

Community REPORT



September 2023

Updates from City Administration

Cultural Services

JENNIFER FITZPATRICK - DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES

Fall time is one of our busiest times for community programming and our lineup of activities demonstrates how talented and committed folks in the area are willing to share their skills and talents with others.

Upcoming Events and Programs

Culture Days Programs -all free to the public

Sept 29: Fiddle Concert with Tristin Durocher in partnership with Arts Humboldt.

Sept 30: Civic Park - Walk for Reconciliation from Civic Park to Westminster United Church, with a talk from Tristin at the Hall, in partnership with the Westminster Affirm Team.

Gallery - We have developed a series of "Come Paint with Us" sessions at the gallery in partnership with four local artists.

Come Paint with Us Series

Sept 21: Canvas Prep and Introduction to Brushes with Laura Kneeshaw

Sept 28: Composition with Lorraine Jansen

Oct 5: Simple Silhouettes with Wayne Schidlowsky

Oct 12: Colour Theory with Kayla Hanson

Member Show and Sale

Sept 26: -Members Show and Sale Exhibit Opens

Oct 14: -Members Show and Sale Reception- Meet the Members is scheduled for 1:30 – 4:00 pm.

Museum -The Future is Golden: Celebrating an Inclusive Community for 50 Years, our partnership exhibit with Futuristic Industries is the feature exhibit on display. The Stories of Humboldt – Chapter 5 is in final development and will open later in September.

Historic Water Tower - The tour season ended on August 26. A Water Tower private booking tour was held on Saturday, August 5th, which received a comment from visitors from South Korea, "This was a better tour than the CN Tower" which they had visited the week before. The Water Tower Carnival was held on August 19 with approximately 120

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people in attendance. There were new games and a juggler, with a small concession that sold Lucky Elephant Popcorn (generously donated by the Humboldt Co-op) and other goodies.

Musician Jen Reimer of Montreal presented at the gallery on August 30 about her project, and there were 126 people who joined the performances during the afternoon and evening of August 31. It was 4 people shy of a total sell-out. The suggested donation fee of \$5/person was exceeded with a total donation of \$802. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped during the week with this program!

To the end of August, our programs and services have seen incredible participation with engagement levels of 9,155 people. Thank you to our volunteers who contributed 273 hours of their time in August!

Marketing & Development

PENNY LEE - MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Marketing & Development is pleased to announce the launch of a new communications platform, "Digital Humboldt", a way to keep up to date on events and messages from the City of Humboldt! This platform has 2 components: one being digital displays and the other a mobile app.

We currently have 3 digital displays located at City Hall, the Uniplex, and the Museum. These displays have information about upcoming events and fundraisers in Humboldt and area, as well as messaging from the City such as drinking water advisories (DWA's) and road service notices. We hope to see more of these displays installed in public locations in the near future.

For more information about this new initiative and how you can get your event or fundraiser posted on these displays, go to humboldt.ca/digital-humboldt/.

The mobile app will be available soon! It will have similar information, but will also provide users with "push notifications/alerts" about events and messages from the City. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more information about the official launch!

Updates from City Administration (con't)

Public Works & Utilities

PETER BERGQUIST - PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

The Public Works Department has hired a new mechanic and we are excited for him to start. Our transport crews have been busy street sweeping, pothole patching, mowing, gardening, grading gravel roads, etc. 102nd street from the railway tracks to 6th avenue was being rebuilt by internal crews as time permitted.

Panhandling Bylaw

MIKE KWASNICA - PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR

Recently there has been an individual that is been observed panhandling in the City of Humboldt. The Mayor has received calls from businesses in our community asking that the City do something to end this activity. A review of different bylaws was conducted along with the rationale of such a bylaw and whether it would be beneficial for Humboldt. The location that the person has been panhandling would be legally allowed in other cities in Saskatchewan. Some municipalities do, however, include in their Bylaws a prohibition from standing as close to the stop sign as it appears that this panhandler locates them self. Panhandling can become a problem if rules are not set out, to adopt a bylaw that is currently being used in other municipalities would ensure that we are proactive and setting the rules are this activity.

Employment Opportunities

COMMUNITY AND LEISURE SERVICES:

Facilities Maintenance Manager
Application Deadline: October 3rd, 2023

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

Announcements



City Hall will be closed to the public for renovations September 1st, 2023 and will re-open October 3rd, 2023.

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS & PROCLAMATIONS

- September 28:** Mark of Excellence Awards
- September 18-24:** Rail Safety Week
- September 30:** Orange Shirt Day



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