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FINDING “SILVER LININGS” DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The 2020 calendar year is one we will never forget, particularly onward from mid-March when we all first really began to experience and deal with the many challenges and difficulties brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. We all have had to adjust, adapt and innovate. We all have had to overcome feelings of frustration and loss. At one point or another, we all have wondered “when will this be over?” We’ve shown tremendous resiliency and determination. We’ve had to “think out of the box”. We’ve done things in 2020 we would have never contemplated doing before this pandemic (i.e. working every day from home, attending school daily online, watching the NHL’s Stanley Cup playoffs being played in a bubble). We’re so ready for a “new normal” without COVID-19, even knowing that a “new normal” will not get us back to exactly where we were before this pandemic.

Since mid-March, we at SPFAS have had lots of learnings and have made many new discoveries while striving to keep everyone safe while they are at the Park. We’ve built even stronger working relationships with our SPFAS User Group partners and many other parties and organizations. We’ve worked together to implement virus spread prevention measures that protect people while they are at SPFAS.

People talk about finding “silver linings” during this pandemic. SPFAS continually strives to find “silver lining” solutions focused on preventing the spread

of the COVID-19 virus. As an example, earlier this year SPFAS determined it best to remove a number of couches and other furnishings from the Lounge, the most important reason for doing so being to ensure it is a safe venue (with a realigned socially distant seating plan) where people can enjoy visiting with each other while having a drink and a bite to eat. These furnishings were showing their age, however most of them still had some reasonable useful life left in them. They could have been put away in storage, thrown out, or potentially sold for a few bucks. SPFAS instead found a “silver lining” by donating 4 “sat in alot” couches, 4 “seen better days” upholstered chairs and 1 “been around the track more than once” coffee table to Habitat for Humanity and the Calgary Inter-Faith Furniture Society. These organizations were happy to receive furnishings SPFAS could not utilize during this pandemic, nor planned to use thereafter. The “silver lining” SPFAS found in this case led to three community service organizations coming together to help others needing assistance during this pandemic.

Find your “silver linings”. Even in a pandemic, we can find ways to help others and contribute to our greater community. Lots of good work is being done to help those in need. How can you give back? We can all make a difference by finding our “silver linings” that help others.



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DOING THE HEAVY LIFTING

We All Need To Work Together To Keep Our SPFAS Facilities Safe, Open And Sustainable

We are currently experiencing the “2nd Wave” of the COVID-19 virus as we see an upward trend in case numbers. Whereas this past summer we were cautiously optimistic and looking forward to living in a “new normal” world before the end of this year, now we are “playing defence” as we strive to preserve what we have been able to re-open. We all need to help to sustain the operations of businesses, schools, hospitals, churches, recreation facilities and other community centres.

SPFAS and our many partners have worked extremely hard to ensure the Park’s facilities and all of the activities that take place within them can be safely made available on an ongoing basis to the general public. Collectively we continue to do the “heavy lifting” to ensure these facilities and activities are safe. SPFAS and our many partners retain a vital role for our community, as together we help residents maintain their physical and mental health and their social well-being. SPFAS and the Park’s partners continually work together to balance the objective of helping people with sustaining their well-being, while at the same time implementing safety measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Lots of “heavy lifting” has contributed to many successes being attained to date. However, we have a big challenge on our hands as we address this “2nd Wave”. We all want to continue to help kids learn, play and have fun at SPFAS. We all want to help families by providing SPFAS as a venue where they can go to meet friends. And we also want to help SPFAS and our many partners continue to be financially sustainable. To keep the Park’s facilities safe and open, we all must be prepared to do some “heavy lifting” not normally expected of us. We all want to achieve the objectives outlined above for the greater benefit of our entire SPFAS community.

To keep what we have at SPFAS and to help everyone moving forward:

1. Stay home if you are not feeling well (only come to SPFAS if you are feeling like your normal self)
2. Wear a protective face mask in all high traffic pedestrian areas in and around SPFAS facilities

3. Comply with social distancing requirements inside and outside at SPFAS (including the bleachers)
4. Retain a 1:1 adult to child ratio while at SPFAS (don’t bring along siblings or the entire family)
5. Understand that “getting ready” to play and “being done” with play require quick entries and exits
6. Comply with all of the safety parameters SPFAS and the Park’s many partners have in place
7. Understand that no free open shinny and skating sessions will be available in the Outdoor Rink; Go to www.springbankpark.com to learn how to access the Outdoor Rink beginning in November
8. Support the SPFAS partners who offer their recreation and education programs and activities at the Park (i.e. opportunities are currently available to register for adult and junior curling activities, enroll children in the Springbank Playschool, and privately rent curling ice and the skating rinks at SPFAS)
9. Support the SPFAS Concession and Lounge partners who provide food and beverage services at the Park (respect social distancing protocols, consider ordering take-out food, and only consume liquor in the Lounge).

SPFAS and all of our partners continue to warmly welcome everyone to the Park. We respectfully ask you to help by doing the “heavy lifting” currently required of all of us. You can play a key role with ensuring that SPFAS facilities continue to be safe and available to everyone. Now is the time to help our community (especially our children). Give priority to protecting the interests, well-being and safekeeping of others, instead of thinking first of ourselves. Continue to work together. Stay strong and be positive and encouraging as we move forward so everyone can continue to learn, play, have fun and socialize at SPFAS.



Contributed by John Rop, SPFAS General Manager

SMHA CELEBRATES TWO 1ST ROUND SELECTIONS IN THE NHL 2020 ENTRY DRAFT

October 6th, 2020 turned out to be a historic day for the Springbank Minor Hockey Association (SMHA). The 2020 annual National Hockey League entry draft saw not one, but two, former Springbank Rockies players being drafted into the NHL! Not only did these two players get drafted, they were both selected in the FIRST round!



Jake Sanderson, who toiled for the SMHA Rockies teams beginning in Atom and carrying on through Peewee, was the 5th player selected in the draft by the Ottawa Senators. Dylan Holloway, who played on Springbank teams Timbits on through Peewee, was taken 14th overall by the Edmonton Oilers.

This is an amazing accomplishment for sure, one that is even more special for those who watched and helped these two young lads develop in Springbank. As a parent coach, I had the good fortune of coaching both Jake and Dylan while they were Springbank Rockies. Even though both players were drafted by NHL teams in the same year, they never played on the same teams while they skated in Springbank. If you are scratching your heads and wondering how this could possibly happen, you might be surprised to know they were not always top tier Division 1 players! Who would have ever thought that a player could ever make it to the NHL out of the Peewee 2 Division? It's shocking, I know, but it did happen!

It was very obvious to me when I was his coach that Dylan already at a young age was a special hockey player. His work ethic was second to none, his love of the game was very apparent, and his desire to be the best was unparalleled. In Dylan's final year of Atom, our Atom 1 hockey team found ourselves in the Esso Minor Hockey Week (EMHW) cham-

pionship game versus the strongest Atom 1 team in the City of Calgary, the mighty Blackfoot Chiefs. Blackfoot was led by Quinn Olson, another eventual NHL draft pick. Olson's Blackfoot team was heavily favored to win the championship, but someone forgot to tell that to Dylan. In what in my opinion is one of the most dominant hockey games played by a player in SMHA's history, Holloway willed the Springbank Atom 1 Rockies to the EMHW championship! (As an interesting aside, the same two teams played a regular season game the very next night, only to have the Rockies fall 8 to 0!).

