

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.

Three new communication methods have been added:

AGM & ANNUAL REPORT

Town Council held its first ever Annual General Meeting on October 1, the Town's 44th birthday. The Town's first Annual Report was released at that time. Both highlighted the Town's municipal operations since Council took office in November, 2009. While there have been challenges, many strides have been made moving forward. Copies of the Annual Report are available at the Town Office and Recreation and Community Centre as well as being posted on our website.

QUESTION PERIOD

Town Council has introduced a question period at the end of each monthly Council meeting to allow members of the public to ask questions of Council. If all information is available, questions will be answered at the meeting. Should further information/research be required, questions will be forwarded to the appropriate standing committee/director for a written reply.

Upcoming Meeting of Council

- ★ Oct 12 Committee of the Whole
- ★ Oct 26 Town Council Meeting
- ★ Nov 9 Committee of the Whole

All meetings are held in Town Council Chambers
at 7:00 pm
Everyone is welcome!!!

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

The Town of Fort Smith is very fortunate to have many long serving employees and protective services volunteers. On September 29, Council held a dinner to recognize those employees/volunteers with five or more years and to thank them for their many years of dedicated service to the Town. Their service represents a total of 361 years.

Municipal Operations

Reggie Doucet	36 years
Jean Soucy	24 years
Bruce Gudeit	21 years
(17.5 fire dept & 3.5 landfill)	
Lana McNeill	20 years
Anne Sebert	12 years
Don Webb	11 years
Don MacLean	11 years
George Abraham	11 years
Andrew Sanderson	11 years
Jim Hood	10 years
Mike Peterson	7 years
Ronnie Schaefer	7 years
(5 years with ambulance service)	
Robert Mills	6 years
Don Beaulieu	6 years
Alex Gauthier	5 years
Al MacDonald	5 years
Tom Berikoff	5 years
Michael Dube	5 years
Christina McAdam	5 years

Ambulance Service

Maureen Johnston	6 years
Kate Wilson	5 years

Fire Department

William Reimer	20 years
Darren Linaker	19 years
Wes Steed	11 years
Dave Porter	12 years
Jason Panter	10 years
Karl Cox	10 years
Shari Olsen	9 years
Darrell Kindred	8 years
Gavin Olvera	7 years
Brad Marta	6 years
Randy Villeneuve	5 years
Thomas Hobart	5 years
Brent Starling	5 years

PAVED RUNNING TRACK

TURKEY TROT

Celebrate the inaugural event at the **newly paved track** (corner of Calder and Conibear)



Mon, Oct 11 10:00 am

Fun activities with refreshments to follow

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 Tourism Advisory Board (TAB) is tasked with providing input on visitor services and its economic impacts, trail development and special events. The major projects of TAB this year are: the building of the Thebacha Trail, the “Did You Know” signs along the trail, and the upcoming Rebranding Marketing Exercise. The members of TAB are: Mike Couvrette (Chair), Mike Keizer, Tim Gauthier, Shari Olsen, Janna Jaque, Jason Panter, Alex Hall, Hilary Leroy-Gauthier, Della Beck, Bertine Tremblay, and Thorsten Raab. The Town Council representative is Mayor Janie Hobart. We value the work of these wonderful volunteers who work diligently to promote our town.



Thebacha Trail Opening Photo Credit Greg Kostinka

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@northwestel.net

MEET THE TEAM

Normally this section is used to highlight a member of the Town Staff or Town Council. In this issue, we are profiling one of our award winners who make Fort Smith a great place to live.

Murray Scott - Citizen of the Year

Murray Scott received the 2010 Citizen of the Year Award. Murray has been an active member of the community since he arrived here over 30 years ago.

A former educator, Murray has put his teaching skills to good use as a facilitator with the Matrix Program, a community based alcohol and drug treatment program as well as the Teen Matrix Program. He has been a hard working member of the Royal Canadian Legion serving on the executive and helping with fundraising. He also instructs firearms safety courses.



WINTER ACTIVITIES

Many organizations are getting set for winter. Ice is being installed in the Arena and the Curling Rink. The Ski and Biathlon clubs are preparing their facility for the snow that will soon be falling. The Recreation and Community Centre has a number of sports and fitness programs. For contact information and other particulars, call 872-4732.

Hallowe'en Spook-tacular

Sat, Oct 30 at the Recreation & Community Centre

Upcoming fall fairs:

- Oct 30 St. Joseph's CWL Fall Fair
- Nov 20 PWK Fall Fair
- Nov 27 Museum Christmas Arts and Fine Crafts Sale
- Dec 4 St. John's Anglican Ladies Guild Christmas Tea and Bazaar



Christmas activities are in the planning stages. The Spirit of Christmas in Fort Smith will run throughout the month of December starting with the lighting of the tree on the first of December. The Town's 2010 Christmas ornaments will be on sale in December.