



City of Humboldt
March 23, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting - 05:30 PM

- 1 **Call To Order**
- 2 **Land Acknowledgement**
- 3 **Adopt Agenda**
 - 3.1 Conflict of Interest
- 4 **Public Acknowledgement**
- 5 **Approve Minutes**
 - 5.1 Regular Meeting of Council held February 23, 2026
 - 📎 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 23, 2026
- 6 **Delegations**
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 - 📎 Minutes of the Reid-Thompson Public Library Board meeting held February 10, 2026
 - 8.4 Humboldt & District Museum and Gallery Board
 - 📎 Minutes of the Humboldt & District Museum and Gallery Board meeting held February 12, 2026
 - 8.5 Humboldt Golf Course Governance Committee
 - 📎 Minutes of the Humboldt Golf Course Governance Committee meeting held January 20, 2026

- 9 **Bylaws**

- 10 **New Business**
- 10.1 Proclamation - 2017-2018 Humboldt Bronco Day
 - 📎 Proclamation - 2017-2018 Humboldt Bronco Day
- 10.2 Proclamation - Green Shirt Day
 - 📎 Proclamation - Green Shirt Day
- 10.3 Recommendation - Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk - Development Appeals Board
 - 📎 Report - Development Appeals Board
- 10.4 Recommendation - Finance Manager - Targeted Sector Support Initiative
 - 📎 Report - Targeted Sector Support Initiative
- 10.5 Recommendation - Director of Community & Leisure Services - Horizon School Division Student Mental Health Day
 - 📎 Report - Horizon School Division Student Mental Health Day
- 10.6 Recommendation - City Manager - Award of Asphalt Contract at Bronco Memorial Site
 - 📎 Report - Award of Asphalt Contract at Bronco Memorial Site
- 10.7 Recommendation - City Manager - Award of Contract for After and Always 2026
 - 📎 Report - Award of Contract for After and Always 2026
- 10.8 Recommendation - Municipal Engineer - 2026 Concrete Replacement Program
 - 📎 Report - 2026 Concrete Replacement Program

- 11 **Enquiries**

- 13 **Adjourn**



City of Humboldt

Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting February 23, 2026 - 05:30 PM

- PRESENT:
- Mayor Rob Muench
 - Councillor Larry Jorgenson
 - Councillor Roger Korte
 - Councillor Sarah McInnis
 - Councillor Dave Rowe Via Zoom
 - Councillor Marilyn Scott
 - Councillor Karen Siermachesky
 - City Manager Joe Day
 - Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk Lori Yaworski
 - Director of Public Works Peter Bergquist
 - Director of Leisure Services Mike Ulriksen
 - Director of Cultural Services Jennifer Fitzpatrick
 - Tax Assessor Donna Simpson
 - Planning and Development Coordinator Oriyomi Razak
 - Marketing and Development Manager Jarrett Delbridge

1 Call To Order

Mayor Muench called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2 Land Acknowledgement

As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Resolution: 3
2026.022

Adopt Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott

Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3.1 Conflict of Interest

4 Public Acknowledgement

Mayor – Rob Muench

City Clerk – Lori Yaworski

Councillor Siermachesky congratulated Futuristic Industries on the opening of the Snoezelen Room. The multi-sensory room was created specifically to support the participants at Futuristic Industries by promoting relaxation, engagement, and overall well-being.

Councillor Siermachesky also congratulated Futuristic Industries on the success of their annual Telemiracle fundraiser that included local musicians and performances by the Futuristic Industries choir. The group will perform on Telemiracle 50.

Councillor Siermachesky congratulated the City of Humboldt Director of Cultural Services, Jennifer Fitzpatrick on being elected President of the Heritage Saskatchewan board.

Councillor McInnis acknowledged the Humboldt Broncos who recently held their Family weekend and the families that came from all over Canada to visit Humboldt.

Mayor Muench thanked the Public Works crews on their efforts to get snow cleared following the recent heavy snowfalls.

5 Approve Minutes

Resolution: 2026.023 **5.1 Regular Meeting of Council held January 26, 2026**
Moved By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 26, 2026, be approved as recorded and circulated.

CARRIED

6 Delegations

Resolution: 2026.024 **6.1 Delegation - Rec-Create Humboldt Steering Committee**
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the presentation by the Rec-Create Humboldt Steering Committee members Jodi Smith and Jacquie Bergerman be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.025 **6.2 Delegation - North East Housing Cooperative**
Moved By: Councillor Dave Rowe
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the presentation by the North East Housing Cooperative (NEHC) by Project Consultant Elan Buan and Humboldt directors Joe von Doellen and Brad Michel be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Mayor – Rob Muench

City Clerk – Lori Yaworski

Resolution: 6.3
2026.026

Delegation - CUPE 2359 - City of Humboldt
Moved By: Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That the presentation by CUPE 2359 President Chris McLeod be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

7 Correspondence

7.1 "A" Items Requiring Council Resolution

7.2 "B" Items Received for Information Only

8 Committee Reports

8.1 Vacate Chair

Mayor Muench vacated the Chair and Deputy Mayor Korte presided at 6:13 p.m..

Resolution: 8.2
2026.027

Executive Committee Meeting held February 9, 2026
Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held February 9, 2026, be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Resolution: 8.3
2026.028

Reid-Thompson Public Library Board
Moved By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky
Seconded By: Mayor Rob Muench

That the Minutes of the Reid-Thompson Public Library Board meetings held November 18, 2025, and January 13, 2026, be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Resolution: 8.4
2026.029

Humboldt & District Museum and Gallery Board
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That the Minutes of the Humboldt & District Museum and Gallery Board meeting held January 8, 2026, be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

Resolution: 8.5
2026.030

Lanigan Creek Dellwood Watershed Authority
Moved By: Councillor Dave Rowe
Seconded By: Mayor Rob Muench

That the Minutes of the Lanigan Creek Dellwood Brook Watershed Authority meetings held January 20, 2025, April 10, 2025, October 16, 2025, December 12, 2025, be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

Mayor – Rob Muench

City Clerk – Lori Yaworski

9 Bylaws

Resolution: 2026.031 **9.1 Recommendation - Planning and Development Coordinator - The Building Placement and Elevation Bylaw**
Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Mayor Rob Muench

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.032 **9.2 Bylaw 01/2026 - First Reading**

Resolved that Bylaw No.01/2026, the Building Placement and Elevation Bylaw be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.033 **9.3 Bylaw No. 01/2026 - Second Reading**

Moved By: Mayor Rob Muench
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

Resolved that Bylaw No. 01/2026, the Building Placement and Elevation Bylaw be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.034 **9.4 Bylaw No. 01/2026 - Given Three Readings**

Moved By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky
Seconded By: Councillor Marilyn Scott

Resolved that Bylaw No. 01/2026, the Building Placement and Elevation Bylaw, be given all three readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 2026.035 **9.5 Bylaw No. 01/2026 - Third Reading**

Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

Resolved that Bylaw No. 01/2026, the Building Placement and Elevation be read a third time and now be adopted.

CARRIED

9.6 Resumed the Chair

Mayor Muench resumed the Chair, the time being 6:28 p.m.

10 New Business

Resolution: 2026.036 **10.1 Recommendation - Proclamation - Social Work Week - March 16-21, 2026**

Moved By: Councillor Sarah McInnis
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That the City of Humboldt proclaim the week of March 16 -21, 2026 as "Social Work Week " in the City of Humboldt.

CARRIED

Mayor – Rob Muench

City Clerk – Lori Yaworski

Resolution: 2026.037 10.2 Recommendation - Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk - City Council Appointment
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That the following appointments be made for 2026:

- Humboldt Golf Club – Council Representative – Larry Jorgenson and Director of Community & Leisure Services – Mike Ulriksen
- Humboldt District Health Foundation – Council Representative – Roger Korte
- Development Appeals Board – Tim Kiefer
- Building Inspector from Municode – Amanda Kaufmann

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.038 10.3 Recommendation - Tax Assessor - Tax Lien Registration & Six-Month Notice Notification
Moved By: Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That administration be authorized to register liens on title for the properties as shown on the list of lands in arrears. Further, that authorization be granted to start the proceedings to request title to the above-mentioned properties if, after six months from the date the lien is registered, there is still arrears outstanding on the property pursuant to the provisions of The Tax Enforcement Act sections 10(1) and 23(1).

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.039 10.4 Recommendation - HR Coordinator - Employee Mental Health Resources
Moved By: Councillor Dave Rowe
Seconded By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.040 10.5 Recommendation - Director of Community & Leisure Services - Rec-Create Humboldt Steering Committee - Phase II Direction
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That Council accept the recreation gap findings identified by the Rec-Create Humboldt Steering Committee; and

Based on the gaps identified, direct Administration, in collaboration with the Rec-Create Humboldt Steering Committee, to return to Council within four months with:

- Short-term mitigation options;
- A recommended long-term infrastructure approach; and
- A funding and fundraising readiness framework.

CARRIED

Resolution: 10.6 **Recommendation - Marketing and Development Manager - Westwood Developments Phase 2 Concept Plan**
 2026.041
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the City of Humboldt approve subdivision application SUBD-005799-2026 resulting in the creation of 23 (Twenty-Three) residential allotments, road allowance parcel, and Municipal Reserve, subject to:

1. the applicant (Westwood Developments) entering into a servicing agreement with the City that will provide services and facilities that directly or indirectly serve the subdivision, and that,
2. the servicing agreement include an overall concept plan for the development in its entirety.

CARRIED

Resolution: 10.7 **Recommendation - Director of Public Works- Asphalt and Concrete Crushing Request for Quotation**
 2026.042
Moved By: Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That Council award the 2026 Asphalt and Concrete Crushing Project to ABS Excavating Ltd. in the amount of \$115,979.46 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

Resolution: 10.8 **Recommendation - Director of Public Works - Water Meter Purchases**
 2026.043
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That Council approve a sole-source purchase of Neptune Mach 10 water meters from Accu-Flo in the amount of \$69,760 + PST.