Jake arrived in Springbank in his first year of Atom hockey after playing in the "hockey mecca" of Whitefish, Montana. Although nobody in Springbank had heard of him at that time, we were all very familiar with his dad, Geoff, a former NHLer. At that time, none of us in Springbank were anticipating that Jake was going to be anywhere near the player his father was. However, it quickly became very apparent in a very short period of time that Jake is a special player in his own right. By Jake's final year in SMHA, when he was playing at the Peewee 1 level, he was a vital part of the team that became league champs, city finalists, and provincial finalists. At that time Jake already possessed high end skills and exceptional hockey sense. He was a strong skater with an offensive flare and a knack for being a responsible defender. That being said, even Jake's other coaches at that time (including his dad Geoff, as well as former NHLers Brendan Morrison and Chris Lindberg) would have likely never thought that, in a relatively short time period, Jake would become one of the very best 2002 born defensemen in the world!

Although the contributions that we as minor hockey



DYLAN HOLLOWAY



JAKE SANDERSON

coaches made in advancing both Dylan's and Jake's future rise to eventual NHL stardom are very small, we will always share the common bond of being proud Springbank Rockies while we reminisce about the good old days helping young hockey players have fun while skating at the SPFAS arenas and so many other rinks.

Warmest congratulations go out to Dylan and Jake and their families from all of us with SMHA and SPFAS! We know



Dylan – middle row on far right



Jake – first row, second from left

that they are now, and will continue to be, outstanding representatives of our Springbank Community! The very best from us to Dylan and Jake with their respective futures! One last coaching tidbit I just have to throw in – Remember to have fun and keep your sticks on the ice!

Contributed by Trent Dean, SMHA Hockey Coach and Volunteer

SPFAS 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) HIGHLIGHTS

The 2020 SPFAS Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on September 28th. Highlights of the presentations and related activities that took place at this meeting are outlined as follows:

- Approval of the June 30, 2020 SPFAS Annual Audited Financial Statements, which included an overview of how:
 - (i) SPFAS managed the Society's finances and Operating Budget while experiencing a substantial reduction in facility rental revenues incurred from mid-March to the end of June;
 - (ii) SPFAS incurred an overall reconciled operating loss of \$17K (less than 1% of the overall balanced \$1.85M Operating Budget initially approved for this fiscal year).
- A review of the primary measures implemented and actions taken by SPFAS to date to address the COVID-19 pandemic and prevent the spread of this virus while operating and making SPFAS facilities available to the general public.
- Approval of the 2019 SPFAS AGM Minutes.
- Presentations of reports from the SPFAS President and General Manager, as well as from various SPFAS User Groups and other partner organizations.
- Appointments of the following 22 individuals to voluntarily serve on the SPFAS Board of Directors for approximately a 1 year term commencing September 28th:
 - Lisa Skelton (President)
 - Frank Walsh (1st Vice President)

- Scott Mamchur (2nd Vice President)
- Joe Petratur (Treasurer)
- Janet Maccubbin (Secretary)
- Rob Hemstock (Past President)
- Kelly Robinson (Robinson Family Appointee)
- Trent Cherry (Springbank Curling Club)
- Arlene Abboud (Springbank Figure Skating Club)
- Corina Tomczyk (Springbank Playschool)
- Jeff Hill (Springbank Minor Hockey Assoc.)
- Vance Alexander (Springbank Soccer Club)
- Dan Toews (Phoenix Football Booster Assoc.)
- Judi Hunter (Rocky View Schools Trustee)
- Terry Dowsett (Springbank Community Assoc.)
- Kim McKylor (Rocky View County Councillor)
- Nick Maksymiuk (Springbank Lions Club & Springbank Heritage Club)
- Directors-At-Large: Kim Beloglowka, Janine Solorzano, Greg Hartman, George Kapocsi, and Leigh Gaudin.

On behalf of the SPFAS Board of Directors and the entire Springbank Community, SPFAS President Lisa Skelton respectfully presented an honorary tribute to Maureen Munro, who served for many years on the Board prior to her passing in May of this year. SPFAS and Springbank greatly appreciate all of Maureen Munro's service and contributions to our entire community.

President Skelton also expressed appreciation and thanks to retiring Board Member Robin Somji for her support for SPFAS and the Springbank Playschool.

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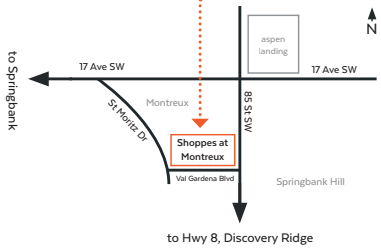
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When you went to the polls in 2019 and elected our Government, it was upon a very heavy mandate of change and an abandonment of the status quo. We did not take this honour lightly, and committed on the day of our swearing in that we would put in as many hours necessary to fulfill our promises to you and change our province for the better.

This year has brought with it the unpredictable challenge of COVID 19, but despite the situation presented we felt that we owed it to Albertans to continue governing as usual rather than put the election mandate you voted for on hold for an indefinite period of time while we focused all our time and resources solely on combatting the global pandemic and economic collapse, as many other governments chose to do. We knew that it would be naïve to put blinders on and govern as though all other issues Albertans were facing suddenly ceased to exist, despite the fact this seemed common across the country, so we did what we could to continue legislating while also keeping people safe during our province's first ever declared state of Public Health Emergency and insulating our economy during the worst global recession in modern history.

As a result, our Legislature sat for nearly seven months straight in Edmonton – over twice as much as other governments across the country – to pass a total of 34 Bills, 27 of which were non-COVID 19 related. These 27 non-COVID 19 related Bills included measures to support victims of crime, protect children against harmful forces, strengthen our democracy, reduce cumbersome overregulation, and attract both jobs and private investment back into our province.

During all that happened this past year, much of the work our Government did quite understandably got lost amidst the hourly news updates of virus infections and hospital bed occupancies, but that does not make the legislation passed any less important. I want to take this opportunity to update you on my favourite Bills passed.

Bills 8, 16, 18, and 28 focused on keeping Albertans safe from harm and supporting victims of crime. The Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act created a standardized enforceable definition of human trafficking while also introducing a tort law allowing victims to sue their perpetrators without proof of damages, and a warrant allowing police officers the latitude to remove victims from their place of captivity. The Strengthening Public Safety Act expanded the funding and scope of the Victims of Crime Fund through increased financial penalties on criminals, allowing for proactive enforcement to ensure less people fall victim to crime in the future. The Corrections Act established a new flexible Alberta Parole Board to end the revolving door in our court system, and the Protecting Albertans from Convicted Sex Offenders Act

made it illegal for perpetrators of sexual crimes to legally change their names, enabling them to hide from their heinous past and continue preying on innocent people

Bills 15 and 19 strived to build safer, more supportive communities for children of all backgrounds and abilities. The Choice in Education Act reaffirmed our Government's commitment to allowing children access to an education best suited to them and their family by recognizing public schools, separate schools, Francophone schools, private schools, charter schools, early childhood services programs and home education programs all as valued and integral components of our education system, while reducing barriers to entry for the certification of new schools. The Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Act banned the sale and use of vape products to minors while imposing the same strict advertising guidelines on these products as are required of tobacco companies.

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A blue poster for MLA Miranda Rosin's Constituency Offices. At the top is the Alberta coat of arms. Below it, the text reads "MLA Miranda Rosin's Constituency Offices". Underneath, "Office Hours:" is followed by "Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm". At the bottom left is a smaller portrait of Miranda Rosin. To the right of the portrait, two locations are listed: "Bragg Creek: 226-7 Balsam Ave" and "Canmore: 226-1280 Railway Ave".

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Bills 26 and 32 put the power back in the hands of the people and strengthened democracy at various levels of local governance. The Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act amended existing legislation to allow for provincial referenda on any issue facing our people, whereas previously referenda could only be triggered in our province on constitutional matters. In an effort to also give voice to unionized employees, The Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplace Act barred unions from spending the mandatory dues of their employees on political campaigns and causes without their explicit consent. Gone will be the

days of UNIFOR spending the dues of their oilsands workers on anti-pipeline campaigns and lawsuits!

