

Community REPORT 2023 In Review



December 2023

Most Notable Projects and Accomplishments

Public Works & Utilities

PETER BERGQUIST - PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

Carl Schenn Dry Pond project - This project aims to aid in flooding that occurs following heavy rainfall events within the nearby residential areas of Carl Schenn Park. Work began in August of this year. The field portion of the park will remain closed until the fall of 2024 to allow for the grass to establish. The field will be irrigated throughout 2024 until the time it is opened back up for public use. Excavated locations for the pipe installations will be re-paved in 2024. 12th Avenue from Stebbings Crescent to 21st Street is also planned to be rebuilt in 2024. The total project is estimated at \$1,617,800 (PST Included), with 73% of funding for this project (\$1,180,992) made possible by the INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM and the remaining 27% (\$436,808) being funded by the City.



Severe Watermain Break - On March 19 at 1:34am, a severe water main break was discovered at 9th Avenue and Main St. The water plant was flowing extremely high which immediately started covering the roads around it and created difficulty isolating the leak. Thanks to our Public Works staff for working quickly in challenging conditions to get the situation under control. In the end, approximately 4,847 cubic meters of water was lost at a cost of \$18,450. The break appeared to be related to a shift in the ground where a cast iron and PVC pipe connected. This is an odd and very rare break.

Protective Services

MIKE KWASNICA - DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Carbon Monoxide Response:

On Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at approximately 5:00 pm, the Humboldt Fire Department's Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief were called to an apartment complex in response to carbon monoxide ("CO") alarms alerting a maintenance staff member. Upon their arrival, they detected high levels of CO throughout the building. Dispatch was then notified, and the remainder of the Fire Department and Humboldt & District Ambulance Service were deployed. Twenty-five residents were assessed on scene by paramedics, and treated as necessary, with some being transported to the Humboldt District Hospital Complex. The remainder were transported to the Humboldt Uniplex by Humboldt's Mobility Van and St. Mary's Villa transportation bus. Reassessments by paramedics were completed at the Uniplex with some patients being rerouted to the hospital. The Bella Vista Inn provided individuals at the Uniplex with food, coffee and water. All residents, including those who were treated and discharged from the hospital, were provided rooms courtesy of the Bella Vista.

Investigation of where the leak originated and remedied continued throughout the night. Early Wednesday morning, residents were advised that the leak had been successfully identified and isolated and the property was safe to re-enter.

Condo Fire:

On Thursday, June 1, 2023, at approximately 12:35 am, the Humboldt & District Fire Department successfully extinguished a fire at 607-10th Street in Humboldt, a 24 unit condominium complex. All thirty-eight residents were safely evacuated.

The investigation concluded that the origin of the fire was unintentional and was caused by improperly discarded smoking materials on a fourth-floor balcony.

The quick response by our volunteer firefighters and the utilization of the ladder truck resulted in the fire being quickly brought under control. Fire damage was limited to the top floor on the west end, although many of other suites were affected with both smoke and water damage.

Most Notable Projects and Accomplishments (con't)

Cultural Services

JENNIFER FITZPATRICK - DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES

Reconciliation Pilot Project:

The City of Humboldt and Heritage Saskatchewan, along with their partners, the Office of the Treaty Commissioner and the Aboriginal Friendship Centres of Saskatchewan, announced the pilot project in Humboldt entitled "Relationship Building and Reconciliation through Living Heritage".

Recognition Awards:

The value of cultural programming was recognized through three awards in 2023:

- Creative Cities Network of Canada - Reconciliation Mural Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation Award - Water Tower Painting Project
- SARC's Community Builder Award - Futuristic Industries Exhibit



Marketing & Development

PENNY LEE - MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Digital Humboldt:

The "Digital Humboldt Pilot Project" was launched in July 2023 and aims to assist our residents and volunteer organizations with their promotions and advertising by giving them the opportunity to take advantage of custom indoor digital displays. They also display messaging from City of Humboldt Council and all City departments.

These displays are now located in 3 city owned locations, 1 hotel, and 2 retail outlets in Humboldt.

Planning

MIKE KWASNICA - DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Tax Incentive:

In July of 2023, Humboldt City Council passed a new "Residential Construction Incentive", Bylaw No. 05/2023. This new Bylaw provides a property tax exemption for construction of new residential dwelling units in the City of Humboldt. There is no application process to be eligible. This exemption automatically applies to building permits issued by the City of Humboldt between January 1st, 2023, and September 1st, 2026.

New Businesses:

In 2023, Humboldt saw a number of new businesses:

- 14 Store Fronts
- 21 Home Based
- 10 Out of Town

To view a listing of all businesses registered, go to <https://humboldt.ca/business-directory/>

Building & Development Permits:

Humboldt is seeing an increase in building and development. To date, compared to 2022, there has been an increase in the number of permits for Single Unit Dwellings of 75%.

2023		
Description	# Permits	Estimated Value(\$)
New Construction		
Single Unit Dwellings	15	\$3,402,794.00
Multi-Unit Dwellings	1	\$576,588.00
Commercial & Industrial	3	\$2,020,000.00
Government & Institutional	1	\$150,000.00

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Community & Leisure Services

MICHAEL ULRIKSEN - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES

Centennial Park Development and Landscaping:

Construction of the washroom and concession facility is underway, as well as work on the Outdoor Rink and Multi-Sport Court.

Combined Summer Sizzler and Canada Day:

COVID caused major disruptions with our annual events, Summer Sizzler and Canada Day being 2 major ones. Fortunately, this year we were able to have the parade and get the midway back. Combining Summer Sizzler with our Canada Day Celebrations was a hit with residents and visitors with plenty of activities going on all around the City throughout the long weekend.

Working Towards Greener Operations:

In an effort to implement eco-friendly operations, the Curling Rink & the lower level of the arena received new LED lighting.

Other Events

Filipino Days:

Our Filipino Community hosted their 2nd Filipino Festival in Humboldt celebrating their culture and traditions. The event was another huge success with great food and entertainment. We look forward to another celebration in 2024.

3rd Annual Saskatchewan Film Festival:

Humboldt was host to the 3rd Annual Saskatchewan International Film Festival showcasing talent in the film industry from all over the world.

PBR Invitational Rodeo:

The City was 1 of the sponsors of Discovery Ford's "PBR Invitational Rodeo". This event was a huge success and we hope to see more of these kinds of events in the future.

Community Milestones

Futuristic Industries 50th Anniversary:

Futuristic Industries Inc., founded in 1973, celebrated their 50th Anniversary on November 3, 2023. They have been a valuable contributor to our community these past 50 years. They are based on the belief that every person, no matter ability, has the right to live their life as every other citizen and provides opportunities for development in areas such as social, vocational, residential, spiritual and recreation within our community.



Carlton Trail College 50th Anniversary:

Carlton Trail College celebrated their 50th Anniversary on December 7, 2023. CTC has been providing post-secondary education and skills training, academic upgrading and essential skills courses, English Language Training and industry workforce development opportunities to individuals, businesses, and organizations across east-central Saskatchewan for the past half-century.

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