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TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE

PRESS RELEASE

August, 2011

Outdoor Swimming Pool, Change Facility Building, and Water Slide

Mayerthorpe, Alberta, July 25, 2011 – After consultation with the Mayerthorpe and Area Aquatic and Recreation Society, at the January 31, 2011 special Council meeting Council approved proceeding to design build tender for the following outdoor swimming pool options:

Option 2B, 2,400 Sq. Ft. Rectangular Pool and break out price to include 2,100 pool enclosure;

Option 1B, 2,815 Sq. Ft. Rectangular Pool w/Teach Pool and break out price to 2,815 Sq. Ft. pool enclosure.

Tender packages for this Project closed on June 10, 2011. Tenders received exceeded the Project Budget. Council then committed an additional \$554,440 to the Project at the June 27, 2011 regular Council meeting increasing the overall budget to \$1.9 million dollars. Project scope reductions have been reviewed and approved by Council which resulted in material changes and exclusion some site work.

Contracts have been awarded to United Construction Company Inc. for construction of the Change Facility Building and Site Work in the amount of \$1,120,800, to Western Recreation and Development Inc. for the Swimming Pool Tank & Mechanical in the amount of \$556,000, and to Westwind Leisure Group Ltd. for the commissioning of the Waterslide in the amount of \$38,400.

These facilities will meet the current Public Health Act, RSA 2000 Chapter 37, and its' underlying Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation (293/2006) and also the Alberta Pool Standards (2006).

The Project is scheduled to commence this month with contractors establishing the site perimeter, site offices, lay down areas, removal of existing infrastructure. Substantial completion of the Project will be in February, 2012 and final completion by May, 2012. A detailed construction schedule will be posted on the Town's website at

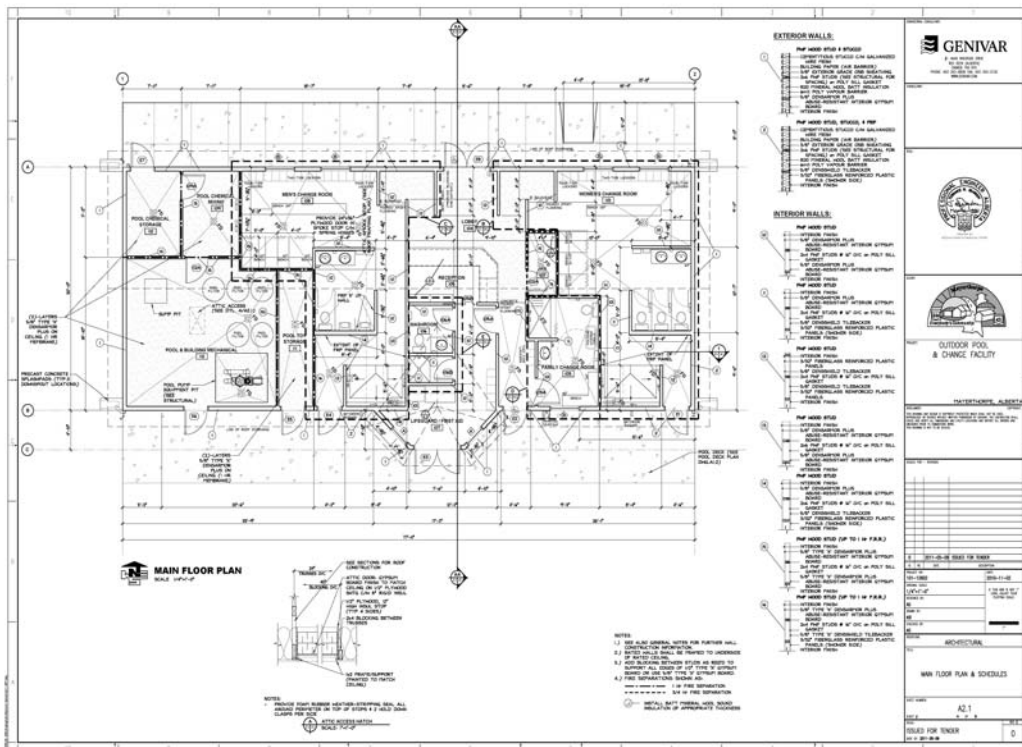
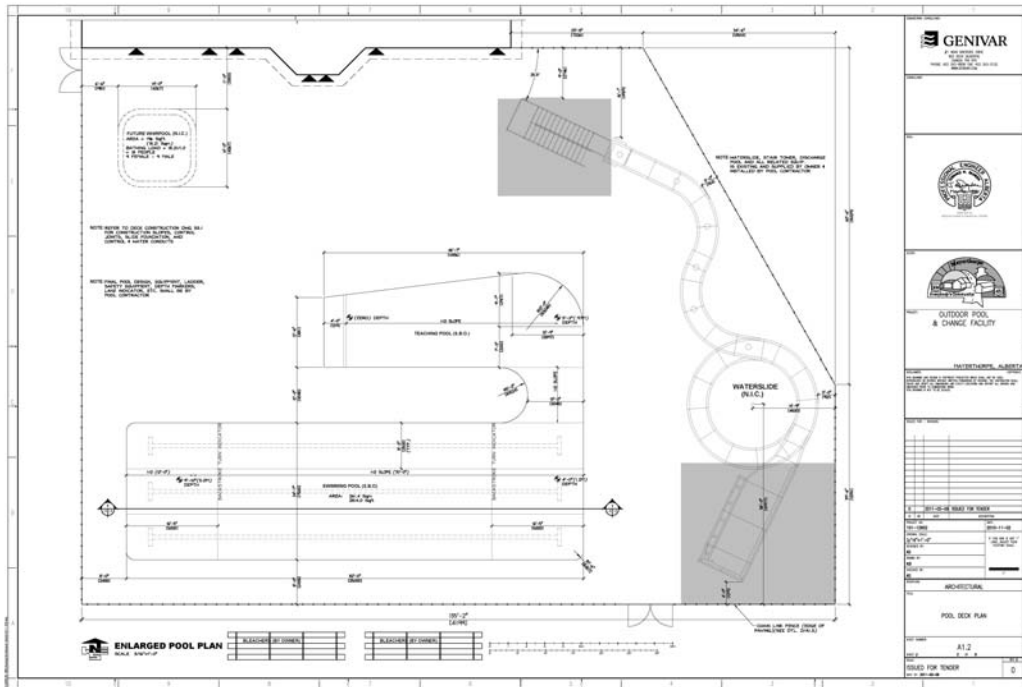
www.mayerthorpe.ca.