Finally, Bills 7 and 33 were devoted to restoring investor confidence in our province and attracting jobs back to Alberta. The Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act addressed concerns from industry relating to unpredictable project approval process and imposed maximum timelines on the Alberta Energy Regulator to come to their decisions. The Alberta Investment Attraction Act established investment attraction agencies in other countries with a dedicated focus on promoting Alberta as a business destination

with low taxes, a streamlined regulatory system, and highly educated workforce that is ripe for investment.

2020 has seemingly zipped by, but a lot has been accomplished. To date we have already passed 63 Government bills, more than half of what previous Governments passed in their full four year mandate. While the Bills I've highlighted for you are by no means exhaustive of the work we've done this past year, I do hope it helps to instill confidence in you that we are working hard to leave this province better than we found it.



Springbank
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

We are busy working on addressing the SR1 project these days. The National Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) has set December 2nd as a "pre-hearing conference" date. We need your help! Please visit springbankcommunity.com and sign up (this takes 30 seconds) to join us, as the SCA applies for intervenor status for the NRCB hearings.

Follow us on our Facebook page (facebook.com/springbankcommunityassociation) and YouTube channel, where we have posted short videos about the SR1 project and its impacts on our community.

We cannot stress enough that this project is 100% negative for us - our environment, our social fabric, our air and our quality of life. The Provincial Government recently hosted two information sessions on SR1 (September 24th in Springbank and October 8th in Bragg Creek). We do not consider these consultations. They are too little, too late. These and other consultations should have taken place 6 years ago during the original project decision making process.

We know that many of us are experiencing SR1 "fatigue" - there is just a little longer to go. Now is the time for us to join together.

Contributed by Karin Hunter - President, Springbank Community Association

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Happy Fall! Today is October 3rd as I sit in a sun filled room writing this. It is 22 degrees outside and I am thinking that this is one of the nicest Falls we've had in long while. Life is good. I hope that you are also well and enjoying the sun!

In my mail this week, I received a "Calgary & Area Yellow Pages", a 1-inch thick book filled with page after page of business listings. Looking at it, I was quite taken back. I had no idea there are still companies generating "yellow pages books" that are filled with business listings, or that anyone would spend their marketing dollars advertising their businesses this way. I do not know of anyone in today's world who would think of looking up business information using a yellow pages book. The copy that was delivered to me ended up going directly into my recycling bin. I suspect the majority of these books will wind up in recycle bins, or in landfills, or they will remain unused in homes sitting on shelves and collecting dust.

When my family moved to Springbank over 20 years ago, we at times used the yellow page books, as residential access to the internet was just starting up. In the early 2000's, we first gained access to the internet in our home via phone dial-up (remember AOL?). I recall people being able to choose from internet browsers that included AltaVista, MSN or Yahoo. I still remember thinking how cool the MSN "chat" function was that featured the fake little cartoon people who would walk around and chat with complete strangers. Back then, the internet had limited social or business functionality for us.

Between then and now, our demand for online content has exponentially grown every year. We want to bank online, we buy insurance and other items online, and we even buy and sell homes online. We look for the best and most economical internet providers who offer us higher speeds and more data. And we absolutely don't want any "dead" spots when we are using the internet on our cell phones. We "google" to search for anything and everything. If we can't get information (hours of operation, location, prices, delivery, reviews, etc.) online about a business and the products it sells, we usually quickly look for another one, hoping to find a business with a better online presence and product supply. How the times have changed due to the internet so profoundly influencing our lives, our actions and our expectations!

OK, Kim, why have you rambled on about this? Because

I wonder how some changes we experience are relatively easy for us to adapt to, while we fight others. Why is it that development (which doesn't happen at anywhere near the speed at which the internet evolves) is difficult? I think of Harmony and Bingham Crossing, which were both quite contentious developments at the times they were presented for approval by Rocky View County's Council. Both developments will take years to complete and attain full build out (in the case of Harmony, likely over a period of 20 more years, which doesn't include the 10 or so years taken for this development to navigate through the approval process).

When we examine Area Structure Plans (ASP's) for example, it is easy to look only at the planned final "end of development" completion numbers. If this is all that they consider, people can feel surprised and maybe even overwhelmed while thinking that proposed allowable developments will result in substantial growth (i.e. doubling or tripling) in current population numbers, or houses, or businesses. However, we need to remember that the "end of development" numbers will not be reached for decades, if at all. Our current Springbank ASP's do not include final "end of development" numbers that maximize the full and entire build out of all of the land areas they cover. Keep in mind that the developments which have occurred within the land areas covered by these ASP's have generally happened over the past 20 years or so. I believe most Springbankers still consider our part of Rocky View County to, first and foremost, be a country residential community. Yet 20 years ago, many people were feeling surprised and maybe even overwhelmed when they were thinking about how the implementation of these ASP's could change our community. From their beginning to their end, developments typically happen gradually over extended periods of time. Some developments occur right outside our doors, while others take place further away within our community. And we only notice some of them when we are driving down a road and think "is that house new?"

After an ASP is adopted (i.e. approved by Council), this does not guarantee that new developments will happen immediately. ASP's do not establish specifically targeted time lines within which developments are to be completed. Rather, they outline what types of developments can be made within the land area that it covers, subject to many other conditions being met. The developments that can take place within the ASP's land area could take another 20 years to reach "end of development" numbers, or this may never happen. ASP's serve as a roadmap, or a guide, for getting development right. Typically they are pretty solid for the first 5 years or so after their initial adoption. Then afterwards, they are subject to being amended and revised. Why? Because our changing world impacts an ASP just as it influences

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individuals, families and the communities where they live, socialize and work. Individuals and their families don't stay static – they continually change and evolve. As Rocky View listens to residents and provides municipal services to them, the County needs to ensure that the development plans which are in place (including ASP's) are updated to address change. The entire process of managing change needs to be focused on looking forward, rather than relying on what can be seen by only looking in the rearview mirror.

I want to close by wishing you and your families the very best during these times as the world rapidly shifts and changes around us. Countries, their provinces and their states, along with their local municipalities (counties, cities, towns, villages, etc.) will need to review and update their plans and ideas to effectively address the many shifts and changes that are happening now and

will happen in the future. How we think about traffic patterns, amenities, recreation, utilities, schooling, conducting business, as well as other elements of our lives, all need to be examined in a way whereby we are focused on looking forward. The world is not the same as it was 5 years ago, let alone 20 years ago when the internet was initially introduced via the world wide web. Some days, I in hindsight wish the world would stay the same (especially when thinking of the many things that were easier and simpler for us in the past). However, I will continue to primarily focus on looking forward to ensure that Rocky View County can and will respond to the shifts and changes that we need to address today and tomorrow. Keep well!

You are welcome to comment or have a conversation with me via phone (403-462-9207) or email (kmckylor@rockyview.ca).



Global Sport Academy, a proud partner of the Springbank Park For All Seasons (SPFAS), is very pleased to introduce a new hockey program for Grade 7 and 8 male and female hockey players attending the Springbank Middle School. We presently have a few available spots remaining available within both the Grade 7 and 8 components of this hockey program, which operates on-ice and off-ice training sessions at SPFAS and the Middle School. To obtain more information about this new program, please email: info@globalsportacademy-group.com.

The new hockey program available to Grade 7's & 8's follows in the footsteps of the Grades 9 - 12 program offered at the Springbank Community High School. Presently, the High School program is home to over 100 student-athletes who are pursuing their dreams in sport, education and life. All of the programming is integrated into each School's timetables. Global activities serve as a one period option during the related school days when student-athletes are participating in the Academy's programs.

