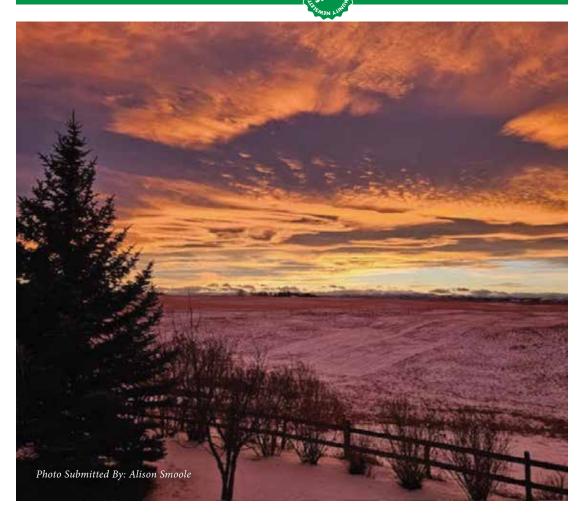
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GENERAL MANAGERS'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone

On behalf of the SPFAS Board of Directors and Staff, we have had a busy winter season, and we are glad to be reconnecting with you, through our March/April issue of the Springbank Community - Park Patter Newsletter.

As you will see and read inside, the Springbank Figure Skating Club figure skaters brought home some medals, at the Combined Winter Invitational at Calalta, and their Senior Skaters qualified for Starskate and Adult Championships. Congratulations to all! Check out the Club's spring programs offerings!

You will see the SPFAS also has lots of spring activity offerings (e.g. Spring & Summer Ice Rentals, Drop In Pickleball, Parent & Tot Skating, Ladies 18 + Drop In Shinny Hockey, 55 + Men's Shinney Hockey (give or take some years to qualify), Badminton and Beach Volleyball. The Springbank Old Tyme Country Fair is scheduled and will be held this year on Sat Sept 7th This is a fun event so please mark your calendars.

Over the winter our Operations and Enhancement Committee of the Board and Park's management staff have also been busy working on some other new initiatives, and this will see a new Lion's Club sponsored washroom facility going up over on the East Side of the Lions Soccer Park and picnic area. The SPFAS is also excited to be working with Rocky View County, in combined efforts to pull together a requested Business Case to support the community need for carrying out a facility expansion project at the Park. This expansion project would see the SPFAS add a new multi usable warehouse style facility that would encompass a full size gymnasium inside, real multi sport courts for activities like volleyball, pickleball, basketball, a walking track, hopefully an indoor turfed practice field/ training area on the back end, change rooms, and possibly a couple of other amenities.

This is felt to be exciting stuff, coming off a good winter season with lots of activity.

Wishing you all the best. Cheers

Todd Muir, BPE

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MEET THE STAFF

For this March / April edition continues introducing our highly valued staff members, and we are pleased to be able to introduce our Operations team member Ryland Ganska.

Ryland started working as a part time facility technician with SPFAS in the fall of 2023.

Raised in the community of Springbank, he found himself at the arena all the time growing up, and it felt like a second home.

He has a large passion for sports, cars, and the general outdoors. In the near future he's planning to start apprenticing as a Heavy duty Technician/Mechanic.

Feel free to say hi to Ryland in your passing by, etc.





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Parent - Tot Sticks & Pucks Friday mornings @ II:00 am - 12:15 pm

> \$5.00 per child/drop-in Helmets are mandatory.

Check the Events Calendar for details @ www.springbankpark.com

Springbank Figure Skating Club

Our figure skaters Alexa, Chloe and Coco brought home silver medals at the Combined Winter Invitational @ Calalta this February. Chloe, Coco, Alexa, Rachel and Amaliya showcased exceptional skills, adding to the club's growing list of achievements.



Senior Skaters Qualify for Starskate & Adult Championship!

We are proud to announce that the following senior skaters have qualified for the Starskate and Adult Championship: March 15-Mar17 (Edmonton)

- Coco: Star 5 - 13 and over

- Amaliya: Star 7 Artistic

- Ashley: Star 7/8

- Alexa: Star 7/8 and Star 7 Artistic

- Chloe: Star 7/Gold Artistic

- Rachel: Gold Artistic

Upcoming Club Competition: April 6, 2024

Mark your calendars for an exciting event! On April 6, our Canskate and Starskate 1-3 skaters will compete in our



Club Competition. It's a perfect opportunity to witness the grace and prowess of our dedicated younger athletes.

Spring 2024 Skating Programs - Come Skate With Us!

Springbank Figure Skating Club is thrilled to announce its Spring 2024 skating programs, catering to all ages and skill levels. From PreCanSkate for beginners, Teen Canskate,Powerskating (U7/9/11 &13)to the advanced STARSkate & Podium Pathway, there's something for everyone.

Register online: www.springbankskating.com

Don't miss the chance to be part of the excitement at Springbank Figure Skating Club - where passion meets performance!





COCHRANE RCMP

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The Alberta Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have launched their voluntary surveillance camera registry program, CAPTURE, short for Community Assisted Policing Through a Use of Recorded Evidence and Cochrane RCMP is participating in the program. CAPTURE allows for local residents to take an active role in crime prevention by registering their security cameras and providing RCMP access to recorded surveillance for ongoing investigations.

