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# GENERAL MANAGERS'S UPDATE



Hi Everyone

As we are quickly moving into Summer, there is still lots happening in and around SPFAS.

We are excited to see the opening up of a new outdoor Patio extension of our Lounge, with the continuance of the Lounge's great food,

service and ambience (which can now be combined with sunshine).

We have a high amount of extra ice availability to offer, with the Red Dutton arena, now being able to operate year-round. We are also planning out the set-up of a new on location Skate Sharpening service, with it's opening scheduled for the fall, and having it most likely positioned in the work room space, located at the East end of the Red Dutton bleachers. At this time, we are looking for someone suitable who would like to run it as a small business, or we may hire and professionally train up some part-time staff to assist with operating it. If you happen to be an Adult hockey fan, and wanted to get out on the ice for some games, conditioning and fun. We are continuing offering our drop-in Shinny Hockey on Wednesdays from 10:15 – 11:30am, and running it right through June and four weeks into July. Similarly for Parent-Tot Skating on Tues at 10:30am. Please check out the rest of this month's Park Patter for more details (e.g. Fall Fair, Indoor Beach Volleyball, Batting Cage,

community news, etc.).

With the Park's Annual General Meeting coming up in September, a couple of weeks after the Fall Fair, it's time for us to start thinking about Board member positions. At SPFAS, our governing Board is comprised of 18 Director positions, which include user group representatives, plus an elected RVC Councilor and Rocky view Schools Trustee. There are 5 Director at Large positions and the Executive, which is also made up of 5 positions. Any member of the Society in good standing, is eligible to stand for election, as a SPFAS Director at the AGM. The term of office is one year, and Directors may serve up to 5 consecutive terms, if they so desire. The time commitment is pretty low, and sees attendance at 1 monthly Board meeting (usually the 4th Monday and is typically 1 hr. to 1.75 hours in length). Meetings in the May to Aug off season are less often, and really only called if business dictates.

For this coming September 26, 2022 thru to early September of 2023, we are looking to fill an Executive position, and one Director at large position, if we don't learn of other vacancies popping up prior. So, to keep the Park flourishing, and with being cognizant of the need to succession plan, we are glad to offer up the opportunity to any interested members, and or community minded individuals interested in becoming a member. We would be glad to hear from you.

Here's to a fun summer & an exciting wide open again fall !

Todd Muir  
General Manager



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## MEET THE STAFF

This edition continues introducing our highly valued staff members, and we are pleased for June, to be able to introduce Mike Epoch. Mike joined the SPFAS Operations team back in October of 2021, and brought a wealth of experience. His prior work has included being an Ice Technician at Winsport in Calgary, being involved in all aspects of the Golf Course business in Kananaskis, and he was a past snowmaking Plant Operator at Nakiska. Mike has a daughter going into her third year at the University of Saskatchewan, and she plays on the University's Soccer team. Mike's son is going into grade 12 at Bowness High School. Mike has played lots of hockey and most other sports, is very mechanically inclined which benefits the Park, and he has a passion for hiking and spending time with his dogs. Say high or wave to Mike, when you see him out and about in the Arenas, driving the Zamboni, working on the new patio set-up, maintaining the facility and fields, etc.



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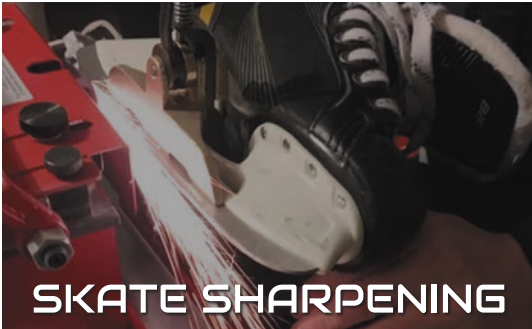


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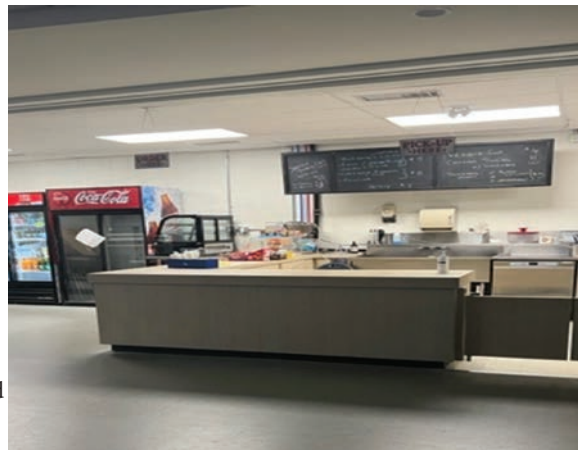


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## SPFAS CONCESSION

Just to keep you all in the know, the Park had a change in our Concession operation, at the end of March, when Gil and Sunny, decided it was time to move on. Fairly soon afterward, Ben (with the Lounge) and his team, hooked up with the High School, and are now providing the Springbank Community High School and its students with a quality lunch program, that is getting rave reviews.