In addition, Global's golf program offerings continue to grow as they help golfers of all ability levels to develop their skills and reach new heights. We have different streams that accommodate the various pathways student-athletes can follow to move on to the collegiate level. We offer academy programs, winter programs and other options as well.

If you aspire to have your young student-athletes

participate with like-minded individuals in programs of excellence, you are welcome to connect with Global. Go to Global's website at globalsportacademygroup.com or contact me to obtain more information about our programs.

Contributed by Paul Bradley, Manager of Operations for the Global Sport Academy Group (Office: 587-430-0444 Cell: 587-893-1321 Email: pbradley@globalsportacademy-group.com)

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2021 Operations and Capital Budgeting

Administration developed the first draft 2021 RVC budget, and Council has had our first workshop on the Operating Budget. Service levels versus taxation revenue is at the core of discussions, given the sharp increase in RVC property tax delinquencies, falling commercial tax revenue (both as a result of the

economic downturn), as well as additional policing costs and corporate linear assessment tax breaks downloaded by the Province. Compared with some of our rural neighbours, RVC is in relatively good financial shape, as our exposure to the mostly Oil & Gas related linear assessment tax break is moderate. We are also looking at our other sources of revenue, especially with respect to user-pay and full cost recovery related to development.

Municipal Sustainability Initiative Funding (MSI)

This Provincial program “helps support local infrastructure priorities to build strong, safe and resilient communities”. Planned to run from 2005 to 2015, it has been extended annually, and now it is expected to expire in fiscal 2022. The “Local Government Fiscal Framework” is to replace it. Still in draft form, it is not law yet. For 2021, the expected spend province-wide is \$993M, with RVC’s share at \$10.8M. For comparison, Cochrane is at \$5.9M while Airdrie is at \$13.7M. The formula factors for allocation are Population, Education Tax Assessments, and Length of Roads. As the Province continues to download costs to the municipal level, Council is quite aware that this MSI funding is at risk every year. We continue to bring forward and apply for fully qualified projects. We are endeavouring to use as much of this provincial spend in our Capital Budgeting before seeing further erosion of support. The 2021 allocations will be confirmed following approval of the 2021 Provincial Budget. The Province has been signalling that 2022 allocations are far from a certainty.

Recreation Master Plan - Road to Soft Levies

Another piece in the Soft Levies puzzle is coming into place as the Recreation Master Plan moves towards completion. Council had a workshop to review the progress achieved to date by our consultant, as well as to provide initial feedback on the draft. Once this Plan is brought to Council for final approval, it will guide the provision of recreation in RVC, and allow us to plan the infrastructure that we would like to build. Having this

Plan in place is a critical piece required by the Municipal Government Act (MGA) in order to apply a Soft Levy to future development in RVC. This levy is needed to help cover the after-development costs of providing additional infrastructure related to “soft services” (such as for Fire, Recreation, Policing, Library) arising from incremental RVC growth.

Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP)

In response to Federal efforts and economic pressure, the Province announced a one-time stimulus package that provided RVC with \$4.6 million in funding. Administration identified 5 projects that met the criteria to receive funding:

- 1) \$1.0M in lifecycle maintenance to RVC pathways and trails – Langdon, Elbow Valley, Springbank, Cochrane North
- 2) \$800K for Bragg Creek Trails and Pedestrian Connectivity
- 3) \$150K for the Langdon Field-House water tie-in
- 4) \$735K for Cross Iron Drive improvements (Dwight McLellan Trail to RR 291)
- 5) \$2.0M to bring RVC’s water system to the Prince of Peace retirement community

The funding was available only for previously unfunded infrastructure projects. The projects had to be identified by October 1st and the entire amount must be spent by December 31, 2021.

Resolution to Support Creation of Process for Council Disputes

On Administration’s recommendation, Council unanimously approved asking the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) to support a resolution asking Alberta Municipal Affairs to create a dispute resolution process for Councillor sanction and disqualification disputes that could be used as an alternative to legal actions. Administration described the current process as “costly, time-consuming and combative”.

Directly after, I brought forward a Motion Arising where I noted that Municipal Affairs already provides mediation services for Councils through the Collaborative Governance Initiative. Given this, I asked that Council seek those mediation services, and that the County cease all legal actions against Councillors Hanson, Kissel and Wright.

In response to my Motion, a point of order was called by Deputy Reeve Schule, and Reeve Boehlke stated that the Procedure Bylaw requires that a Motion Arising must be directly related to the previous discussion and Motion. He ruled that my Motion was not related to the RMA resolution, so my Motion was removed without vote or debate. I plan to bring the Motion forward again for a proper debate, as a normal Notice of Motion with support from Kissel and Wright.

Please contact me with any concerns or feedback that you would like me to represent to the County Staff or my fellow Council Members - OFFICE 403.520.1290, CELL 403.463.1166, Kevin.Hanson@RockyView.ca

MISSING THE 2020 SPRINGBANK FALL FAIR LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS EVENT IN 2021

What a great summer and fall it has been on our farm! This year we enjoyed receiving timely and plentiful rains that have led to good hay and grain yields and an awesome garden - great vegetables and beautiful flowers. Gardening on the farm is a long-standing tradition that our family has done out of necessity. We love to eat fresh vegetables and we preserve or store the extras to help our family eat well through the long winter months.

Of course in Springbank, the end of the summer and the harvesting of crops and gardens has for decades been celebrated at the Springbank Fall Fair, held at the Springbank Park For All Seasons each year in September. Sadly, but understandably, the Fair was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The cancellation of this event is sad for many different reasons. The 2020 Fall Fair could have been a great event for displaying a wonderful bounty of vegetables and flowers that would have been entered into the Bench Show portion of the Fall Fair. This event brings everyone together to celebrate our rural and farming roots. It is so much fun to see and visit with our neighbours and friends, as well as to meet people who are new to the community.

No one looks more forward to the Fall Fair than our family! For many years, we have participated in the Fall Fair by bringing our farm animals, sharing our agriculture knowledge, organizing agriculture educational and other activities, as well as by entering our garden veggies, flowers, preserves and baked goods in the Fair's Bench Show. We all take pride in sharing our accomplishments, but no one more so than my kids, Danielle and Jeff. They have been growing a garden pretty much all of their lives (it runs in our family, as Grandparents Eric and Betty Longeway grew great gardens on the farm). As we all know, some years are better than others due to weather conditions, pests and unforeseen circumstances. However good or bad, we always enter what we harvest from our garden in the Fall Fair's Bench Show.

Jeff really missed the Fall Fair this year. He has entered his flowers and vegetables for many years, including some in the "Odd & Unusual" category, proving that plants don't have to be perfect to be put on exhibit at the Fall Fair. And each year he enters a plant he's grown and nurtured in the "Tallest Sunflower" category. This year he grew the tallest one ever! It didn't have to be cut down to be exhibited at the Fall Fair, so it is still blooming on the farm as this is being written.

We work together to help Danielle plant, water and harvest the vegetables, and well as to clean up the garden after it is harvested. We are all looking forward to enjoying the fruits of our labour throughout the upcoming winter. As this is being written, we are busy cleaning up the garden and planning for next year. We review what varieties of vegetables grew best in what areas of the garden, as well as which flowers bloomed the longest.

Let's be positive as we look forward and expect that we will have a Fall Fair in September of 2021. We as a family ask you to think about how you and your family can participate in next year's Fall Fair, particularly by entering items in the Bench Show. This year, did you grow a good vegetable garden and/or flowers? Did your kids get involved in some fun crafting, baking or other activities while they were in isolation? Did you hone your bread making skills, or find a great pie recipe that you can perfect for next year? Perhaps this year you learned to preserve jam, make salsa or bottle pickles. Maybe you sewed some great face masks. Or perhaps you built a birdhouse or a planter. Keep in mind that we all can participate in the Fall Fair. It is so very important for our community that we all come together to keep the Fall Fair tradition ongoing and make this a vibrant and exciting event each year. Let's all look forward to all meeting again next year at the Springbank Fall Fair! Stay safe!