CARRIED

Resolution: 10.9 **Recommendation - Director of Public Works - Tractor Tender**
 2026.044
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That Council award the Tractor Tender to KMK Humboldt for a 2024 Massey Ferguson 7S-165 in the amount of \$239,130 and accept the trade-in of the City’s 2010 New Holland T7030 for \$55,000, resulting in a net total of \$184,130 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

Resolution: 10.10 **Recommendation - Municipal Engineer - 2026 Paving Program Tender**
 2026.045
Moved By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That Council award the 2026 Paving Program to Ruszkowski Enterprises Inc. for a total contract value of \$293,736.00 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

- 11 Enquiries**
- Resolution: 2026.046 12 Committee of the Whole**
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That we sit in a private session as Committee of the Whole, the time being 7:17 p.m.

CARRIED
- 12.1 Authority**

The Committee met under Section 5(3) of Part III of *The Local Authority of Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*.
- 12.2 Present in the Committee of the Whole**

Mayor Rob Muench, Councillor Larry Jorgenson, Councillor Roger Korte, Councillor Sarah McInnis, Councillor Dave Rowe, Councillor Marilyn Scott, Councillor Karen Siermachesky, City Manager Joe Day, Director of Cultural Services Jennifer Fitzpatrick,
- 12.3 Director of Corporate Service - Labour Management Committee**
- 12.4 Marketing and Development Manager - Land Purchase Update**
- 12.5 Marketing and Development Manager - Offer to Purchase**
- 12.6 City Manager - Updating Museum & Gallery Bylaw (06/18)**
- Resolution: 2026.047 12.7 Revert**
Moved By: Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting, the time being 8:25 pm.
- Resolution: 2026.048 12.8 Recommendation - Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk - Labour Management Committee**
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That the Labour Management Committee composition in the Collective Agreement be amended to consist of three union members, the City Manager or designate, and two management members, with a member of Council appointed as an observer.

CARRIED
- Resolution: 2026.049 12.9 Recommendation - Marketing & Development Manager - Land Purchase Update**
Moved By: Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the City continue to facilitate the sale and development of the Old Hospital site as described in this report, including the transfer of an additional portion of land along 12th Avenue.

CARRIED

Mayor – Rob Muench

City Clerk – Lori Yaworski

Resolution: 2026.050 **12.10 Recommendation - Marketing & Development Manager - Offer to Purchase**
Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That the City proceed with the agreement of purchase and sale of the east Caleb site to the North East Housing Co-operative.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.051 **12.11 Recommendation - City Manager - Updating Museum & Gallery Bylaw (06/18)**
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That this matter be referred to a Strategic Planning meeting to discuss the options for updating the Museum and Gallery Bylaw.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.052 **13 Adjourn**
Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That we do now adjourn, the time being 8:28 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor – Rob Muench

City Clerk – Lori Yaworski

2026 Budget Summary

Income

Category	2025 Budget	2026	Change
BID Levy	\$27,000	\$30,000	+\$3,000
Streetfest	\$60,000	\$15,000	-\$45,000
Moonlight Madness	–	–	–
Interest	\$1,000	\$1,100	+\$100
Total Income	\$88,000	\$46,100	-\$41,900

Key Notes:

- Streetfest budgeted income drops significantly due to removal of street dance sponsorship revenue, ticket sales and alcohol sales.
- BID Levy increases slightly.
- Overall budgeted income decreases by \$41,900

Expenses

Category	2025 Budget	2026	Change
Streetfest	\$(80,000)	\$(30,000)	-\$50,000 reduction
Capital Projects	\$(20,000)	\$(10,000)	-\$10,000
Additional Small Events	–	\$(5,000)	+\$5,000
Beautification	\$(1,000)	\$(1,500)	+\$500
Moonlight Madness	\$(2,500)	\$(2,500)	–
Chamber Membership	\$(150)	–	-\$150
Administrative Contract	\$(6,000)	\$(6,000)	–
Website	\$(2,800)	\$(500)	-\$2,300
Bank Fees	\$(75)	\$(80)	+\$5
Total Expenses	\$(112,525)	\$(55,580)	-\$56,945

Key Notes:

- Eliminating the street dance reduces Streetfest budgeted expenses dramatically (approx. \$64,000 last year just for the dance).
- Website costs significantly reduced, due to a board member taking over the maintenance free of charge.
- New \$5,000 allocation for additional small business events throughout the year.
- Overall budgeted expenses drop by \$56,945.

Improvement:

The 2026 forecast deficit **\$9,480**

Even though income drops significantly, expense reductions (especially removing the street dance) offset much of the impact.

Strategic Observations

1. The organization is still operating at a deficit in 2026.
2. Without the high-cost street dance, financial risk is lower.
3. Capital Projects remain a major fixed expense.
4. Small business events are now being prioritized.
5. Additional revenue sources, such as grants may be needed to eliminate the remaining \$9,480 shortfall



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL SERVICES

*Humboldt*



Board of Directors

(L-r): Kevin Garinger, City Council Rep ~ Karen Siermachesky, Chairperson ~ Carol McLaren, Vice-chairperson ~ Susan Bellamy, Aaron Lukan
Missing: Ivan Buehler, Andrew Breker

Chairperson's Message- Carol McLaren

On behalf of the Humboldt and District Museum and Gallery Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the 2025 Annual Report for the Department of Cultural Services. We welcomed a new City Council and committed to authentic engagement with the community and to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The pilot project Relationship Building and Reconciliation through Living Heritage was chosen for a Governor's Award by National Trust of Canada. It was presented to the City of Humboldt, its Indigenous Advisory Circle and Heritage Saskatchewan. We are proud of the role our Director Jennifer played in the implementation of the pilot project!

Our Museum and Gallery featured Indigenous works of art, poetry, dance, storytelling, photography, clothing and crafts. After watching a film in the Gallery, Elders led members of the George Gordon First Nation, Newcomers and members of our community in a Talking Circle. Each person was given the opportunity to have their voice heard. It was powerful!

We were blessed in 2025 to welcome two incredible sculptures to our community. In June, for National Indigenous Peoples Day, a pipe ceremony, flag raising and feast was held for the revealing of the powerful Treaties sculpture at Original Humboldt. It was designed in consultation with Indigenous leaders, Gilbert Kewistep, Myron Neapetung, and Louise Halfe, and created by the very gifted Tyler Dies. Horizon School Division partnered with the programming, and the Original Humboldt Committee volunteers worked hard to prepare the site, installing a flagpole and storyboards.

A huge crowd gathered on June 26 at PAMI, for its 50th anniversary and the unveiling of the Iron Triangle Horse sculpture, also created by Tyler Dies. The manufacturers provided the metal pieces that were used to create the sculpture, as well as helping sponsor the Public Art project.

Jen Reimer returned to Humboldt, turning the Water Tower into a musical instrument, leaving behind a brilliant soundtrack and exhibit in the Gallery. Thousands of people have been drawn to the Museum and Gallery by excellent programs like Vicissitude, escape rooms, writers nights, drop in art and craft classes, trivia nights, History Mysteries and educational scavenger hunts. Engagement levels continue to rise!

We are proud of the commitment, hard work and skills that are shown daily by Jennifer and her staff! Thank you and your wonderful team! Thank you to my fellow board members and to all the volunteer committees that govern the organization. To City Council and our sponsors and partners, for your continued support, and to the many volunteers who donate countless hours to assist in everything we do...Thank you!

We look forward to serving you in 2026!

GOVERNOR’S AWARD

The City of Humboldt, Heritage Saskatchewan and the Indigenous Advisory Committee received a Governors Award from the National Trust for Canada at their annual conference in Halifax for the pilot project, **Relationship Building and Reconciliation Through Living Heritage**. The project was done in partnership with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC), and the Aboriginal Friendship Centres of Saskatchewan, with funding from the Community Initiatives Fund. Pictured (from left): City Councillor Karen Siermachesky, Indigenous Circle member Bryan McNabb, Cultural Services Director Jennifer Fitzpatrick, and Indigenous Circle member Crystal Longman Francis. Thanks to other Indigenous Circle members: Melanie Gray, Taylor Severeight, and the late Gilbert Kewistep.



The Department of Cultural Services connects residents to the vision of the City of Humboldt and its values, as outlined in the Board of Director’s Strategic Plan for 2022 - 2026. The focus is to provide experiences that reflect the core values and strategic goals.



Welcoming – providing safe, inclusive and accessible programs and services where residents feel a strong sense of belonging.



Creative – as a regional destination for heritage, arts, culture and entertainment.

Connected - by providing inclusive gathering places and events.



Policy work - The Board of Directors developed a new Permanent Art Collection policy, with an accompanying Gift Agreement. A new Terms of Reference was developed for the Art Curatorial Committee and the Collections Management Committee Terms of Reference was revised.

Engagement - Visitor experiences are provided through the five core operational areas of the Museum, Gallery, Original Humboldt, Water Tower and Public Art. In 2025, our programs and services have connected with approximately 13,568 people, plus online engagement and the positive reflection that public art and community programs bring to community.

Excellence - The Museums Association of Saskatchewan (MAS) launched its inaugural MAS Stickers of Excellence initiative to celebrate the excellent work within the membership, based on Saskatchewan Standards. Our museum received the complete approval in all areas including: Reconciliation, Diversity and Inclusion, Management, Collections Management, Conservation and Storage, Research, Exhibits and Programs. The Director was part of CBC Radio’s Blue Sky noon hour program to talk about this program.



Repairs - Selective repairs and repointing was undertaken to areas of the masonry and metalwork as well as temporary repairs to the roof. Thanks to the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation for funding in support of this project.

Volunteers - Thanks to our wonderful volunteers who contributed 1,245 hours to the Department in 2025. A volunteer appreciation event was held in the fall.

Self-generated support - Thanks to everyone who donates to fundraisers, registers for programs, and sponsors events. Self-generated funding included exhibit sponsorship, gift shop consignors and rentals at both the museum and gallery.

Staff development included areas of cultural planning, First AID / CPR, OHS training, Statements of Significance, and Advocacy. All staff completed the Disability Awareness Training online course through Accessibility Services Canada. The Director is currently the Vice President of Heritage Saskatchewan and on the board of the Museums Association of Saskatchewan.