This is in lead-up to Ben and his team also taking over operation of the Park's Concession services, come September. So that will be something nice for us all and facility users to look forward to.





# MIRANDA ROSIN, MLA

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Last month, construction officially commenced on the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir (SR1). I know how much the fight against this project has meant for our community, which is why I chose not to attend the groundbreaking ceremony that was held. There is not a single political issue for which I have witnessed such a unanimous outpouring of concern since my election than SR1. I want to assure you that I have been by your side every step of the way. I've felt your frustrations about the lack of regard previously given to our communities for how this project would impact them, and about the complete lack of meaningful consultation that had been conducted in five painfully long years. It was as though no provincial government in the past, either PC nor NDP, cared to listen to the people in our communities who were concerned for their livelihoods, air quality, land, community space, and way of life. It was a classic case of rural communities being treated as second-class citizens to the major urban centers. I promised you throughout my 2019 election campaign that I would dedicate my time in office to undoing the

past wrongs that were committed surrounding this project. I also promised I would advocate for our new United Conservative government to consider alternatives that could better protect us from future flooding while maintaining the integrity of the communities we love and call home. This meant listening, engaging, and at times, publicly going against my own government and colleagues. My first act upon being elected was to write Transportation Minister Ric McIver about the project. I then proceeded to bring him and his team to my office in Bragg Creek to meet directly with the affected landowners and the Springbank Community Association for the first time since the project had been announced back in 2013. It is hard to believe that no prior government or minister had taken the time to do so, and while we couldn't undo their past mistakes, I wanted to ensure we did our part to remedy them and ensure you were heard. I brought the SR1 Concerned Landowner Group, who participated actively in the NRCB hearings on your behalf, to Edmonton to present to all us government MLAs who represent rural communities in southern Alberta. They were given the floor to explain the concerns of our community, and their research on the potential detrimental impacts of the project to our local environment. I tabled nearly 1,100 of your petitions against the project in the Alberta Legislature, which are now permanently on file in the Library. And most importantly, to ensure that as many of you could voice your frustrations, fears, and questions about the dam to the decision makers who matter most, I welcomed several hundred of you to two open-mic townhalls in Springbank and Bragg Creek at which Minister McIver, a project impact assessment specialist, the SR1 project lead from within the Department of Transportation, and the two top engineers responsible for the project from Golder Associates were present to listen, and thoughtfully respond. Because the project was already seven years in the making when our government assumed office, reversing course was unfortunately always unlikely, however I wanted to make sure I fulfilled my promise to you by doing all I could to try, and at minimum, to ensure you were given the dignity of being heard, considered, and answered. While the final outcome may not be what we hoped for, I hope that with all said and done, you feel as though you were.



The summer season of soccer has kicked off and it is in full swing. Springbank Soccer Club has many teams at different age groups for both the boys and girls in the city leagues, where the home games are predominately at the Springbank Park for All Seasons.

Our grassroots program is up and running with over a hundred boys and girls meeting twice a week to learn the basics of soccer, and more importantly learn the concepts of teamwork and having fun. This year Springbank Soccer Club has also started a grassroots program in the community of Harmony. The event has been very successful with over eight boys and girls meeting once a week at the soccer fields in Harmony. The program in Harmony is growing and we anticipate it to be the same size if not larger than the Springbank program in the next year or two

In the past, our grassroots programs were coached by

parent volunteers, but this year Springbank Soccer Club is trying something innovative. All the grassroots programs in Harmony and surrounding Springbank area are being coached by our young adult (teens) girls and boy's players from the club under the supervision of our Senior coaching staff. This is a one-of-a-kind initiative in Calgary that is showcasing our up-and-coming U14 and U17 boys and girls and allowing the young kids in the grassroots program to look up and aspire to the older kids in the club. 2022 is an exciting year for Springbank Soccer Club and we are excited to complete the Spring Grassroots session on June 25th and continue into the summer and fall sessions later this year.



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# DON KOCHAN, COUNCILLOR DIV 2



Don Kochan - Division  
2 - Councillor update  
May 27th/22

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Hi everyone, following is an update on Council matters for your use:

Rocky View County Annual Report - The 2021 annual report has been posted on

the website and you may access it using the following link: <https://www.rockyview.ca/Portals/0/Files/Government/2021-Annual-Report.pdf>. There is a range of accomplishments listed for the year as well as a good description of the Counties financial position.

