTH Alberta has applied to the Alberta Immigration Program to obtain Community Designation status for the Town of Mayerthorpe, Town of Swan Hills, and Woodlands County.

Industries and businesses within these communities have requested that these communities apply for this status to enable them to hire immigrant employees from across Canada fulfill vacancies and sustain and grow their operations.

Futurpreneur is a national organization that has been fueling the entrepreneurial passions of Canada's young enterprise for over two decades. A non-profit organization that provides financing, mentoring and support tools to aspiring business owners aged 18–39. You will find information on Mentors, How-Tos & Templates, and Build Your Network when you visit [www.futurpreneur.ca](http://www.futurpreneur.ca).

## 2023 Career & Education Expo

is Thursday, September 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre.

Students from Mayerthorpe and the surrounding region will have an opportunity to learn about different career paths and job opportunities right here where they live.

The annual Career & Education Expo is made possible through collaboration between Town of Whitecourt, Woodlands County, Government of Canada, Province of Alberta, Northern Gateway Public Schools, Town of Mayerthorpe, Community Futures Yellowhead East, Living Waters Catholic Schools, and industry.



**Employment Opportunities**

[mayerthorpe.ca](http://mayerthorpe.ca)

**Did you know?**

The Town of Mayerthorpe has a community employment job board (check it out) -

<https://www.facebook.com/mayerthorpejobboard/>

also [www.mayerthorpe.ca](http://www.mayerthorpe.ca) / job openings

### Employment Opportunities:

Coordinator for West End Bus Excursion Program	Driver for West End Bus Excursion Program	Zamboni Operator for Mayerthorpe Exhibition Centre	Utility Operator for Public Works Department
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# FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION updates

## NON-RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING SERVICE

Effective September 1, 2023, the Town of Mayerthorpe now offers Non-Residential properties (businesses and industry) the option to participate in recycling!

The service includes two (2) blue carts provided for a monthly fee of \$15.00. If a business requires more than two (2) carts, Integrity Waste Solutions offers further service in multiples of two (2) at \$15.00 per month per each additional pair of carts.

If you wish to sign up or if you are currently paying Integrity Waste Solutions directly for this service, please contact the Utility/Tax Officer at 780-786-2416, Ext 227 or email:

[utofficer@mayerthorpe.ca](mailto:utofficer@mayerthorpe.ca).

## BYLAW NO. 1059 ELECTRONIC ASSESSMENT AND TAX COMMUNICATION BYLAW

The purpose of this bylaw is to establish a process for sending assessment notices, tax notices and other notices, documents, and information by electronic means. If you are interested in having the above information sent to you electronically please contact the Utility/Tax Officer at 780-786-2416 Ext. 227 or email [utofficer@mayerthorpe.ca](mailto:utofficer@mayerthorpe.ca). To view the full bylaw please visit <https://www.mayerthorpe.ca/engage/bylaws>

## PROPERTY TAX PENALTY

As per Section 345 of the Municipal Government Act, please be advised that if you had a balance owing on your tax account as of December 31, 2023, a 12% penalty will be added to your outstanding tax balance on January 1, 2024.

## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT INSTALLMENT PLAN

The Town of Mayerthorpe provides the option to pay annual property taxes monthly via the Tax Installment Payment Plan. Pre-Authorized Debit is the preferred method of payment. We encourage you to sign up for this payment option! Payment dates are the 15th of each month, January through December with no penalties added, you can sign up at any time throughout the year. Please note that specific conditions do apply. If you wish to sign up, please contact the Utility/Tax Officer.

# BYLAW ENFORCEMENT updates

## School and Playground Zone SPEED LIMITS



Reminder to motorists the following are the hours **with reduced speed limit to 30 km** when driving in a school or playground zone:

### School Zones

Monday to Friday

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



### Playground Zones

8:00 a.m. to one hour after sunset **daily!**



### U- Turns at Intersections

Reminder to motorists no U-Turns are permitted at intersections

FROM THE STATION FLOOR

# MAYERTHORPE FIRE DEPARTMENT

25th Annual Firefighters Ball with

# DANNY HOOPER

SATURDAY  
OCT. 14  
2023

Doors 5:30 pm, Cocktails 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm  
Awards 8:00 pm, Concert & Dance 9 pm - 1:00 am  
Dinner + Concert \$100 per person, Concert Only \$60  
Table of 8 - \$775.00 includes dinner

Tickets available at  
CROCKETT AUTO - Main Street

OR

Scan QR Code for Tickets



Live Auction, Silent Auction, Cash Raffle, Door Prizes



# FCSS updates

## An 8-week in-person session

an eight-week in-person workshop

Wednesdays, October 4 - November 22, 2023

1:30 - 3:30 PM in person at

the McLeod River PCN office

TO REGISTER VISIT MRPCN.CA OR CALL

(780)779-0079

For all types of grief,  
including but not  
limited to:

- Loss of a loved one
- Loss of a pet
- Divorce
- Grief due to a move.

Cope more effectively with your loss  
JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF



WORKSHOP



Cancer Strategic Clinical Network

## Have you or a loved one experienced a cancer diagnosis?



Mayerthorpe, and area residents are invited to share their stories about how they learned they had cancer.

Participation involves in 60-minute interview. A small token of appreciation will be given for your time.

Scan to learn more



### To participate:

Sign up with the library staff, or  
Contact Angela : 587-774-7675  
angela.torry@ahs.ca

<https://together4health.albertahealthservices.ca/community-assets-for-cancer-diagnosis>



# COMMUNITY updates -

## Community Planning Town Hall

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the annual Community Planning Town Hall scheduled for October 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Learn what has been accomplished in 2023, what is planned for 2024 and beyond, factors influencing the Town's budget, and provide your key priorities.

## 2023 Citizen Satisfaction Survey

There is still time to complete the Town of Mayerthorpe Citizen Satisfaction Survey!

The Survey can be accessed as follows:

[www.mayerthorpe.ca](http://www.mayerthorpe.ca) [mymayerthorpe/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mymayerthorpe)

Hard Copy can be picked up at the Town Office at 4911 - 52nd Street

## 2023 Fall Clean-Up

If you wish to participate in Fall Clean Up, please have your items for disposal placed at the alley behind your property. To be sure that they are not missed during the initial drive around inspection, have them out the night before. **Mark your items with surveyors tape (any color). If your items for disposal are not marked with surveyors' tape, they will not be picked up.**

The Town of Mayerthorpe will accept: Stoves, Microwaves, Air Conditioners, Refrigerators, Deep Freezers, Washers, Dryers, Hot Water Tanks, Couches Chairs, Mattresses', General Metal, Wire, Wood, Etc.

**\*\*Non-Bulky Items can not be heavier than 40lbs.**

**No Renovation Materials of Any Kind, this includes Toilets.**

**FEES WILL BE CHARGED ON ALL WHITE GOODS AND FURNITURE WITH SPRINGS**

**NO Electronics, NO Hazardous Wastes , NO Tires or Vehicle Parts, NO Household Garbage, NO Compost, NO Batteries**

