

Community REPORT



July 2023

Special Meeting of Council

DECISIONS ON REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

A Special Meeting of Council was held on Monday, July 10 to discuss the results of a Tender and a Request for Proposal for 2 projects; one for the Convention Centre Washrooms Renovation and another for modifications to the roof of the library.

At the time of closing the tender for the Convention Centre Washrooms Renovations process, the City had received bids that were all well over budget. Because of this, Council decided that it is in the best interest of the City not to proceed with offering any contract at this time.

In addition, the sole bid received for the library roof modifications was not accepted due to it being over budget.

It is important that Council and Administration be prudent and not to simply accept bids and quotes with inflated prices, but to ensure that all avenues available be explored to ensure the best use of municipal funds.

Administration is committed to making necessary upgrades to our existing facilities, however it is imperative that we are confident that the funds being invested in our facilities are appropriate.

Updates from City Administration

Cultural Services

JENNIFER FITZPATRICK - DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES

Original Humboldt made the front page of the Saskatoon StarPhoenix on Thursday, July 6th, 2023. The article talks about the recent archaeological dig where community members could take part in excavations of the historical site. Click [HERE](#) to read the article.

The Future is Golden: Celebrating an Inclusive Community for 50 Years, an exhibit created by Futuristic Industries has been extended until at least the end of July.

Updates from City Administration (cont.)

"HAF" Application and Proposed Residential Construction Incentive Bylaw

JOE DAY - CITY MANAGER

CMHC has recently announced a Housing Accelerator Fund ("HAF"), a \$4 billion initiative that will provide funding to cities, towns, and Indigenous governments to develop innovative measures to unlock new housing supply and fast-track the creation of 100,000 new homes across Canada.

Administration is currently working on an application for this funding for the City of Humboldt. In addition, a proposed Bylaw for an incentive program to "kick-start" residential construction in Humboldt is being drafted.

The proposed incentive program is meant to apply to all new residential construction permits that are taken out in Humboldt from January 1st, 2023 to September 1st, 2026. This period of time aligns with both the HAF funding period and with the anticipated population growth in Humboldt.

Council will discuss the Bylaw at the next Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, July 24, 2023.

Marketing & Development

PENNY LEE - MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Marketing & Development is pleased to advise the City of Humboldt's 2022 Annual Report is complete. A digital copy can be viewed and downloaded [HERE](#).

Public Works & Utilities

PETER BERGQUIST - PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

Public Works & Utilities is pleased that the water main replacement project along 12th Street, from 3rd Avenue to 4th Avenue is now complete. The total cost for this project was \$120,000, which is within the original budgeted amount.

Updates from City Administration (con't)

PBR Rodeo

MICHAEL ULRIKSEN - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES

Congratulations to Discovery Ford Sales on their Pro Bull Riding event held on Friday, June 16, 2023! It was a huge success!

The Discovery Ford parking lot served as the host to a stop in the PBR Canada Touring Pro Division titled "Battle of the Bulls" on June 16th, 2023. The event saw a tremendous response from the community and the region, selling out all 1200 tickets well in advance. The Community & Leisure Services Department was very impressed with the planning and execution of this event put together by the Discovery Ford Sales team. The City's contribution to this event was in the form of a \$7,500 sponsorship.

Following the event, Discovery Ford Sales donated seven, five-tiered bleachers they had purchased for the event to the City to use where most suitable. Administration is currently reviewing options for the bleachers within our parks and are leaning towards locating a significant portion of the bleachers at the Glenn Hall Park track and sports fields.

Thank you, Discovery Ford! We hope to see the return of this event in 2024!

Thank you to all who organized, participated in, and attended our 2023 Summer Sizzler and Canada Day Celebrations!

It was a huge success!

We're looking forward to seeing all of you again in 2024!

Employment Opportunities

COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES:

Multiple Concession Worker Positions
Application Deadline: August 3, 2023

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES:

Seasonal Skilled Labourer
Application Deadline: July 26, 2023

For more information, go to:
humboldt.ca/job-opportunities/

Announcements

Aquatic Centre & Fitness Room

**Closed for Maintenance
July 31st - August 18th**

All memberships will be paused and will resume when the facility is reopened.



JULY AND AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14-16: U11 Baseball Provincials
Centennial Park

July 15: Best Entertainment Wrestling
Pro Wrestling Event
Jubilee Hall A

July 21-23: Grasslands Sheep Exhibition
Humboldt Uniplex