Contributed by Debbie Lee



RCMP DISPATCH

What kind of bear has no teeth? – A Gummy Bear!
How do you make a milk shake? – Give it a good scare! Well, it is already October and Halloween is upon us. Halloween may look a little different this year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it is still possible to safely enjoy this annual event.

By taking some simple precautions, you can enjoy Halloween activities safely this year. Only go trick or treating if you are healthy (not feeling ill). Wear a protective mask (even if you are wearing a costume that covers some, or all, of your face) while ensuring that you can still see and breathe. Avoid touching doorbells. Instead, call out “trick or treat” from two metres away. Remember to use sanitizer while handling your treats.

Only hand out candy at your door if you are healthy (not feeling ill), or if you are not in protective isolation or quarantine. While doing so, wear a protective mask that covers your nose and mouth. A good idea for handing out candy is to use tongs in order to avoid your hands touching the treats. There are many different ways to maintain a safe two metre distance between you and all of those monsters, goblins and ghosts, including setting up a table outside your front door where kids can pick up their goodies, and having fun by building a candy slide for kids to access.

If you are going to be hosting a Halloween party, take precautionary measures that help to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Plan to have your party outside if weather permits. Don't share food, drinks, or cigarettes and vaping products. Avoid “buffet style” servings and do not re-use or share plates and drink containers. Remember to wash or sanitize your hands.



And stay home if you are feeling ill, exhibiting any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, or if you are in isolation or quarantine.

These and other ideas, tips and information can be found at alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx.

October is Pedestrian Safety month. Both drivers and pedestrians play key roles with implementing pedestrian safety measures. As a pedestrian, you should wear clothing that helps you to be seen.

Ensure you can see and hear nearby traffic. Be cautious when wearing your ear buds – Don't play your music so loud that you can't hear what's going on around you while you are walking or running. Avoid texting or talking on the phone while crossing streets. Do not jaywalk - Cross streets only at marked crosswalks and intersections. Drivers are also responsible for keeping pedestrians safe. Do not drive while being distracted - This is especially important for avoiding using our cell phones while we are driving. Obey posted speed limits in order to maximize reaction times and stopping distances for stopping for pedestrians crossing streets. Drivers must yield to pedestrians who are in crosswalks (the consequence in Alberta of not doing so includes a fine of \$776 and the assignment of four demerit points to an individual's drivers license).

Have fun with Halloween, be aware of pedestrians while driving, be COVID-19 safe and stay healthy.

Contributed by RCMP Constable Clayton Gelinas – Cochrane Detachment

CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT GIVING

You and the Springbank Heritage Club Can Help Others

It isn't even Halloween, so you may be wondering why I'm bringing up Christmas now! Each year the members of the Springbank Heritage Club collect unwrapped gifts for children, ranging from babies up to those of 18 years of age. The Club's members also collect food donations that are taken to the Food Bank operated by Cochrane Activettes. This year, the Heritage Club's deadline for forwarding collected donations is December 1st. We will be at the Heritage Club facility to receive your donations of unwrapped gifts and food items from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the following dates in November: Wednesday, the 25th; Friday, the 27th; and Monday, the 30th. The need has never been greater. So, in addition to asking our Club's members to contribute, we are also asking people living in our community to donate. Please give as generously as you are able to do so. Christmas will be especially stressful for those households with children whose parents are unemployed, or are ill. Let's bring a little joy into their lives this Christmas season! I think most of us have a “soft spot” for babies and little ones. Give generously for them, but please don't forget the teenagers who need some gifts, too. Helpful ideas include gift cards to McDonalds and other restaurants, gift cards to Walmart and other stores, as well as movie passes and games. Please do not donate outdated food items. They cannot be used and they increase the work load of the staff at the Food Bank who have

to dispose of them. Please call the Heritage Club (403-242-9350) or Joan (403-807-2311) to obtain additional information about making your donation.

The Club extends special acknowledgement to Bev and Flo for their work this past growing season with keeping the flower beds at the Heritage Club's facility so beautiful and well cared for, as well as to Gerry and Peter for their great job with maintaining the grounds. (I know I saw a special lady doing a great job of trimming the hedges so, fellows, you don't get credit for that.) It is so nice to see the Heritage Club's site always looking so great, even with no Club activities happening. And last but certainly not least, many thanks to Val for all of his time and effort with making sure everything is well maintained and in sound running order inside the Club's facility. To all of you – What you do is so appreciated!

Please be advised that, as this is being written, the Heritage Club is not open for Club activities and it will remain closed until further notice.



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Joan Zwingli*



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CELEBRATING SPRINGBANK'S AGRICULTURAL ROOTS

Every year for more than the past 40, the Springbank Community has come together at the annual Fall Fair. One of the Fall Fair's primary objectives is to create an opportunity annually where we as a community celebrate our agricultural roots and history. The 2020 calendar year has been very challenging in so many different ways, with many community based events (including the Fall Fair) having been cancelled in order to protect against the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Very sad indeed!

On a more positive note, the 2020 seeding, growing and harvest season has been truly spectacular for our farmers, ranchers and gardeners. The spring, summer and fall of 2020 were all aligned to create an outstanding crop year. The adjacent photo of a plentiful healthy and mature field of barley located in southern part of Springbank, taken in early October, reminds us of a good thing we've experienced in 2020 – a great year for growing crops!

We miss not having celebrated our community's agricultural roots and history at this year's Fall Fair. However, we can take a moment to pause and reflect on how important agriculture is to our community, to our country and to the entire world. Say thanks to and support our farmers and ranchers. Let's always be grateful for and appreciative of what they do for all of us!

 Contributed by John Rop, SPFAS General Manager



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SPRINGBANK Figure Skating Club



Figure skating is slowly returning to regulated competitions. While all competitions were cancelled from March to September of this year, Skate Alberta has recently allowed for two regional performance simulations. One was held in Leduc over the Thanksgiving long weekend, while the other was held in Calgary the following weekend. These simulations help to prepare skaters for the important Sectional competition that will be held from October 30th to November 2nd.

For the upcoming Sectional competition, amendments have been put into place in order to implement current provincial health COVID-19 virus spread prevention guidelines, including entries for the competition having been reduced for all of the categories (from pre-novice to seniors). In many instances, figure skaters must qualify for sectionals by attaining minimum technical scores based on previous skating competitions. Given that almost all competitions were cancelled in 2020, sectionals will now accept all entries. Should the capacity exceed the number of entries, then Skate Canada will pull and review technical skate scores from the previous two years of the top figure skaters in each category until the capacity is filled. This may increase access and opportunities to this coveted competition for skaters who may not have previously attained the

minimum technical scores. These changes deviate from what was done in previous years, however they are a welcome start for skaters who want to showcase and celebrate their improvements during this skating season. The Springbank Figure Skating Club continues to show strength and excellence in these competitions. This year is no exception!

While our senior skaters are eagerly preparing for the first competition of the season, a new generation of skaters are taking their first steps and strides onto the ice as they participate in Canskate program the Club offers each year. The numbers of new skaters have been reduced to comply with provincial COVID-19 virus spread prevention health guidelines. Those who are enrolled will receive more guidance and attention via the implementation of a new 5 to 1 ratio of skaters to coaches. These smaller cohorts may present a "silver lining" to those we ones who have their eyes set on skating! Given that the Club is expecting that current provincial health guidelines leading to the establishment of smaller cohorts will continue to be in place on into November, December and January, those families interested in enrolling their children in the Canskate winter offering of the program may wish to do so very soon.

