

# Town of OLDS Connector

*Creating Connections for the Future!*

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## Business Re-Opening Grants Available

The Town of Olds Business Support and Recovery Task Force was formed in March to support local Olds businesses impacted and closed by COVID-19. This task force is a think tank comprised of local business leaders, financial experts and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Olds Institute and the Town of Olds.

The task force launched an outreach program to better understand current conditions brought on by COVID-19. It was determined that providing a quick and easily accessible grant was a priority and Olds

Town Council responded by creating the Business Re-Opening Program.

**Grow OLDS with us!**

**Support Your Hometown - Shop Local!**

Local Storefront Businesses are eligible for a \$500 grant, and home based businesses will be eligible

for a \$100 grant. These funds can help businesses modify public spaces to support physical distancing requirements, purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) or other immediate supplies needed to support re-opening.

Applications are available on our website at [www.olds.ca](http://www.olds.ca) and will be accepted beginning June 1, 2020.

Businesses in Olds are a vital part of our community. Now, more than ever, it is important to stay home and support local businesses.

### Council Approves Continuation of Winter Averaging Waste Water Program

For the months of July, August and September the winter averaging method will be used to calculate your wastewater charges. This method uses the lesser of your actual consumption or the 'average' of your consumption for the 9 month period October to June. At present your wastewater consumption is based on your water consumption, using the winter averaging method will allow residents the opportunity to water their lawns, flowers and gardens without worry of increased wastewater charges.

The Town of Olds does encourage you to be water wise and limit outdoor watering, for more water conservation tips and resources please visit: <https://wateruseitwisely.com/>.

### Check out **Biz-Connect** on the website: [www.olds.ca](http://www.olds.ca)

The Alberta Government is providing a helpful online tool that provides information to guide businesses and organizations to relaunch their services. Check back often as information is updated and posted.

- Restaurants
- Retail
- Day Camps/Daycare & out of School Care
- Graduation Ceremonies
- Hair Salons & Barbershops
- Museums & Art Galleries
- Places of Worship



## Help Combat Dandelions - Promote a Healthy Lawn

Dandelions are, first and foremost, some of the world's most effective opportunists – they thrive in poor soils and quickly move in where other vegetation has moved out – like a thinning lawn. Once established, it's only a matter of time before seed heads are produced to flood the property with thousands of dandelion seeds.

The best defense against dandelions is a thick lawn that is properly cared for and well-fed. A thick lawn will be better able to choke the weeds and not allow them to establish. By promoting a dense, healthy lawn and allowing it to grow a little taller (skip the buzz cut!), homeowners can create a habitat that's uninviting to dandelions – one that will both outcompete and suppress dandelion outbreaks before they ever happen. After all, it's hard to sprout a seed when

there's nowhere for it to land or it never sees the sun!

### **MOW OFTEN!**

While it won't necessarily kill the dandelions that are already present in the lawn, homeowners can dramatically reduce the number of new dandelions that appear simply by mowing often. – at least once a week to stay on top of things, and to keep them from establishing in the first place.

Like many weeds, dandelions rely on wind dispersal to spread their seeds, sending up tall flower and seed stalks to better catch the breeze. By mowing regularly, homeowners can remove the majority of dandelion flowers before they have a chance to transform into the white puff-balls so many people love to hate.



**Canada Day will be celebrated differently in 2020!**

**Keep your eye posted to the website, newspaper and social media streams for more information.**



## JUNE IS RECREATION & PARKS MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
How many of the activities do you think you can do?	1 Find a puddle and play in it	2 Play catch with someone at home	3 Take a walk through the tree reserve	4 Create an outdoor scavenger hunt (send it to a Friend)	5 Play parent/guardian's favorite childhood game	6 Choose something and let us know what you did @
7 Go for a bike ride	8 Take a walk through the College grounds	9 Do yoga (want to be daring take your mat to a park)	10 Play badminton in your yard	11 Play hopscotch on your sidewalk	12 Choose something and let us know @	13 Do some yard work
14 Set up a sprinkler and play in it	15 Take a walk on a trail (ie: Dog Park or Centennial Park)	16 Try an online workout	17 Make Bubble wands and blow bubbles	18 Choose something and let us know @	19 Pick up litter during a walk	20 Play Disc Golf at Hartman Green
21 Take a walk around Winter Lake	22 Try a new bike route	23 Play Hide n Seek with your family	24 Choose something and let us know @	25 How many parks are listed on the Town of Olds website?	26 Count the # of birds and critters you see on your outing	27 Take some candid photos at a park
28 What was your favorite activity? Do it again!	29 Take a walk and see the new Rotary Athletic Park	30 Choose something and let us know @	 			

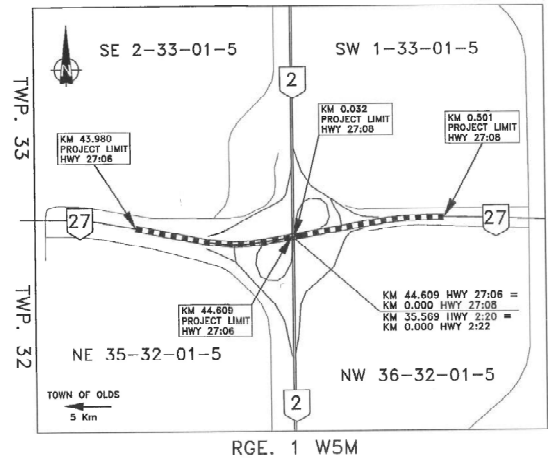
## Municipal Enforcement Requires Contractors

The Town of Olds Municipal Enforcement Services is looking for expression of interest for contractors for the following services such as but not limited to:

- Grass Cutting
- Sidewalk Snow Removal
- Unsightly and Nuisance Property Clean Up

Contractors must have a Town of Olds business license, their own WCB and insurance. For more info. contact Sgt. Eric Christensen, Senior Community Peace Officer at 403-507-4832 or email [bylaw@olds.ca](mailto:bylaw@olds.ca)

## Highway 2 (QE II) Overpass Construction Begins June 8



Watch for highway construction and potential delays at the Hwy 2 overpass on Hwy 27. The construction project begins on June 8 and will continue for about 3-4 weeks, potentially going into early July of 2020.

# Olds Skatepark & Town Playground Structures OPENED June 1, 2020 - PLAY SAFE & STAY SAFE!



Physical distancing is in effect! Park users must comply with gathering restrictions, which currently means no more than 50 people in an area and keeping a 2 metre physical distance between individuals not from the same household.



## COVID-19 SAFETY WARNING

**Playground and Park equipment is NOT sanitized.  
Use at your own risk.**



Stay home if you're sick or not feeling well.



Maintain Physical Distancing.



Use Disinfectant Wipes or Sanitizer where possible.



Wash hands with soap and water.

## Recreation Facilities Stage 2 and 3 Re-Opening

The Town of Olds plans to move forward carefully while respecting all guidelines outlined by the Chief Medical Officer of Health. The following facilities are scheduled to be re-opened in Stage 2 and 3.

### RE-OPENING PLAN:

Baseball Diamonds	Stage 2
Soccer Fields	Stage 2
Football Fields	Stage 2
Olds Aquatic Centre	Stage 3
Sportsplex	Stage 3
Splash Park	Stage 3