

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

- ★ Tues, Feb 15 Committee of the Whole
 - ★ Tues, Feb 22 Town Council Meeting
- All meetings are held in Town Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, February 16

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

Thursday, February 17

- ★ Finance and Audit 8:30 am
- ★ Corporate Services 12:00 noon

Friday, February 18

- ★ Community Services 8:30 am

All meetings are open to the public

WATERPOLO AND WINTER SWIM MEET

The first ever Mackenzie Region Waterpolo and Winter Swim Meet will be held here in Fort Smith February 18 - 20. A coach from Ontario will provide a workshop for people interested in instructing waterpolo as well as offer clinics for youth. Additionally, a fun swim meet will be held. Participants from the North Slave, Dehcho and South Slave will be attending. For more information or to register, contact the Director of Community Services, Tommy Phillips at 872-4732.



PROPERTY TAX SALE

The Town continues to work to collect outstanding property taxes. Property tax arrears have been reduced by the various collection methods that have been implemented in the last year. However, outstanding property taxes still remain substantial. Every opportunity for ratepayers to make payment arrangements has been provided yet there are still 12 properties where taxes have been outstanding for over three years. Providing notice that these properties will be sold at auction will hopefully resolve some of the arrears. For those properties with taxes still owing as of the end of February will be included in the tax sale. For more information, contact the Director of Corporate Services, Stephen Wylie at 872-8400.

Property Tax Auction: March 1, 2011

<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Minimum Sale Price</u>
20 Camsell Street	\$ 29,700.00
66 St. Ann's Street	\$ 30,500.00
24 Tamarac Crescent	\$ 19,750.00
14 Walter's Court	\$ 32,650.00
32 Caribou Crescent	\$ 33,050.01
81 Field Street	\$ 35,600.00
13 Peregrine Street	\$ 3,900.00
136 McDougal Road	\$194,550.00
55 Portage Avenue	\$ 66,950.00
72 Portage Avenue	\$ 25,400.00
231 Primrose Lane	\$ 20,700.00
372 Calder Avenue	\$ 91,650.00

SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

Plans are underway to host a Summer Arts Festival in the week prior to the South Slave Friendship Festival. Workshops for visual arts, performing arts, and other fine arts are being planned. If you are interested in assisting with the organization of this event, please attend the organizational meeting on Wednesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm in Town Council Chambers. For more information or to volunteer, email townoffortsmith@fortsmith.ca

MASTER COMMUNITY SERVICES PLAN

The Town of Fort Smith is starting the master planning for community services (recreation, sport, library, tourism, culture and the arts). This planning process will inventory and evaluate the



Town's current programs, services and facilities as well as planning for the future. The process will involve speaking with stakeholders and the public as well as surveys.

Using this input plus financial considerations, a Master Community Services Plan will be developed. This will provide direction to the Town for the next 10 - 15 years. The Request for Proposals is closing on February 23 and the process is anticipated to take between four and six months to complete. For more information, please contact the Director of Community Services, Tommy Phillips, at 872-4REC (4732).

WOOD BUFFALO FROLICS March 11 - 13

The preparations for the annual Wood Buffalo Frolics are underway. Various community organizations will be holding activities for community members to enjoy. If you are interested in helping with Frolics, please contact the Director of Community Services, Tommy Phillips, at 872-4REC (4732).



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

- January 16 - 22 Fireworks Crew (Steve Bennett, Paul Wiedrick and Rick Olsen)
- January 23 - 29 Santa's Helpers (Reg Campbell, Mike Labine and Richard Mercredi)
- Jan 30 - Feb 5 JBT Choir Leaders (Brenda Tuckey, Marie MacDonald, Mary Bourque and Joanne McLaren)

GET ACTIVE

The Town of Fort Smith is encouraging residents to become healthier and more active in 2011. Skate with Santa and Family Water Fun Day were the first in a series of special events to have fun and be active. Watch the sign in front of Town Hall and our website for dates and times. As well, a number of new programs have been introduced at the RCC.



SNOWMOBILES NOT ALLOWED IN TOWN PARKS

Driving a snow machine in any of the Town Parks including Axehandle Hill Park is not permitted. The area around the Health Centre is also a no snow machine area. These parks are used by families and elders. Please observe these restriction so everyone can enjoy these areas and be safe there.