Contributed by Dianne Gereluk for the Springbank Figure Skating Club

The Springbank Creative Arts Club's mission is to encourage the development of arts and crafts within the Springbank community.

The trees are turning to gold, the landscapes are stunning and we can feel the chill in the wind. Happy Fall, everyone! It is our hope that folks enjoyed a good time with their families and friends as we all celebrated Thanksgiving earlier this month. We are truly grateful to live and work in this beautiful, bountiful country.

Club members met (practicing all precautions) on September 8th. Thanks to Leona and Paul Wood for opening their home to provide the meeting space and the goodies. We enjoyed a very informal evening, with great food and a wonderful Show & Tell. The Club's members have been very busy. It was wonderful to see all of the finished products (stained glass, Hopi native pieces, wreaths, upcycled aprons, wall hangings, cards and more)! Special guest Lynne Baker from Bragg Creek attended the meeting, where she showed her lovely quilted motorhome throw quilt!

The Club is looking for new members to join and share in our creativity! If you are an organizer or decorator, or if you have some skills which can be utilized and would like



to serve on the Board, please let us know. Do you have a craft or artisan item that you would like to share with the group? Send your email, including related details, to yjo999@gmail.com and it will then be determined if there is enough interest to present your item to the Club. Send your email to Janice (janice3lambert@gmail.com) if you have new business items you would like to introduce at Club meetings.

The annual Christmas Market Sale has been cancelled for this year, but we continue to meet to share ideas, creations and friendship. We are enthusiastic and we offer support, creativity and inspiration to all as we plan for the days ahead. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet artists, artisans and other crafters who live in Springbank. To obtain more information about a Club membership, send your email to yjo999@gmail.com . Members are encouraged to bring along their creations (for Show & Tell) to share with the group during the Club's meetings. Follow us on [facebook.com/springbankchristmasmarket](https://www.facebook.com/springbankchristmasmarket) .

Contributed by Yvonne Bamlett, Springbank Creative Arts Club

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SPRINGBANK SOCCER CLUB (SSC)

Our mission is to develop and inspire individuals through soccer. To accomplish our mission, we program with a player first approach.

Indoor Soccer Facility Open

SSC is excited to announce the opening of our own indoor space for the 2020/2021 indoor season. With community schools not offering any gym times to organizations and with the private gymnasiums not offering the same times as we had in past years, our Club created a Facilities Group which was successful with finding a local warehouse that suits our soccer needs. We have worked hard with Rocky View County to open our own indoor soccer facility, which is located at 16 Commercial Drive in Springbank.

Indoor Season Registrations – Strong Numbers Plus New Adult Soccer Opportunity

Our registration numbers for the 2020/2021 indoor season are at similar numbers to last season. Many Soccer Clubs are reporting a 30% decrease in their registrations for this indoor season. SSC is very happy that our players are committed to our Club. We are also very thankful for their confidence in our Club's ability to provide them with solid soccer programs. For the first time with this indoor season, SSC is offering separate Ladies' and Men's Groups field times. Adults can participate in friendly games while they learn about and develop a love for the game of soccer. If this is something that interests you, then check out our website. It's never too late to start or join!



Successful Outdoor Season

In spite of COVID-19 and all of related safety protocols that had to be put in place, SSC's soccer players still had a successful outdoor season. There were no league games and no tournaments to attend. However, we still had very committed players who developed and thrived in a good safe environment. We managed to mix our

players where needed to create teams for our friendly competition. The Club's coaching staff did a great job with implementing programming for these teams. They are commended for the job they did all the way to outdoor season's October 2nd end date. This past entire outdoor season was a pleasure to be part of for everyone involved with it!



More SSC Information

Here is a link to the SSC website: springbanksoccer.com. Please visit it and read about what we offer to the community and all of our Club's members. SSC is proud to be a part of this community. Our Club looks forward to continued success together as we develop our players from the grassroots to the adult age levels. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to send your email to General Manager Vance Alexander (info@springbanksoccer.com), or to Registrar Nicole Perizzolo (registrar@springbanksoccer.com).

Contributed by Vance Alexander, Springbank Soccer Club General Manager



SPFAS COMMUNITY GARDEN'S BOUNTIFUL HARVEST DONATED TO FOOD BANK

A combination of terrific weather conditions (including perfect timing for spring rains and lots of summer sunshine), excellent soil and timely plantings, along with lots of weeding, nurturing and watering by SPFAS Staff, led to the SPFAS Community Garden growing a bountiful volume of vegetables this past growing season. In early October, SPFAS Staff decided the timing was right to harvest the vegetable crop. After checking with various Food Banks, we discovered that the Calgary Food Bank is the most willing and best prepared to receive donations of

fresh produce. SPFAS Staff delivered a wonderful harvest of carrots, turnips, kale, beets, dill and swiss chard to this Food Bank. SPFAS is an Agricultural Society that receives tremendous support from the community the Park serves. On behalf of our community, SPFAS is very pleased to have 'given back' by donating fresh vegetables harvested from the Springbank Community Garden to help support families in need.



Contributed by John Rop, SPFAS General Manager



SUPPORT THE SPRINGBANK CONCESSION AT SPFAS – SPECIAL COUPON OFFER AVAILABLE –

Gil and Sunny have served the Springbank Community so very well for more than 10 years by providing their food and beverage services at both the Springbank Park For All Seasons and Springbank Community High School. The Concession menu at SPFAS includes a wide variety of items. The French Fries, which accompany many of the items on the menu (or can be ordered separately), are the best! Poutine is another popular food order, a very tasty treat as good as can be found anywhere in Canada! The menu also features delicious hamburgers, sandwiches, chicken fingers and breakfast servings. There's something for everyone! The Concession is generally open weekdays from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., as well as all day to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. You can place your "eat in" &/or "take home" orders in advance and then pick them up at the Concession (phone or text 403 - 993 - 4409 or email sbcalgary@gmail.com).

The Concession is a vital value added amenity that helps people enjoy being at SPFAS. The arrangement SPFAS has with the Concession operators is one of a number of lease agreements which generate revenues that assist with keeping rental rates reasonable and affordable for the users of the Park's ice rinks, sports fields and other facilities. These agreements are important sources of revenue that contribute to balancing the Society's Operating Budget. SPFAS extends appreciation and thanks to all of the individuals, families, sports teams and other parties who utilize the Concession's services. Keep supporting our Concession. We're all in this together!



Contributed by John Rop, SPFAS General Manager



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Exciting things have been happening at KOAC! Most recently we celebrated Alberta Culture Days in September of 2020 with free guided tours of the Sculpture Park, including the private gardens. The tours were conducted at full capacity every weekend, with feedback consistently expressing how appreciated and nourishing it is to experience art set in the natural beauty of Springbank. Guided tours continue into October, as we embrace the fall. Albertans know how to layer up and enjoy the great outdoors at any time of year! Let KOAC know if you want to attend one.



Kiyooka Ohe Arts Centre

creative hands and brains busy. Check out the KOAC website to obtain registration details. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the Springbank Community Association in order to introduce these mindful

workshops to you and everyone else in Springbank and other communities. (See the related KOAC Advertisement for additional information.)

Speaking of James Ziegler, his stunning, 10 foot tall stainless steel sculpture “Shimmering Willow” was installed in our public Sculpture Park in October. As our first official commissioned piece of sculpture, its placement marks the opening of the KOAC Sculpture Park to the public. We look forward to sharing it and we encourage visitors to spend time with it, as it gently sways in the wind and reflects the bright Alberta sunlight.

