

# Community REPORT



January 2025

## Special Meeting of Council

At a Special Meeting of Council held Monday, January 13th, Council adopted bylaw 01/2025, a bylaw to authorize amendments to the water and sewer rates bylaw 11/2019.

In the approved 2025 budget, an approximate 5.28% increase overall is being sought for additional funding for the utility. The increase is being directed mostly to help fund the large wastewater treatment upgrade project which started in March 2024 and is anticipated to be complete by October 2026.

City Council approved a discretionary use application to operate an educational institute at Unit R80 at 1919 8th Avenue at Humboldt Commons. The space will be used as a training facility for new BHP employees.

Council also approved a discretionary use application for an educational institute at 520 9th Street. Carlton Trail College plans to run a Carpentry Program from January to July, operating until funding and development plans are finalized for a dedicated training location.

## Delegations

### Jorges Langevin, Humboldt Arena Expansion and Recreation Team

Jorges Langevin presented a proposal for an indoor dry land training facility for Humboldt and area athletes. The plan would serve as an immediate solution to ice time demand for hockey teams in the area and would also provide training space for baseball teams and other sports. Executive Committee accepted the presentation as information and thanked Mr. Langevin for his presentation.

## Updates from City Administration

### Protective Services

#### MIKE KWASNICA - FIRE CHIEF/DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES

December was a fairly busy month for the fire department with four in city responses and seven out of the city.

The Regional Emergency Management plan has been launched and a contract has been signed with Ray Unrau to begin gathering information from the communities that have joined our group. A total of 20 communities will work together for the next 3 years to develop a regional emergency plan.

Fire Chief Kwasnica also gave a report from RCMP, OHS, CSO, and an overview of fire department calls for 2024.

## Controller

### JACE PORTEN - CITY CONTROLLER

#### Corporate Services

Audit: The City's External Auditors, MNP, conducted the 2024 interim audit on December 16th.

During the interim audit, auditors sample test revenues and expenditures of the City's operations through the end of October. The City has the 2024 year-end audit scheduled for March 25th to 27th 2025.

Water bills: During the recent Canada Post strike, Administration elected to not charge interest fees in December on any outstanding water accounts for the month as many users still rely on receiving paper copies of their monthly bills. With mail delivery services now continuing, Administration has continued charging interest on the outstanding accounts in January.

Transit Van: There are concerns from users with the ramp that is on the City's transit van that was purchased in mid-2024. Administration is looking into the issue.

Licenses: Businesses that purchased a business license in 2024 can expect a letter informing them that they will be invoiced for a 2025 business license at the end of January. Animal license holders are being reminded to renew their pet licenses for 2025.

## Community & Leisure Services

### MICHAEL ULRIKSEN - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES

Outdoor rinks: The St. Dominic rink ice installation has been completed. The attention now turns to the new Centennial Park rink.

Aquatic Centre: a test of new flooring went ahead in the women's change room at the Aquatic Centre. Public feedback on the product has been positive. The full installation of flooring on the pool deck is expected as early as this spring. The pool hot tub is expected to undergo repairs in February but is dependent on contractor and logistics.

Library Solarium: flooring was installed but there is some left to do in the main entrance.

Robotic Mower: The new robotic mower has been ordered.

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## Cultural Services

### JENNIFER FITZPATRICK - DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES

Museum exhibit: On the Trail of the Monarch Butterfly is a traveling exhibit produced by the Canada Aviation and Space Museum in collaboration with the Embassy of Mexico. The multimedia exhibit consists primarily of photography and video footage of the migration of the Monarch Butterfly from Montreal to central Mexico. It is on display until February 22.

Gallery exhibit: Vicissitude, the art installation by Monique Martin and Alexandra Hedberg featuring thousands of butterflies is now on display until February 22.

Purple Window: A Purple Door outreach meeting will be held at the Gallery on Friday, January 24 and it will be called a Purple Window event. The idea of a Purple Window came from the Purple Door group, which is a social support group that meets weekly at the Anglican Church.

Water Tower: The Water Tower committee met this month to review 2024 operations and discuss plans for 2025.

Original Humboldt: The committee was a recipient of funding from the Good Neighbour Store.

In late 2024, the public suggested names for the Joe Fafard piglet donated to the Gallery. The finalists are Hamlet, Artie, and Piper. Vote for your favorite in-person at the gallery or online at [humboldtmuseum.ca/namethepiglet](http://humboldtmuseum.ca/namethepiglet). Contest ends January 31, 2025.

## Public Works

### PETER BERGQUIST - DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

The department continues to focus on snow and ice control, changing meters, and finding leaks in the water main system. The new Wastewater Treatment Facility construction is progressing well and is now over 50% complete. Engineering is busy assisting with land development and getting designs and tenders ready for the 2025 capital projects.

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## MUSEUM & GALLERY

- JANUARY 23: POETRY SLAM @ GALLERY
- JANUARY 24: PURPLE WINDOW @ GALLERY
- FEBRUARY 4: ABORIGINAL STORYTELLING EVENT @ GALLERY
- FEBRUARY 5: LOCAL WRITERS NIGHT @ GALLERY
- FEBRUARY 8: ARCHIVES WEEK OPEN HOUSE @ MUSEUM
- FEBRUARY 12: YOUTH WRITERS NIGHT @ GALLERY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## HUMBOLDT UNIPLEX

- JANUARY 18, 23 & FEBRUARY 1, 5, 8, 15, 17, 22 & 26: BRONCOS HOME GAMES
- JANUARY 18: YOUTH CURLING BONSPIEL
- JANUARY 31: FARMERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS BONSPIEL
- FEBRUARY 14-15: HUMBOLDT BRONCOS ALUMNI WEEKEND
- FEBRUARY 22: FAMILY GLOW CURLING
- MARCH: 14-15: TRAPPERS CONVENTION



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