

Community REPORT 2025 In Review



December 2025

Most Notable Projects and Accomplishments

Public Works & Utilities

PETER BERGQUIST - PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR

Wastewater Treatment Upgrades: The \$40 million project that has been underway since early 2024, is expected to be completed in late 2026. All lift stations have been redirected to the new system.



2025 Paving Program

Paving work was completed in the following areas of the City:

- Ninth Avenue: Reconstruction from 17th Street to the lane east of Barnes Crescent.
- Sixth Avenue: Reconstruction from Fifth to Sixth Street.
- Seventh Avenue: Reconstruction from Second to Third Street.
- Various patching work around the City
- Slurry Seal Program: A durable coating applied to roads in decent shape to preserve them for a longer time.

Protective Services

MIKE KWASNICA - DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Regional Emergency Management:

Work on the Regional Emergency Management plan continued in 2025. The regionalization project aims to prepare for emergency situations such as flooding, widespread fires, crippling blizzards, and snow events.

18 communities are taking part in the initiative.

Community Safety Officer program expansion:

Community Safety Officer, Bruce Ehalt started with the department in July providing services one day a week in the following communities: Lanigan, Watson, and Humboldt.

Planning & Development

Building & Development Permits: As of Dec. 5, 2025

2025		
Description	# Permits	Estimated Value(\$)
New Construction		
Single Unit Dwellings	23	\$9,745,451.00
Multi-Unit Dwellings		
Commercial & Industrial	8	\$3,030,000.00
Government & Institutional	1	\$0

South Area Structure Plan: In July 2025, Humboldt City Council approved the South Area Structure Plan. The initial proposed area of the plan was the land south of 1st Avenue North, east of 14th Street, west of 4th Street, north of city limits and the undeveloped land south of Sask. Avenue. The plan scope expanded to include east of Peck Road and south of the industrial area.

Housing Accelerator Fund: The City of Humboldt was approved to receive an additional \$226,000 over three years through the South Area Structure Plan.

Commercial Development: Bluestone Builders Groups & North Ridge Development both had concept plans approved by City Council for residential land development for 2026.

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Marketing & Communications

ANGIE ROLHEISER - COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Digital Humboldt app: The app delivers not only the same news and events that is on our website and displays, but is also used to send push notifications, including but not limited to: DWA's, Road closures, public notices, RFP's, RFQ's, tenders, and emergency notices.

Saskatchewan Tourism Week: From May 26-30, we put the spotlight on things to do and see in Humboldt and the region.

Humboldt Holiday Trail: The inaugural Humboldt Holiday Trail took place at the Humboldt Campground in December. The event transformed the Campground into a holiday experience filled with twinkling lights, glowing displays, and festive scenes. The Trail opened to the public on December 5 and ran every weekend in December leading up to Christmas. Gate proceeds went directly to the service club/charity volunteering at the gate. In total, 499 vehicles visited the Holiday Trail and \$5,460 was raised for community groups.



Cultural Services

JENNIFER FITZPATRICK - DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES

Awards:

- The department received a Governors Award from the National Trust of Canada for the Pilot Project on Reconciliation.
- The Museum was awarded the Stickers of Excellence through the Museums Association of Saskatchewan.

Water Tower:

The tower saw an increase in attendance, private tours and rentals. The tower was also open for tours in the evening and that success will carry through to next year.

Original Humboldt:

- Cultural services partnered with the University of Saskatchewan Department of Archaeology and Anthropology to coordinate student archaeological excavations and research at the site.
- Treaty sculpture by Tyler Dies at Original Humboldt was unveiled as part of National Indigenous People's Day.

Public Art:

- The Iron Triangle sculpture by Tyler Dies was installed at PAMI in June.



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Community & Leisure Services

MICHAEL ULRIKSEN - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES

Bill Brecht Playground: Playground upgrades were completed in the fall of 2025.

The Jacob Leicht Memorial Outdoor Rink and Multi-Sport Court: The facility that provides both hockey and leisure skating opportunities as well as court space for basketball, tennis, and pickleball was completed in 2025. The facility is named after Jacob Leicht, who lost his life in the 2018 Humboldt Broncos bus crash.

U11 AA Tier 1 Baseball Sask Provincial Championships: The championship was held in Humboldt and was also won by Humboldt.

Future Community Facility Committee: The committee was formed and a survey was developed to send to the main arts, sports, and wellness organizations to begin the consultation process. The survey aims to find out the primary needs of organizations moving forward.



Community & Leisure Services

Living Skies Music Festival: The 2nd annual Living Skies Music Festival was another success and received a great response from attendees. The 2026 event will be held on June 27th and 28th and will coincide with the Summer Sizzler once again.

Summer Sizzler: The June 26th to 29th event began with a kick-off concert at Civic Park on Thursday evening, followed by the midway at Uniplex Grounds from Friday to Sunday. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this annual event.

Other events and projects

CEDI agreement: The City of Humboldt and the George Gordon First Nation to explore economic development partnerships under the federal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) program.

Coffee with Council: The events encouraged discussion between residents and members of City Council. They were held in February and April at the Humboldt & District Art Gallery. These events will continue in 2026 with one planned for January.

