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NEVER BEING FARTHER APART NEVER NEEDING TO STAY CLOSER TOGETHER

Unprecedented. Can't believe this. Astounding. Hasn't happened in a hundred years. Never want to go through this again. Is this really happening? I wish this could just be all over. These are some of the reactions and thoughts that have gone through our minds while we all have been living since March in a world that is battling against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Normal routines at SPFAS came to a very abrupt halt in mid-March. With just a week or so remaining to complete the playoffs, our Minor Hockey colleagues had to shut down the hockey season virtually overnight. Our Figure Skaters closed their skating activities at SPFAS over a weekend. Our curlers were very close to wrapping up their season, however they were unable to have teams participate in a season ending Calgary City Championship event. The Playschool has been closed since mid-March, which makes the SPFAS much quieter than it is when the Playschool's students are here. The lounge, the concession, the sports shop and the dryland training area also all closed within a 24 hour period. As with other schools, our colleagues at the Springbank Community High School have had to transition to an entirely new online teaching and

learning protocol. Activities previously scheduled to begin at SPFAS in April and May, including outdoor soccer, indoor baseball training and outdoor baseball, spring hockey and figure skating, rugby and beach volleyball, have all been put on hold indefinitely.

The SPFAS main facility has been closed to the general public since March 16th. The ice has been removed from all 3 indoor facilities and, pending warmer weather coming soon, the ice will also be fully removed from the outdoor rink. The SPFAS Board and Staff have remained busy while transitioning to a new operational environment. Most importantly, this transition has been focused on how work can continue at SPFAS in conjunction with ensuring that those working at SPFAS implement safety measures and practices, including many new protocols that have been implemented to keep people safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.



SPFAS representatives have been in contact with our facility users, as well as with representatives of Rocky View County and the Province of Alberta. Finances are under review, maintenance projects are being completed and SPFAS facilities are being monitored on a regular basis. SPFAS continues to plan for a series of capital projects that are currently

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scheduled to be completed this summer. SPFAS is also committed to ensuring that the outdoor fields are well maintained when winter finally gives way to spring and summer. And this “shut down” time has provided SPFAS Staff with some opportunities to catch up with completing some work tasks and projects that previously were on the “back burner”.

SPFAS is currently projecting that facilities will not be open and accessible to the general public before June 30th. However, this date is subject to many variables and factors, including provincial and municipal consents to re-open recreation facilities. Officially, SPFAS is currently “closed until further notice”.

We as a community have never been farther apart for such an extended period. Social distancing requirements and responsibilities have completely changed how we interact, socialize, play and learn. These restrictions are challenging and difficult. SPFAS currently is not the “home away from home” that serves as the “heart of the Springbank Community”.

However, we all must look beyond being sad about how far apart from each other we are currently. While we all continue to do our part to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to recognize that the best way we can do so is for all of us to stay together with how we practice safe social distancing and other measures to

SPRINGBANK COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SCPA)

During these stressful times of the global pandemic together with the virtual collapse of our energy-based provincial economy, it is important that we remain strong in our opposition to the proposed Springbank dry dam (SR1) and its negative effects on our community. New estimates for infrastructure costs are about ½ of a BILLION dollars. Add to this the costs of operation and testing to await a 1-in-100 year flood event. Springbank residents must keep telling our provincial and federal governments and their representatives (MLA and MP) that we do not want to spend our taxpayers’ money on this ill-conceived project. It is the wrong project, designed to handle ONLY flood and not drought.

Meanwhile, investigations of flood mitigation projects on the Bow River are still in their early stages.

Kudos to the Springbank Community Association for their continued action and intervention on both of these projects, as well as for the Association’s corresponding assessments of how they impact our community.

Contributed by the Board of Springbank Community Planning Association (SCPA)

protect everyone in our community. Presently what is most important is that we stay together by all doing our part to protect each other from the COVID-19 pandemic. The time will come when we can once again be together like we all want to be. We will once again be able to hold hands to show our unity and support for each other. When that time comes and it is appropriate to do so, SPFAS will enthusiastically let the Springbank Community know when we will be open to the general public. We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back to SPFAS. In the meantime, be safe, be smart, be responsible, think of others, provide encouragement, remain positive and know that, at the right time, SPFAS will once again be there as your “home away from home” while continuing to serve as the “heart of the Springbank Community”.

 *Contributed by John Rop – SPFAS General Manager*

SPRING THAW

We are all so very much looking forward to spring and the warmer weather it brings, the opportunities for new growth that it provides, the return of birds from their migrations, as well as the excitement of new wildlife being born. Our thanks to Lynda Gilchrist for sharing with us her beautiful photo below of a sure sign that spring is coming, as is demonstrated by ice melting from tree branches that are getting ready to sprout with new leaves.

 *Photo Contributed by Lynda Gilchrist/Written Content Contributed by John Rop – SPFAS General Manager*



CELEBRATING SPRINGBANK'S AGRICULTURAL ROOTS WITH CALVING SEASON – ANOTHER SURE SIGN OF SPRING

Springbank has a very rich agricultural history that goes back more than 100 years. The Springbank Community has been blessed to have a number of prominent families who for many years



We often take for granted how much we enjoy our Alberta Beef. And we also take for granted how important the agricultural sector is to the entire Province of Alberta. It all starts with farmers and ranchers who

have carried forward their agricultural practices and traditions from one generation to the next. Springbank to this day continues to be home for many families who manage farms and ranches located within our community.

Calving is one of the very special agricultural traditions that takes place every year. Along with the excitement of many calves being born, calving season brings with it lots of smiles and joy (and sometimes hardship and sadness, too), many long hours of monitoring the herd, as well as tons of hard work feeding the cows and taking care of the calves. Calving season is one of those many times of the year when farmers and ranchers in the truest sense do “whatever it takes” to be excellent stewards and take outstanding care of their livestock, regardless of weather conditions and so many other factors.

tend so diligently and faithfully to their livestock. And it all starts with the new life that comes with calving season – Another sure sign that spring is coming soon. Let’s ensure that we in our Springbank Community continue to celebrate our agricultural history by honoring and respecting the families who, through multiple generations, have planted and nurtured such deep agricultural roots within our community. We are fortunate that many of these families continue today to contribute to our community as they operate their farms and ranches in Springbank. We recognize and say thank you to them and we look forward to these families continuing to be so important to our community for many years to come.

