

# Community REPORT 2024 In Review



December 2024

## Most Notable Projects and Accomplishments

### Public Works & Utilities

PETER BERGQUIST - PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

**Carl Schenn Dry Pond project** – completed and opened to the public. A time lapse video of the project was created and can be found on the City of Humboldt website on the Capital Projects page.



**Wastewater Treatment Upgrades** – The Wastewater project has been underway since early 2024. Members of Council and City representatives were able to tour the facility in the fall to see how things are progressing and to learn more about the operations.



**2024 Paving Program**– Paving work was completed in the following areas of the City:

- Graveled areas of Barnes Crescent
- 12th Ave. from Stebbings Crescent to the Lane West of 21st St
- 11th Street from 6th Ave. to 8th Ave.
- 4th Street from 8th Ave. to Ogilvie Ave.
- 12th Street from 4th Ave. to 3rd Ave.
- 4th Ave. from the Lane West of 10th Street to 14th Street.
- Various patching work around the City

### Protective Services

MIKE KWASNICA - DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES

#### **Regional Emergency Management:**

On Friday, November 22, 2024, the regional emergency management response network was launched with a meeting and information session.

The regionalization project aims to prepare for emergency situations such as flooding, widespread fires, crippling blizzards, and snow events.

At the meeting, a comprehensive three-year strategy was presented to those in attendance by consultant Ray Unrau.

The following plan was brought forward:

- Year one focuses on mapping out community assets with gap analysis.
- Year two will look at Incident Command System training, Emergency Operations Centre training, and finalizing the regionalization plan.
- Year three will include the final operational program to field test the model.

The project has been in the works since 2018 when discussions for it began following the Broncos bus crash.

The first meeting had interest from six communities and has since grown to 18 communities.

**FireFit Challenge:** On August 24th and 25th, the top firefighters from the region competed in a series of grueling physical challenges designed to showcase their skills and endurance in Humboldt

The Humboldt Fire Department had some members put together a relay team and came away with a berth to the FireFit Nationals in Kamloops, BC.

## Most Notable Projects and Accomplishments (cont.)

### Cultural Services

#### JENNIFER FITZPATRICK - DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES

**Milestones:** This year marked the 25th anniversary of the Friends Festival Auction and the 30th anniversary of the Friends of the Museum and Gallery.

**Water Tower** – saw an increase in attendance, private tours and rentals. The tower was also open for tours in the evening and that success will carry through to next year.

**Original Humboldt** – cultural services partnered with the University of Saskatchewan Department of Archaeology and Anthropology to coordinate student archaeological excavations and research at the site.

### Marketing & Development

**Digital Humboldt app:** The app was Part 2 of the Digital Humboldt communications system, with the digital screens being part 1. The app delivers not only the same news and events that is on our website and displays, but is also used to send push notifications, including but not limited to: DWA's, Road closures, public notices, RFP's, RFQ's and tenders, emergency notices.

**Demographics and local market data:** A dynamic software tool added to the City's website that displays Humboldt's demographics and local market data backed with visualizations that are aesthetically attractive.

**E-permitting portal:** allows developers, builders, and homeowners to apply for permits on-line at [humboldt.ca](http://humboldt.ca)

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### Planning

#### Building & Development Permits: As of Dec., 2, 2024

2024		
Description	# Permits	Estimated Value(\$)
<b>New Construction</b>		
Single Unit Dwellings	23	\$4,776,516.00
Multi-Unit Dwellings	7	\$10,500,000.00
Commercial & Industrial	3	\$7,625,000.00
Government & Institutional	0	\$0

#### Northwest Area Structure Plan:

In September 2024, Humboldt City Council approved bylaw No. 09/2024, the Northwest Area Structure Plan and its corresponding maps as the guiding concept for the development in the Northeast Planning area. The goal of the plan is to provide relevant developers with insight into the extent to which the Northwest Area can be serviced using existing infrastructure.



**Housing Accelerator Fund:** The City of Humboldt was approved to receive funding from the Federal Government under the HAF initiative which is a funding agreement between CMHC and municipalities across Canada to help speed up development and increase housing supply.

Humboldt was granted \$2,298,000 to implement initiatives in our Housing Action Plan. This includes the property tax incentive for the development of residential housing units by offering a 3-year tax exemption on new builds. The exemption in property taxes is from the date of completion of construction onward to include three full calendar years.

## Most Notable Projects and Accomplishments (cont.)

### Community & Leisure Services

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

**Campground and mini-golf:** The mini-golf course underwent some long overdue renovations. The boards around each hole were replaced and identifier posts were repainted at each hole. There were 1511 mini-golfers this year and 283 campers utilized our campground this summer.

#### Centennial Park Development and Landscaping:

The washroom/concession facility will serve recreation year-round both for the ball diamond and sport court users in the spring and summer months as well as those utilizing the outdoor rink in the winter. The building is fully heated and available to rent.

#### The Jacob Leicht Memorial Outdoor Rink and Multi-Sport Court:

The outdoor rink will open this winter, with the courts opening in late spring. The facility will provide both hockey and leisure skating opportunities as well as court space for basketball, tennis and pickleball.

The facility is named after Jacob Leicht, who lost his life in the 2018 Humboldt Broncos bus crash and was made possible through a federal grant and contribution from the Humboldt Broncos Memorial Golf Tournament.



### Community & Leisure Services

**Reid Thompson Public Library Solarium:** Replacement of the old library solarium was completed after several years of planning and contributions to reserves. The upgrade will alleviate some of the previous water infiltration issues and will improve the look and functionality of the space.

**St. Augustine Cemetery paving:** The paving project among the Columbarium Circle followed the addition of five new columbarium units for a total of 9 units. The columbarium circle was developed in response to the growing demand for columbarium niches, increasing the total number of niches to 624.

**Living Skies Music Festival:** The inaugural event, held in Humboldt, was a resounding success and received a great response from attendees. As a result, the City has committed to hosting a follow-up event in 2025. The 2025 event will expand to two days and will coincide with the Summer Sizzler.

**Summer Sizzler:** The June 26th to 29th event began with a kick-off concert at Civic Park on Wednesday evening, followed by the midway at Uniplex Grounds from Thursday to Saturday. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this annual event.

### Other events and projects

#### PBR Invitational Rodeo:

The City was one of the sponsors of Discovery Ford's "PBR Invitational Rodeo." The event was a huge success again this year.

**Fleet improvement:** A dedicated maintenance service van was purchased, while replacing two aging passenger vehicles. The department also capitalized higher than normal used vehicle values, utilizing McDougall Auctions to dispose of several fleet vehicles. The revenue generated from these sales is returned to the fleet reserve, further strengthening the City's fleet plan.