Volunteers have been hard at work installing benches and signage, cleaning up and preparing the park for opening. Soon we will be able to announce unrestricted public access to the park’s west fields and grasslands. Watch for our official announcement that the park is ready and open for you to wander through as you enjoy art in nature.



Over the summer, for two full weeks, we were privileged to host the Stardale program, wherein urban Indigenous young women came to KOAC to work with our artists in residency to reconnect with the land and to express themselves through art. This program highlights our emphasis and commitment to work with underserved communities.



Along with the rest of the world, KOAC has enthusiastically adopted online programming following the completion of an initial very successful beta test working with the Springbank Community Association. Artists Patricia Lortie and James Ziegler are available to lead programs suitable for participants of all ages. James’ “Tiny Art” can help you create your own mini paper sculptures. Patricia’s “Wild Weave” will have you gathering natural materials to include in your own woven art piece. Both programs are easy to follow. They include mailed-out materials and they are a relaxing way to keep



As part of KOAC’s Artist in Residence Program, Kathryn Dobbin spent the month of August in Katie Ohe’s studio repairing and restoring “Comet”, a piece that was commissioned by the City of Calgary in 1983, which stood outside the Pumphouse Theatre for most of the years since. After much welding, grinding and care, Comet received a fresh coat of deep blue paint and was reinstalled back in place at the theatre, where it is enjoyed by Calgarians using the adjacent bike and walking pathways. Kathryn is also the artist behind one of KOAC’s most popular pieces, “Dandelion”, which Kathryn created as Katie Ohe’s student at ACAD, and which she subsequently gifted to KOAC.

Following Kathryn’s artist residency, we welcomed botanical artist Rocio Graham, who has planted a



wildflower garden onsite at KOAC. As part of her artistic process, Rocio tends and nurtures the garden. Next summer, she will harvest and use the wildflowers to create inks and dyes. We look forward to partnering with garden clubs and botanical enthusiasts who might want to learn about this process. Inks and dyes will be used in various activities, including for painting workshops, photography, crafts as well as in their application on textile materials.

Patricia Lortie is beginning a studio residency in October to work on an installation that will be included in a Summer of 2021 exhibition of a collection of art works by francophone women living in Western Canada.



It is thrilling to have artists participate with KOAC as together we ensure that art and creativity continue to be living, breathing and dynamic in Springbank and throughout the Greater Calgary Region.

As winter descends upon us, and activities remain restricted, we are eager to offer, in addition to our online programs, one-day activities to add variety and lift spirits as we navigate the winter together. Go to the KOAC website to register for our programs, and watch our news feed to stay tuned for related details and updates!

Contributed by Heidi Gedlaman (heidi@koartscentre.org) and Ricardo Castillo Argüello - KOAC Executive Director (ricardo@koartscentre.org / rcastilloarguello@gmail.com / mobile: +587.580.6827 www.koartscentre.org)



Springbank LADIES TIME OUT

The Executive of the Ladies Time Out (LTO) group in Springbank hope you are all staying healthy and safe. As a group built and focused on providing a meeting place for women to come together, we are greatly missing our weekly visits with our wonderful members. Unfortunately, we were not able to resume our Fall Session this past September.

Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram ([@springbanklto](https://www.facebook.com/springbanklto)) to obtain updates about the status of our Christmas Market and Winter Session. We are hoping to connect our members with past instructors who want to share items and topics through our social media accounts. If you have an idea for a class you'd like us to offer, or if you know of someone with a special skill or talent who would be interested in sharing, send your email to springbanklto@gmail.com.

And if you are looking for a wonderful, easy to prepare and very tasty recipe you can use to feed your family on an upcoming cold winter's night, check out our social media for LTO Member Lori Champagne's outstanding Instant Pot Louisiana Gumbo creation. It is sure to hit the spot!

Contributed by Nicole Genereux for Springbank Ladies Time Out



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ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION
SPRINGBANK OFF-STREAM RESERVOIR PROJECT

WHEREAS Alberta Transportation has filed an application with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) for approval to construct the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project (the Project) on the Elbow River upstream of the City of Calgary; and

WHEREAS the NRCB anticipates the need to conduct a public hearing and has previously issued a Joint Notice of Filing on November 6, 2017.

THEREFORE TAKE NOTICE that:

1. The NRCB will hold a virtual oral pre-hearing conference on December 2, 2020, commencing at 10:00 a.m., to hear representations respecting certain preliminary and procedural aspects of the public review, including:
 - a) a discussion of the major issues to be examined at the hearing;
 - b) the appropriate scope and jurisdiction of the review;
 - c) the location for a hearing, the hearing format, the appropriate timing of a hearing, and deadlines for filing hearing submissions (including evidence);
 - d) a discussion of procedures to be followed at the hearing; and
 - e) other matters.
2. Copies of the application, including information and particulars filed in support thereof, may be accessed on the NRCB's website at: <https://www.nrcb.ca/natural-resource-projects/natural-resource-projects-listing/83/springbank-off-stream-reservoir-project>.
3. Eligible individuals may apply for intervener funding pursuant to the *Natural Resources Conservation Board Act*. To obtain further information about intervener funding, please contact the NRCB Manager, Board Reviews, listed below.

Interested parties, Indigenous groups, representatives from Alberta Transportation (the proponent), and other government authorities who wish to make a presentation at the pre-hearing conference must provide a statement of intent to participate and a written summary of their submission by 4:30 p.m., November 20, 2020, to laura.friend@nrcb.ca. Submissions should be PDF documents with bookmarks, page numbers, and optical character recognition.

The NRCB will also hold a test session on November 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. so that any technological issues can be identified and resolved in advance of the pre-hearing. All pre-hearing conference participants are required to participate in the test session. NRCB staff will send participants email invitations that include the link to the test session.

The NRCB contact is Laura Friend, Manager, Board Reviews at 403-297-8269 or laura.friend@nrcb.ca. Please note that any correspondence or information filed regarding this Project and application is considered to be public information and will be posted on the NRCB website.

Dated at Calgary, Alberta, on October 5, 2020.

William Y. Kennedy, General Counsel, NRCB

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SPRINGBANK WILDLIFE

The wild birds and animals with whom we share our community have enjoyed a wonderful summer and fall. Except for migratory birds flying south and hibernating bears and other creatures, we are now all steeling ourselves to be outside in the cold during the winter ahead.

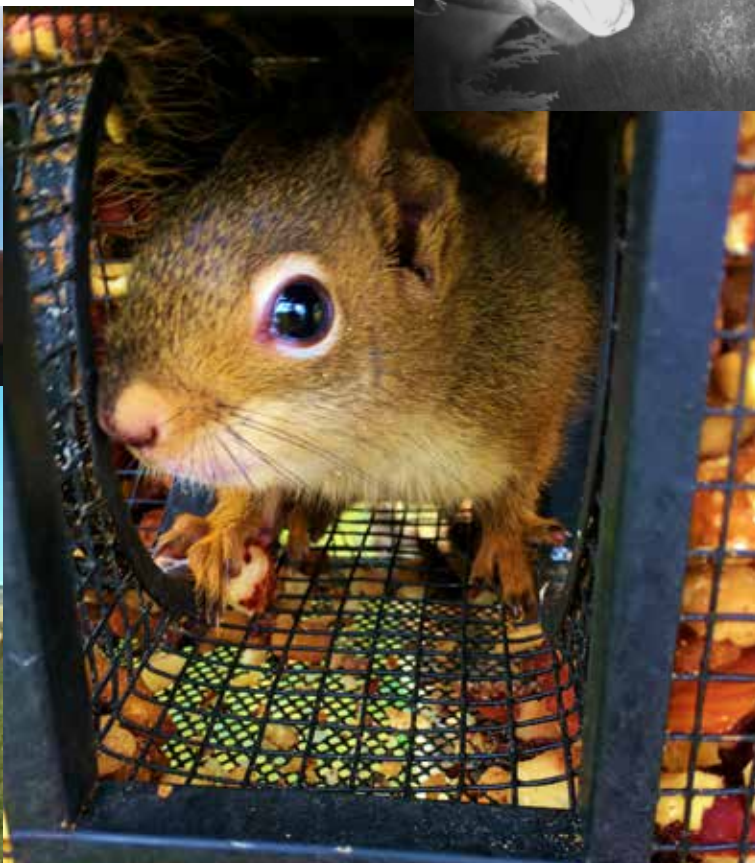
Lynda Gilchrist has shared two bird photos she took in September, the first of a Merlin Hawk and the second of a Pine Siskin. Shirley Tajcnar enjoyed observing a flock of Evening Grosbeaks washing themselves in her bird bath on a warm sunny day.

