

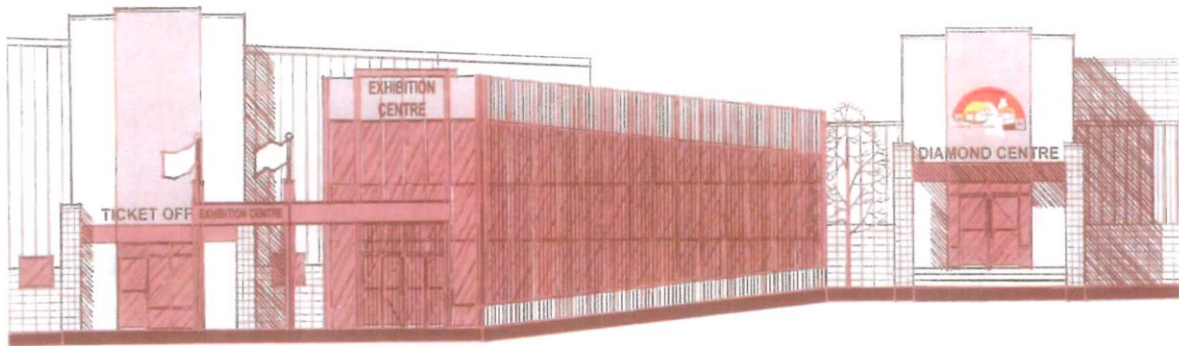
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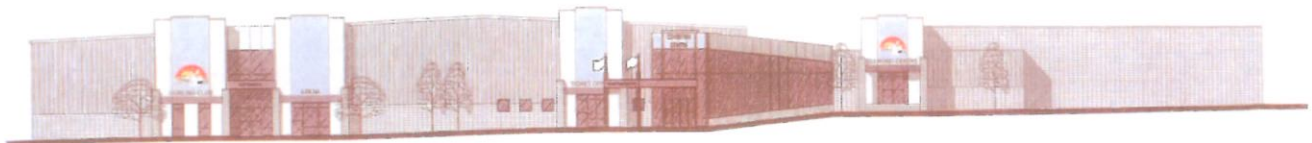
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MAYERTHORPE EXHIBITION CENTRE

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ENTRANCE VIEW



FRONT (WEST) ELEVATION

TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE
BYLAW BULLETIN

RV PARKING BYLAW:

First, I would like to thank all the RV owners for complying with this Bylaw over the summer months. It was not necessary to issue any violation tickets under this Bylaw for parking on the street longer than the permitted 72 hours. Now that fall has arrived, all trailers of any sort are prohibited from parking on the street for any length of time from October 16 to April 15th. This includes livestock, utility, construction and ATV trailers whether attached to a motor vehicle or not.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BYLAW:

Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for removing snow and ice from their sidewalks within 48 hours of a snow fall. Businesses in Town have 24 hours. For property owners found in contravention of this portion of the Bylaw, the same procedure will be followed as last year. A Written Order will be mailed out to the owner with a deadline to clean the sidewalk. If further Orders are required over the course of the winter, they will be accompanied by a \$85.00 fine. I will agree that this seems to be a very heavy handed approach however to prevent civil liability issues against the Town, any contravention of Bylaws such as this that may cause injury to persons must be enforced in an expedient manner. As well, the Municipal Government Act sets out the process that must be followed if the Town is to recoup it's funds paid to contractors to clean the sidewalks of those property owners who chose not to do it themselves. If the process is not followed, then everyone pays via their taxes which is not fair to the 90% of the property owners who do clean their sidewalks.

TRAFFIC MATTERS:

Traffic safety remains a priority with your Town Council and as such, traffic enforcement will remain high. The following are traffic issues that will be focused on along with speeding:

U turns can only be made at an intersection (an alley is not an intersection). (\$115.00)

It is illegal to park on the wrong side of the road facing oncoming traffic. (\$60.00)

It is illegal not to come to a complete stop at a stop sign. (\$287.00)

It is illegal not to wear your seat belt.(\$115.00)

It is illegal to park in a handicap parking stall without a blue permit visible on the rear view mirror. (\$100.00)

When angle parking, it is illegal to cross a solid single yellow line an in order to enter or exit a parking stall on the opposite side of the street. (\$172.00)

Vehicle glass must not be obscured by frost. (\$115.00)

HOUSE NUMBERING BYLAW:

Houses in town are required to have the house number located in plain view on the front for the building. This is for your own safety so that emergency personnel can locate you quickly in the event you require assistance. This was advertized in April's bulletin and there are still houses without the proper numbers. An inspection of all houses in town will be carried out sometime in November. Please take the time to buy the 4" numbers and put them up so they are clearly visible from the street. It is a lot cheaper than a \$50.00 fine.