Staff

Director ~ Jennifer Fitzpatrick
 Supervisor ~ Rachel Wormsbecher
 Cultural Programmers ~ Catherine Harrison, Geneva Grest (Jan - August) Mackenzie Hopp (Sept - present)
 Clerk ~ Lindsey Nydegger; Summer Students ~ (l-r) Rebecca Heuser, Hanna Fajardo, Zaynah Pascual and Taryn Stock



We acknowledge the Canadian Youth Employment Strategy through the Department of Canadian Heritage: Canadian Museums Association and the National Trust – Heritage Canada and the Canada Summer Jobs program for funding for summer student positions.

EXHIBITS

In 2025, the museum exhibits focused on butterflies, sustainability, global refugees, automotive industry and local stories!

- **On the Trail of the Monarch Butterfly** - This exhibit from the embassy of Mexico and the Canada Aviation and Space Museum showcased the environment and challenges of the flight of the butterfly, with a local collection from Shawn Pratchler.
- **Exit the Horse** - From the Canadian Automotive Museum, this exhibit showed Canada's first gas-powered, steam-powered, and electric vehicles.
- **The Open Road** - Stories of the automobiles in early Humboldt from locals Ed Drachenberg, Ron Sokolan and Wilfred Mollenbeck were the focus of this display.
- **History Mystery** - This fun interactive exhibit explored artifacts through puzzles.
- **Stories of Humboldt: Chapter 7** - This display featured stories of the Garden, Marysburg Royals and the 1929 murder of Antena Krupa.
- **Hearts of Freedom: Stories of Southeast Asian Refugees in Canada** Curated by Stephanie Stobbe, from the Canadian Mennonite University and Carleton University, this exhibit shared the global Vietnamese refugee crisis.
- **Boat People Come to Humboldt** - This exhibit showed the generous spirit of the Humboldt region in welcoming refugees, including Nha and Dan Tran. (Nha is pictured at right)
- **Animals in Winter** - With specimens on loan from the Vintage Club, this exhibit explored animal adaptation.



Note from an 8 and 12 year old: "Dear Humboldt Museum, Thanks for always being nice to us kids and adults. Yes we know it's your job. But that's ok. Everyone appreciates you all and you have really cool stuff to look at and you always put a smile on our face."

We are appreciative of operational support from SaskCulture through the Museum Grant Program and Sask Lotteries.

Funding for travelling exhibits was provided by the federal government through the Museums Assistance Program Exhibition Circulation Fund.



COLLECTIONS

Thanks to the many donors who contributed artifacts to the museum collection. There were 203 items added to the collection, resulting in a total of 26,169 items.

Potential donations were reviewed by the Collections Management committee of Carol McLaren, Susan Bellamy and Karen Siermachesky.



Interesting items accepted into the collection include: a St. James Comets baseball jacket, a collection of 1941 parade photographs, a 1920s black beaded necklace, documents related to the Vietnamese “boat people,” Nha Tran’s bowls and chopsticks, photos from Hannigans (above), North Central Baseball League documents, a St. Anne’s Jr. Red Cross Minute book (1929-56) from Anaheim, a St. Peter’s Colony silver jubilee pin from 1928, and digital images of the Waldsea Lake Berm construction and flooding from 2007.

In 2025, six items were added to the Broncos Collection which consists of 12,279 items.



Comment about information provided for writing an obituary of her brother: “I am so amazed and grateful to have this information. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the time you took to look for this history and send it to me. Hats off to Humboldt Museum.”



Thanks to our collections volunteers for their work on exhibit research, archival box inventories, City of Humboldt minute books, obituary database updates, cataloguing, research requests and data entry. Terry Bauer is pictured with the 1929 Murder exhibit that she researched.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Connecting through heritage helps build a community sense of belonging. Thanks to the residents who share their talent and skills.

- Floral Embroidery Workshop with Bernice Keller
- Growing Herbs for Cooking, Tea, & Medicine with Marie Saretsky
- Winter Macrame Workshop with Karen Ehry
- Community Car Chat with Ed Drachenberg, Ron Sokolan, and Wilfred Mollenbeck



We coordinate presentations for life long learning:

- Fossmobile with Ron Foss
- International Boat People Refugees Crisis with Stephanie Stobbe
- We Are All Treaty People Talk with Bill Waiser
- Repatriation with Gabriel LaMarche of the Museums Association of Saskatchewan for the Quill Plains Museums Network

Education programs - We tour hundreds of students all year through curriculum based explorations of our exhibitions.

Our summer students created eight interactive youth programs. As a part of the Summer Sizzler, we created an activity for families called “A Trip to Toytown” using replicas of cardboard buildings.

Accessibility

The Friends of the Museum & Gallery support free programming. Scavenger Hunts are one way that the Museum provides ongoing activities for visitors to experience the exhibits.



Heritage Skills Revival Day - Connecting artisans to share their intangible cultural heritage is key to community connection. Thanks to the following: Carol Oleksyn – quilting, Taylor Moisan - cross-stitch, Marie Saretsky - herbal remedies, Patricia Clarke - wool spinning and Michelle Peltier -locker rug hooking.



Youth Escape Room participant comment: “We didn’t even know each other before and now we are friends.”

We create opportunities for Fun!

- Escape rooms
- Scavenger Hunts
- Trivia nights
- Icecream Day
- Archives Week exhibit
- Free family activities

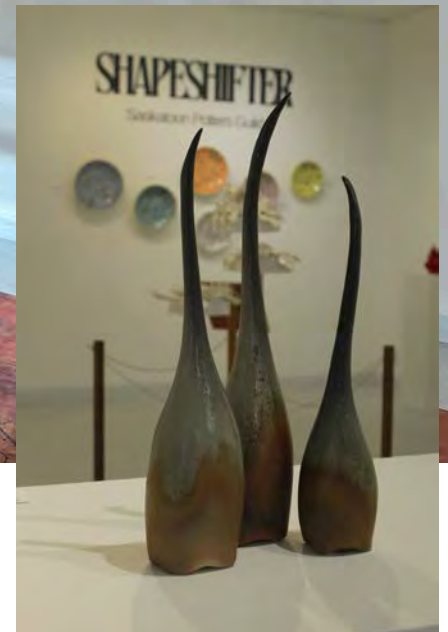


HUMBOLDT & DISTRICT GALLERY

An incredible array of art was presented at the gallery in 2025!

- **Vicissitude** by Monique Martin & Alexandra Hedberg
- **Shapeshifter** by the Saskatoon Potters Guild
- **Student Artwork Exhibition** by St. Peter's College Fine Arts Department
- **An Uncomfortable Mess** by Bonnie Conly
- **Fleeting Beauty** by Cheryl Andrist
- **Spirit of Nature: Looking Beyond Yourself** by Phyllis Poitras-Jarrett
- **Where Mud Takes Me** by Claire Gibney
- **Colour Me Prairie** by Celeste Dumonceaux Delahey
- **natura vindicat** by Cristine Andrew Stuckel & Diana Roelens
- **Members' Show & Sale** by Gallery Members

EXHIBITS



Artist Submissions

Thank you to our artist review committee of Wayne Shidlowsky, Karen Holden, Lorraine Jansen, Laura Kneeshaw and Melanie Gray.

We are appreciative of operational support through the SK Arts Professional Arts Organization Program Lite for 2024-2025. Thanks to the Humboldt Area Arts Council for sponsoring travelling exhibitions through OSAC's Arts of the Move program.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We provide programs that foster creativity and connection. Thanks to everyone who shared their talents:

- **Silk Screen** workshop with Monique Martin
- **Silk Screening drop-in** fun with community groups
- **Affairs of the Heart Card Making** with Joann Biehl
- **Pysanky: Ukrainian Easter Eggs** workshop with Lisa Anderson
- **Beadwork Dot Art** workshop with Phyllis Poitras-Jarrett
- **Introduction to Oil Painting** workshop with Laura Kneeshaw

Opening Receptions and Artists Talks for the exhibitions provide an opportunity to hear about the context and background information on the art. We held a Name our Pig contest for our beloved sculpture from Joe Fafard and the winning name was “Artie”.

Education programs - Hundreds of students explored the gallery and participated in creative projects based on the exhibit themes.

We partnered with CARFAC Saskatchewan to host workshops for artists. In 2025, we hosted From Proposal to Exhibition workshop with Lauren Marchand.



Teacher comment: “The program was so well organized and super engaging. My students had a blast.”



Accessibility

The Friends of the Museum & Gallery support free art programming in the art corner. We hosted UFO (Unfinished Objects) programs for people to work together on their own projects, and also provided programs with the local Purple Door organization.

A visitor at the gallery noted that “this is an important space for the families who can’t enroll their children in things like expensive sports.”



We support literary and performing arts through various programs:

- **Poetry Slam** with prompts from the museum collection
- **Local Writers Night** with six local writers sharing their works
- **Spring Reading Event** with Sage Hill Writing and the Saskatchewan Book Awards - Open Mic night with Métis poet Marilyn Dumont and Courtney Bates-Hardy.

In partnership with the Humboldt Area Arts Council, we hosted Munro & Patrick, Every Brilliant Thing and John Muirhead through the OSAC Arts on the Move program. Thanks to HSA Certified Accountants, the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers - Humboldt Chapter and the Friends of the Museum & Gallery for sponsorship of these concerts.



INCLUSIVITY, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY

We partnered with the Humboldt Regional Newcomer Centre for the **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**. Youth Poet Laureate Dash Reimer shared his spoken word performance.



“It is so critical to continue to hold space for these important community conversations.”

Common Territory: Indigenous and Newcomer Stories of Belonging

In partnership with Connecting Grids Regional Immigration Partnership, Humboldt Regional Newcomer and the Horizon School District, we screened a documentary that explored the stories of Newcomers and Indigenous peoples within the traditional territories of the Stó:lō peoples, known colonially as the Fraser Valley. After the film, we hosted a Sharing Circle where settlers, Newcomers, and Indigenous people were all part of the conversation. It was a powerful reminder to have safe, public spaces for community dialogue.