## Springbank Area Structure Plan (ASP)

Administration is grateful for all the feedback that was received over the past couple of months. The deadline for feedback closed on May 13, 2022, but Administration welcomes further questions on the ASP process; residents can contact [Planning\\_Policy@rockyview.ca](mailto:Planning_Policy@rockyview.ca). Following the engagement and feedback opportunities, the project team will produce an Engagement Summary Report prior to preparing amendments to the ASPs. The project team hopes to finalize the Engagement Summary Report before the end of June. Then, once the revised draft ASP(s) are finalized, the team will hold another public engagement event to present the revised draft ASP(s) together with explanations and information on the amendments made to seek public feedback and input prior to a public hearing; that engagement event will likely be in the fall, and will most likely occur through another open house and written feedback opportunities.

Administration is still awaiting a decision from the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Regional Growth Plan, which will affect how we plan Springbank.

The previous Engagement Summary reports for this project are available online; the link to the 2018 report is provided here for your reference:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:sc>

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## Tax notices

Your tax notices have been sent out the week of May 23rd. Payment is due on or before June 30th. After that date a 12% penalty is applied. If you have not received your tax notice by the end of May please contact [tax@rockyview.ca](mailto:tax@rockyview.ca). There is lots of information on the counties website regarding taxes and the method of payment.

## Spingbank Offstream Reservoir (SR1)

This is a provincial coordinated project. As you have probably noticed work has started on the SR1 project consisting of constructing an onsite detour along Twp. Rd. 242 and construction of a bridge. The work is being completed by Graham Construction & Engineering Inc. and Vinci Infrastructure. Inquires may be directed to Hubert LeMiere of Vinci Construction at 1-306-209-2121 or [Hubert.Lemiere@vinci-construction.com](mailto:Hubert.Lemiere@vinci-construction.com). To keep informed regarding the projects progress, you may register for the updates at [springbank-project@gov.ab.ca](mailto:springbank-project@gov.ab.ca)

## Bow River Dam Options

The province is still completing the Feasibility Study of the 3 options. The study is targeted to be completed in 2023. This is the link to the Provincial website regarding the options being considered.

<https://www.alberta.ca/bow-river-reservoir-options.asp>

## Grain Academy at Pioneer Acres

On May 14, Pioneer Acres had their grand re-opening after 2 years of shutdown due to covid. Many people turned up for the event. I attended (representing Rocky View County) along with MLA Whitney Issik (Calgary - Glenmore), MLA Nathan Cooper (House speaker), and Bev Copithorne (Chair, Grain Academy). The museum is now open with an amazing assortment of machinery on display as well as educational exhibits. Pioneer Acres is just north of Irricana in Rocky View and is a must to see. Their main event of the year is the annual show from August 5th to 7th, 2022 featuring International Harvester tractors, trucks and equipment. You can visit their website [www.pioneeracres.ab.ca](http://www.pioneeracres.ab.ca) for program event details that are scheduled throughout the summer.

Looking forward to summer, take care!

Don Kochan

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As we approach the mid-year mark for 2022, Springbank has seen arguably the strongest year on record in the residential real estate sector. Low inventory, and low borrowing rates made for ideal seller market conditions. As rates begin to rise, we are beginning to feel a market shift with activity levels starting to ease. With continued inventory lows, tremendous opportunity still exists for sellers looking to make a move. For a personalized strategy session to understand how we can help achieve your goals, contact us today!

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# SPRINGBANK HERITAGE CLUB



Guests were treated to the 'Real McCoy' at the May 7th Traditional Strawberry Tea. The afternoon commenced with songs through the seasons entertainment by the 'Heritage Club Singers' led by Joan Zwingli and accompanied by Irvin on the accordion, Bob on the clarinet and Sharon and Arlene on the piano. This was followed by tea and sinfully large offerings of strawberry shortcake with whipped cream topping; all served on a beautiful array of delicate bone china. The Springbank Firefighters were special guests. Thank you to Joan and all the performers.

Due to the high percentage of full covid vaccination amongst seniors, the danger of infection with severe



outcomes has been somewhat mitigated. With this unfamiliar sense of relative freedom, the Heritage Club Activities Committee has been busy organizing events at the club and day trips to Alberta venues on the Lions Club bus. Thank you Mary, Valerie and Brenda for your efforts on our behalf. By the time this edition of the PP is in circulation our most recent bus outing will have been the scenic drive to Mossleigh with lunch at Aspen Landing Railcar Restaurant followed by a visit to the garden centre and gift shop. Non members are welcome to join us as guests on future outings by viewing and registering online at [springbankheritageclub.com](http://springbankheritageclub.com). Click on the 'Special Events' tab and follow the links. All seniors ride free on the Lions Bus.