OIL RECYCLING FACILITY:

Mayerthorpe no longer has an Oil Recycling Facility in Town. As most of you are aware, it used by be located on Town property next to the Bottle Depot. Please take your used oil, containers and filters to either the Whitecourt Bottle Depot or Barrhead Bottle Depot. There are other places that take some items but not all three. For a complete list, please visit www.usedoilrecycling.com. Anyone caught dumping these items in Mayerthorpe will face charges under the Environmental Protection Act for the dumping of hazardous waste. These fines can be very high so please use the other facilities in the area.

The above noted bylaws as well as all others of an enforcement nature can be viewed on the Town website at www.mayerthorpe.ca. Should anyone have any questions, please contact myself at 786-2416.

Gord Sedgewick
Community Peace Officer
Town of Mayerthorpe.



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2009 Highlights

2009 is a year about seeking and receiving public input through a number of consultation sessions specifically on budget, municipal sustainability, diversification, and the much anticipated multi-use recreation facility. 2009 Budget continues to support and invest in responsible initiatives critical to the future of this Town. Investments include road networks, replacement and upgrade of sidewalk networks, emergency vehicles, water quality, and sewage disposal.

Major capital projects included replacement of the Town's rescue unit ensuring the safety of the community and travelers of Highway 18, 22, and 43.

Road networks that received upgrades include 50th and 51st Street North cold mix paving upgrade, 50th Ave and 48th

Street concrete and sidewalk replacement, sidewalk crack repair throughout the entire community, and waterline replacement at 47th Street and 46th Ave.

The Town received \$850,000 through the Alberta Municipal Water/Waste Water Program to upgrade the Water Treatment Plant and expand the existing water reservoir, an additional \$1,500,000 will be forwarded to the Town in 2010 for this project; received approval of \$1,940,000 through the federal Infrastructure Stimulus Fund to replace the existing Lift Station, Force Main and expand the existing Lagoon; received \$25,000 through the Community Initiatives Program to dismantle and recommission the water slide for the new swimming pool, \$500,000 through the provincial Community Facility Enhancement Program for the Exhibition Centre Project

and received \$822,000 through the federal RInC Program towards construction of the new multi use recreation facility.

The Town of Mayerthorpe continues to promote and foster economic growth, regional partnerships, business support, and community development. Most recent initiatives include the development of a Municipal Sustainability Plan, Diversification Plan, and Tourism Plan all of which will be integrated into the Grande Alberta Economic Region's regional plans. These plans will assist the Town is prioritizing projects outlined for the next 5, 10, 15, 20, & 25 years. The Town sold 60 acres of prime highway frontage land south of Highway 43 and east of Highway 22. This property was exempt from taxation when owned by the Town; however, this property is no longer exempt and generating new tax revenue for the Town.

Family & Community Support Services provide essential support and service to the community through the many programs being offered. The province increased its funding in 2009 to assist in the continued success of these support programs. FCSS has established a Parent Link Center which offers early childhood development programs, parent workshops, family support, information and referral as well as developmental screening. Programs for young children, for teens, and senior outreach have been busy this year, along with the PARTY program and bicycle safety. FCSS provided celebrations for Volunteer Week, Senior Week and Canada Day. FCSS also provides a Low Income Tax Return Program. FCSS has provided financial support for Pleasant View Lodge Needs Assessment, for the establishment of a Farmer's Market, and for Christmas Lite

Up. FCSS has supported the schools with financial support to provide programs such as Rainbows, COOL Camp, motivational speakers, Breakfast program, Outdoor Education, Hot Hoppers Skipping and Kid safe advertising. FCSS has supported youth programs in the community with financial assistance such as Mayerthorpe Youth Group and the Mayerthorpe Challenge Club. Assistance has also been provided to help establish Junior Curling, to help with the Rural Women's Conference, and to provide our Bylaw Enforcement Officer with training on Gang Violence.

Recreation initiatives include upgrades to parks with planting of trees, construction of walking trail Phase I, the installation of a street light at Dundee Park, and construction of an outdoor skating rink. The Skate Board Park was opened up again with metal ramps being donated by the Town of Whitecourt. Work on the construction of a toboggan hill will soon be underway.

Disaster Services received funding under the federal Joint Emergency Preparedness Program to purchase and install a backup electrical generator for the Town Office which serves as the Emergency Operations Centre during state of local emergency. The Town has also created a Business Continuity for Pandemic Plan for Town operations, distributed key information to Town citizens, and the business community through the Chamber of Commerce.

Keeping Mayerthorpe Informed!



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