 Photo of the Munro Farm and Written Content Contributed by John Rop – SPFAS General Manager



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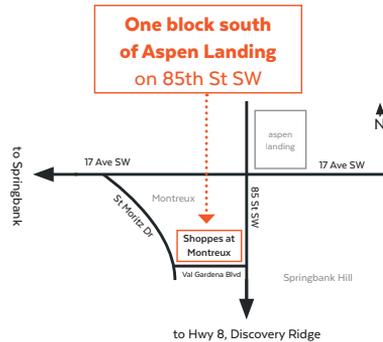
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It has been a scary month for many in our world as governments try to contain the spread of COVID-19. Areas of our Banff-Kananaskis riding have been disproportionately hard hit amidst this crisis. For towns like Canmore, Banff, and even Bragg Creek to a certain extent, being visitor economies caught in the center of a global health crisis has put many in a

uniquely vulnerable position. High visitation brings high risk of contact with the virus, yet without that visitation our tourism economies are collapsing. In Banff, the unemployment rate is now hovering around 85%.

Our government has been working around the clock to ensure the health, financial security, and economic future of everyone in this province. Many of you will need support during these times, and our government is doing what we can to assist. Navigating the onslaught of constant news updates can be difficult, so I hope the summarized information below will help.

For individuals in self isolation and unable to work, \$50 million has been made available for one-time payments of \$1,146. Federal emergency support payments will not flow until mid-April, so this will provide immediate cash availability for you who need it. All electricity and natural gas utilities are now eligible for a 90 day deferral, regardless of your provider. All loans, lines of credit, and mortgage payments from ATB have been made eligible for a six month deferral, and a six month interest-free moratorium on student loan payments has also been implemented. Further, all residential education tax increases have been cancelled and will be frozen at the 2019 rate.

If you are a business owner, we have suspended all corporate tax collection until August 31. We estimate this will free up \$1.5 billion for small, medium, and large sized businesses to keep Albertans working. You may defer all of your WCB premiums until 2021, and if you are a small or medium sized business owner, our government will cover 50% of your premiums. You may now also defer your commercial education taxes for six months.

If you work in the energy industry, we have extended all mineral agreements set to expire in 2020 by a year to provide certainty and additional time to raise capital, and will be covering the Alberta Energy Regulator fee for six months to give \$113 million of financial relief to the industry.

When it comes to accessible healthcare being provided to Albertans, we have increased the healthcare budget by \$500 million, tripled the capacity of the 811 call line, instituted new billing codes allowing physicians to take virtual and telephone appointments while maintaining healthy social distance, extended job-protected leave to 14 days for those of you needing to self isolate, and created a mental health texting line at 393939. We are also conducting more COVID-19 tests than anywhere else in Canada, and are conducting more tests per capita than almost anywhere in the entire United States.

These are challenging times for everyone, but the cumulative above measures have been the most robust counter-stimulus package in Albertan history, and our government will spare nothing to ensure that our people and businesses get through this.

As Albertans, we have faced adversity before, and we have overcome. Similarly now, with support from each other, our governments, our faith communities, and our civil societies, I know we will overcome COVID-19 too. Resilience and self-determination are in our DNA, and I know that we will get through this together, even if it isn't easy.

In the meantime - stay safe, wash your hands, and reach out to those around you. Social distancing does not mean social isolation, and there are many people out there who may need support and encouragement.

A vertical graphic with a dark background. At the top is the coat of arms of Alberta. Below it, the text reads "MLA Miranda Rosin's Constituency Offices". A large, white-outlined box with the word "CLOSED" in bold, black letters is tilted and has a dotted line trailing off to the right. Below this, a smaller portrait of Miranda Rosin is shown. To the right of the portrait, text explains the closure: "Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and the need for social distancing, my offices will be closed until further notice." Below that, contact information is provided: "For all concerns and assistance, we can still be reached by phone at 403-609-4509 or by email at banff.kananaskis@assembly.ab.ca". At the bottom, it says "Stay safe!".

MLA Miranda Rosin's
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Stay safe!

FRIDAY MORNING SENIORS MIXED CURLING LEAGUE

A Great Curling Opportunity -
Have Fun, Exercise & Socialize

Our season windup lunch was held on Friday, March 13th, which truly was a very good happy day for Ed Tysowski and his curling team. They were declared the winners of the Winter Session Round Robin Tournament and were then presented with the Nelson Memorial Trophy by League President Tim Presber and Honorary lifetime Member Norman Nelson. We were very pleased that Norm was able to join us for this event. We thank his daughter Sharon for driving him to SPFAS from his residence in Cochrane despite the wintery driving conditions that morning.

Ed was especially delighted with his win, exclaiming: "It's taken me 18 years of playing with this League to finally win the trophy!" Our congratulations to Ed, who is pictured here with his team (Tracey Cove third, Marie Gay second and Diana Lawrence lead) along with Norman Nelson. Their names are etched for posterity on the Nelson Memorial Trophy.

Brian Davies, our exemplary drawmaster, is planning to send out emails in mid-August and mid-September asking regular curlers, as well as spares, if they would like to curl with us in the 2020 - 2021 season. You are welcome to contact Brian (briancapitalland@gmail.com or 403 861 2742) to obtain more information. Come on out and join us! In these uncertain times however, our plans for the next curling season of course depend on whether the COVID-19 emergency is behind us prior to the scheduled start of the season.

In the meantime, best wishes for a safe, healthy and happy summer!

Contributed by Shirley Tajcnar



Spring SURPRIZE!

Community Business Giveaway

Rocky View County Councillor Kim McKylor is hosting a community business giveaway to showcase local businesses that area residents can support during this difficult time. Springbank residents are invited to enter to win one of several great prizes!

Contest rules and entry form can be found on:

Facebook: facebook.com/McKylorDiv2

Web: <http://forms.gle/ugZHob1yDBDaYw1y8>

Email: kmckylor@rockyview.ca

Entry Deadline: May 30, 2020

Thank you to all participating businesses for their generous donations to the prize draw.