## NATURE SHOTS



For this issue we are showcasing 2 images sent to us by Lynda Gilchrist. The rolling beauty of Spring Bank and our majestic Rocky Mountains ! And the diversity of farm animals in Alberta shown in the secons picture taken at Pasu Farms in Mountain View County, AB.



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It's hard to believe that the Playschool school year has finished for yet another year! We had such a great year with the students and it felt really good to have a relatively normal year with minimal interruptions.

The last couple of months of Playschool is always so much fun for students, teachers and for the parents with Easter activities, the annual Mothers Day Tea and spring themed learning and crafts. With the arrival of spring weather the students spent more time outside playing on

to see how the whole class has changed by the end of the year as the children have discovered more about themselves, interacted with others with their own individual personalities, and grown more confident in their abilities.

As a mom of two girls who have both attended and now finished the Springbank Playschool program, I am so thankful for everything that this Playschool has done for my girls, and want to thank all of the parents, volunteers, and teachers for providing all of our children with such a fantastic early childhood education program that has given us so many wonderful experiences and memories that will be cherished lifelong.

Registration for the 2022/2023 year is ongoing, and if you would like more information or would like to register your child for the coming year, please either visit our website at [www.springbankplayschool.ca](http://www.springbankplayschool.ca), or email



the playground, and we were even able to do the Easter Egg Scramble Hunt outdoors! In May we brought in some eggs and an incubator and our fuzzy baby chicks hatched on the weekend of May 14th. The children were so excited to have some new baby friends in their class! It was such a great learning experience for them.

We finished off the year with our Family Picnic at Bowness Park for the last class and the weather was wonderful and we had a lot of fun. It is so amazing to watch the difference in your child and your child's classmates as the year progresses, from starting a new class and meeting new friends and teachers, to learning about new things and developing new skills, and then

us at [springbankpsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:springbankpsinfo@gmail.com).

We would like to wish everyone a fantastic summer and look forward to welcoming our new and returning students in September 2022!

Jennifer DeYoung

President,

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# WARD 5 TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER



Spring is always a busy time for Trustees and this year is no exception. We in the process of developing the budget for next year, planning for new curriculum implementation and developing a strategic plan.

## CURRICULUM UPDATE

The province has approved implementation of the K-3 curriculum for Mathematics, English Language Arts and Literature, and K-6 Physical Education & Wellness. The Government has allocated 17.7 million dollars across the province on a per student allocation for purchase/development of learning resources. Another 20 million dollars has been allocated to teacher professional learning and collaboration. The province has retained 14.4 million dollars for purchase of licenses and develop resources for use province-wide of that 3.5 million is specific to French resources. RVS has set aside additional dollars to curriculum implementation. More information can be found at <https://new.learnalberta.ca>

The organizational structure of the curriculum has changed. Within each subject there are organizing ideas, related guiding questions, learning outcomes, key knowledge and understandings, skills, and procedures to be mastered. RVS staff is working now to update the power school outcomes to match the new curriculum. With thanks to a grant from the Ministry of Education, Alberta teachers, their students, and families at home, now have access to MindFuel's Wonderville program free of charge from April 1st, 2022, until March 31st, 2023.

## URGENT NEED FOR STUDENT SPACE

With growth in the communities of Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere, Rocky View School division is desperate for new schools. The last funding cycle saw the approval of a new high school in Langdon will be just this year breaking ground. It will be completed 2025. Cochrane received in 2021 an addition approval for Bow Valley high school with presently sits at 100% utilization. No new schools for Airdrie or Cochrane. At cheaper alternative is to use portables. The Board requested 18 portables this Capital Plan cycle and received 0. As a result, we will be moving, at RVS expense, 8 portables from one school to another only to have to move them back later.

## FUNDING UPDATE

Total funding for RVS in 2022/23 will be \$244.1 million,

compared with \$236.8 million in 2021/22. This represents an overall increase of \$7.3 million. The total funding amount for 2022/23 has been reduced by \$2.4 million due to the funding adjustment for lower-than-expected enrolment in 2021/22. However, since this funding adjustment will be accounted for as a reduction in revenue for 2012/22, the net funding available for 2022/23 will be \$246.5 million representing a net increase of \$9.7 million. The funding increase is due to an overall increase of 1%, the government uses a three-year rolling average to calculate student dollar allocation. For growing boards like RVS, this impact is we are not fully funded for student growth. There is also a 4.6% increase in the transportation budget – to help cover anticipated rising fuel and insurance costs.

## STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The Board is embarking on development of a strategic plan. Our purpose is to connect with all students to ensure that everyone learns, belongs, and succeeds. We believe this is a shared responsibility that requires engagement and strong partnerships with parents/guardians and all stakeholders. Parents have received the survey. We look forward to warmer days and plenty of outdoor activities over the next few months.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH PROGRAM

The Duke of Edinburgh is an international youth self-paced, self-development program open to youth 14-25. Last year we started with 4 participants and have grown to 23. We would also like to acknowledge the addition of Kathleen Burk and Shelle Longeway as volunteers with the program. This program is sponsored by the Springbank Community Association. As part of their program, participants must complete hours of community service. Friday afternoons April 29, May 6, May 13, and May 20, participants are hosting a free Lego challenge drop-in for kids 6-12 from 4-6pm, at the Springbank Equestrian Center on lower Springbank Rd. Picture from the April 29 event. Students also hosted a series of stargazing evenings in March, unfortunately all but one evening was cloudy. The event was well attended, and a local resident brought his fantastic home-made telescope. The group plans to host more stargazing events in October when it gets dark earlier. We are in the middle of planning our adventure journey outings. May 27-29 participants will enjoy a 2-night backcountry experience in Nordegg. June 27-29 a Red Deer River canoe trip is planned.

If your child is interested, please contact Judi Hunter at [hunter47ab@yahoo.com](mailto:hunter47ab@yahoo.com)



On April 21, 2022, Rocky View County, Tsuut'ina Nation, and the Canadian Red Cross held an emergency training exercise in the Hamlet of Bragg Creek, simulating a mock emergency response to a wildfire on Moose Mountain. On the day, an incident command post was set up at the Bragg Creek Community Centre, a mock evacuation centre

was organized in the Springbank Park for All Seasons, and an emergency command centre was established in Rocky View County Hall.

Firefighters and volunteers went door-to-door throughout Bragg Creek, informing residents of the exercise and sharing emergency preparedness material. Members of the RCMP stopped vehicles entering and exiting parts of the community to share news about the training and hand out information. An exercise of this scale is years in the making and involves the work and partnership of more than 20 agencies and hundreds of employees and volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2022 Emergency Management Exercise. And thank you to the



communities of Bragg Creek and Springbank for your participation in the day. Through collaborative training events like this one, Rocky View County is helping to ensure the County is ready, connected, and prepared to support residents if a real emergency were to occur.



Thank you to the governments and agencies who participated in the event:

- The Canadian Red Cross
- Tsuut'ina Nation
- The Salvation Army
- St. John Ambulance
- Team Rubicon Canada
- Animal Emergency Task Force
- Redwood Meadows Emergency Services
- Canada Task Force 2
- Alberta Forestry and Agriculture
- Alberta Emergency Management Agency
- Crossfield Fire Department
- Cochrane Fire Department,
- Wheatland County
- Cochrane Search and Rescue
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Alberta
- Village of Beiseker
- Town of Irricana
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# 50th Annual Old Tyme Country Fair

We have reason to celebrate and are super excited to be hosting the 50th Annual Old Tyme Country Fair on Saturday, September 10th, 2022 at the Springbank Park For All Seasons. Many of the wonderful attractions that the community has come to love will be back, and a full day of fun will kick off with a delicious Lions Club Pancake Breakfast!

It will be a great day for Springbank families to gather together to celebrate 50 years of history, reuniting to embrace our agricultural roots, and to be a part of the amazing community spirit that is Springbank.

Throughout the day there will be activities and games for the kids, farm animals, and agricultural displays. Food trucks, the Horticulture Bench Show, and a Vendor Market featuring unique local vendors will make the day special for everyone in the Springbank community to enjoy.

It takes many hands to make the day the best it can be! If you are interested in being a part of the Fall Fair fun as a Volunteer, please let us know!

There are also several awesome Sponsorship opportunities available; the support we receive from local businesses ensures that we can make the Fall Fair a successful and memorable day for the community.

Please contact us at 403-242-2223 or [fallfair@springbankpark.com](mailto:fallfair@springbankpark.com) for Volunteer or Sponsorship information.

Stay tuned as final event plans are announced by visiting the Event's page at [www.springbankpark.com](http://www.springbankpark.com) or @ Springbank Park For All Seasons on Facebook and Instagram.

Whether you are new to the community or have been a Fall Fair enthusiast for many years, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 10th.



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