

# Community REPORT



April 2024

## Special Meeting of Council

At a Special Meeting of Council held Monday, April 8th, Council approved two major appointments for the City. The first being appointing Jace Porten as the Interim City Clerk, and the second being appointing Jace Porten as Secretary for the Development Appeals Board. Good luck to Jace in his new appointments!

Council also approved the purchase of a SaltDogg 5.5 salt/sand spreader, which will replace the current salt/sand spreader, which was purchased in 2014. The old spreader will be sold through a public bidding process.

## Updates from City Administration

### Marketing & Development

#### PENNY LEE - MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The City has witnessed an increase in city-owned residential lot sales compared to the previous 3 years. Below shows residential lot sales for the previous 3 years:

- 2021 - 2 lots sold
- 2022 - 5 lots sold
- 2023 - 2 lots sold
- First Quarter of 2024 - 6 lots sold

This is a clear indication of the increase in demand for residential development in the City.

The Marketing & Development Manager & the City Manager had an introductory meeting with a Councillor from George Gordon's First Nation, along with the VP of Corporate Affairs & Business Development of the first nation owned and operated company called George Gordon Developments Ltd. The meeting was to provide an overview of what our development aspirations look like, and we look forward to meeting again in the near future to explore opportunities that will benefit both communities.

The Marketing & Development Manager and her team will be relocating to the office building located at the campground. With the Marketing staff moving into this building, it will be transitioned into the City's Information Services hub, promoting the City of Humboldt and all it has to offer.

## Community & Leisure Services

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

The curling rink ice was removed the week of March 18th, following another successful curling season. The space has now been transitioned into a ball training space, with both minor baseball and softball already using the space for pre-season training & tryouts. For booking availability, go to: <https://app.univerusrec.com/humboldtpub/calendars/facilities/index.asp> or call the front desk at 306 682-2597.

Administration has begun soliciting feedback from the public for a second ice surface via survey. In the first week of the survey being available to the public, we received 510 responses. Administration will begin connecting directly with local organizations, as well as the business community in the month of April with the goal of creating a larger picture of the impact and support for a second ice surface.



### UPCOMING BRONCOS PLAYOFF GAMES (ROUND 2):

April 13 in Melfort  
April 14 at Home (if needed)  
& April 16 in Melfort (if needed)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Museum & Gallery

- April 12:** Youth Watercolor Class
- April 15:** Quill Plains Museums Network Meeting
- April 18:** HCI Student Art Exhibit Open House
- April 20:** Macrame Class
- April 29:** Listen to DIs' Concert

### Humboldt Uniplex

- April 17-21:** onStage Dance Festival
- May 3-5:** A-List Dance Academy Recital
- May 24-26:** Impact Dance Academy Recital

For more upcoming events, visit <https://humboldt.ca/events-calendar/>

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## IS YOUR HOME READY FOR SPRING THAW?

Flood damage can be quite costly. With the arrival of spring, it is important to be aware of the risks spring thaw can bring



- ◇ Shovel snow away from your house
- ◇ Inspect your property for possible obstructions that prevent water from flowing away from your house
- ◇ Ensure your sump pump is in good working condition and your drain line is clear
- ◇ Ensure downspouts are directing water away from your home's foundation
- ◇ If you have a backwater valve, check that it is clear and in good working order
- ◇ Check to make sure your gutters are clear so melting snow can drain properly
- ◇ Ensure your downspouts drain water away from your home's foundation

Doing these simple, yet crucial things will help protect your home, your neighbour's home and the community from flooding and sewer backups during unpredictable spring weather.

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## REMINDER ABOUT FIRE PITS

- 1 Fire pits must be constructed from a manufactured, non-combustible receptacle constructed of cement or brick, or from sheet metal which is a minimum 10-gauge thickness (9/64 inch) and designed for use as a fire pit and must be covered by a heavy gauge metal screen.
- 2 Fire pits must be more than 10 feet or 3.1 meters from any property line, building, combustible structures, trees or combustible vegetation.
- 3 The area on the ground surrounding the circumference/base of a fire pit, outdoor fire place, or fire receptacle must be at least 16 inches (or 40 cm) and must be kept free of combustible materials or vegetation.
- 4 Prohibited Burning Materials:  
Cardboard      Rubbish  
Garden Refuse      Leaves  
Manure      Animal Carcasses  
Dangerous Goods  
And any material that will generate black smoke or odor
- 5 **YOU MUST HAVE A FIRE PIT PERMIT**

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

All fireworks within the City of Humboldt require a permit.

To apply for a permit, please contact the Humboldt & District Fire Department