Hank's Grill

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Little Tavern Pizza

Mountain View Building Materials

Springbank Links

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Stampede Collision/Carstar Springbank

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KIM MCKYLOR

Rocky View Country Councillor for Division 2



Silver linings. Usually, even in the darkest times, if we use our positivity, we can find silver linings. There is little doubt this COVID-19 pandemic will go down in history as one of the darkest times for our entire world.

For me, my family and friends, we've connected in ways that perhaps we forgot were possible. We've talked on phones, rather than texting. We've used facetime and other ways to have virtual coffees. We've stopped assuming we could just visit anytime we wanted to (which often meant those times were farther apart) and we have connected much more frequently. We have shopped, baked and cooked to leave presents on each other's door steps. We have made funny videos and challenged others to do silly and fun things. And I found out that, even when I have time, I still don't like putting away folded clothes or vacuuming!

I have also seen fantastic community efforts to keep connections going. Neighbor to neighbor – Painting window pictures and chalking sidewalks, offering to pick up groceries for someone else, and playing virtual games with each other. We are walking more (with physical distance) and we're learning how to home school and entertain little ones without regularly scheduled activities like going to school, playing sports and visiting friends. We've learned to be a little less regulated into timeslots and we've allowed our families to become a little more fluid. These are all silver linings.

As I write this, we are still very much in the throes of the pandemic. Cases in Calgary, Canada and the world continue to rise. More and more government restrictions on our movements, how many people can come together (currently 15). No nonessential services are open, parks are closed and our economy is (and will continue) taking a huge hit until we can right ourselves. But this gives us time to read a book. Perhaps you can now write that novel you've always thought about, or paint a picture, or learn about photography in your own backyard. We now have the time to invest in those things that we've always said we would do once we had more time. These are silver linings.

County business is continuing. Essential services are available. Development permits are being issued and

the County's Planning Staff continue to meet (virtually) with those who are interested in developing, sub-dividing, building, or needing advice for a future project. While the physical office may be closed, Rocky View County Staff (just like virtually every other business) are working from home and doing their best to continue to serve residents. Council had to cancel both the last Council Meeting in March and the first one in April, both because of public compliance requirements and number of people/physical distancing rules. We are planning to hold a virtual public Council Meeting near the end of April. There will be no public hearings, but all other work should be able to move forward. And of course, I've been here and will continue to be here – Working from home, answering inquires, entering service tickets on your behalf and trying to ensure you continue to get the best service you can from RVC. I continue to work on projects I was just getting underway (i.e. funding for some recreation projects, a notice of motion for a pathway plan, and even a small dog park). This work continues although it may take a little longer to present to Council.

And speaking of businesses – Springbank has many great businesses. Right in our own community, many are still open either as essential services, or they are finding creative ways to continue to provide services at the curbside. It is so important to support our local businesses!

In support of this, I have launched a Community Feel Good Give-Away Contest. Complete details are available in my newsletter and on my facebook page. Here is the link you can use to submit your entry: <https://forms.gle/yUTmoQWDqCrX8tV17>.

Great prizes have already been provided by a number of our terrific local businesses:

- Hank's Grill: Kamado Joe Junior Smoker/Charcoal with lawn chairs and a brisket
- Springbank Links: Golf for 2
- Little Tavern Pizza at Springbank Links: \$100 gift certificate
- Stampede Collision: Complete auto detailing.

Other prizes are being added during the course of this Contest, which is open to all residents who live in Divisions 2 and 3 of Rocky View County.

I think this pandemic will encourage all of us to find more time to do important things in our lives. We will take the time to say "thank you" for small deeds, we will do small deeds, we will slow down and we will become more creative and more resilient. We will become a stronger community, a community I'm proud to call home.

Springbank LADIES TIME OUT

The Executive of the Ladies Time Out (LTO) group in Springbank hope you are all staying healthy and safe during these challenging times. As a group that is built and focused on providing a meeting place for women to come together, we are greatly missing our weekly visits with our wonderful Members. Perhaps you are keeping busy working on your art masterpiece, getting creative with needle felting, decorating cookies, or creating delicious meals and desserts using new recipes you have always wanted to try.

Unfortunately, the remainder of our Winter session is cancelled. However, we are remaining hopeful and planning for the Fall session, which will start in September. We are always looking to add new and exciting content to our calendars. 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 teaching a class, send your email to springbanklto@gmail.com.

Please visit our website (www.springbanklto.com) to obtain more information about our LTO group. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram ([@springbanklto](https://www.instagram.com/springbanklto)) to view photos of past LTO activities and to obtain updates regarding upcoming LTO events. We are also hoping to connect our Members with past LTO Class instructors who want to share their skills online through our social media.

People are now spending more time cooking and baking. LTO is pleased to provide a wonderful recipe from LTO Vice Chair Lori Champagne, one of our long time Members who has served as an instructor for many of our Cooking classes. Enjoy!

Contributed by Nicole Genereux for Ladies Time Out

EVERYDAY MULTIGRAIN SEED BREAD – BREAD MACHINE

By Lori Champagne: Adapted from the recipe for English Granary Bread, in Whole Grain Breads by Machine or Hand by Beatrice Ojakangas.

This variation uses some sourdough to conserve yeast. You can choose your favourite seeds to add – sunflower, flax (whole or ground), poppy, pumpkin, chia, sesame.

INGREDIENTS

3 tablespoons Roger's Golden syrup or substitute honey, corn syrup, maple syrup (60 grams)

1 1/3 cups water

2 tablespoons butter or margarine (30 grams)

2 teaspoons salt

2 cups whole wheat flour (300 grams)

2 cups white flour (280 grams)

About 1/2 cup fed sourdough (100 -150 grams)

1 teaspoon yeast (use 2 teaspoons if you are not using sourdough)

4 tablespoons of seeds (suggestions: a mix of sunflower, flax, poppy, pumpkin, chia, sesame)

DIRECTIONS

Pour water into pan of bread machine. Add other ingredients with the dry yeast and seeds added last.

Select Basic or Whole Wheat cycle. Crust setting can be light or medium.