Mayerthorpe and Area Aquatic and Recreation Society continue to fundraise towards this most worth while project. Every donation received will receive a charitable receipt for income tax purposes. If you would like to make a donation, please feel free to stop by the Town Office or contact the Society's Chairperson, Sheryl King at 780-785-4142.

Council wishes to thank the community for their patience during this decision making process. Anyone wishing to view the detailed plans for this project are welcome to visit the Town Office during regular business hours. Everyone can now look forward to the official opening of the Mayerthorpe Outdoor Swimming Pool in 2012!

Kim Connell
Mayor

The following are the design drawings for Outdoor Swimming Pool, Change Facility Building, and Water Slide:



Tax/Utility

FCSS/Recreation

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses will be up for renewal for the 2012 year. Starting **December 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**, licenses may be purchased at the Town Office. They will be issued on a first come first serve basis and will not be taken out of order. Licenses should be renewed on or before January 31, 2012, in order to avoid any fines.

Business Licenses

Business Licenses should also be renewed before January 31, 2012. Any one doing business in or for the Town of Mayerthorpe is to purchase a Business License to operate for the 2012 year. Please be aware that if you have or are starting a new Home Based Business, you are also required to apply for a one time Development Permit before a Business License will be issued.

Hawkers & Peddlers Licenses

Hawkers and Peddlers are required to purchase a license if doing business in the Town of Mayerthorpe. If approached by anyone either door to door or by phone, please be aware that it is your right to ask for identification and proof that they hold the necessary licenses.

Taxes

Please be advised that if you have a balance owing on your tax account as of December 31, 2011, a 12% penalty will be added to your account. For your convenience, the Town will accept post dated cheques dated for December 31, 2011.

Tax Installment Payment Plan

If you obtain a "0" balance on your tax account by December 31, 2011, you may enter the Tax Installment Payment Plan which will allow you to make twelve easy payments on your account without incurring any penalties. If you wish to sign up for this program, please contact Melodie Golden at the Town Office before January 9, 2012. The monthly cheques will be deposited and must be dated for the 15th of every month. You will be required to fill out the Tax Installment Agreement.

A Few Quick Water Saving Tips

- ◆ Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- ◆ When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.
- ◆ When you give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your trees or shrubs.
- ◆ When you have ice left in your cup from a take-out restaurant, don't throw it in the trash, dump it on a plant.
- ◆ Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time.
- ◆ For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain.
- ◆ Wash your dog and your car on the lawn, and you'll water your lawn at the same time.



Our office will be closed:
 October 10th - Thanksgiving
 November 11th - Remembrance Day.

We are celebrating the grand opening of our Community Services Building (formerly the Senior Friendship Center). The Family & Community Support Service (FCSS) and Recreation office is located there, along with our early childhood programs, Parent Link drop in center, and the Senior Outreach office. Please feel free to drop in and check it out!

