

# 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, May 10 Committee of the Whole
- ★ Tues, May 17 Town Council Meeting
- ★ Tues, June 14 Committee of the Whole

All meetings are held in Town Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Standing Committee Meetings

Thursday, May 12

- ★ Community Services 12:00 noon

Wednesday, May 18

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

Thursday, May 19

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

**All meetings are open to the public**

## Unightly Lands Bylaw Review

As part of its ongoing bylaw review, Town Council is reviewing the Unightly Lands Bylaw. A draft copy of the proposed bylaw is on the website. You may provide your suggestions for change in the following ways:

Email: [townoffortsmith@fortsmith.ca](mailto:townoffortsmith@fortsmith.ca)  
Mail: Box 147, FORT SMITH, NT X0E 0P0  
Fax: (867) 872-8401

## Spring Clean-Up: May 10-June 13

With the bulk of the snow gone, spring clean-up is set to go. The Spring Clean-up period is five weeks long this year. During this time, there will be no tipping fees for residential items. This means that you can take residential items to the landfill site during the entire five week period and there will be no tipping fees levied. (Please note all loads must be secured as there is a cost for unsecured loads.)

There is also a curbside pickup program. During the first week and the last week of spring clean-up, residential items can be left at the curbside and Town crews will pickup the items and take them to the landfill site. Please check the website for details about how items should be prepared.



Curbside pickup will be done:  
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.

## Waste Management Plan

The Town is finalizing its Waste Management Plan. If you are interested in providing input into this plan, contact the Town as noted at the top of this page.

Along with current garbage collection and landfill management, initiatives under consideration include: anti litter campaign, share shack, and curbside pickup of compostables.

## Ad Hoc Committee-Slide Zone Area

The Town is seeking interested individuals to sit on an ad hoc committee regarding the Slide Zone area. If you are interested, please submit a letter or email to Brenda Black, SAO, at [bblack@fortsmith.ca](mailto:bblack@fortsmith.ca)

### 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](mailto:townoffortsmith@fortsmith.ca)

- Apr 10 - 16 Don True & Patti Kay Hamilton
- Apr 17 - 23 Minor Hockey Executive  
(Maurice Evans, Cora America, Diana Daniels, Sandy Beamish, Georgette Seymour, Crystal Catholique, Sylvie Tordiff)
- Apr 24 - 30 Denise Yuhas
- May 1 - 7 Dianne Benwell

### Online Survey

The Town is conducting its first online survey about municipal operations and communication. We encourage you to take this survey (takes about 15 minutes).

[www.surveymonkey.com/ideasfortsmith](http://www.surveymonkey.com/ideasfortsmith)

We will be doing more surveys in the future. If you have suggestions for ways we can improve the surveys, please let us know.

### Track Update

Last summer, the track was paved and the initial landscaping was done. This season we will be completing the track as well as developing the jumping pits and throwing areas in the field surrounding the track, and the soccer field in the infield.

John Konihowski, our consultant, was in Fort Smith for the second site visit in preparation for the final stages of the track development. He was very complimentary of the work done to date. The plan is to have the rubber surface installed in August. We are looking forward to having a first class facility with the ability to host events on the track that meets international standards.

The entire area will be closed to pedestrians and vehicles to allow for completion of the above noted work. We would ask that no one enter this area until the work is completed.

### Did You Know???

The Town of Fort Smith's flag was designed by Mr. Ib Kristensen.

### Congratulations Graduates



On April 29, the Pentecostal S.A.L.T. College had its graduation ceremonies. The next day, the Aurora College Class of 2011 held convocation ceremonies for the certificate, diploma and degree programs at Thebacha Campus. Congratulations and best wishes to all of these graduates. Your hard work has paid off.

### Upcoming Community Events

There's lots to look forward to this spring and summer. Here are a few of these events:

- May 23 Victoria Day - Thebacha Trail Fun Day
- May 26 & 27 PWK High School Grad
- May 30 - Jun 3 Bike to Work Week
- June 11 Relay for Life
- June 17 - 19 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior 55+ Friendship Games
- June 19 - 25 Community Services Master Plan Consultation
- June 21 National Aboriginal Day
- June 24 - 26 Aurora Open
- July 1 Canada Day
- July 4 - 8 Challenger Soccer Camp
- July 17 Pine Lake Picnic
- July 29 - Aug 1 Paddlefest
- August 7 - 14 Summer Arts Festival
- August 11 - 14 South Slave Friendship Festival



### Youth Advisory Board

We are seeking youth (aged 25 years and under) to sit on the new Youth Advisory Board. This board will be looking at ways to improve programs for youth and find more ways to get youth involved.

If you are interested, pls advise Tommy Phillips at [tphillips@fortsmith.ca](mailto:tphillips@fortsmith.ca)