Makes a large loaf.



KEVIN HANSON

Rocky View Country Councillor for Division 3



Sober Second Thought

This week, Council had a virtual workshop to review our Capital Budget spend for 2020, with a second look at what commitments we have made so far this year, what is optional, and what could be postponed. All of this is with a keen eye to the environment we will likely find ourselves in at the end

of 2020 and into 2021. Next week, we plan to discuss our current Operating Budget, which already has been significantly impacted by the current economic realities we find ourselves in.

My thinking is we are in for prolonged, tough economic times, impacting a large swath of residents in all corners of Rocky View. About 27% of our assessment is non-residential. It supplies just over 50% of our tax revenue given a business “mill-rate” factor of three compared to the residential rate. If the Province’s projections for a near-term potential 25% unemployment rate come to light, there will be a significant number of related business failures. Without doubt, reduced commercial tax revenues for 2021 is the coming reality.

In our discussions, I took a very pragmatic approach to my recommendations. If it is grant money that is at risk of being lost, my thinking is we should try to capture the Provincial and Federal funds. If it is your hard-earned tax dollars being spent, then deferring that spend is prudent. Council plans to debate this publicly during our April 28th Council Meeting.

Property Tax Deferral Scheme - Notice of Motion

Given the unprecedented financial stress expected in the near-term, Councillor Crystal Kissel and I will be submitting a Notice of Motion for the April 28th Council Meeting. In it we will be suggesting a framework for a tax deferral scheme that we believe could cushion the financial impacts of this pandemic for many residents.

This could be the bridge financing that many residents need to be able to stay in their homes. Utilities, mortgages, and rents are being deferred. Avoiding a balloon payment at the end of the deferral is a key concern. Therefore, the initial proposal we want debated is that 2020 taxes be deferred to the end of the year. Those 6 - 8 months of tax deferrals would then be paid over

the next 12 months, blended in with 2021’s normal tax payments. Residents would have to apply for this relief, and commit to joining the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) if their properties are not already enrolled in the Program. This does help with our cash flows to some extent.

Property taxes are not forgone, but a deferral would strain the RVC cashflow situation until mid-2021, and cost us interest income. We had about \$39 million of your hard-earned dollars in our Tax Stabilization Reserve at the start of this year. \$9.6 million was earmarked by Council to push water and sewer under the QEII into West Balzac to service potential new development. That leaves approximately \$30 million in the County’s “Rainy Day” fund. If the current situation isn’t a rainy day, I don’t know what is. Hopefully our colleagues agree.

Public Input Needed

While folks are stuck at home, now might be a good time to get involved in providing feedback into how your County is governed. Rocky View is moving ahead with a number of initiatives, and is using on-line means to interact with residents and stakeholders. Survey feedback is being sought for Specialized Municipality Status, and for new Electoral Boundaries for the next election. See the “News & Events” tab at www.RockyView.ca. This method does not supplant face-to-face meetings but it does allow Administration to perform some of the precursory work. If you have any comments or concerns about this process or the topics you are being asked to weigh in on, please email your message to questions@rockyview.ca and “cc” my email address when you send it.

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, EMAIL Kevin.Hanson@RockyView.ca.

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SPRINGBANK LIONS CLUB DONATES \$5,000 TO SPFAS FOR LIONS SOCCER PARK ENHANCEMENTS

SPFAS representatives attended the Springbank Lions Club Meeting that was held on March 9th, at which time Lions Club Member (and SPFAS Board Member) Nick Maksymiuk presented a cheque for \$5,000 on behalf of the Lions Club to SPFAS President Lisa Skelton. The SPFAS Board of Directors has formally approved the matching of this donation on a dollar for dollar basis with \$5,000 from the SPFAS Capital Reserve. Combined total funding of \$10,000 will be utilized to finance the following capital project which is currently scheduled to be completed in the Lions Soccer Park this coming spring and summer:

- Installation of a new electrically powered drip water line system to irrigate the evergreen trees located along the west, east and south sides of the Lions Soccer Park's Stormwater Pond
- Replacement of some of the dead evergreen trees currently located around the Stormwater Pond
- Potential additions of other new evergreen trees within the Lions Soccer Park.

Upon completion, this project will enhance the overall enjoyment, esthetics and safety, as well as the natural habitat and sustainability, of the entire Lions Soccer Park. This project serves as another example of the many benefits SPFAS has received during the long-standing historical partnership legacy SPFAS and the Springbank Lions Club have shared for many years. Over these years, the Lions Club has contributed tons of Members' time and "sweat equity" labor, as well as more than \$100,000 in cash donations, to a wide array of SPFAS capital projects. This legacy includes SPFAS and the Lions Club working together for more than 25 years to build, develop and enhance the Lions Soccer Park. Capital projects that have been jointly undertaken by the Lions Club and SPFAS within the Lions Soccer Park during this period include:

- Initial construction of Soccer Fields, the Stormwater Pond and a Fields Irrigation System
- Movement of the initially installed fence around the Soccer Park's Stormwater Pond
- Construction of a storage garage in the Soccer Park
- Installation of a new fence around the Stormwater Pond and preservation of the Pond's banks
- Restoration of Springbank Creek which flows through Springbank Lions Soccer Park
- Installation of a solar powered aerator in the Stormwater Pond
- Planting of numerous trees within the Soccer Park.

On behalf of SPFAS and the entire Springbank Community, including all of those who come to SPFAS to play and learn and socialize in the Lions Soccer Park, the SPFAS Board of Directors warmly thanks the Springbank Lions Club Members for their most recent donation towards the above noted Lions Soccer Park capital project. SPFAS is very appreciative of and grateful for all of the support received over the years from the Springbank Lions Club. SPFAS is also looking forward to continuing to build and retain this outstanding partnership with the Springbank Lions Club for many years to come.