Our early childhood programs include Mom's, Dad's & Tot's on Mondays – from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, our licensed Playgroup program is held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We still have a few spots open for the Playgroup program. We have a Parent Link play program on Friday mornings from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We also have a Tumble Tots program starting Wednesday, Oct. 5 being held at the Diamond Center from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. (please note however we are unable to hold the program Oct. 12 but will resume Oct. 19) If you have any questions about our early childhood programs please call Joanne at 786-2416 for information. All programs other than Playgroup are free programs.

The FCSS/Recreation office is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 – 12:00 noon and 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. The Senior Outreach office is open Monday to Thursday from 9:30 – 12:00 noon. The phone number for any of these departments is the main Town Office number – 786-2416.

As you may have noticed, construction has started on our new outside swimming pool. We are looking forward to having swimming lessons available for next summer!

We have a new off-leash dog park, in the Sports Grounds in between Diamonds #2 & #3. We are confident that dog owners will enjoy the area to let dogs run, and there is a doggy waste system there to clean up after your dog.

We have completed another section of our Walking Trail which is located along Dundee Park on Highway 22 going north to the Public Works shop.

Economic Development

COOPERATIVES

On June 28th, 21 people met at the Diamond Centre to discuss the process and requirements of setting up “Cooperatives” and to hear about the Sangudo Cooperative experience with the meat-packing plant.

In July, a smaller group met again to brainstorm ideas about possible investment projects in Mayerthorpe and became very enthusiastic about a couple of the ventures that could be pursued. Unfortunately, when very few showed up at the third meeting, it was reluctantly decided to forego any further action at this time.

If anyone is interested in forming a “Cooperative” in the future, please don’t hesitate to contact Sylvia at the Town Office for information.

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION

This summer, the Economic Development Board approved the purchase and installation of 5 new benches in the downtown area for the comfort of our pedestrians and 3 more flower pots will be added next spring to enhance the beauty of our town.

Because of the miserable summer weather, the seeding of grass and planting of shrubs on the berm at the truck stop at the south end of Town has been delayed, but watch for improvements either this fall or early this spring.

TOURISM COMMITTEE

The Mayerthorpe and Area Tourism Committee has been busy since spring discussing ways in which to promote Mayerthorpe as a destination for tourists. We’ve been updating information about activities and services available throughout the area and, once that’s complete, will distribute the information to various tourist-service providers in the area.

In spring, through an initiative of “Grande Alberta Economic Region”, we attended a Travel Show at the Mayfield Inn where we distributed information and spoke to people about what a great place Mayerthorpe is and about some of the things they can enjoy doing as they travel in the area.

This summer, the committee organized a “Familiarization Tour” (see report and photos) and is now working on a “Tourism Enhancement Grant” proposal.

Tourism is big-business in Alberta and this committee is going to do all it can to lure more tourists to this beautiful part of the province.

FAMILIARIZATION (FAM) TOUR

On July 22nd, a group of people representing the tourism industry, municipal government, economic development, and the Chamber of Commerce, enjoyed a bus tour of Mayerthorpe and area attractions.

We visited the Fallen Four Memorial Park, the new Exhibition Centre, and some unique shops within the Town of Mayerthorpe before heading out to the rural areas to visit a country retreat destination, the Paddle River Dam, a historical museum, and a bison ranch, where we bounced across a field in the back of a pick-up truck to get a closer look at a herd of bison, which then proceeded to chase us when we tried to leave!

We certainly didn’t go hungry along the way either, with 2 of the host destinations treating us to baked goodies, the delicious lunch at the golf course, and the wind-up BBQ hosted by the Mayerthorpe Fire Department.

By the end of the tour, some of the participants who live in Mayerthorpe were pleasantly surprised and impressed with how much our area has to offer.

Another FAM Tour is being planned for May, 2012.

For further information, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sylvia Krikun, Economic Development Assistant

Phone: 780-786-2416 (Monday only)

780-786-2141 (Home)

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Bylaw Bulletin

With Fall just around the corner, it seemed to be a good time to send out this reminder concerning Traffic issues and Property matters that may affect you.

Traffic Matters:

Distracted Drivers Legislation is now being enforced around the Province as well as here in Mayerthorpe. The biggest part of this law concerns the use of cell phones while driving. You must now use a hands free device such as Bluetooth in order to talk on a cell phone while driving. Texting is prohibited. Doing anything else while driving that distracts you such as personal grooming, reading, writing, playing video games and entering information on a GPS are also prohibited. You are still allowed to drink beverages, smoke, talk to passengers, or use a GPS navigation system as long as it is affixed to the vehicle and is programmed before you start driving. You may eat a snack as long as it is a practical one. If you are holding a bowl of Frosted Flakes in one hand and the spoon in the other, you will probably get a \$172.00 ticket. At this time, there are no demerits associated to this offence. You should also be aware that pursuant to section 43 of the Use of Highways and Rules of Road Regulations, you may only park on the shoulder of a highway in an emergency. So if you want to make a call on your hand held cell phone etc., you must do so at a designated rest area or parking area such as a gas station. If your car is broken down, then this obviously constitutes an emergency and you can use your cell phone to call for assistance. For more information on this topic, go to www.saferoads.alberta.ca or contact myself.

