

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@northwestel.net. Check out our website at www.fortsmith.ca for additional town information.

WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH TOWN COUNCIL

There are several ways that citizens can ask questions of Council or to bring forth suggestions as noted below. We encourage you to voice your opinion.

- ✓ write a letter
- ✓ send an email townoffortsmith@northwestel.net
- ✓ appear as a delegation at Committee of the Whole - call 872-8400 by the Friday prior to that meeting to be included on the agenda
- ✓ NEW ask a question during the new question period at the end of a Council meeting
- ✓ become a member of one of the advisory boards of council or attend one of their meetings

Upcoming Meeting of Council

- ★ Sept 14 Committee of the Whole
- ★ Sept 28 Town Council Meeting
- ★ Oct 12 Committee of the Whole
- ★ Oct 26 Town Council Meeting

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

Everyone is welcome!!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be an information meeting to highlight the municipality's activities since the Mayor and Council took office in November and will outline the plans for 2011. There will be reports from each of the Standing Committees covering all of the Town's municipal operations including strategic planning, governance, finance, water and waste water, roads, landfill site, protective services, recreation, library, and visitor services.

A question period will be held at the end of the meeting giving citizens an opportunity to ask questions about the Town's operations. Copies of the Annual Report will be provided at this time. Refreshments, including birthday cake, will be served after the meeting.

Annual General Meeting
Friday, October 1
7:00 pm
Recreation and Community Centre



The Town is celebrating its 44th birthday on October 1. It was incorporated as a town on October 1, 1966. Birthday celebration activities throughout the day at the Recreation and Community Centre culminating with the AGM at 7:00 pm

Students are back to school.
Please drive carefully!!!

Welcome to all Aurora
College Students

MULTI USE TRAIL

One of the Town's projects this summer has been the construction of the multi-use trail. This trail links the east side of the community to the west end. When the trail is completed it will start at Queen Elizabeth Park and end at Axehandle Hill Park with some portions running along the river bank.

The trail is designed for non-motorized activities such as walking, running, rollerblading, skateboarding, biking and pushing strollers and wheelchairs. The only motorized vehicle allowed on the trail is a devise for persons with disabilities. NO ATV's, DIRT BIKES, etc are to used on the trail.



Since the asphalt was put down, the trail is seeing a great deal of use. We encourage everyone to enjoy this trail with their families. One of the goals of this Council is to have a healthy, active community.

So tie up your sneakers and check it out.



Grand Opening of the Trail
Sunday, September 19
12:30 pm
Queen Elizabeth Park

Activities, draws and refreshments

The 30th Anniversary Terry Fox Run will be starting after the Grand Opening from Queen Elizabeth Park and will follow the new trail.

Name the Trail

Submit your idea for a name for the new multi-use trail
Deadline: September 17 at noon
Send to twnoffortsmith@northwestel.net

This is the first part of a coordinated trail system through the Town. The Tourism Advisory Board will continue to work on developing trails. Please submit your ideas to this board.

TOURISM 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 Library Board is the longest running of the Town's Advisory Boards. This board is tasked with providing input into the operations of Mary Kaeser Library. They also assist with special events and fundraising, and act as advocates for the library and literacy in general. The members of the Library Boards are: Richard Daitch (Chair), Lauraine Armstrong (Secretary), Cam Zimmer, Keith Hartery, and Sandra Dolan. The Town Council representatives are Cr. Claudette James and Mayor Janie Hobart. Staff representative is Librarian Sheila Sauteur-Chadwick. We value the work of these wonderful volunteers which has kept the library a vital part of the community.

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 twnoffortsmith@northwestel.net

Ten Top Reasons Fort Smith is a Great Place to Live

10. Safe place to live with well trained protective services personnel
9. Business people striving to provide good customer service
8. Amazing educational facilities and staff
7. Extensive health and wellness programs and services with competent health care professionals
6. Great recreation facilities with wonderful parks, playgrounds, play spaces and lots of green spaces
5. Dedicated Town staff providing excellent municipal services
4. Smooth, newly paved streets
3. The new Multi-Use Trail
2. Generous, caring volunteers that sit on the Town's Advisory Boards as well as run sport groups and community events, and ensure the historical and cultural values are maintained.
1. **Friendly, Helpful People**