Working in partnership with the Prairie Gateway Settlement Services, we hosted two International Tea Parties called **Steeped in Culture** featuring tea from England, India, Ukraine, South African, Rama First Nations, Nepal, the Philippines, and South Korean. We enjoyed local performances featuring Irish singing and Ukrainian singing, Nepalese dancing and henna, and Filipino singing.

CULTURE DAYS

Thanks to SaskCulture for Culture Days Hub Funding to support local partnerships.



We partnered with Westminster United Church to host our annual **Walk for Reconciliation**, which featured a walk from Civic Park to Westminster Church, a performance by world-renown Hoop Dancer Terrance Littleton.

RECONCILIATION



Working with the Reid-Thompson Public Library, we celebrated **Saskatchewan Indigenous Storytelling Month** with a presentation by Joseph Naytowhow to students and the general public.

We hosted an **Orange Shirt Beading Workshop** with Latisha Moar for participants to create an orange beaded t-shirt pin to wear at National Indigenous Peoples Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



Museums Association of Saskatchewan (MAS) **Repatriation Film** – The Director was asked to join the filming of a project with Cy Standing, Sid Fiddler, and Linda Young who form the Elders Circle for the MAS Repatriation project. The conversation at Wanuskewin was guided by questions from member museums. The Elders shared their knowledge, insight and heartfelt messages about the return of belongings in museums to Indigenous peoples. The film “Finders Keepers” was launched in May 2025.

Reconciliation and Relationship Building – David Siebert of Heritage Saskatchewan and the Director presented information about the pilot at a National Trust for Canada webinar to approximately 135 people viewing across the country.

The Director is part of the First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative between the City of Humboldt and the George Gordon First Nation.

ORIGINAL HUMBOLDT

We added a new sculpture by Tyler Dies to the site that encourages reflection on Treaties and was inspired by conversations with the late Gilbert Kewstep, Myron Neapetung and Louise Halfe. The day began with a pipe ceremony led by Elders from Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territory, a traditional feast and the raising of a Reconciliation flag. The sculpture is accompanied by two new interpretive storyboards about treaties. Thank you to our partner, Horizon School Division, for their support of this event.



Teacher comment: "It's important for our youth to see that history matters and that there are a lot of people who dedicate their time and energy into sharing stories from our past. It's also a nice opportunity for them to see potential career paths."

Thanks to the volunteer committee: Garry Jenkins, Dennis Korte, Reynold Fortowsky, Ivan Buehler, Lorne Wolfe, Don Dunn, Andrew Breker and Kevin Garinger.



The site is designed to be a self-guided experience, and hundred of visitors tour the site each year. Staff adapted the current tour to focus more on treaty education and there were 17 school tours in 2025.

The archaeology students from the University of Saskatchewan excavated at the Telegraph Station area of the site this spring. The Saskatchewan Archaeological Society held public fieldschools.

Thanks to the Museums Association of Saskatchewan for the Museum Improvement MicroGrant, with funding from the Government of Saskatchewan. Thanks also to the Good Neighbour Store.



WATER TOWER

The Water Tower was open for tours from July 2 to August 30, on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, plus evening tour times. The Water Tower had a total of 668 visitors and an increase in rentals and private tours, including a school group from Manitoba who spent some time singing in the tank!



Carnival Comment: “It was incredible!! It looked like all the kids were having a blast. My kiddo loved it”

The third annual Water Tower Carnival featured game stations set up all around the park, Circus Arts area with the Saskatoon Juggling Club, a Treasure Hunt, and Water Tower Tours. Thank you to Home Hardware for providing materials for a new game this year.



Jen Reimer of Montreal, pictured at left (second from left with her mother Nancy and the installation crew) recorded the sounds and resonances of the tower during the week of May 26-29.

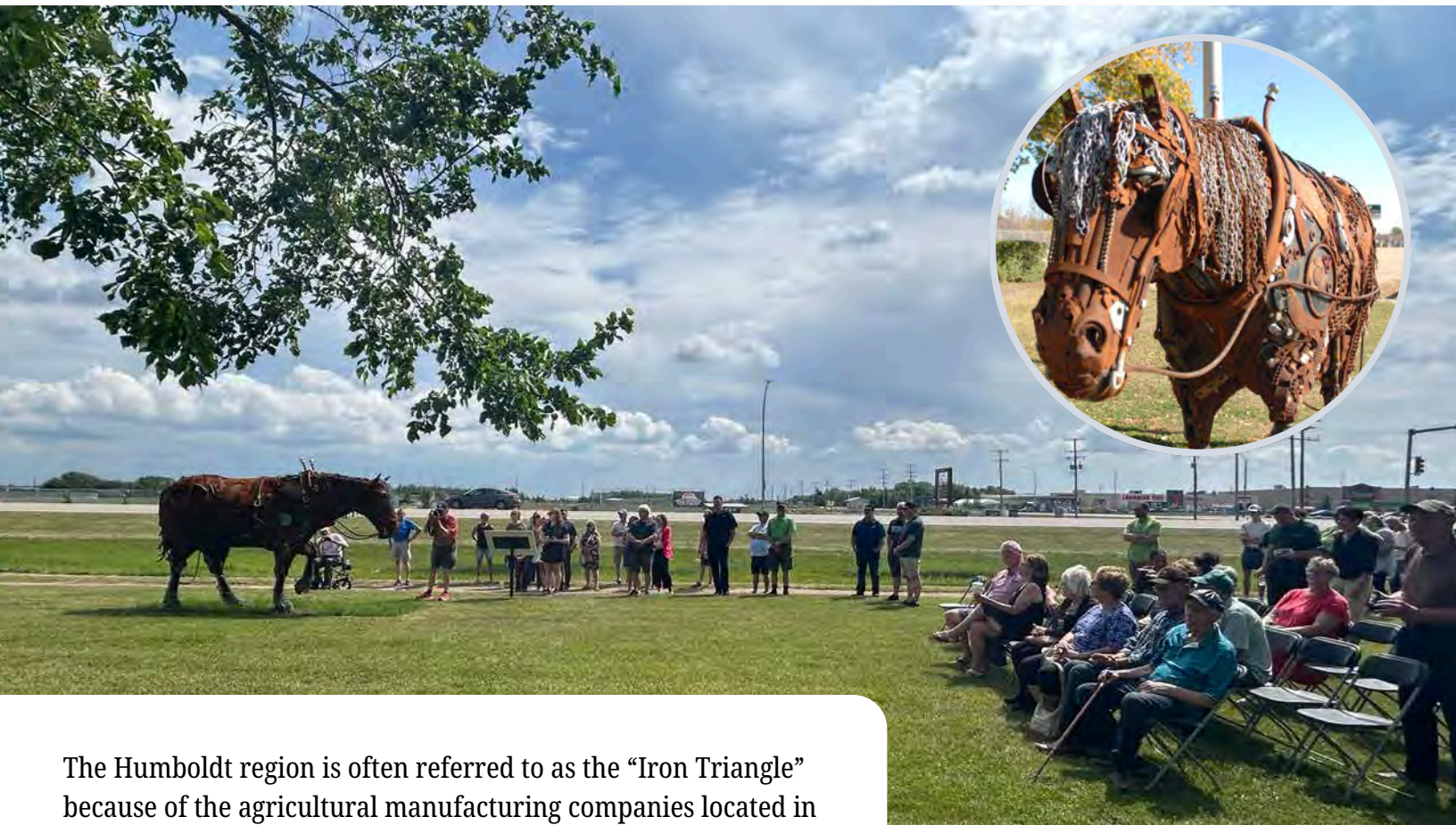
Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with installation and hospitality during the entire week. Jen’s recordings were incredible, and she shared a small concert with volunteers that was filmed for her upcoming exhibit in 2026.

Thanks to the volunteer committee: Susan Bellamy, Aaron Lukan, Andrew Breker, Dan Steiner, Thelma Gasmio, Dean Possberg, Harley Bentley and Brad Lefebvre.

Fundraising efforts to support the operations included tour admissions, rentals, book sales, barbecue and private donations.



PUBLIC ART



The Humboldt region is often referred to as the “Iron Triangle” because of the agricultural manufacturing companies located in the area. To commemorate this moniker, artist Tyler Dies used pieces of new and used metal from local manufacturers and farmers to create a stunning Iron Triangle Horse. This piece of public art celebrates the agricultural and industrial history of this region.

Thanks to PAMI for offering a site for this sculpture, which was unveiled in June in conjunction with their 50th anniversary event.

This project was supported by the Museum Foundation, Michel’s Industries in St. Gregor, Bourgault Industries and Bourgault Tillage Tools in St. Brieux, Doepker Industries in Anaheim, and Schulte Industries in Englefeld.

This summer, we created a self-guided **Downtown Walking Tour** that features public art and historic buildings. This free booklet has information on 47 artistic or historic spaces in downtown Humboldt.

Thanks to the volunteer Public Art committee: Ivan Buehler, Zygmunt Kondzielewski, Wayne Schidlowsky, Tyler Dies, Darlene Ford and Jesse Green.