The primary objective of the CAPTURE program

is to create a mapping program of security cameras in the community, which are an excellent crime prevention tool. The program equips RCMP with the contact information of all participating citizens, enabling the RCMP to connect quickly with participants to check their cameras for recordings that can help with investigations. Individuals who take part in CAPTURE will be helping protect their property, their neighbour's property and supporting the RCMP in keeping the community safe.

The program is free to join and completely secure. The RCMP will not be able to live monitor registered cameras. Investigators will only ever ask for recordings of previous events. All video and photo footage that is produced will belong to the security camera owner, and will only be shared with RCMP on a voluntary basis. In the instance that a participant chooses to share their footage, they will be provided a storage device where they can extract their data and then provide it to the RCMP at their convenience. The database of registered properties will be confidential and accessible to RCMP only.

Registered participants can remove their profile at any time should they choose to no longer participate.

To register, residents can visit www.ruralalbertacapture.ca.

For further information, please contact the Alberta RCMP CAPTURE program at KCAPTURE@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.



SPFAS EXPANSION NEWS

Over the winter our Operations and Enhancement Committee of the Board and Park's management staff have been busy working on some new initiatives.

The biggest one of these is that SPFAS has been working with Rocky View County, in combined efforts to pull together a requested Business Case to support the community's need for carrying out a facility expansion project at the Park.

This expansion project would see the SPFAS add a new multi usable Recreation & Sports facility - that would encompass a full-size gymnasium inside, have lots of multi-sport courts for activities such as pickleball, basketball, badminton, volleyball, etc.

It would also have a walking /running track, an indoor turfed practice field/training area on the back end for indoor soccer play, baseball practice, football practice, lacrosse, etc.

This community minded facility would also have change rooms, and the Park is looking at a couple of other nice to have amenities to possibly add into the mix.

SPFAS is currently working with consultants, to get the Business Case for this new facility completed, then it will be moved onto RVC, and we are hopeful it will be a successful venture / project for all, and completed with an envisioned and hopeful 2 yr. type timeline (from once the go-ahead and approvals are given), and with all things going smoothly.

The timeline and lots of other parts are still a bit fluid and TBD, and that would include the final location, but at this early stage it is being envisioned to possibly be on the East Side of the current facilities and facing Springbank Road.

The Springbank Park For All Seasons is excited to move forward with this new initiative, and takes pride in being an accountable, proven facility operator, and one who has been successfully and fiscally responsibly operating in the Sprinkbank area for the past 50 years.









SPRINGBANK HERITAGE CLUB

We are locaed in 244168 RR 33 T3Z 2E7, and you can contact us at 403-286-1816 if you need information about our club or its upcoming activities.

Consider a membership \$50.00 per year – take advantage of everything the Centre has to offer! (must be 50 years young to qualify)

Hi folks.

This is a late submission to the Springbank Heritage Club activities calendar....I know it is in May, but a special request by Joan Zwingli is making me hope you can make an exception and submit this month.

The annual STRAWBERRY TEA, with musical entertainment, will be held Saturday, May 11 at 1pm at the Springbank Heritage Club

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DON KOCHAN, COUNCILLOR DIV 2





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Following is Division 2 information for your use:

Springbank Area Structure Plan (ASP) – the Governance Committee at the January 16th/2024 meeting provided direction on how the Springbank ASP is to proceed. The following motion was approved and Council will

see the new report from administration by the end of Q2 providing their evaluation of the direction.

MOVED by Chair Kochan that Administration be directed to provide a report to Council in Q2 of 2024 on the feasibility of combining the Central Springbank, North Springbank and Moddle Area Structure Plans (ASP) into one ASP with the intent to maintain the existing land use strategies while implementing minor amendments that:

- Ensure alignment with higher order policy and guiding documents adopted since the approval of the ASPs:
- b) Update technical policies to reflect current studies;
- c) Address policy gaps in the existing ASPs identified by Council, Administration, and the public.

With the strong community feedback on preserving the rural character of our community and the technical analysis indicating that the community has ample commercial capacity, Council recognized that there is no need to adjust the current ASP's that are existing. Council will make the final decision when administration brings the report forward for a decision.

Springbank Community Centre - Administration is currently finalizing the details surrounding the engagement opportunities that will start in the spring. At these engagement opportunities, input from community groups and residents on how the design of the hall, multipurpose rooms and studio spaces can best accommodate the needs of the users will be collected. The County invites you to participate in the engagement sessions and provide input and feedback at that stage. It will be considered alongside all the feedback received from all community members and stakeholders.

To learn more about the project and for more frequent updates please check out the engagement page here: https://engage.rockyview.ca/south-springbank-community-events-center

Springbank Recycling Centre- On February 27th administration brought a report to Council recommending that the Recycling Centre at Commercial

Court be relocated to the 74-acre county owned lands just north of the SPFAS. After some discussion the following motion was unanimously passed:

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Kochan that Council direct Administration to pursue relocating the Springbank Recycle Depot to the Springbank Dog Park Municipal Reserve. AND THAT Administration begin the process of lifting the Municipal Reserve dedication as outlined in the Municipal Government Act – section 671(2) and section 674(1).

