

Community REPORT



February 2025

Special Meeting of Council

At a Special Meeting of Council held Monday, February 10th, Council gave the first reading of Bylaw 05/2025. The proposed bylaw is recommended to replace bylaw 05/15 - the existing off-site charges bylaw. A public hearing on the proposed bylaw will take place at the February 24th Regular Meeting of Council.

City Council also gave the first reading of Bylaw 06/2025, a bylaw to amend Bylaw 03/2016 known as the Official Community Plan under subsection 29(2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2007. A public hearing on the proposed bylaw amendment will take place at the February 24th Regular Meeting of Council.

New Business

Council adopted a resolution that will enable Councillor Sarah McInnis to run for a position on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors. The FCM is seeking elected officials from Saskatchewan to fill three vacant board seats. The term runs March to June 2025.

Delegations

Alan Wallace, Wallace Insights and Carleen Cartel, Catterall and Wright Consulting Engineers

Wallace and Cartel made a presentation on their development charges study for the City of Humboldt. Development charges are a contribution from development towards large offsite infrastructure projects that will be required to accommodate growth in the future. Council accepted the information for file.

Updates from City Administration

Protective Services

MIKE KWASNICA - FIRE CHIEF/DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES

January was busier than usual with eight in-city responses for fire crews and one out of city response.

Regional Emergency Management - Communication between Ray Unrau and the group is continuing. Ray has started meeting with the communities to discuss the current state of each community and creating plans for the next steps of performing hazard assessments for each community.

Fire Chief Kwasnica also gave a report from RCMP and CSO.

Controller

JACE PORTEN - CITY CONTROLLER

Corporate Services:

Transit Van: Through the Rural Transit Solutions Fund grant, Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will soon be issued for both additional para-transit vehicle and an on-demand scheduling platform. The RFP for the para-transit vehicle will seek proposals for a van that will be equipped with a lift. Project expenses are to be incurred by September 30, 2025.

Council Training sessions: Administration has explored options for in-person council training sessions and recommended a four-hour session to cover Governance Basics, Roles and Relationships, and Effective Governance Work.

Community & Leisure Services

MICHAEL ULRIKSEN - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES

Outdoor rinks: delays at the Centennial Park Outdoor Rink has been a mix of weather and staffing resources - work is still underway to open the space for skating this winter.

Aquatic Centre hot tub: All parts have arrived and the installation process is underway. The repairs should be completed soon.

Staffing: The resignation of the previous Buildings Manager led to funds being reallocated to an Arena Supervisor Position. The position was filled internally.

Community Engagement: A plan is being developed to identify what the next community facility should include. Open house sessions will be planned to assist with that process.

Humboldt Emergency Services Gala
February 22, 2025
Humboldt Legion

Cocktails 5:30pm
Supper 6:30pm

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Cultural Services

JENNIFER FITZPATRICK - DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES

Museum exhibit: On the Trail of the Monarch Butterfly is on display until February 22.

Gallery exhibit: Vicissitude, the art installation by Monique Martin and Alexandra Hedberg featuring thousands of butterflies is on display until February 22. The installation was made possible by 24 volunteers over two days of work. Attendance at the Gallery is the highest it has been for a January show.

Original Humboldt: Staff are conducting research for the Treaty 6 storyboard at the site.

In late 2024, the public suggested names for the Joe Fafard piglet donated to the Gallery. Visitors were asked to vote on their favorite name and the winner was Artie.

Public Art - Manufacturing Sculpture: A local blacksmith and artist was awarded the contract to create the Iron Triangle Sculpture which is a life size farm horse.

There are six regional manufacturing companies sponsoring the project and potentially providing material for the sculpture. The piece will be placed in front of PAMI upon completion.

Public Works

PETER BERGQUIST - DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

The department saw the resignation of the Public Works Manager. The Director thanked her for her service and wished her the best going forward.

Additional small snowfalls have accumulated, and staff are facing challenges with large banks on streets and intersections. Greenspace north of 16th Avenue is being used for snow storage.

Equipment: The new snowblower was received and is awaiting assembly.

The department is actively seeking to fill the vacant Public Works Manager role as well as a Skilled Labourer position.

Tenders: Water Main Replacement Program, Road Reconstruction and Paving Program, and Concrete Program are out for tender.

The Airport Ownership and Operations RFP will close February 24th and will be brought to Council for discussion.

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MUSEUM & GALLERY

FEBRUARY 14: CULTURE DAYS PLANNING MEETING @ GALLERY

FEBRUARY 18, 20, 22: SILK-SCREEN DROP IN PROGRAMS @ GALLERY

FEBRUARY 19: ESCAPE ROOM @ MUSEUM

OTHER:

FEBRUARY 22: HUMBOLDT EMERGENCY SERVICES CHARITY GALA @ THE LEGION

UPCOMING EVENTS

HUMBOLDT UNIPLEX

FEBRUARY 14-15: HUMBOLDT BRONCOS ALUMNI WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 15, 17, 22, 26 & MAR 9: HUMBOLDT BRONCOS HOME GAMES

FEBRUARY 22: FAMILY GLOW CURLING

MARCH: 14-15: TRAPPERS CONVENTION

MARCH: 14-15: OPEN MIXED CURLING BONSPIEL

APRIL 10-13: ONSTAGE DANCE FESTIVAL



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