

# 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](mailto:townoffortsmith@fortsmith.ca). Check out our website at [www.fortsmith.ca](http://www.fortsmith.ca) for additional town information.

### Upcoming Meeting of Council

- ★ Tues, Jan 11 Committee of the Whole
  - ★ Tues, Jan 18 Town Council Meeting
- All meetings are held in Town Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Standing Committee Meetings

- Wednesday, January 19
- ★ Human Resources 9:00 am
  - ★ Municipal Services 10:30 am
- Thursday, January 20
- ★ Finance and Audit 8:30 am
  - ★ Corporate Services 12:00 noon
- Friday, January 21
- ★ Community Services 12:00 noon

All meetings are open to the public

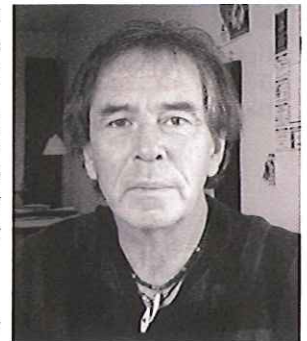
## 2011 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS

Town Council and Administration have been reviewing the expenses, revenues and capital projects for next year. The 2011 budget will be passed at a Special Meeting of Town Council on Monday, December 20 at 7:00 pm. There will be a special edition of the newsletter sent out with the details of the budget next week.



## DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES - Tommy Phillips

Tommy originally hails from Scotland and has come us via England, France, Norman Wells, Grande Cache and Barrhead, AB. In addition to his recreation training, he is a B licensed soccer coach (national ranked). Tommy has two children. He is a dog lover and likes to read especially science fiction. As well as enjoying music and travelling, Tommy likes to keep active and to try new things.



The Director of Community Services is responsible for the following departments within the Town: Recreation, Library Services, Visitor Services/Special Events and Community Organization Liaison.

## ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PRACTICES FOR LANDFILL SITE

Blair Duncan, Precision North, provided Council with information about environmentally friendly practices for landfill sites. The Town is investigating further ways we can improve the landfill site. Recycling of tires, e-waste, appliances and other materials as well as partnerships with other communities was discussed. The idea of a share shack was also brought up.



## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Looking for a Christmas gift idea??? The Town of Fort Smith has 2010 Christmas ornaments for sale at the Town Hall. \$15.00.

## FIREWORKS

The annual Family First Night (Dec 31) fireworks show is in the final planning stages. Steve Bennett, Paul Wiedrick, and Rick Olsen are federally licensed fireworks display supervisors and volunteer their time to provide great shows for our community.

Should you be interested in assisting with the set-up for the show and site security that evening, please contact Town Hall at 872-8400.

## SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IN FORT SMITH

### Upcoming Activities

- Dec 16 JBT Christmas Concert
- Dec 18 Santa Parade (2 pm)  
Santa Hockey Game (3 pm - Arena)  
Kayak Fun (3 pm - Pool)  
Elders Dinner (5 pm Roaring Rapids)
- Dec 19 Seniors Society Dinner (5 pm RCC)  
Community Choir Concert (7 pm Cathedral)
- Dec 20 - 23 Movies at RCC (7 pm)
- Dec 21 Jingle Mingle (family games & carolling 6 pm RCC)
- Dec 22 Bedtime Stories with Santa (7 pm Library)
- Dec 23 Last night for Santa Float
- Dec 24 Family Skate (11am-1pm Arena)



## 2010 FORT SMITH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

You are invited to participate in the 2010 Fort Smith Christmas Bird Count which will start at Wood Buffalo National Park Office at 10 AM on Tuesday, December 21.



The Christmas Bird Count is conducted in over 2000 localities across Canada, the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Bird observations collected during the one-day field counts have been amassed into a huge database that reflects the distribution and numbers

of winter birds over time. The data collected allows researchers, conservation biologists, and other interested individuals to study the long-term health and status of bird populations across North America.

For more info, contact John McKinnon at WBNP at 872-7934.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Town Council has created Advisory Boards to provide community input into areas of Town Operations. Advisory Boards are formally created by Bylaw which outlines the mandate of each board as well as the composition & terms of office of the board.

The Sustainable Development Advisory Board (SDAB) has recently been revised and advises Council on matters of development with regards to sustainability, environmental stewardship, and related initiatives including:

- ★ Implement and review of the Integrated Community Sustainable Plan (ICSP) Energy Plan;
- ★ Implement and review of fire abatement programs;
- ★ Support self-sufficient practices including but not limited to: personal and community based food production, traditional harvesting and forestry;
- ★ Support ecologically sound waste management and reduction programs;
- ★ Support water stewardship and the protection of source water for the community;
- ★ Support the protection of air quality in the community;
- ★ Liaise with related organizations and governments;
- ★ Promote and educate to support the above noted initiatives.

The members of SDAB are: Peter Andersen, Maggie Dumkee, Grant Paziuk, Kristielyn Jones and Bart Hartop. The Town Council representatives are: Cr. Chris Westwell (Chair), Cr. Kevin Smith and Mayor Janie Hobart. We value the work of these wonderful volunteers who work diligently to promote our town.

If you would like more information about this or the other advisory boards or are interested in sitting on one of the boards, contact Town Hall or send an email to [townoffortsmith@fortsmith.ca](mailto:townoffortsmith@fortsmith.ca)

## MEET THE TEAM

Town Council along with the Town Staff work as a team to provide services and programs for the citizens of Fort Smith. Each month we will profile a member of this team.

### Cr. Brenda Johnson - Deputy Mayor

Brenda is a long term resident of Fort Smith. She has four children and has been very active in their activities especially as a biathlon coach. A Sgt. in the Canadian Rangers, she has been with the patrol since 1993. She enjoys hunting and being out in the bush. Brenda is a great volunteer and is currently the Chair of the Fort Smith Health and Social Services Authority Board.

