

Town of OLDS Connector

Creating Connections for the Future!

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Town of Olds Mayor Michael Muzychka, Deputy Fire Chief Jason Kjorsvik, and Mountain View County Councillor Al Kemmere are standing next to the life saving GSI RES-Q-TUBE.

The photo to the right depicts how the RES-Q-TUBE creates a barrier between the victim and the grain while the auger helps rescuers quickly move the grain away from the victim.



Olds Fire Department Awarded Grain Rescue Equipment

The Town of Olds Fire Department has been awarded grain rescue equipment from the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA), in partnership with Corteva Agriscience Canada

The department participated in BeGrainSafe (CASA's grain safety program) in the summer of 2019. The BeGrainSafe training consists of one day of theory and a second day of practical training and evaluation, with an emphasis placed on fire fighters learning how to safely extract an individual trapped in grain, using a cofferdam and auger.

While training is key, a successful rescue could not happen without the proper equipment. CASA, in partnership with Corteva Agriscience, has provided Olds Fire Department with a GSI RES-Q-TUBE and a Haul-ALL pencil auger, both of which are essential in rescuing a grain entrapment victim. When used in combination, the grain rescue tube creates a barrier between the victim and the grain while the auger helps rescuers quickly move the grain away from the victim. Mayor Michael Muzychka and Councillor Al Kemmere voiced how extremely fortunate Mountain View County is to have this type of rescue equipment

awarded to, and available in, our rural farming community.

The BeGrainSafe program emphasizes prevention and raises awareness on the dangers of grain, alongside preparing fire departments for grain rescues. It is important that fire departments are well trained and prepared with the proper equipment in the case of an incident. Thanks to Corteva Agriscience, this life-saving equipment will be in the hands of those who need it.

Policing Advisory Committee (OPAC)

The Olds Policing Advisory Committee (OPAC) was launched in January to provide a forum to receive input from the community with respect to public safety matters. This committee consists of five members of the public and two members of council who meet regularly to ensure the Olds community has safe, effective and fair policing through public input. Committee members have a wide range of experience and expertise including social services, working with youth and business backgrounds.

A 2021 Olds RCMP policing priorities survey has been launched asking:

- *What are the top three policing priorities in Olds?*
- *Are local RCMP detachment staff approachable and accessible?*
- *Do you feel there are areas that could be improved upon?*

The survey takes about 2 minutes and it will help ensure RCMP priorities align with those of area residents. The survey will remain open until March 14, 2021.

Remember, **THIS AFFECTS YOU!** It is important we hear from the people who live and work in Olds so local RCMP have a better understanding of what citizens feel are pressing policing issues in the community.

If you would like more information, visit our website www.olds.ca, email communitypolicing@olds.ca or contact OPAC Chair, Mary Anne Overwater at 403-556-5229.

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2021 RCMP Policing Survey on olds.ca

Help set priorities for the Olds RCMP Detachment

The Olds RCMP establish policing priorities to ensure that in addition to responding to calls for service, members focus on policing issues most important to the public.

The Town of Olds Policing Advisory Committee is inviting you to take a two-minute survey to ensure RCMP priorities align with those of area residents. The survey is available at www.olds.ca and will remain open until March 14, 2021. **THIS AFFECTS YOU!** Your input is valued!



Celebrate International Women's Day!

Olds Town Council have officially proclaimed **Monday, March 8, 2021** as International Women's Day in the Town of Olds.

This day is an opportunity to reflect on the progress made towards achieving gender equality and celebrating acts of courage and determination by individuals who played an extraordinary role in advancing gender equality in their communities. The beginnings of International Women's Day trace back to the early twentieth century, emerging from activities of labour movements in North America and Europe, reflecting a growing call for women to participate equally in society.

The first International Women's Day was observed March 19, 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. That day, more than one million women and men showed their support by participating in public events.

International Women's Day is celebrated as a day of unity, reflection, advocacy and action, in countries around the world.

Are you interested in becoming a Member of the Public Art Advisory Committee?

The Town of Olds is seeking a community volunteer to sit on the Public Art Advisory Committee. The purpose of this committee is to provide expert and community input on Public Art for the Town of Olds.

Further information and applications can be found on the town website at: <https://www.olds.ca/council/authorities-boards-commissions-committees>

Terms are for two years and individuals are encouraged to attend at least one meeting prior to submitting an application.

Did You Know?

To report an incident, or make a complaint, you can call
Municipal Enforcement's 24 Hour Dispatch Line
587-796-1193

Town of Olds Municipal Enforcement will be notified of the incident/complaint during regular business hours.



Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)



If you need help completing your personal income tax return, and have a low to modest income and a simple tax situation, we can help you!

To keep us all safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are accepting drop-offs using the book drop at the Olds Municipal Library. Bring a pen and your tax slips and follow the posted instructions.

Olds Municipal Library, 5217 52 Street, Olds

For further information, call Carole (Olds Coordinator) at 403.556.6128

Organ and Tissue Donation

Wear Green on April 7th, 2021

In honour of the Logan Boulet Effect

Register Tell Your Family Be Inspired



GreenShirtDay.ca
Follow us on: 

Give the Gift of a Lifetime!



2021

BUDGET

Full Budget Highlights available at:
www.olds.ca



Pictured (left to right) are: Councillor Mary Jane Harper, Mary Anne Overwater, Mayor Michael Muzychka, Councillor(s) Debbie Bennett, Heather Ryan, Wanda Blatz and Mitch Thomson.

Community Corner

Olds 185 Air Cadets Annual Bottle Drive

Beginning **March 13, 2021** (continuing for one month)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, residents are asked to please drop their bottles off at the **Olds Bottle Depot**, located at **4314 50 Avenue, Olds, Alberta.**

Cadets hope to visit each residence next year in a traditional bottle drive and thank you in advance for your contribution for the 2021 year.

Municipal Election October 18, 2021

The Local Authorities Election Act specifies that a general election shall be held every 4th year. The general Municipal Election will be held in the Town of Olds on **Monday, October 18, 2021** at the Royal Canadian Legion in Olds. This election will fill seven (7) seats; one (1) for Mayor and six (6) Councillors.

For more information:
 Marcie McKinnon, Returning Officer
 Town of Olds – 403-507-3242
 Email: legislative@olds.ca



Are You Interested in Running for Office?

Office	Number of Vacancies
MAYOR	ONE (1)
COUNCILLORS	SIX (6)

NOMINATION HOURS

The Returning Officer or designate will receive nominations of candidates for the local jurisdiction election during regular business hours of:

8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, from: January 4, 2021 to September 17, 2021

and on

Monday, September 20, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. until Noon

at the Town of Olds Administration Office - 4512 46 Street, Olds, Alberta.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

At this time appointments are required to drop off or pick up anything regarding the Municipal Election. Please call **403-507-3242** to make arrangements.