

Town of Fort Smith News

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COMMITMENT TO COMMUNICATION

Town Council has made a commitment to communicating with the citizens of Fort Smith and we wish this to be two-way communication. If you have concerns or suggestions, please contact Town Hall at 872-8400 or send us an email at townoffortsmith@fortsmith.ca. Check out our website at www.fortsmith.ca for additional town information.

Upcoming Meeting of Council

- ★ Wed. Apr 13 Committee of the Whole
 - ★ Tues. Apr 19 Town Council Meeting
- All meetings are held in Town Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, April 20

- ★ Human Resources 9:00 am
- ★ Municipal Services 10:30 am
- ★ Community Services 12:00 noon

Thursday, April 21

- ★ Finance and Audit 8:45 am
- ★ Corporate Services 5:15 pm

All meetings are open to the public

OTHER WAYS TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE TOWN

Town Council looks to the residents to provide input. Below are some of the ways you can become involved in your community:

Advisory Boards: Library, Tourism and Trade, Recreation, Sustainable Development and Youth

Ad Hoc Committees: These deal with specific topics. The Council Honouraria Committee is currently reviewing the honouraria Council receives.

ideasFORTSMITH: An annual open house which gives residents an opportunity to learn more about Town operations but more importantly to give their ideas to us.

Should you be interested in any of the above, please contact the Town.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Annual Spring Clean-up will be held from May 10 to June 13. During this time, there will be no tipping fees for residential items.



Curbside pickup will be done on two separate weeks:

May 10 - 16
June 7 - 13

Call the Town Office at 872-8400 to register to have items picked up at your residence during the above noted weeks. Watch for future details regarding this clean-up.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

While the Sustainable Development Advisory Board has a very broad mandate, the Board members felt the most effective method of meeting this mandate is to undertake a limited number of projects each year. For 2011, the Board has agreed to work on three main initiatives:

- ★ Determining ways to save energy within the water treatment and distribution system
- ★ Community gardening
- ★ Anti Litter Campaign

If you are interested in assisting with any of these projects, contact the Town.

COMMUNITY SERVICES MASTER PLAN

The consultation process for the Community Services Master Plan will be commencing next month. This plan will be looking at current and potential programs, services and facilities in the recreation, library services, visitor services and community events area. Here is your opportunity to provide feedback in this area.

MEET THE TEAM

The reception, clerical and administrative duties at Town Hall are carried out by Executive Assistant Anne Sebert and Receptionist Michelle Gauthier. Their duties include assisting visitors to Town Hall, collecting payments, correspondence, meeting preparation and recording, maintenance of bylaws, policies and procedures manuals, helping with special events and those many functions that ensure an office runs smoothly.



Anne has been with the Town for 13 years while Michelle started five years ago.

CITIZENS OF THE WEEK

Volunteers are very important to the quality of life we enjoy in Fort Smith. The Town has initiated the Citizen of the Week program to recognize these great volunteers. If you know of an individual or group who you feel should be recognized, please write to the Town or send an email to townoffortsmith@fortsmith.ca

March 13 - 19	Peter Daniels
March 20 - 26	Sandra Robichaud
March 27 - April 2	Edna Woodward
April 3 - 9	Don Webb

Wish to Help with Community Events

The Town is creating organizing committees for community events this summer:

- ★ Canada Day
- ★ Challenger Soccer Camp
- ★ Mackenzie Youth Summer Games
- ★ Summer Arts Festival

If you are interested in helping out, contact the Director of Community Services, Tommy Phillips, at 872-4732

FORT SMITH DRAGONS' DEN

Here's your chance to pitch your ideas for new or better ways for the Town of Fort Smith to offer programs and services under its mandate.



- ★ Proponents can be an individual or a group of people
- ★ Proponents will give a 5 - 10 minute presentation to the Panel which can be oral, power point, posters, handouts, or a combination
- ★ Presentation should include a cost component
- ★ A panel of 5 including Council and citizens will evaluate the proposals using a scoring matrix.
- ★ Prizes for the participants and the winner's idea will be included for consideration during the next strategic planning session of Town Council.

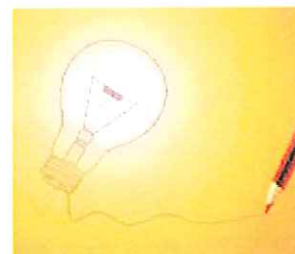
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April 16 10am-3pm

The 2nd Annual *ideasFORTSMITH* will take place in the RCC Gym and in the Theatre on Saturday, April 16. Here is an opportunity to learn more about Town operations and to give your input and feedback about programs and services.

Learn more about

- ★ Sidewalks, Trails and Boardwalks
- ★ Recreation
- ★ Community Services Master Plan
- ★ Water and Waste Water
- ★ Unsightly Premises Bylaw
- ★ Fire Abatement
- ★ The Corporation of Fort Smith
- ★ Organizational Structure
- ★ Waste Management
- ★ Emergency Preparedness
- ★ Visitor Services Rebranding



Ways to provide input

- ★ Graffiti Wall
- ★ Shout Out Video
- ★ Online Town Report Card
- ★ Fort Smith Dragons' Den

Refreshments and Door Prizes