Contributed by John Rop - SPFAS General Manager



Springbank Playschool



The Springbank Playschool is currently accepting 3 and 4 year old student registrations for the 2020 - 2021 school term. My two children have attended the Springbank Playschool for the past 2 school years. They and their fellow students have truly benefitted from the Springbank Playschool's exceptionally loving, warm and encouraging environment. This environment is unique to the Springbank Playschool. It is not replicated at other early child education facilities located in and around Springbank. Eager caring teachers consistently focus on nurturing all of their students, as together they participate in a vast array of terrific learning activities that are scheduled throughout the entire school term. The Springbank Playschool's teachers continually strive to provide an enriching, caring and socially interactive learning environment for all of their students.

In spite of all the current events happening in our world, the Springbank Playschool has utilized computer technology to continue to offer fun and creative ways for the students to stay connected with their teachers and their classmates. The children regularly receive updates about their classmates, as well as about fun activities that they can complete at home. The enrichment process has continued even though the children have not been able to come to their Playschool classroom. The Springbank Playschool has

done a terrific job with creating a seamless transition during these challenging times!

Learning through play is said to be a beneficial model for young children. Along with incorporating some structured time, the Playschool teaches children to learn how to play in an open environment, as well as share their ideas and concepts with fellow students. The Playschool also helps children to understand the importance of their responsibilities to, amongst other activities, line up properly and eat appropriately during sit down snack times. The children learn lots of basic practical concepts and they also acquire many social skills that help to ensure they are ready and eager for kindergarten!

Parents of registered students have the opportunity to serve on the Playschool's Board of Directors. Having firsthand experience with serving on this Board, I am pleased to confirm the Playschool retains a sound governance and leadership model that is beneficial for the children and their parents. Parents truly have a voice within the Playschool. You have a say and indeed you can provide your input into the Playschool's operational structure, how your child will be learning, as well as what your child will learn.

You can visit the Playschool's website at www.springbankplayschool.ca to obtain additional information. You are most welcome

to learn more about how you can register your 3 or 4 year old child for the next Springbank Playschool term. Remember to support local initiatives and programs during these difficult times. The Playschool has been located at the Springbank Park For All Seasons while serving our community for many years.

Contributed by Naveen Minhas for the Springbank Playschool



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Winter weather conditions in Springbank and the Greater Calgary Region have crept well beyond mid-April. This has been the winter that has kept giving us snow and cold temperatures well into April. We humans have indeed endured what feels like a very long winter and we can appreciate how the animals and birds with whom we share our community have also done so.

Brian Robb has shared a terrific photo he recently took of a Great Horned Owl sheltered in a rocky outcrop.

Peter Flach has contributed his photo of a cow moose and her yearling who were strolling through his yard and munching on willow bushes.

Thanks to Linda Murphy, we can enjoy her photo of a majestic bobcat she spotted this winter cruising through her neighbourhood while it was out on the prowl for its next meal.

Jeff Schmidt has contributed his photo of cows belonging to a large herd of elk which has been grazing in and roaming through the western part of Springbank throughout the winter.

Arlene Rop has spotted members of a very small flock of tundra swans who have been hanging around Springbank in and amongst a very large flock of Canada Geese. Together the swans and the geese have been feasting on unharvested grain in a field located in the northern part of Springbank.

We thank our Springbank residents who have shared with us their locally taken photos included in this edition of the Park Patter Newsletter. If you would like to share your photos of birds or other wildlife you've recently taken in Springbank, email them to jrop@springbank-park.com.

 Contributed by John Rop – SPFAS General Manager



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We on the Global Team are looking forward to hearing from you!

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SPRINGBANK CREATIVE ARTS CLUB

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

It's April already! As we know, a lot has happened that has turned our world and our lives upside down. The COVID virus pandemic has had a terrible effect on our health and well-being. We at the Springbank Creative Arts Club hope that everyone is able to cope and have faith that we will survive these challenging times.

The Club is looking forward to meeting again in the future. We are delighted to have had some ladies join the Club at the beginning of this year. Our Club has plenty of room for other women, as well as also for some gentlemen, to join us.

Several positions are currently available for Members to fill on the Club's Executive for the remainder of 2020. If you are an organizer, decorator &/or have some skills that could be utilized while you serve on the Executive, please let us know if you are interested in doing so.

Do you have a craft that you would like to share with the group? Send the details to the Club and we will see if there is interest in you making a presentation to our Members. Please contact Janice via email (janice3lambert@gmail.com) to ask to about having

any items included in the new business that will be introduced at future Club meetings (dates to be determined).

The Club will be not be hosting a Spring Fling Sale this year, as current social distancing requirements prohibit this type of event from being held.

We are a small but very enthusiastic group and we warmly welcome new members to join our Club and attend our meetings and other events. The Club provides great opportunities to meet artists, artisans and other crafters who live in Springbank. After we are permitted to get together again, come to the Club's meetings and bring along with you your latest creations (for Show & Tell) to present to and share with other Club Members. You can obtain more information about the Club, a Club membership, future Club meetings and the 2020 Annual Christmas Market Sale (to be held on November 7th and 8th) by sending your email to yjo999@gmail.com. You can also following the Club on facebook at facebook.com/springbank-christmasmarket.

Stay safe everyone!

Contributed by Yvonne Bamlett for the Springbank Creative Arts Club

SPRINGBANK RAWHIDES 4-H CLUB

Due to the spread of COVID-19 and in order to protect the safety of our members, 4-H Alberta has currently postponed all 4-H events until May 31st. Our main event, the annual 4-H On Parade that was to be held at the Calgary Stampede grounds at the end of May, has been cancelled. Each year this event showcases 4-H Club Members' hard work with their projects, including those for equine, canine, beef, sheep and lifeskills activities. The 4-H On Parade Committee is working hard and looking into other options, such as a virtual show, to hold this event. Ideas being considered include 4-H Members sending videos that profile their projects. By sending their videos to the Committee, 4-H Members could then participate in the Parade, receive feedback and also be awarded placings in the respective competitions.

Before all 4-H activities and events were cancelled, five Members of Springbank Rawhides participated in district-level public speaking competitions. All of these Club Members performed very well. Some of them were awarded placements which provided them with opportunities to advance to the next level of competition. Unfortunately, the regional-level public speaking competition that was to be hosted in Strathmore had to be cancelled.