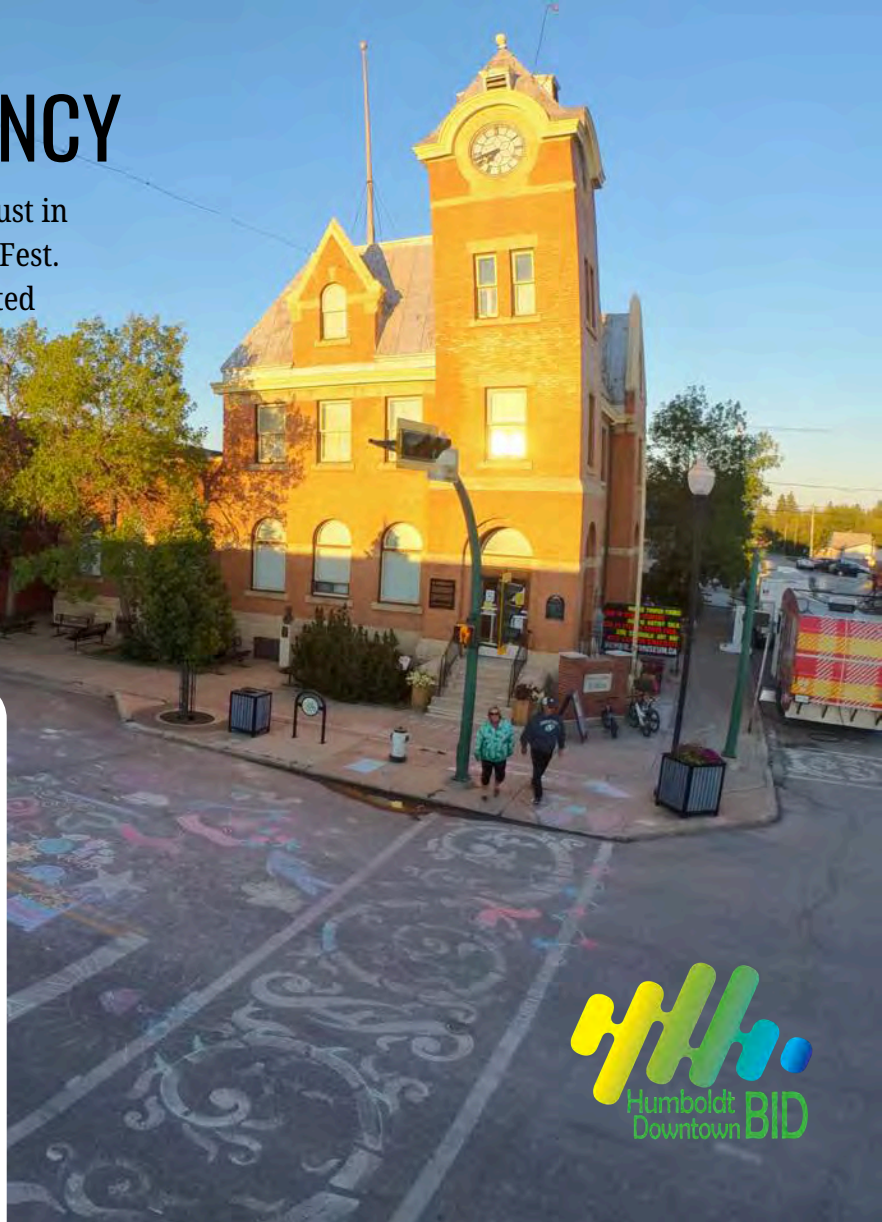


DOWNTOWN VIBRANCY

Community Chalk Art Day took place in August in conjunction with the Downtown BID's StreetFest. Artists Anthony Ross and Dylan Burton created large chalk art pieces.

We host a concert / barbeque series that helps raise funds for the Museum and Gallery, Water Tower as well as community groups: Humboldt Water Polo Club and the HCI Independent Travel Club. Thanks to the Humboldt Area Arts Council for sponsoring the concerts:

- Futuristic Industries All Star Choir
- Brian Grest, Nathan Gregg & Walter Bushman
- Yana Yudina Jeewon
- Lady Friday



We also participate in downtown events such as the Sizzler Parade, and the Downtown Business Improvement District's Moonlight Madness, which helps bring people into the museum and gallery.

Marketing - Staff participated in "talk of the Town" with Access Communication. We placed a geocache at the museum, and now have geocaches at three of our sites.

New pop-up banners were created for all areas of the department. Our monthly newsletters has 608 subscribers, Facebook has 2,200 followers, and Instagram has 713 followers.

We hosted a Cultural Planning Symposium that focused on creative place-making with the Sask Parks and Recreation Association conference, which included tours of our sites.



MUSEUM FOUNDATION

Thanks to all our volunteers who make **Santa Visits** so special for our community, including private times for sensitive Santa. New this year, we included time for Santa photos with pets on the steps outside. Thank you to Jeff Burton, Larry Jorgenson, Deb Tokarski and our elf volunteers.

Thank you to the Humboldt and District Museum for another wonderful experience of Sensitive Santa. This has become a Henry tradition, and we love seeing him enjoy a moment with Santa - all to himself!!”

The Museum Foundation raised funds through donations. The Statement of Financial Position and Registered Charity Information Return are supported through the volunteer work of John Scott. In 2025, the Foundation funded new storage and exhibition units for the museum and gallery.

Chairperson: Carol McLaren; Members: Ivan Buehler, Carol Oleksyn, Susan Bellamy, Secretary-Treasurer: Jennifer Fitzpatrick



President - Brenda Freistadt
Vice-President - Carol Oleksyn
Sec-Treasurer - Jennifer Fitzpatrick

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM & GALLERY

The Friends organization was formed in 1994 to support operations through volunteerism, promotions and fundraising. The Friends supported numerous initiatives reflecting the core goals of welcoming, accessibility and sustainability by funding exhibits, supplies for workshops, rental fees, special events, and programming.

Saskatchewan Commemorative Mural Puzzle

The Friends of the Museum and Gallery presented the Saskatchewan Commemorative Mural 1000-piece puzzle. The original mural, painted by Richard Widdifield, is located at the Museum and now this amazing piece of art can be enjoyed in puzzle form too!



The 26th Annual **Friends Festival Auction** opened on November 13 with special guests - the Humboldt Area Children’s Choir. Musical guests throughout the Festival included Dale Avison, the St. Dominic Children’s Choir, Katie Nichol and Ian Elliot. The Auction wound up on December 4, and raised approximately \$10,850 to invest in heritage, arts and cultural programming of the Department. Thanks for all the donors who provided 176 items and 36 Jingle Bottles. Congratulations to Ingrid Eggerman won the 50/50.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Thank you to the following businesses and organizations for your support and partnership in 2025:

1st Westminster Scouts	Humboldt BID	Rob Muench Old Crow Handcraft
A-Line Furniture & Appliances	Humboldt Broncos	Royal Canadian Legion Ladies
Arts Humboldt	HCI Independent Travel Club	Auxiliary
Barlage Visionary Wealth	Humboldt Co-op	Sage Hill Writing
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Humboldt	Humboldt Co-op Liquor Store	Saskatchewan Archaeological
Boston Pizza	Humboldt Dental Clinic	Society
Bourgault Industries	Humboldt Early Years Family Resource	Saskatchewan Association of
Bourgault Tillage Tools	Centre	Social Works - Humboldt Chapter
Brickhouse Clothing	Humboldt Florist	Sask Council for Archives &
Bright Starts Early Learning Centre	Humboldt Good Neighbour Store	Archivists
CARFAC	Humboldt Home Hardware	SaskCulture
Carlton Trail College	Humboldt Motors Body Shop	Saskatoon Juggling Club
Causeway Natural Health	Humboldt Public School	SaskLotteries
City of Humboldt	Humboldt Public School Child Care	Schuler-Lefebvre Funeral Chapel
Colony Chevrolet GMC Buick	Humboldt Stingrays Water Polo Club	Schulte Industries
Community Gathering Place	IA Investia	Serenity Gems by Val
Connecting Grids Regional Immigration	Johnny's Bistro & The Pioneer	SK Arts
Partnership	Lees Bees	Sobeys
Cottage Boutique	Library Services for Saskatchewan	St. Augustine School
Dancing Sky Theatre	Aboriginal Peoples	St. Dominic School
Danish Oven	Malinoski & Danyluik Funeral Home &	St. Mary's Villa
Designer Styles	Crematorium	St. Peter's College
Direct Surplus	Marysburg Royals	Strueby Plumbing & Heating
Doepker Industries	Masterfeeds	Taylor'd Art
Futuristic Industries	Michel's Industries	TCO Cert
Gopher Books	Misty Gardens	The Co-operators
Grid & Gertie Design Studio	MAP Exhibition Circulation Fund	The Elizabeth Residents
Haus of Stitches	Museums Association of Saskatchewan	Humboldt Heritage Garden
Hergott Electric Ltd.	Olymel	The Sweet Spot
Hergott Farm Equipment	Organization of Sask Arts Councils	Thompson Travel
Heritage Saskatchewan	PAMI	Trans Café
Hilbert Honey	Persephone Theatre	Tree House Treasures
Home Hardware	Prairie Central District for Sport,	Twins Treats
Horizon School Division	Culture and Recreation	University of Saskatchewan
HSA Professional Accountants	Prairie Gateway Settlement Services	Vinyl Expressions
Humboldt & Area Pride Network	Prairie Hand Quilts & Crafts	Western Heritage
Humboldt Area Arts Council	Prairie Patchworkers Quilt Guild	Westminster United Church
Humboldt Area Children's Choir	Prairie Roots Early Learning Centre	Wheeler's Wholesale
Humboldt Area Guardian Angels	Quilting Angels Guild	Wong's Restaurant
Humboldt & District Sports Hall of Fame	Red Swan Pizza	Your Dollar Store with More
	Reid-Thompson Public Library	

January 22, 2026

City of Humboldt
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Subject: Request for Support – Heliport Legacy Campaign

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Humboldt District Health Foundation (HDHF), I am reaching out to request your municipality's support for an essential health care initiative that will benefit residents across our region: the construction of a Transport Canada–certified heliport at the Humboldt District Health Complex.

As outlined in our recent news release, the Saskatchewan Health Authority and Ministry of Health have endorsed the need for this project, recognizing the critical role air ambulance services play in emergency care. Currently, STARS Air Ambulance must land at the Humboldt Airport rather than onsite at the hospital, delaying access to life-saving treatment for critically ill or injured patients. With continued residential development near the Health Complex, the former landing pad no longer meets safety standards.

To address this urgent need, HDHF has committed to fundraising up to \$1 million for the heliport project. This investment will ensure that patients throughout our district can reach critical care as quickly as possible, continuing the legacy of health care excellence that donors have supported for 40 years.

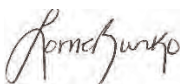
We are inviting municipalities in our district to join us in this effort by contributing financially to the Heliport Legacy Campaign. Your support will demonstrate a shared commitment to the health and safety of residents throughout our region.

Attached for reference, please find the Heliport News Release and factual details that we know to date about the project.

Together, we can make a lasting impact on emergency care for generations to come. Please feel free to contact me directly at 306-682-4450 or via email at bunkol@hdhfoundation.ca to discuss this project further.

