

TALK *of the* TOWN

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER



My name is Marina Appel and I am excited to be serving as your current Deputy Mayor. I was recently questioned why I would manage a Facebook page, and ask for citizen's thoughts and opinions, if the comments do not constitute as formal communication with the town. An important part of this is understanding the difference between the uses of formal and informal communication.

(We can all look up dictionary definitions and examples quickly on our phones – so I will keep my article word count low...)

While social media is wonderful for connecting, sharing views/ thoughts/opinions, quick tidbits of what's happening in your life, and (most) importantly – cute animal videos; I doubt you would find anyone who would consider it formal communication.

During the election campaign I heard numerous opinions on what makes our town great, as well as ideas on where things can improve, and I loved this communication. While I sincerely thank you for your confidence and trust by voting me onto your council- I still want to hear from you!

I want to hear your honest thoughts and ideas on what our town can become; my social presence exists so we can share town happenings, events and positive connections. I appreciate that everyone has busy lives, and social media allows me to be available to you outside of formal settings, such as council/board meetings and public events.

If you have a concern or complaint, I urge you to contact the town directly. Our staff members have the capacity and knowledge to assist you and get you proper, timely answers. If it is a safety issue, please contact the appropriate authorities.

Marina Appel Town Councillor

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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Members of the public are welcome to attend!

Regular Meetings

Nov 13 | 7:00 p.m.

Nov 27 | 7:00 p.m.

Standing Committee

Nov 19 | 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held in **Council Chambers**
Level 2 Civic & Culture Centre
5018 Waghorn St.

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info@blackfalds.com
or call 403.885.4677

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NOVEMBER 1, 2018



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to have another means of providing residents with important information through our new and improved Talk of the Town newsletter!

In preparation of the legalization of Cannabis, the Town organized Cannabis Subcommittees comprised of staff, Council and community members to address the challenges that would

arise from the recreational use and sales of Cannabis in our community. Through various deliberations with internal/external stakeholders and gathering valuable input from the public, the committee made numerous recommendations that enabled us to pass the Vaping and Smoking Bylaw on October 9, 2018. The bylaw emphasizes that no smoking or vaping is allowed in or near parks and playgrounds. It is important to note that residents give peace officers time to enforce through education rather than penalty in the next coming months.

Another initiative that is stirring up a lot of excitement among residents is the 55+ housing project. The Town has hosted a number of open houses and another one is scheduled for Nov. 6 at the Community Centre where we will present architectural design concepts, explore potential costs and discuss funding models which will be managed by the Lacombe Foundation. In partnership with Bethany Group, we are tirelessly working to determine what is best for our community while working within a realistic timeline for the project.

And finally, as part of our commitment to providing recreation in Blackfalds, maximizing park and community spaces are a priority and we are looking forward to the opening of the new outdoor ice rink in Pine Crescent Park and a retrofit of the Rolling Hills playground. As part of providing residents with the best trail system, users can now enjoy a new connection between Parkwood and Eastpointe Drive.

Please explore our website for more information. If you have difficulty accessing any information please contact me at 403.885.6372 and I will assist you in finding the information you are looking for.

Stay Warm and Stay Safe,

Richard Poole

Mayor Richard Poole

BRING A FURRY FRIEND HOME!

Local animals searching for loving family

Animal Control Services and Klassic Kennels proudly serve Blackfalds and area and have an adoption program for both dogs and cats.

To view adoptable animals, visit the Klassic Kennels Facebook page or call 403.340.0128 to learn more about the adoption process.



Klassic Kennels
SERVING PEOPLE SAVING PETS

DROP - IN FITNESS PROGRAMS

Available with Abbey membership or day pass

Total Body Blast
Mon | 9:30 AM

Spin & Stretch
Tue | 9:30 AM

Total Body Circuit
Tue | 5:30 PM

Express Spin
Wed | 6:00 AM

Ab Attack
Wed | 9:30 AM

Progressive Performance
Wed | 5:30 PM

**Cardio Spin:
Butts and Guts**
Thurs | 9:30 AM

Rockstar Bootcamp
Thurs | 5:30 PM

Total Body Circuit
Fri | 9:30 AM

Progressive Performance
Fri | 5:30 PM

ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAMS

Painting with Alcohol Inks
Thu | Nov 29
7:00 - 8:00 PM | \$40

Whoville Tree Workshop
Tue | Dec 6
6:30 - 8:00 PM | \$48

FCSS PROGRAMS

Kidproof At Home Alone
Mon | Nov 19
6:00 - 8:00 pm | FREE

Register at the Abbey Centre or online at blackfalds.com/register

Need more info?

**Call Guest Services
403.885.4039**



#GOPURPLEAB IN NOVEMBER



November is Family Violence Prevention Month and we are asking all community members to show your support by hosting a Go Purple event in your community, at work or at school.

Here are a few ideas to help you Go Purple:

- Host a Go Purple potluck in your community or at work
- Have your sports teams wear purple ribbons
- Coordinate a Purple Ribbon Day or Wear Purple Day
- Go Purple information booth
- Put up Family Violence Prevention Month posters in your community
- Host a Go Purple Community Walk
- Collect toiletries, toys and books for emergency shelters
- Host a training session on family violence prevention or awareness
- Write a letter / email to the editor of your local newspaper on the importance of promoting healthy relationships.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Thank you to all who submitted nominations, those who sponsored the event, and everyone who attended. The award winning 2018 businesses of distinction are:

- **Five Star Auto Detailed Cleaning** - Long-Standing Business
- **Blackfalds IGA & Servus Credit Union** - Community Spirit
- **Solid Gold Esthetics** - Best New Business
- **Happy Camper Children's Boutique** - Retail Excellence
- **Ing & McKee Insurance** - Service Excellence



ENFORCEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

The Town's Peace Officers continue to help maintain safety in our Community.

This month they will be actively engaging citizens in many facets including educating residents on the rules around the new cannabis laws.

You can visit the town website for more information on this as well as our latest news on traffic safety in the community, tips on occupant restraints and how to keep your kids safe!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Snow and Ice Removal

As winter is upon us, we kindly remind residents to be familiar with the snow and ice removal policy and snow removal routes to ensure that clearing is a smooth process all season long. This includes keeping the streets clear of vehicles during plowing operations and ensuring that solid waste & recycling carts are removed promptly following pickup.

If you are going to be away

during the winter months for work or vacation for more than 48 hours, please remember to keep vehicles on your off-street parking spots as vehicles may be towed in order to proceed with snow removal. Keeping sidewalks clear of ice and snow within 48 hours of snowfall is an important responsibility of homeowners and renters.

Visit blackfalds.com/roads to learn more.

EVENTS

Remembrance Day

Nov 11 | 10:45 AM
Abbey Centre

55+ Housing Conversation

Nov 6 | 6 - 8 PM
Community Centre

Merry Market

Nov 17-18 | 10 AM - 4 PM
Abbey Centre

Light Up Blackfalds

Nov 24 | 4 PM
Tayles Water Spray Park

Breakfast with Santa

Dec 1 | 12 PM
Tickets avail at the Abbey Centre

CP Holiday Train

Dec 9 | 12:45 PM
Tayles Water Spray Park

Winter Solstice Under the Stars

Dec 21 | 6, 6:40, 7:20 PM

New Years Eve Free Family Skate

Dec 31 | 6 PM

Sunday Jim Hurley Free Skate

Free skate every Sunday
Sep 16 to Mar 17
(No free skate on Nov. 11)

Sponsored by the
Blackfalds Ag Society

For all events go to
blackfalds.com/events

DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK

Please set your clocks back one hour when Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018.



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