

Highlights from the Mayor



It's so hard to believe the holidays are upon us already and soon we'll be turning the page over to another new year.

From a winter perspective, 2022 looks to be shaping up to quite a different year with the amount of snow we've received this far compared to all of 2021.

Without mentioning anything specific I hope there is a lot of things that are different about next year because all of us deserve a permanent break from the reality we find ourselves in.

I invite all our community members to embrace this holiday season and shop local every chance you get. This is a very key component when it comes to driving our local economy and supporting the businesses right in our home town. It was so nice to see the families and all of the kids at the Christmas parade on main street earlier this month. What a wonderful event to help spread Christmas cheer in our town.

Getting back to Christmas with family and friends is also something that is setting up to look a little different this year and I know this is long overdue for many families. While enjoying each other's company please be considerate of the fact that not everyone's Christmas experiences are the same. Reality is that Christmas can be a very difficult time of year, creating stresses from all angles. If there is anything we can remember to do as community members over the holidays, remember to be kind.

In speaking with our FCSS department I am so proud of our community to be able to announce that over \$18,000 were raised for the Community Christmas Hamper program this year. Our community has stepped up yet again and answered the call for the increased need for these Christmas Hampers. Your generosity has filled almost 200 hampers for families in our area that will now be able to have a Christmas Dinner with this added extra.

If you're looking for other ways to help out this winter season you might come across a "Snow Angels" sign in someone's front yard, this simply means, this person/family could use help clearing the snow from their walkway and is a great opportunity to lend a hand.

Judging by the long range forecast it looks like we'll be in a bit of a cold spell for the holidays so I encourage you all to stay warm and stay safe. Let's head into 2022 with 2021 left behind us.

FCSS/LAKELAND FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK



We would like to express our appreciation to our community for their support in making the 2021 Community Christmas Hampers a success.

To our partners: Cornerstone Co-op, Sobeys, Extra Foods, Santa's Elves and everyone who donated

Thank-you



FINANCE



friendly reminder Property Taxes:

A 15% penalty will be applied to all outstanding amounts on
January 1, 2022



PARKS & RECREATION



Lets Go Skating!

**December 20 - 23
At the Clancy Arena**

**Public Skating: 12pm - 1:45pm
Shinny Hockey: 2pm - 3:45pm**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

On behalf of the Planning & Legislative Services Department, we would like to welcome Kim Cote as Planning & Legislative Services Clerk.

Kim started with the team on December 1, 2021. She is a welcoming and friendly face to the team and will be the first point of contact to coordinate the departments' inquiries.

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