2024 Alberta Wheelchair Curling Championship-On January 20th, it was my pleasure to be part of the opening ceremonies of the Alberta Wheelchair Curling Championship tournament hosted at the Springbank Park For all Seasons facility. It was amazing to see that level of competition. The winner of the tournament is headed to the Canadian Nationals. Good luck to the Alberta team.

Bingham Crossing Project – As an update to the Bingham Crossing project, the following information has been provided by Rencor (developer) on its progress:

Final preparations are being undertaken to restart onsite infrastructure improvements and other grading work for this coming spring/ summer. Rencor are working through final refinements to the off-site drawings to allow for Alberta Transportation and Economic Development (ATEC) and RVC approval that would allow for a mid-year construction start of the highway 1, range rd. 33 and township 250 road improvements. Costco is nearing development permit release followed by their building permit application submission, allowing construction on the Costco building to start later in the fall of 2024 and it is expected to have construction completed by the end of 2025.

Final subdivision endorsement items are in the process of being completed which will allow construction activities to begin this coming Spring. Pre-Leasing efforts for Phase 1 retail, which will complement Costco, are moving forward and Rencor hopes to announce many high quality national and local tenants who have committed to the project in the coming months. Many sought after services and amenities will help shape the overall tenant mix at Bingham Crossing. Rencor expects possession of these stores will commence late 2025 or early 2026. Marketing and ongoing negotiations for the seniors / residential site are underway with discussions taking place with multiple operators and residential developers. Rencor is in the process of evaluating the best configuration and partnership for the lands and hope to make announcements in the coming months.

Don Kochan - Deputy Reeve – Division 2 Councillor kochandiv2@gmail.com





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NATURE SHOTS





Hello everyone!

We've had lots of exciting times at Springbank Playschool!

We have been busy with various science experiments, spirit days, field trips, exploring inside and outside the classroom (Fish Hatchery Trip), and have enjoyed playing with some new toys as well as reading on our new couches!

We do have some spots available!

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Discovery Trails Online Learning School presented to the Board at the February 15 Board meeting. The presentation focused on the opportunities afforded to students by attending the online school. The school has reimagined approaches provide enhanced support for social and emotional well-being. The staff has developed strategies suited to support students by using

meeting and chat rooms, working closely with parents, and providing a variety of wrap-around services.

The school caters to the unique needs of students – complex medical, competitive sports, mental health challenges, flexible and adaptable – different time zones or different hours.

The Franco-Sud school board is surveying parents in the Chestermere area to see if enough parents are interested in developing a Francophone school there.

The Bow Valley expansion which will bring the school attendance population to 1200. Brendan Procé, communications director for Alberta Infrastructure, confirmed the \$55.1 million expansion is on budget and anticipated to be completed in late 2026.

This year's teacher's convention had a focus AI, benefits,

and pitfalls. Attached are some links to AI tech information sites.

Info-Tech report outlines 5 GenAI initiatives CIOs must key in on (itworldcanada.com)

Google launches Bard GenAI in Canada, rebrands it to Gemini | IT World Canada News

The Board approved a change to RVS' benefits model for all staff. Within the next 18 months, RVS will transition from being self-insured to contracting with Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP) to administer employee health, dental, life and disability insurance, long-term disability plans, and employee and family assistance programs.

- ASEBP provides a comprehensive coverage plan similar to the current RVS self-insured plan and will result in a \$500,000 savings annually that can be reinvested into the division.
- ASEBP currently administers benefits for 58 of the 61 Alberta school divisions.
- The transition will be no later than Sept. 1, 2025, but could be as early as Sept. 1, 2024. More information will be provided to staff before the transition.

RVS' newest school, a high school in Langdon, is currently under construction and set to open for students in September 2024. It will be known as Horseshoe Crossing High School

The government will provide an additional \$5 million in support of student nutrition in the 2023/24 school year.







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ROCKY VIEW COUNTY NEWS

- The Rocky View County Citizen Satisfaction Survey is now on. www.rockyview.ca/survey It is an opportunity to tell Council what is important to residents.
- There are a few newly posted workshops for residents. You can check them out on our calendar or from here: So Many Workshops Planned for this Winter/Spring Don't miss out! | Rocky View County

https://www.rockyview.ca/news/article/2309 so many workshops planned for this winter spring don't miss out.

- As well, the province is doing engagement on the Springbank Offstream Reservoir project. Springbank Off-stream Reservoir Project | Rocky View County

https://www.rockyview.ca/news/article/2081 Springbank off stream reservoir project

There is a survey and some coffee chats to gather feedback.

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*The Events Calendar shows all paid Drop-In and free Public Use activities!

*Facility Rental availability can be seen on the Facility Rental Availability Calendar.

*Up-to-date Old Tyme Fall Fair information is located in the FALL FAIR 2024 tab on the Home Page.

*Explore the website further for details on the SPFAS Board, our Mission, History, Bylaws & Policies, and read the Park Patter Newsletter online.

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