Thank you for considering this important request. We deeply appreciate your leadership and partnership in building a stronger, healthier district.

Sincerely,



Lorrie Bunko
Executive Director
Humboldt District Health Foundation

Project Facts:

- The temporary helipad used from 2015–2025 was constructed from rig mats and funded by HDHF.
- Effective July 1, 2025, STARS began landing at the Humboldt Airport, with Humboldt Ambulance transporting the STARS crew to and from the hospital.
- Helipad refers to a non-certified pad; heliport refers to a Transport Canada–certified landing facility.
- The Saskatchewan Health Authority will begin the site assessment once the Foundation commits to funding the project.
- The site assessment will determine:
 - o Ground heliport (preferred) versus elevated, non-rooftop heliport
 - o Final location (preferred location is the northwest corner of the property)
 - o Lighting requirements for night operations
 - o Environmental and noise impacts
- Heliport costs may include, but are not limited to:
 - o Aviation-certified consultant
 - o Site assessment
 - o Surveys
 - o Excavation
 - o Aggregate
 - o Concrete or alternate structural requirements
 - o Lighting
 - o Heliport markings
 - o Fencing
 - o Transport Canada certification
- A realistic timeline for construction to begin is spring 2027, unless funding is secured earlier, and the site assessment confirms feasibility for a ground heliport.

NEWS RELEASE

Humboldt District Health Foundation Commits to Fundraising \$1 million for Onsite Heliport

January 5, 2026 – Humboldt, SK — As the Humboldt District Health Foundation prepares to celebrate its **40th anniversary in 2026**, we are reflecting on four decades of our district’s generosity and the lasting impact donors have made on local health care. From essential medical equipment to major infrastructure improvements, every milestone has been made possible through the support of our community.

Today, we are sharing the next important step in that legacy. The Saskatchewan Health Authority has prioritized the need for a **Transport Canada–certified heliport** to be constructed onsite at the Humboldt District Health Complex, recognizing the vital role air ambulance services play in emergency care for our region. Both the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Ministry of Health have endorsed the commencement of fundraising for the heliport project.

In June 2025, STARS Air Ambulance began landing at the Humboldt Airport rather than the temporary onsite landing pad at the hospital. With continued residential development surrounding the Health Complex, the former landing location no longer met required safety standards.

In Saskatchewan, funding heliports for acute care facilities is the responsibility of the local community or its hospital foundation. In Humboldt, that responsibility rests with the Humboldt District Health Foundation.

After thoughtful discussion, the Foundation has agreed to move forward with fundraising for a new onsite heliport. While a final project cost is not yet available — as tendering cannot begin until a fundraising commitment is made — based on similar projects across the province, the Foundation is committing to fundraising **up to \$1 million** toward this essential project.



Figure 1: Temporary helipad constructed with rig mats, funded by Foundation in 2015.

For 40 years, donors have helped ensure that patients in our community have access to the care they need, when they need it most. An onsite heliport is a continuation of that commitment — helping critically ill or injured patients reach specialized, life-saving care as quickly as possible.

We also wish to share that the **review of the feasibility of CT services in Humboldt** is progressing through an established provincial review process and aligns with the Ministry’s annual service planning and budgeting cycle. Advocating for CT services in Humboldt and our district remains top of mind.

As we look ahead to the next chapter of the Foundation’s work, we remain deeply grateful for the trust and generosity of our donors. Together, we are building a legacy of care that will serve our community today and for generations to come.

For more information or to donate, please contact Lorrie Bunko, HDHF Executive Director, via email to bunkol@hdhfoundation.ca or by phoning 306-682-4450.



City of Humboldt

Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee March 9, 2026 - 05:30 PM

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Roger Korte	
Mayor Rob Muench	Via Zoom
Councillor Larry Jorgenson	
Councillor Dave Rowe	
Councillor Marilyn Scott	
Councillor Karen Siermachesky	
Councillor Sarah McInnis	Via Zoom
City Manager	Joe Day
Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk	Lori Yaworski
Director of Protective Services/Fire Chief	Mike Kwasnica
Director of Community and Leisure Services	Mike Ulriksen
Director of Public Works	Peter Bergquist
Director of Cultural Services	Jennifer Fitzpatrick
City Controller	Jace Porten
Communication Manager	Angie Rolhieser
Planning and Development Coordinator	Oriyomi Razak

1 Call To Order

Chairperson Roger Korte called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2 Land Acknowledgement

As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

3 Adopt Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3.1 Conflict of Interest

4 Delegations

5 Correspondence

Chairperson – Roger Korte

City Clerk - Lori Yaworski

6 Reports From Administration

6.1 Director of Protective Services' Reports

Moved By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

6.2 Director of Corporate Services' Report

Moved By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

6.3 Finance Manager's Report

Moved By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

6.4 Director of Cultural Services' Report

Moved By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

6.5 Marketing and Development Manager's Report

Moved By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

6.6 Director of Community & Leisure Services

Moved By: Mayor Rob Muench

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

6.7 Director of Public Works' Report

Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

7 New Business

7.1 Recommendation - Director of Community & Leisure Services - Horizon School Division Student Mental Health Day

Moved By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That Executive Committee recommend that Administration follow the parameters of the City's Event Hosting Sponsorship Policy, and that Council consider supporting the Horizon School Division Student Mental Health Day by approving an amount to offset facility rental costs from the City Council Special Initiatives Budget.

CARRIED

Chairperson – Roger Korte

City Clerk - Lori Yaworski

8 Enquiries

9 Committee of the Whole

Moved By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That we sit in a private session as Committee of the Whole, the time being 6:23 p.m.

CARRIED

9.1 Authority

The Committee met under Section 5(3) of Part III of *The Local Authority of Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*.

9.2 Present in the Committee of the Whole

Mayor Rob Muench, Councillor Larry Jorgenson, Councillor Roger Korte, Councillor Sarah McInnis, Councillor Dave Rowe, Councillor Marilyn Scott, Councillor Karen Siermachesky, City Manager Joe Day, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk Lori Yaworski, Director of Cultural Services Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Director of Leisure Services Mike Ulriksen, Finance Manager Jace Porten.

9.3 Verbal Update - Collective Agreement Negotiations

9.4 Revert

Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That Executive Committee revert to the Meeting, the time being 6:52 pm.

CARRIED

10 Adjourn

Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That we do now adjourn, the time being 6:53 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson – Roger Korte

City Clerk - Lori Yaworski



Reid-Thompson Public Library

Wapiti Regional Library

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Email: humcirc@wapitilibrary.ca

Phone: 306-682-2034

Website: www.wapitilibrary.ca

Reid-Thompson Public Library Board Minutes

Date: February 10th, 2026

Attendance: Susan Bradley, Rheanne Bedard Schilling, Karen Siermachesky, Linda Salikin Dufault, Erika Stebbings, Chelsea ven der Buhs

Absent: Cynthia Gaetz

Recording Secretary: Emma Lewis (Branch Librarian)

Call to order by S. Bradley at 4:00 PM

Board Member Updates: Introduction of two new board members, Chelsea ven der Buhs and Cynthia Gaetz (absent). Update from S. Bradley regarding her appointment as RM of Humboldt.

- 1) Agenda: Moved by E. Stebbings, seconded by R. Bedard Schilling to accept the agenda as presented. Carried.
- 2) Review and Approval of Minutes: Moved by R. Bedard Schilling, seconded by E. Stebbings that the minutes be adopted as presented. Carried.
- 3) Correspondence: Moved by E. Stebbings, seconded by K. Siermachesky that the correspondence be received and filed as presented. Carried.
- 4) Financial Reports: Moved by E. Stebbings, seconded by L. Salikin Dufault that the monthly financial reports be adopted as presented. Carried.
- 5) Branch Librarian Report: Presented.
- 6) Action List: Update presented.
- 7) Maintenance Report: Update presented.
- 8) Business Arising:
 - a) March Board Meeting: Meeting will take place as scheduled with R. Bedard Schilling to lead. S. Bradley will provide any necessary updates prior to this meeting.
 - b) Insurance Update: The deductible from the City of Humboldt is too high at \$5000, and the Wapiti insurance policy only covers materials to include books, DVDs, etc.
 - c) Camera Installation: This would need to be discussed with the City of Humboldt regarding funding. Discussion to take place with Mike Pulice for further information on camera specifics.
 - d) Mural Submission: Moved by E. Stebbings, seconded by R. Bedard Schilling to move forward with Proposal 1 from Kayla Hanson as the chosen artist for the mural with local input for minor design modifications.

- e) Staffing: Norine Mann will be retiring on February 28th and Carissa Lukan (current substitute) will be leaving by September. Current staff (including current substitutes) will absorb the extra hours created by Norine's retirement. Hiring will begin in March/April to hire a replacement substitute who will receive further hours in September.
- 9) Additions to Agenda
- a) Council Updates: Deferred.
- 10) Next meeting: March 10th @ 4 PM
- 11) Adjournment: Moved by R. Bedard Schilling, seconded by C. ven der Buhs that the meeting be adjourned at 6:27 PM. Carried.


Secretary


Chairperson


Date



CITY OF HUMBOLDT

Minutes of a Meeting of the Humboldt and District Museum and Gallery Board of Directors on February 12, 2026, commencing at 9:00 am at the Museum



- PRESENT:** Chairperson: Carol McLaren
Board Members:
Aaron Lukan
Andrew Breker
Ivan Buehler
Karen Siermachesky – City Council Rep
Jennifer Fitzpatrick – Director of Cultural Services
- REGRETS:** Susan Bellamy and Kevin Garinger sent their regrets.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Carol called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
- LAND**
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Carol read her land acknowledgement to open the meeting.
- ADOPT AGENDA:** Buehler / Siermachesky:
That the agenda of February 12, 2026, Humboldt & District Museum & Gallery be adopted.
Motion Carried
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** Andrew recently read the “100 Interesting Stories about Humboldt” that Jennifer and staff wrote and acknowledged the great work. Carol acknowledged the fantastic concert at the gallery last night.
- ADOPT MINUTES:** Lukan / Buehler:
That the minutes of January 8, 2026, Humboldt & District Museum & Gallery be adopted.
Motion Carried
- BUSINESS ARISING:** There was no business arising.
- CHAIRPERSON & VICE-CHAIRPERSON:** This was tabled to the next meeting.
- COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:** This was tabled to the next meeting.
- DIRECTORS REPORT:** Jennifer provided an overview of the report and noted the maintenance work, security camera project, grant applications, and upcoming programs. The board will present the annual report on March 23.