Even though the Rawhides Club is not currently conducting meetings and holding clinics, Members continue to fulfill their duties with respect to caring for their animals. They also continue to practice for competitions that will take place in the future when they can be scheduled at the appropriate times. Members involved in lifeskills projects continue to work independently on their crafts, woodworking, sewing, welding and/or marketing initiatives. After everything returns back to a "new normal", the Club's Members who are working on lifeskills projects may be able to host a show at the Springbank Park For All Seasons.

Our Club's Members continue to be in contact with each other through TeamSnap, where we are getting regular updates about future plans and any cancelled events. The Rawhides Club's Members are certainly looking forward to our upcoming social gatherings which will be scheduled after current isolation directives and protocols come to an end.

The Springbank Rawhides 4-H Club Members wish for you and your family to be safe and healthy!

Contributed by Jennifer Sadownyk



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SPRINGBANK HERITAGE CLUB NEWS

Though we didn't know it at the time, our February 26th Potluck Lunch was the last Club event we'll be having for the time being, thanks to Covid-19. But we went out with a bang! This event was very well attended. Extra overflow place settings had to be laid out quickly to accommodate the larger than anticipated crowd. There was an abundant variety of delectable dishes to choose from. After the Potluck Lunch, we were entertained royally by the upbeat routines performed by Reba J and her Chinook Country Mardi Gras Dancers. What

a joyous and energetic group of ladies, who were obviously getting as much pleasure dancing for us, as we were from watching them perform! For a finale, Reba encouraged some of us to get up and join the Dancers for an albeit simple dance, which she walked us through before putting it to music. We all enjoyed a really 'fun day' at the Potluck Lunch and we all have another happy Springbank Heritage Club memory to look back on.

The Chairperson of the Heritage Club's Building Committee recently reported that work is progressing, via phone calls and emails, with respect to finalizing the draft plans for the interior aspects of the renovation and addition to the Club's Facility. The next step involves having our architect create working drawings which contractors can peruse and then use to prepare cost quotes for the overall project. To date, Rocky View County has approved matching grants of almost \$279,000 for this capital project.

Earlier on in 2020, the Club experienced a welcome and dramatic increase in total membership. We hope we'll be able to get together again and enjoy our various activities before too long. These activities include Tuesday morning singing, Tuesday afternoon games and Friday afternoon easy listening music group get togethers.



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Sadly, the Club is not planning to host the annual Strawberry Tea in May. We have good reason to make next year's Strawberry Tea event an extra big celebration. May the strawberries be even bigger and more flavorful and the varieties of tea be more plentiful at next year's event!

Stay safe and know that, somewhere down the line, 'We'll Meet Again'!

Contributed by Shirley Tajcnar



SPRINGBANK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL TEAM PLACES SECOND AT THE PROVINCIAL “FIRST” ROBOTICS COMPETITION HELD MARCH 6 - 8, 2020 IN EDMONTON

Mr. Mathew and his team of Springbank Community High School (SCHS) students celebrated a 2nd Place Alliance Finish at the Provincial “FIRST” Robotics Competition that was held in Edmonton from March 6 – 8, 2020. SCHS was the only school participating in this event that registered Grades 10, 11 & 12 students to participate in this event. Students in the SCHS Robotics Program, which is still in its infancy as it has only been operational for 3 years, have done very well at all of the competitions at which SCHS teams have competed.

FIRST is a not-for-profit organization, founded by Dean Kamen in 1989, that has as its Core Values: • Discovery: We explore new skills and ideas. • Innovation: We use creativity and persistence to solve problems. • Impact: We apply what we learn to improve our world. • Inclusion: We respect each other and embrace our differences. • Teamwork: We are stronger when we work together. • Fun: We enjoy and celebrate what we do! Similarly, the goals of the SCHS Robotics Program are to foster innovation and problem-solving through

the mediums of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The SCHS Program has provided many students with early acceptance to their chosen University Degree Study Programs. Mr. Matthews and students in the SCHS program are passionate, committed, dedicated and enthusiastic, as well as very knowledgeable, about robotics. Students in the Program have developed the following skills:

- Design thinking, prototyping, modelling and problem solving
- Engineering and fabrication
- Project management, programming and team work
- Business skills including preparing budgets and business cases.

Warmest congratulations to everyone at SCHS who is involved in the Robotics Program!

Contributed by Judi Hunter, Rocky View Schools Ward 5 Trustee



SPRINGBANK GARDEN CLUB

The weather is changing every day in Springbank. We hope that you've had a chance to get outside and connect with nature. With spring upon us, it's a great time to think about planting your own garden and growing some fresh produce for you and your family. If you're not sure where to start, or even if you are a seasoned gardener, you can connect with others at the Springbank Garden Club (SGC). Sharing gardening tips for growing different plants in Springbank are some of the many topics for discussion at the SGC meetings. Growing plants from seed is something that can be very rewarding! Often the produce you grow yourself is much tastier than what you find in the store.

Every year, the SGC champions an opportunity for the youth in Springbank to plant their own gardens while participating in the Springbank Junior Gardener Program. The SCG provides a large variety of seeds and bulbs to these junior gardeners for planting. And, in the late summer, SCG Members will come and view their gardens. The Members award ribbons of merit and the young gardeners are encouraged to enter their produce in the Springbank Fall Fair (in September), where they can win prizes. Although the SGC visits to the gardens may not take place this year, the Club is still planning to have seeds available for the youth who are interested in starting their gardens this season.

The table found at <https://www.buyagreenhouse.com/gardening-information/seed-starting-dates-for-calgary> highlights some seeds that can be started indoors, based on the first frost-free date being June 1st. Make sure to check the weather forecast (especially to ensure there will be no more days with overnight frost) before you plant your seedlings in your outside garden.

The Springbank Garden Club has temporarily suspending our meetings, but we will be back to how things used to be once the current COVID-19 situation is resolved. We want to wish you and your family all the best in the days to come.

If you would like to obtain more information regarding the Junior Gardener Program or the Springbank Garden Club, you are welcome to contact Barb via phone at 403-286-1605 or via email at bdsweetsmith@gmail.com. Subject to returning back to a "new normal" routine for all of us, the Club normally meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month, from September until June, at the Springbank United Church.

