

Community REPORT



January 2024

Updates from City Administration

Cultural Services

JENNIFER FITZPATRICK - DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES

The Cultural Services department hosted many events over the Holiday season. We are thankful to our many community volunteers who made our events possible – especially the Santa visits! The Cultural Services Department has many exciting events, programs and exhibits planned for the new year. For more information, visit our website at humboldtmuseum.ca

Relationship Building and Reconciliation through Living Heritage Program - The final wrap up of the project will occur in early 2024, which include plans for a spring in-person meeting to close out the project, and discuss next steps with the community. The post study group interviews were completed this month, and sent to the coordinators of the pilot program for review.

Public Works & Utilities

PETER BERGQUIST - PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

The lack of snow and mild temperatures in November and December has been a welcomed outcome relating to the snow and ice budget. During the mild weather, staff were primarily street sanding and sweeping sidewalks as needed. As a result, we are anticipating that the 2023 actual expenditures will be close to budget rather than overbudget due to high costs in Spring of 2023.

The extra time the favorable weather has allowed staff to focus on other postponed tasks, such as continuing with ditch and lagoon mowing, as well as wrap up weekly, monthly and quarterly sewer flushing and water main flushing around the City.

Wastewater Treatment Upgrade (Lagoon) - The tender for the lagoon has now been awarded and construction startup meetings are being planned with the contractor. Keep up-to-date on this project on our website: humboldt.ca/capital-construction-projects/.

Community & Leisure Services

MICHAEL ULRIKSEN - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES

The CLS department is excited to enter the New Year, to complete a few long-standing projects and to continue improving the recreational services we provide to our residents. Some projects include the Outdoor Washroom/ Concession facility at Centennial Park in partnership with the Humboldt Ball Committee, and completion of the Outdoor Rink and Multi-Sport Court Facility. These projects are slated to be completed in early 2024 and the department will be focusing on our long-term strategies for recreational development to match the anticipated growth projections over the next several years.

The City is pleased to continue to support the following community led projects:

Bill Brecht Playground – The group is expecting to complete the project in the spring of 2024. The group has been working for the better part of the last two years to fundraise and construct a new playground space in the southeast corner of the park.

Humboldt Ball Development Board – The board continues to fundraise for the costs associated with the washroom/ concession facility. The group has been steadily increasing their on-diamond sponsorships, as well as receiving funding from the Good Neighbour Store.

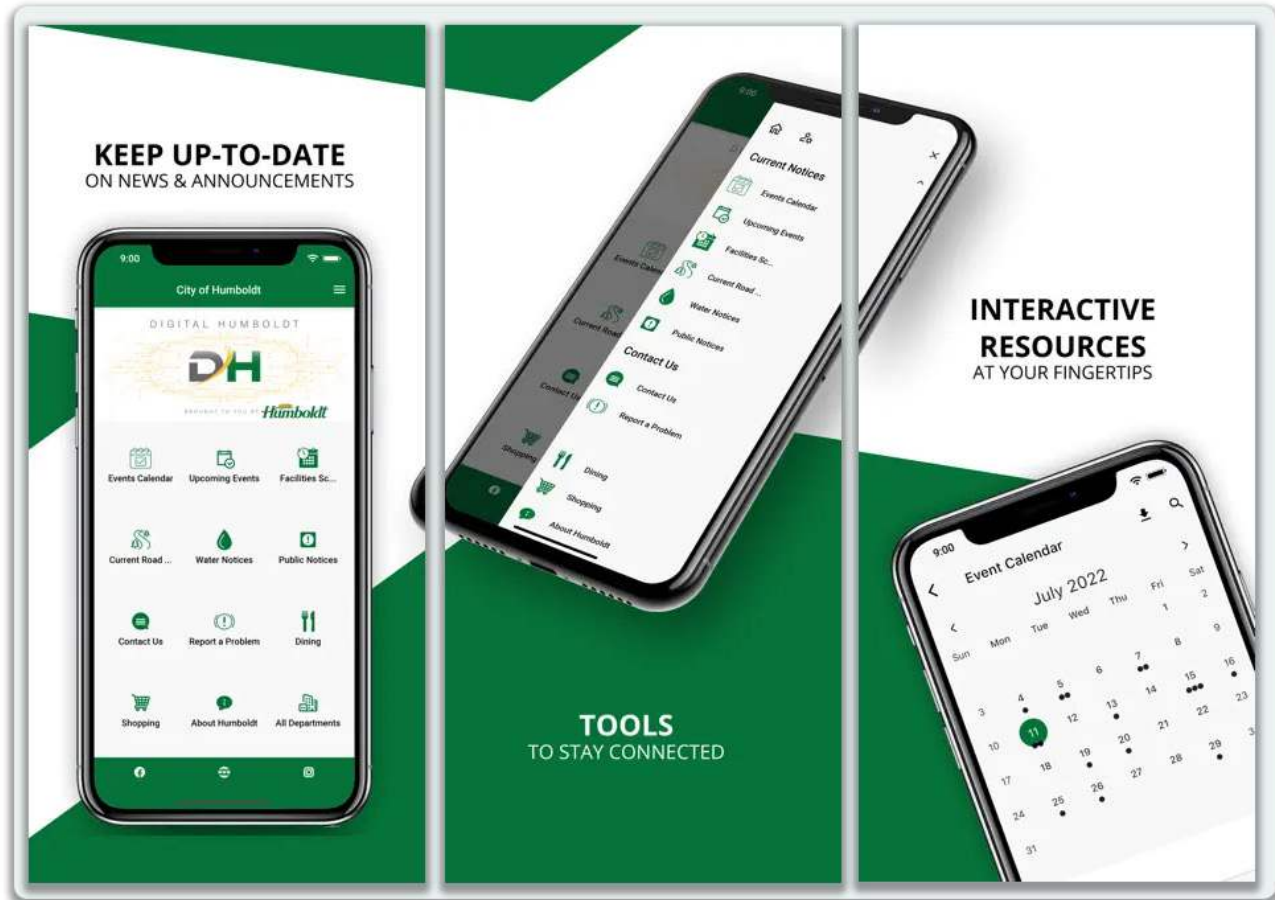




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