

October 2020

Public Engagement helps us make Informed Decisions

Thank you to everyone who took the time and participated in the Supergraphics/Murals and Animal Control surveys. The \$100 'Grow Olds with Us' winners were Jeff Thompson and Herb Neuberger.

Below are a few highlights - please note that the full report is available on our website at www.olds.ca

Supergraphics/Murals:

The primary function of murals included beautification, support for the arts and inspiration, tourism, and neighbourhood identity. Respondents indicated an equal preference for commercial areas and public recreation facilities, with parks also being favoured as appropriate areas for the placement of murals.

Regarding the most appropriate way to put a mural on a surface, 49% of respondents felt that installation requires a flexible approach depending on the project. 74% of respondents indicated that anyone wanting a mural needs to follow an application and review process. The use of a community-based Advisory Committee is more favorable than relying on the Municipal Development Authority to provide recommendations to Council.

The individual(s) or organization(s) that commissioned the mural should be responsible to maintain a mural once it has been completed. While the majority indicated they were not in support of municipal revenues going towards funding mural development and maintenance, several respondents pointed out that this question should have differentiated between private and municipal property and projects. Some indicated if a mural was on private property then the owner should be responsible, if it is on Town property and was a Town commissioned

project, then the Town should take responsibility for maintenance and upkeep. There were diverse opinions about the content and imagery, however, the majority of respondents (90%) indicated that Olds should have more murals.

Animal Control:

Over two-thirds of the people who completed the survey were supportive of allowing chickens and honeybees in the Town of Olds.

The majority of those in favor requested that regulations be put into place for things such as:

- prohibiting roosters
- setting limits on the number of birds allowed per household
- addressing potential noise and odour issues

Animal welfare was a concern, meaning if chickens are allowed, municipal regulations around cleanliness and adequate housing for animals should be a consideration.

Survey participants strongly supported a user-pay principle and did not support increases in municipal taxes to support enforcement or other costs associated with animal control.

There was also significant feedback that an urban centre should not become a barnyard. Support for larger animals is low.

Interested in becoming a Board Member?

The Town of Olds is seeking Community Volunteers for the following Boards:

- **Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)**
- **Olds Municipal Library Board (OML)**
- **Public Art Advisory Committee* (PAAC)**
- **Olds Policing Advisory Committee* (OPAC)**

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

* means there are specific requirements to be appointed to these boards - please view the website www.olds.ca for further details.

Drivers Tips for Pedestrian Safety!

Drive at a safe speed and be aware of pedestrian activity around you. Never pass a vehicle at a crosswalk. Wait until the pedestrian has completely cleared the intersection before proceeding unless on a divided roadway. Make eye contact. When turning left at an intersection, check to your left to make sure there are no pedestrians.

Drivers must obey the rules of the road and keep a proper lookout for other vehicles and pedestrians. There are specific actions each driver can take to reduce or eliminate the risk of injuring a pedestrian, including:

- Watch for pedestrians walking along the side of the road or on sidewalks who might cross the street.
- When making a turn, drivers should look for pedestrians crossing in their path
- Reduce speed near schools, playgrounds, residential neighborhoods and other locations where children might dart out onto the street.
- Unless on a divided highway, drivers must wait until pedestrians have crossed to the other side of the road before proceeding.
- Keep a lookout for people crossing the street near bus stops. Pedestrians cannot rely solely on drivers to keep them safe when crossing or walking along the street. Some of the actions pedestrians can take to prevent collisions with vehicles include:
 - Cross the street at intersections or a designated pedestrian crossover.
 - If walking in late afternoon or evening dress in bright colors or add reflective tape to clothing to improve visibility.
 - Obey and use traffic control devices.
 - Always keep an eye on any vehicles around you.
 - Watch for vehicles backing up in parking lots or driveways.

This Affects You!

Thank you for sharing your views on Supergraphics/Murals and Animal Control. We had over **1000 surveys** returned! Your feedback is valuable and will be considered as pertaining bylaws and policies are updated.

"What We Heard" reports are available at the Town of Olds Municipal Office or on the website: www.olds.ca/engagement.



Celebrate Halloween 2020 Safely!

TRICK OR TREATING

- Visit homes that have their porch lights turned on! Lights on means families are celebrating Halloween and looking forward to "Trick or Treaters!"
- Minimize contact with others: trick or treat with your family or cohort, remain within your community and stay 2 metres apart.
- Choose costumes that allow a non-medical mask to be worn underneath - make sure you can see and breathe comfortably.
- Avoid touching doorbells or railings. Call "Trick or Treat" from two metres away, knock instead of using doorbells, and please use hand sanitizer after touching surfaces.
- Wash hands and disinfect packages before eating candy.

HANDING OUT CANDY

- If weather permits, hand out treats from your driveway or front lawn.
- Wear a non-medical mask that fully covers your nose and mouth.
- Use tongs to hand out pre-packaged candy to avoid handling treats.

MAINTAIN DISTANCE FROM TRICK OR TREATERS

- Hand out treats from your driveway or front lawn if weather permits.
- Make candy bags and space them out on a table or a blanket. Please do not leave out self-serve bowls of bulk candy.
- Build a candy slide, candy catapult or other fun, non-touch delivery

methods.

- Set up a table or a desk to help keep yourself distanced.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

- Stay home if you are feeling ill, even if symptoms are mild.
- Choose games and activities that don't use shared items and allows people to stay 2 metres apart.
- Host your party outdoors, if weather permits. If you must stay indoors: reduce your gathering size.
- Choose a location that allows for physical distancing between people from separate families and cohorts.
- Provide hand sanitizer.
- Spend time with people you know - the smaller the group the better.

REMINDERS

- Don't participate in any activities if feeling ill, even if symptoms are minor.
- Don't hand out candy if feeling ill or isolating.
- Hygiene is important. Wash or sanitize your hands often.
- Social distance - keep six feet or 2 hockey sticks away from trick or treaters.
- Together keep our community safe!



Town of
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invites you to
zoom
with us!

VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM

October 29-31

- Recruit Teams of 3-5 People
- Each Team member will need to have the Zoom App installed on their device with a microphone and camera
- Minimum 1 adult in attendance per team
- Clue difficulty level is for people 10 and older

Follow the Town on social media for details on how to sign up and register or call **403.507.4810**

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Join in the fun and share photos of your Jack'oLantern with the community!

Send photos of your carved or decorated pumpkin to communityservices@olds.ca

Photos will be accepted until October 31, 2020 and shared on Olds Community Facebook page.

The top three winners will receive a prize.



Community Events Olds Art Club Show & Sale

Saturday, Nov. 14 - 10 am-5 pm

Sunday, Nov. 15 - 11 am-4 pm

Olds Evergreen Centre.

Featured artist: Richard Wray

Guidelines for COVID19 will be in place. Contact Shestine Maxwell at 403-425-0051 for further information.