Contributed by Monika Stirling- Master Gardener on behalf of the Springbank Garden Club

SPRINGBANK ASP DRAFT & TECHNICAL ASSESSMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

The draft Springbank ASP is now available on the County website at www.rockyview.ca/SpringbankASP.

Following presentation of the "pre-release draft" in May of 2019, the County has been working to develop the final draft of the ASP based on feedback received and the findings of the technical assessments.

The technical assessments that support implementation of the ASP are complete and include:

- A study examining potential water and waste water servicing options;
- A transportation study assessing the transportation improvements that will be required to support development within the Plan area; and,
- An environmental study which identifies areas of environmental significance, habitat areas and wildlife corridors.

Due to current restrictions on public gatherings we have replaced a drop-in information session with a video presentation on our website to present the draft plan. If after reviewing the video presentation and supporting documents you have additional questions or feedback, please contact Jessica Anderson at janderson@rockyview.ca. We would be happy to chat over the phone, respond to questions, comments or concerns via email or video chat.

Contributed by Jessica Anderson & Dominic Kazmierczak - Rocky View County Planning Services



LUCAS SMITH: TAKING WHAT HE LEARNED GROWING UP IN SPRINGBANK TO BE A LEADER AT POST UNIVERSITY

The last name “Smith” is not one that is widely recognized around the Springbank Community. The “Astley” surname (David and Rosmarie Astley) is one that is much better known. Their eldest grandchild is Lucas Smith, who grew up in Springbank alongside sister Jenna, mother Susanne Astley Smith and father Gordon Smith. They reside on part of the property formerly known as Sandstone Farm.

Lucas began his school and sports journey in Springbank in 1999 when he was just 3 years old. He attended preschool at the Springbank Park For All Seasons Playschool. That same year, Lucas participated in the Learn to Skate program, which at that time was led by Mary Leggett on behalf of the Springbank Figure Skating Club. Lucas joined the Pre-Tyke Springbank Bears the following year, the first season of his hockey journey.

Lucas attended Springbank’s schools from Kindergarten through Grade 11. He played on teams in the Springbank Minor Hockey Association until he completed his Bantam hockey. He was cut from the NWCAA program both years when he played Bantam hockey. This motivated Lucas to work even harder. So instead of playing in the NWCAA Bantam program, Lucas and his Springbank Bantam hockey teams won City Championships. Lucas then made the jump to play NWCAA quadrant hockey at the Midget age level.

Lucas is a past recipient of the Kyle James Stuart Memorial Scholarship, which is given to Springbank Minor Hockey Association players to assist them with

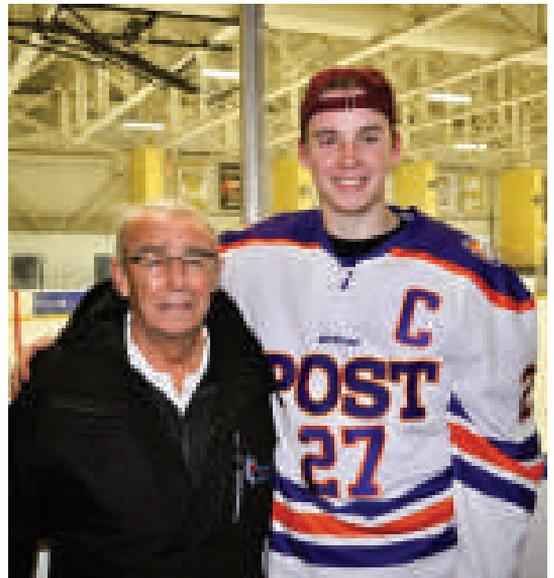
pursuing their post-secondary education. He wishes to thank the Springbank Minor Hockey Association and the Kyle Stuart Memorial Foundation for all of the mentoring, guidance and support he received while he played hockey in Springbank.

Lucas continued his education and hockey journey by completing his Grade 12 school year in Kelowna, B.C. while playing in the Pursuit of Excellence School’s Hockey Program.

From an early age, Lucas understood the dedication and hard work required to pursue his hockey dream. He wanted to follow in his uncle Mark Astley’s footsteps. After completing his high school education, Lucas established a personal goal to, similar to what his uncle did, pursue his education while playing men’s NCAA hockey at the collegiate level in the United States.

Lucas then played junior hockey in Wisconsin for the Dells Ducks in 2014/15 and 2015/16. Both years, his team won their regional, conference, and league championships. In 2015/16, Lucas was named the Ducks’ team captain. While playing for the Ducks, he was recruited to play NCAA Division 2 College Hockey for Post University which is located in Waterbury, Connecticut.

Lucas has attended Post University for the past 4 years. He is currently completing in his senior year. Coming out of his freshman year in 2017, Lucas was named captain of the Post University Men’s Hockey Team. This was a big responsibility, as he had to understand the



needs of the upperclassmen and have them recognize an underclassman as their captain. He has served as the team's captain for three years.

During his first three seasons at Post University, Lucas was voted the recipient of the Post Men's Ice Hockey Team's Iron Eagle award. This award is given to the men's hockey player who demonstrates character and grit in conjunction with being the team's best representative on and off the ice.

Last year at Post University's All Sports Athletics Banquet, he received two significant awards. First, he was awarded the 2018/19 Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year. This award is given to the player who is most dedicated to his studies, holds an excellent GPA and has attained great success in his respective playing field. Lucas also named as the male recipient of the 2018/19 Raymond Lamoy Award, which is given to a student-athlete who has compassion for others, supports teammates, is committed to academic achievement and community, and is a positive role model who exemplifies honesty and integrity. This award was given to Lucas particularly in recognition of his efforts to support and give back to those living within the Waterbury, Connecticut community. As team captain, Lucas masterminded and spearheaded three major charity events. He led his Post hockey teammates in various initiatives that raised \$27,000 for local charities.

This past January while playing hockey in his senior year, Lucas was selected to be 1 of just 13 nominees nationwide across the United States as a candidate to receive the Hockey Humanitarian Award. NCAA Division 1, 2 or 3 men's or women's hockey players are eligible for this honor. This Award is given to "good hockey players who are great people". His senior hockey season was also highlighted by Lucas leading his team in minutes played over 26 games. He also led the team's defensemen in scoring by tallying 17 points.

