

Council Highlights December 3, 2024

RCMP Quarterly Report: Constable Kurt Fink, Detachment Commander for the RCMP, presented the quarterly report:

- Community crime incidents are down. The RCMP note that only a few individuals cause the majority of incidents.
- o Operation Cold Start, a vehicle theft prevention initiative, has begun.
- o Improved incident reporting and collaboration with citizens and agencies.
- o Check Stops will increase throughout December.
- o The RCMP hosted a Town Hall at Friedenstal Hall on December 4.

Fire Department Toy & Food Drive: Scheduled for Saturday, December 7. To participate, leave items in the provided bag at your front door for a volunteer to pick up Saturday morning.

EEO Operating Agreement Update: An updated agreement between the Town of Fairview, MD of Fairview, and PRSD was adopted, updating cost-sharing for floor maintenance.

Community Theatre Rates: Effective January 1, 2025, updated rates are:

o Hourly Private: \$50

Hourly Youth/Non-Profit: \$25

o Daily Private: \$300

o Daily Youth/Non-Profit: \$150

Land Use Bylaw Amendment: The first reading was approved to add a definition of a fence. A public hearing and subsequent readings will occur in January 2025. All municipal bylaws require 3 distinct readings and motions of council. Some bylaws can be passed in one meeting while others, such as those regarding land use bylaws, require to be advertised after the first reading and then brought back to a future meeting for 2nd and 3rd readings.

Utility Rates Update: Town utility rates will increase by 2% on January 1, 2025. However recycling fees will be removed from bills starting April 2025, as producers will cover the costs which may result in a slight reduction in bills this spring.

Community Events:

- Santa Claus Parade, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce is on Friday, December 6 at 6 pm and will include late-night shopping.
- o Christmas Carnival with a variety of events will be on Saturday, December 7.
- o For event details, visit https://www.fairview.ca/fairview-events/event-calendar/

Next Meeting: The next regular council meeting is scheduled for **December 17, 2024**. Meetings are open to the public, so come by if you're curious about local governance.

Let's keep building our community together! Stay involved and stay informed!