The Director’s report was received for information.
- FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** The financial statement was received for information.
- MUNICIPAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** There was no new business.
- FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM REPORT:** The next meeting of the Friends will be in late February.
- FOUNDATION REPORT:** Jennifer is preparing the documents for the financial review.

Chairperson’s initials

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ORIGINAL HUMBOLDT REPORT: Jennifer reported on the committee’s current activities.

SPORTS HALL OF FAME REPORT: Aaron did not have anything to report at this time.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT: There was nothing to report at this time.

WATER TOWER REPORT: Jennifer reported that the nomination for provincial designation was submitted, and gave an update on alarm issues at the tower.

COUNCIL REPORT: Karen reported that she has been appointed to the Museum Board for another term. All members appreciated her return to the board. She also provided updates on other municipal matters.

OTHER BUSINESS: Carol led a discussion about the process for the Director’s Performance Evaluation. The board discussed marketing opportunities, and Jennifer will connect with the Marketing Coordinator.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting is March 12, 2026, 9:00 am at the Gallery.

ADJOURNMENT: Siermachesky / Breker:
That the meeting adjourn at 9:50 AM.

Motion Carried

Carol McLaren – Chairperson

Jennifer Fitzpatrick – Secretary



HUMBOLDT GOLF COURSE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes: January 20th, 2026 @ 5:00pm Council Chambers

Present: Rob Muench, Larry Jorgenson, Dave Rowe, Aaron Baker, Dave Hill, Kirk Plemel

Regrets: Dean Hergott

Administration: Joe Day, Jace Porten, Mike Ulriksen, Corey Schweitzer, Ethan Berger

- 1) **Call to Order** – Larry Jorgenson - Chair called the meeting to Order at 5:05 pm.
- 2) **Agenda**
 - a) **Motion:** Aaron Baker – that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.
- 3) **Minutes**
 - a) **Motion:** Dave Hill – that the minutes of the November 4th, 2025 meeting be approved. Carried.
- 4) **In-Camera Discussions**
 - a) **Motion:** Rob Muench – That the committee move in-camera. Carried – 5:07 pm
- 5) **Revert out of In-camera**
 - a) **Motion:** Dave Rowe – That the committee revert to regular meeting. Carried 6:16 pm
- 6) **Motions following in camera discussions:**
 - a) **Motion:** Aaron Baker – That the budget information from the Humboldt Golf Club be received for information. Carried.
- 7) **Next Meeting** – the next meeting is scheduled for March 3rd, 2026.
- 8) **Adjournment**
 - a) **Motion:** Dave Rowe – that the meeting be adjourned. Carried 6:21 pm.



CITY OF HUMBOLDT

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2018, the Humboldt Broncos Junior “A” Hockey Club was involved in a tragic bus collision on their way to a playoff game against the Nipawin Hawks, resulting in the heartbreaking loss of 16 people and will have an everlasting traumatic effect on the 13 who survived, their families and our community;

AND WHEREAS, thousands from all over the globe came forward to support our families, our community and each other in unimaginable ways;

AND WHEREAS, each of those twenty-nine involved in the tragedy have inspired legacies that will be cherished and will always have a place in our hearts;

AND WHEREAS, April 6th, 2026, will be the 8th Anniversary of the tragedy;

NOW THEREFORE: the City of Humboldt does hereby proclaim Monday, April 6, 2026, as “**2017-18 Humboldt Broncos Day**” in the City of Humboldt and encourage all citizens to remember and honor those who were affected by the tragedy of April 6, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Humboldt to be affixed this 23rd day of March 2026.

Mayor – Rob Muench



GREEN SHIRT DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2018, the Humboldt Bronco organization, the Humboldt community and the world experienced unimaginable loss and suffering as a result of the Humboldt Bronco team bus crash;

AND WHEREAS, on April 7, 2018, Bronco player Logan Boulet succumbed to his injuries and upon doing so, his parents, Bernadine and Toby Boulet chose to fulfill Logan's wishes and donate his organs so that six lives could be saved;

AND WHEREAS, this selfless act inspired over 100,000 Canadians to become organ donors in the days and weeks that followed which resulted in the largest number of Canadians to register as organ donors in Canadian history due to one event – one person which has now become known as the "**Logan Boulet Effect**".

AND WHEREAS, green is the official colour of organ and tissue donation, symbolizing the hope organ donors provide to patients in need,

NOW THEREFORE: the City of Humboldt does hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 7, 2026, as "**Green Shirt Day**" in the City of Humboldt to raise awareness of the importance of organ donation and to encourage citizens to "have the kitchen table talk" with their families and to wear green on this day to show your support;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Humboldt to be affixed this 23rd day of March 2026.

Mayor – Rob Muench



CITY OF HUMBOLDT REPORT

TITLE: Development Appeals Board
PREPARED BY: Lori Yaworski, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk
REVIEWED BY: Joe Day, City Manager
PREPARED FOR: City Council
DATE: March 23, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Aime Bussiere be appointed to the City of Humboldt’s Development Appeals Board.

BACKGROUND

City Council normally appoints individuals to Boards and Committees annually at one of the first meetings each year. Pursuant to the requirements of the Planning and Development Act, City Council “...shall appoint not less than three persons to constitute the board for the municipality.”

The Development Appeals Board is an administrative body that holds the exclusive authority to grant variances or override Zoning Bylaw provisions under specific conditions. With rising development activity in the City of Humboldt, there is a possibility of a development application being denied by the Development Officer for non-compliance with the Zoning Bylaw. In such instances, developers retain the right to appeal the decision and request a formal hearing before the Development Appeals Board . To maintain a fair and impartial process, the board must be composed of independent citizens; City Councillors and City Staff (other than the City Clerk or alternate appointed as Secretary) are strictly ineligible for appointments.

CURRENT SITUATION

Following the City Council meeting on January 26, 2026, three members were re-appointed to the Development Appeals Board (DAB), with a fourth appointment confirmed on February 23, 2026. Despite these updates, recent efforts to schedule a potential hearing revealed significant challenges regarding board member availability. To ensure the City can meet its statutory obligations without delay, it has been determined that expanding the pool of board members is necessary to facilitate more flexible scheduling.



OPTIONS

1. Approve the recommendation.
2. Refer the matter back to Administration for further consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

None

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The individual will be advised of Council's decision.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

There is some amount that the City will pay the panel members for attending to the duties of the Board, however the total annual expenditure is minimal and will be accommodated within existing budgets.

CONCLUSION

To meet statutory requirements and improve operational efficiency, the City of Humboldt is seeking to appoint additional members to the Development Appeal Board. These appointments will provide greater flexibility and ease in scheduling future appeal hearings

CITY OF HUMBOLDT REPORT

TITLE: Targeted Sector Support Initiative – ERP Replacement

PREPARED BY: Jace Porten, Finance Manager

REVIEWED BY: Joe Day, City Manager

PREPARED FOR: City Council

DATE: March 23, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council of the City of Humboldt formally endorse the joint application for the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative in partnership with the Cities of Warman, Yorkton, and Moose Jaw, and further,

That the City of Humboldt commit to its proportionate share of the 25% matching cost requirement for the project as outlined in the grant criteria.

BACKGROUND

The City of Humboldt currently utilizes the Diamond Revenue System through Microsoft Great Plains to manage day to day operational services, including property tax and utility billing. The provider has communicated this system will reach end-of-life support in 2029.

To assist each other with the upcoming transition, the four cities have been in on-going communication regarding replacement opportunities.

CURRENT SITUATION

The TSS Initiative, administered by Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, is a provincial grant program designed to help municipalities work together to improve how they are run. Instead of every municipality seeking a solution individually, the TSS encourages regional partnerships to share costs and expertise.

By collaborating with Warman, Yorkton, and Moose Jaw, Humboldt will benefit from shared administrative expertise while reducing costs while exploring replacement solutions. The TSS Initiative is specifically designed to fund such collaborative efforts that enhance municipal capacity.

The application will seek a specialized consultant to write the RFP for a Software Solution replacement specific to Saskatchewan urban municipal needs.

OPTIONS

- Approve the recommendation.
- Reject the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

- N/A

COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

If Council supports this initiative, Administration will draft a letter for the mayor to sign indicating Humboldt's support behind the joint grant application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

The TSS Initiative provides a cost-sharing model where the grant covers 75% of eligible project costs. The remaining 25% will be shared equally among the four partner municipalities.

Total costs are unknown at this time; an RFP will be issued through the City of Moose Jaw to secure a consultant if the grant application is successful. Just for information purposes, if the Consultants Services come in at \$135,000, Humboldt's share would be less than \$8,500.

The 2026 Budget featured \$30,000 allowance related to seeking server and ERP replacement solutions.

CONCLUSION

This joint application through the TSS Initiative allows the City to secure an expert consultant for a fraction of the total cost, utilizing existing budget allocations while not having to navigate a complex transformation alone.



CITY OF HUMBOLDT REPORT

TITLE: Horizon School Division Student Mental Health Day
PREPARED BY: Michael Ulriksen, Director of Community and Leisure Services
REVIEWED BY: Joe Day, City Manager
PREPARED FOR: City Council
DATE: March 23, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support the Horizon School Division Student Mental Health Day by providing a \$750 sponsorship from the City Council Special Initiatives budget.

BACKGROUND

The City has received a written request from Horizon School Division seeking a rate reduction for their upcoming Student Mental Health Day to be held April 23, 2026 at Jubilee Hall.

The event is expected to host approximately 300 high school students and staff from across the division and will focus on promoting mental wellness through guest speakers, interactive activities, and access to mental health resources. The organizers have indicated that the event carries significant costs and have requested that the City consider a reduction to the facility rental rate so that sponsorship and grant funding can be directed toward programming elements that directly benefit students.