At Post University, Lucas is studying to obtain a double major in both International Business and Criminal Justice. Collectively between the 2 degree programs, he currently holds a 3.96 GPA.



He is also an Honors Program student. He is striving to graduate with Honors Distinction, which involves participating in Honors classes, volunteer work, maintaining a high GPA, as well as participating in activities such as plays, symphonies, and business dinners. He has been awarded memberships in 4 separate National Honor Societies. Lucas has also received academic and achievement awards through the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) All American Scholar Program, as well as from the NCAA Division 2 Athletic Directors Association.

Lucas is currently focused on graduating from Post University in May of 2020. And he is also looking forward to planning for and identifying where his education and his hockey skills will take him after he graduates. Wherever he goes and whatever he does, Lucas will continually bring with him his ongoing focus on making a difference by helping people and giving back to them and their communities.

Lucas wishes to thank the Springbank schools, as well as the Springbank Park For All Seasons and its partners, for providing him with many learning opportunities, as well as strong mentorship and guidance during his youth. Lucas recognizes and appreciates how the Springbank community has provided its support to him during his youth. As is outlined above, Lucas truly has taken what he has learned in Springbank to make a difference by helping people and giving back to those at Post University and in the Waterbury, Connecticut community.

Lucas' pursuit of academic and hockey excellence and his efforts to give back to others serves as an outstanding example of how the entire Springbank community comes together to mentor, guide and support individual youths, as well as help them create opportunities to positively contribute to the communities wherever they go on their life journeys.

 Written by SPFAS General Manager John Rop with contributions from Lucas Smith



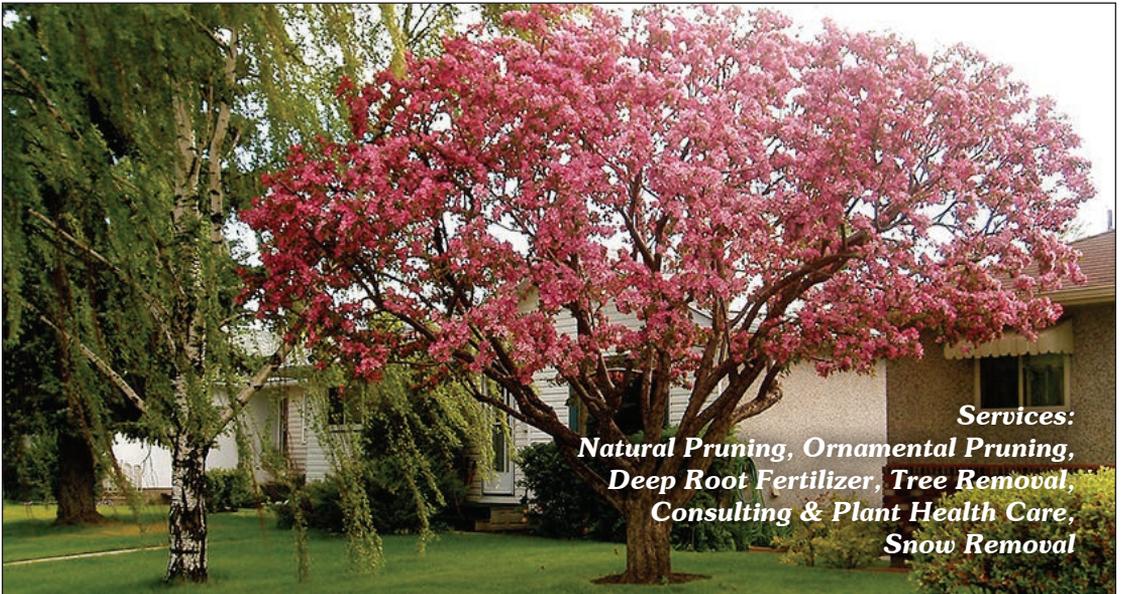
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A NEW RCMP OFFICER FOR SPRINGBANK

Hello, Springbank! I should first off introduce myself to you. My name is Constable Clayton Gelinas. I have been a member of the RCMP for 12 years now. I am the new Rocky View County Enhanced RCMP Policing Member and the Cochrane RCMP Detachment is my third post. I began my RCMP career in Leduc, Alberta where I initially started in General Duty Policing. I left Leduc after 6.5 years and my family and I then made the leap to Lake Louise, Alberta. Yes, I have lived in a National Park, which we thought would be a great idea. It turned out to be a fast five years there, enjoying all the things that a National Park has to offer, including tourists! Then, in March of 2019, my family and I arrived in Cochrane to start yet another chapter of our lives. So far, Cochrane has been great and we are adjusting well, especially taking into consideration these unprecedented times as we all do our part to care of each other during the COVID-19 Pandemic environment.

COVID-19 has changed the landscape for everything that we thought to be 'normal'. This includes policing. The big change that I would like to let everyone know about is how we are currently interacting with the public at the Detachment level. The RCMP of course is still open and never closes (call '911' in an emergency). If you need help or wish to report a matter that is a non-emergency, then call the complaint line (403-932-2211). The Detachment's doors are currently closed, as RCMP personnel do our part during the COVID-19 Pandemic to 'flatten the curve'. We appreciate the public phoning the Detachment to address matters, instead of coming to the Detachment as they would have in "normal times". This is a necessary



step for the RCMP, as we try to reduce our face-to-face interactions with the public, while still meeting the public's policing service needs.

April is 'Speed Awareness' month, with a particular focus on aggressive drivers and motorcycle riders. It may be a bit too early for the motorbikes, however I have seen some motorbikes already out on the roads on nice days. This is a reminder to all motoring traffic that, during this COVID-19 Pandemic, the roads are not speedways. Yes,

there is less traffic out there as people are respecting the self isolation and self distancing orders of the Province. But roads with lighter traffic volumes are not speedways. Every year, some 800 Canadians die and another estimated 3,000 are injured in collisions where speed was the major contributing factor. Speeding is estimated to be the primary cause of 20% of all vehicular collisions. So please slow down, as speed can kill. Thank you.

Contributed by RCMP Constable Clayton Gelinas



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