Brian Robb has shared two fun photos with us, the first of a sneaky thieving squirrel raiding the Robb's bird feeder (or maybe this is a photo of a completely innocent critter who thinks the Robb's actually have a squirrel feeder in their yard!). The second is an unusual "night time trail cam" photo of a bull moose wandering through the trees on his nocturnal trek.

Herb Coburn spotted four elk in the most westerly area of Springbank who were looking across the fence (where the grass is always greener) for the rest of the members of their herd.

Thanks to the Springbank residents who've shared with us their locally taken wildlife photos. If you would like to share bird and animal photos you've recently taken in Springbank, email them to jrop@springbankpark.com.

Contributed by John Rop – SPFAS General Manager





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Springbank Playschool

We are back in full swing here at the Playschool. Our teachers are so happy to have kids back at the Playschool and the parent run Board is also so happy to see the program running smoothly. Students have been busy making new friends, learning about autumn, and getting comfortable in their new environment. It has been a different fall with implementing the many COVID-19 virus spread prevention safety guidelines and measures we are following, but the kids have adapted and are so happy to be in class.

Our play-based philosophy focuses on children developing and learning naturally through free time and self-led play. Free play takes up a large amount of our class time. Free play includes kids using toys of all kinds during an undirected time when they can explore in a safe setting. This gives each child plenty of opportunities to develop the skills needed in other programs and school environments, such as kindergarten! We believe the best way for students to learn is through their experiences, which we encourage in a stimulating and supportive environment. Teacher led learning at circle time offers an opportunity for children to ask questions, listen to others and practice participating in group discussions. Arts and crafts time provides fine motor

skill development, along with a time for creativity and imagination to soar.

Our small class sizes (limit of 16 students for 4 year olds and 12 for 3 year olds) encourages the building of significant relationships between students. This also supports their growth in a comfortable setting. And this also promotes health and wellness during our current circumstances dealing with COVID-19.

We have very limited spots available in both of our 3 and 4 year old programs. You can send your email to springbankpsinfo@gmail.com to obtain more information regarding a child joining one of our current classes. Go to the Playschool's website (springbankplayschool.ca) to obtain details about registering for our upcoming 2021-2022 school year, as well as about exciting changes to our volunteer structure.

Contributed by Delaney Kaminski, President of the Springbank Playschool



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SPRINGBANK COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Planning Issues for Springbank Residents

SR1 - The greatest planning threat to Springbank residents is SR1, the provincial government proposal for a dry dam obliterating a large part of Springbank along with roads, businesses, ranchlands, livelihoods, and wildlife habitat. We encourage you to keep abreast with the process and participate when you can (obtain additional information at <https://www.alberta.ca/springbank-off-stream-reservoir.aspx> . The Springbank Community Association (SCA) is organizing a response to the NRCB hearing (obtain information at <https://www.nrcb.ca/natural-resource-projects/natural-resource-projects-listing/83/springbank-off-stream-reservoir-project/documents/10380/20201005-nrcb-notice-of-prehearing-sr1-app-1701>) and is asking for your support. At the SR1 open house recently held in Springbank, Alberta Transportation Minister Ric McIver confirmed in his own words that the half billion dollar project “has NO direct benefits to Springbank” (but lots of negative impacts).

Old Banff Coach Road - If you live along Old Banff Coach Road or drive along it frequently, you will have noticed the increase in traffic from additional development in the City (Crestmont). These negative impacts on our rural road (not designed for heavy traffic) will soon be made worse by a proposed residential/commercial development (including a large mall) in Rocky View County at the Rudiger Ranch

site. To obtain more detailed information, you can go to <https://www.rockyview.ca/Portals/0/Files/BuildingPlanning/Planning/UnderReview/ProposedCS/Proposed-CS-Highway-1-Old-Banff-Coach-Road.pdf> . Make your opinions known to the developer, (Qualico - send an email to bmercer@qualico.com), to your RVC councillors (Kevin Hanson or Kim McKylor) and to RVC planner Jessica Anderson (send an email to janderson@rockyview.ca).

Contributed by the Board of the Springbank Community Planning Association

Springbank Off-stream Reservoir Project

The Springbank Off-stream Reservoir Project has a project email where you can learn more about the project, and sign up for regular updates.

To subscribe, sign up here:

<https://www.alberta.ca/springbank-off-stream-reservoir-sign-up-for-updates.aspx>

Designed as a dry dam unless flood conditions are present, the Springbank Off-stream Reservoir is designed to work in tandem with the Glenmore Reservoir in Calgary to capture water volumes equal to the 2013 flood.

Learn more at alberta.ca/springbank-off-stream-reservoir.aspx



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SPFAS has established and retained a very strong positive partnership with Brett and Anna, who are now in their fifth year of serving the Springbank Community by providing their food and beverage services while operating the Springbank Sports Lounge. This venue is located on the second level of the SPFAS main facility adjacent to the Curling Rink. The Lounge features a warm, friendly and comfortable vibe and ambience, where you can conveniently enjoy a drink and a bite to eat. It is a great venue for meeting and socializing with friends, neighbours, teams and families. It's also a terrific place to visit with others after playing a sport at SPFAS, or while waiting for a son or daughter to complete their sports activity at the Park. The Lounge offers a large selection of beers, wines and other beverages and the food menu offers a number of tasty choices. There's something for everyone! The Lounge is generally open weekdays beginning at 5:00 p.m., as well as during the afternoons and evenings on Saturdays and Sundays.

This season the Lounge is featuring the following new amenities and services:

- A new seating and table alignment, as well as protective equipment, that ensure the Lounge is compliant with Alberta Health safety standards that are focused on preventing the spread of the COVID-19 virus

- New cameras and monitors which provide overhead views of the curling sheet rings at the far end of the Curling Rink (this provides an enhanced experience for watching the curling activities taking place at SPFAS)
- Greater access to the LiveBarn video feed which provides opportunities to watch the activities taking place in the SPFAS Red Dutton and Joe Phillips Arenas while enjoying being in the Lounge
- An updated food menu which offers a wide array of delicious items
- An updated beverage menu that provides many different beers, wines and other liquor products.

Being able to access the Lounge is an important value added venue which helps people enjoy being at SPFAS. The lease agreement SPFAS has with the Lounge operators generates revenue that assists with keeping rental rates reasonable and affordable for the users of the Park's ice rinks, sports fields and other facilities. This and other lease agreements SPFAS has in place are important sources of revenue that help to balance the Society's Annual Operating Budget. SPFAS appreciates and thanks all of the individuals, families, sports teams and other parties who come to the Lounge services. Keep supporting our Lounge. We're all in this together!



Contributed by John Rop, SPFAS General Manager

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Photos Contributed by Linda Gilchrist & Arlene Rop



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