Street Snow Clearing – Last winter, some vehicle owners chose to ignore the snow clearing signs put out by Public Works. Due to the heavy snowfalls that we had last winter, this lack of action on the part of vehicle owners caused unnecessary problems for the snow removal guys. This winter, random night shifts will be worked by the undersigned and if your street is signed to be cleared that night and you have failed to remove your vehicle from the street, it may be towed to the Public Works yard at your expense, not to mention the fine.

For the benefit of new people to the area, here are some main safety issues that are enforced in Mayerthorpe concerning Traffic;

- U Turns can only be made at intersections. An alley entrance is NOT considered an intersection.
- You can not cross the centre line on Main St. and park on the other side of the road. You must make a U Turn at an intersection and then park on the other side.
- You can not park on the wrong side of the road facing traffic. Make a legal U turn and then park properly.
- Obey the speed signs. Windshield stickers were mailed out with last month's utility bill indicating school zone times among other things. I have more at the Town Office if you have more than one vehicle.
- Obey Stop Signs. You must bring your vehicle to a complete stop at a Stop Sign. Anything less than a complete stop may get you a \$287.00 ticket. It only takes a few seconds longer to bring your vehicle to a complete stop than to "roll" through the intersection.

Bylaw Bulletin Continued

RV Parking Bylaw:

As a reminder, as of October 15th, all trailers and recreational vehicles are prohibited from parking on any street in Town. This remains in effect until April 15th 2012. As in past years, exceptions will be made for construction companies at job sites, as long as the trailer remains hooked to a vehicle and is removed at the end of the day. This exception does not pertain to any company parking a trailer over night on the road, either at the job site or at their residences.

Property Maintenance Bylaw:

As a further reminder, snow must be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours of a snow fall for residences and 24 hours for businesses. As was the procedure last year, any property owner who has not removed snow or ice from their sidewalks within the above noted time period will be sent a Bylaw ticket and a written Notice to clear the snow. If after the Notice has been sent and the sidewalk has not been cleaned in the required time given, the Town or a contracted person will clean the snow and the property owner will be invoiced. **THE SNOW MUST BE SHOVELLED DOWN TO THE CEMENT FOR THE ENTIRE WIDTH AND LENGTH OF THE SIDEWALK.** Last year some snow was allowed to be left on the sidewalks. This caused headaches in the spring when the snow melted and ice formed. This will not be tolerated this year. ***** If you are going to be away or require assistance in clearing the snow from your sidewalks, please call me and I can provide you with names of people who can be hired to this work for you *** If you want to earn extra money this winter shoveling snow, please call me and I will add your name to the list *****

House Numbering Bylaw:

Just a reminder that all houses and businesses require a street number placed on the building which is at least four inches high and clearly visible from the road. If you don't have one or it is not clearly visible from the road, please take the necessary steps to remedy the issue, otherwise you may face a fine for non-compliance.

Again, all of these Bylaws can be found on the Town's website at www.mayerthorpe.ca and go to Bylaw Enforcement. You can also contact me at 780 786-2416 and I will be more than happy to help you out or answer any questions that you may have. If you prefer E-mail, you can also reach me at bylaw@mayerthorpe.ca.

Gord Sedgewick
Community Peace Officer
Town of Mayerthorpe

We are on the Web

www.mayerthorpe.ca

For Information Regarding Senior's Outreach Programs, Senior's Support Services and Low Income Tax Returns

Please Contact Ann Walsh at (780)786-2416 ext.28

9:30—12:00 Monday-Thursday

Important Dates

Town Office Closed— October 10, 2011(Thanksgiving)

Farmer's Market Ends—End of October

Lift Station Ribbon Cutting—October 14, 2011—11:00 a.m.

Water Treatment Plant Ribbon Cutting— October 21, 2011—1:00 p.m.

Town Office Closed—November 11,2011(Remembrance Day)

Tax Penalty— December 31, 2011



Council Meetings Dates

October 11, 2011—7 pm

October 17, 2011—7 pm P & P

October 24, 2011—7pm

November 14, 2011—7 pm

November 21, 2011—7 pm P & P

November 28, 2011—7 pm

December 12, 2011—7 pm

December 19, 2011—7 pm P & P

December 27, 2011—7 pm

January 9, 2012—7 pm

January 16, 2012—7pm P & P

January 23, 2012— 7pm

If you wish to meet with Council please notify the Town Office the Thursday before the P & P meeting.

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