CURRENT SITUATION

From time to time Council receives requests from organizations seeking reduced rental rates for community events. While these requests are considered on a case-by-case basis, the City has established policies intended to guide the evaluation and approval of sponsorship requests in order to maintain consistency and fairness across organizations using City facilities.

Policy #10090 – Event Hosting Sponsorship Policy establishes the framework through which the City may provide sponsorship support to organizations hosting events in the community. The policy allows Administration to provide sponsorships in the form of promotional items or facility rental rate reductions, with facility sponsorships limited to a maximum value of \$1,000 per event. Historically, Administration has generally limited

sponsorship awards to approximately 10–15% of the total facility rental costs to ensure that events remain net-positive uses of City facilities while still allowing the City to support community initiatives.

While the event clearly provides social benefit to youth within the region, City recreation facilities are subsidized by municipal tax dollars and rate reductions represent foregone revenue that would otherwise support facility operations.

Over the past several years, Administration has brought a small number of requests forward to Council where the requested support exceeded typical sponsorship levels under the Event Hosting Sponsorship Policy. Council has approved a previous request related to supporting regional mental health and additions services, when it approved funding for the Humboldt District Hospital Foundation and PARTNERS Family Services charity event in 2023. That sponsorship was funded through the City Council Special Initiatives budget.

This approach allowed Council to support an initiative considered of special benefit to the community while maintaining consistency with the City’s Event Hosting Sponsorship Policy and avoiding the creation of precedent within the program itself. Administration is recommending a similar approach for the Horizon School Division request.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the recommendation and determine a rate reduction amount.
2. Reject the recommendation and direct Administration to use the parameters of the existing Event Hosting Sponsorship.
3. Provide alternative direction to Administration.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Horizon School Division Student Mental Health Day – Support Letter

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Following Executive Committee direction and Council consideration, Administration will communicate the decision to Horizon School Division and adjust the event invoice if directed by Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

The Horizon School Division Student Mental Health Day rental cost is roughly \$1950 (including taxes) of which a \$500 deposit has already been paid. Typically the Event Hosting Sponsorship policy would approve an amount of roughly \$200-\$300.



The City Council Special Initiatives budget for 2026 totals \$5,000 and is intended to provide Council with flexibility to support initiatives or projects that Council believes provide benefit to the community but fall outside existing programs or policy frameworks.

The following is a summary of how the Special Initiatives Budget has been utilized recently:

- 2021 No Allocations
- 2022 Healing Garden - \$2,200
- 2023 Partners Mental Health Event -\$1,600
SUMA Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- 2024 Humboldt Cabin Association Boat Launch - \$1,000
- 2025 Sylvite 4-6 Golf Tournament - \$1,275
- 2026 No Allocation Expenditures to date.

Should Council choose to support the request, a contribution from the City Council Special Initiatives budget could be used as a sponsorship that the organization can use to offset the facility rental costs. This will maintain the integrity and consistency of the City's Event Hosting Sponsorship Policy.

CONCLUSION

The Student Mental Health Day represents a positive initiative aimed at supporting the mental wellness of youth within the region. While the request aligns with the broader intent of community partnerships and wellness promotion, Administration recommends maintaining the integrity of the City's Event Hosting Sponsorship Policy and considering any financial support through the City Council Special Initiatives Budget.



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February 26, 2026

Request for Reduced Rate for Horizon School Division Student Mental Health Day

Dear City of Humboldt Council Members,

The Student Wellness Team from Horizon School Division is hosting a **Student Mental Health Day on April 23, 2026 at Jubilee Hall in Humboldt**. We will be hosting approximately 300 high school students and staff from our division. This event is dedicated to promoting mental wellness among our students, staff, and the wider community.

Mental health plays a crucial role in the overall well-being and success of our students. With the increasing challenges faced by young people today, it is more important than ever to provide resources, education, and support to help them navigate stress, anxiety, and other mental health concerns. Our Mental Health Day will include guest speakers, interactive activities, and access to valuable mental health resources aimed at fostering resilience and emotional well-being.

This impactful day comes with many expenses, so we are asking the City if they would be willing to give us a rate reduction on Jubilee Hall, so we can use our sponsorships and grant money in other areas that will directly impact the students attending.

Your support will not only help us create an enriching and supportive environment for our students but will also demonstrate your commitment to mental health awareness in our community.

We would be honored to acknowledge your generosity through signage and recognition at our event. If you are interested in supporting this meaningful event, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your support can make a significant difference in the lives of many students and help us foster a culture of mental wellness in our schools. We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you for this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Horizon School Division Student Mental Wellness Planning Committee

Contact:

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CITY OF HUMBOLDT REPORT

TITLE: Award of Asphalt Contract at Bronco Memorial Site
PREPARED BY: Joe Day, City Manager
REVIEWED BY: Joe Day, City Manager
PREPARED FOR: City Council
DATE: March 23rd, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That that Ruskowski Enterprises Inc. be awarded a contract for the supply and installation of asphalt at the site of the 2017-18 Humboldt Broncos tragedy, at a net cost estimated at \$100,000, plus applicable taxes.

BACKGROUND

The Humboldt Broncos Memorial Committee has met regularly to monitor the progress and assist in the development of appropriate memorials / tributes both at the crash site as well as within the City of Humboldt. Specifically at the crash site, also referred to as "the Memorial Site", there have been several hurdles and delays in attempting to get all approvals necessary to begin construction at the site of the 2017-18 Humboldt Broncos tragedy.

Following the endorsement of the design for the proposed development of the Memorial Site, City Council approved an overall budget of \$290,000 to be allocated towards this project. (See attached report). In 2024 the work necessary for the ground preparation and concrete work was completed.

Sometime following the completion of the ground preparation and concrete work it was determined and agreed that the Committee would separate the asphalt work from the initial scope of work contemplated under Kirsch, and award that work separately.

CURRENT SITUATION

Because the City of Humboldt holds the funds that were donated to the City following the Bronco tragedy, it is appropriate for the City to engage the contractor that will be doing the asphalt work at the Memorial Site.

The Memorials Committee reached out to several providers of asphalt services and received two quotes for the asphalt work:

Company Name	Scope of Work	Price
Ruszkowski Enterprises	Mobilization, Re-grading and compaction, supply and installation of asphalt, line painting.	\$125,000 less \$25,000 as donation = \$100,000
Paramount Paving	Mobilization, shaping and compacting, supply and installation of asphalt. Does not include line painting	\$106,570

On March 17th, 2026, the Memorials Committee met and discussed the two quotes, and recognizing the lower cost from Ruszkowski, the fact that it included line painting, and that Ruszkowski has already been awarded the City of Humboldt’s 2026 asphalt contract, the Committee resolved:

“That the Humboldt Broncos Memorial Committee recommend that City Council award the asphalt contract to Ruszkowski Enterprises.”

OPTIONS

- Support the recommendation to award the asphalt work to Ruszkowski Enterprises
- Provide some other direction to Administration.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The Humboldt Broncos Memorial Committee recognizes the need for some type of “sod-turning” or other announcement of the initiation of this project when appropriate. The news that the asphalt work has been awarded and work at the Memorial Site is continuing to proceed, might be included in a media release developed within the next two weeks.

ATTACHMENTS

- City Council Report dated August 26, 2024, identifying spending authorization, preliminary site plan, and award to Kirsch Construction.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As of December 31st, 2025, the City of Humboldt is holding approximately \$1.341 million in the reserve from contributions intended for recognition of the Bronco Tragedy.



Per the City Council approval for this project:

• Approved by City Council August 2024	\$290,000
• Spent to date on Groundwork, and Concrete	<u>\$158,334</u>
• Remaining	\$131,666
• Anticipated Asphalt Costs (\$100,000 + PST)	-\$106,000
• Anticipated "After and Always" component	<u>-\$ 12,000</u>
• Anticipated remaining budget for this project	\$ 13,666

CONCLUSION

In order to proceed with the asphalt work at the Memorial Site, the Humboldt Broncos Memorials Committee has recommended that the work be awarded to Ruszkowski Enterprises Inc.



CITY OF HUMBOLDT REPORT

TITLE: Award of Groundwork at Bronco Memorial Site
PREPARED BY: Penny Lee, Staff Liaison, Bronco Memorials Committee
REVIEWED BY: Joe Day, City Manager
PREPARED FOR: City Council
DATE: August 26th, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That Kirsch Construction be identified as eligible for a sole source contract for the preparation of the site of the 2017-18 Humboldt Broncos tragedy, in a value up to \$290,000 and that,

Upon Administration being satisfied with all contract terms, Administration be authorized to execute a contract with Kirsch Construction in order to expediate the required construction.

BACKGROUND

The Humboldt Broncos Memorial Committee has met regularly to monitor the progress and assist in the development of appropriate memorials / tributes both at the crash site as well as within the City of Humboldt. Specifically at the crash site, also referred to as “the Memorial Site”, there have been several hurdles and delays in attempting to get all approvals necessary to begin construction at the site of the 2017-18 Humboldt Broncos tragedy.

Somewhat recently, a suitable design and site development cost estimate have been prepared by Catterall and Wright and provided to the Committee. Kurt Leicht, as a member of the Committee has solicited further information from local contractors about proceeding to construction. Through this process Kirsch Construction, a locally owned and operated company, revealed a willingness to work with the Committee and provided an initial quote for site preparations. Following the Committee’s decision to make some changes to the design, Kirsch has been asked to provide an updated quote.

CURRENT SITUATION

Because the City of Humboldt holds the funds that were donated to the City following the Bronco tragedy, it is appropriate for the City to engage the contractor that will be doing the site work at the Memorial Site.

The Memorials Committee was made aware that the contract for site work will need to be facilitated by the City of Humboldt and that the City has a purchasing policy that generally requires a tendering process, but can allow for sole-sourcing based on the following provision:

In order to avoid any further delays, in accordance with the Purchasing Policy, sole source contracts can be awarded under the following circumstance:

“Any other situation where, with Council approval, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the City to do so.”

Therefore, on August 14th, 2024, the Memorials Committee passed a resolution:

That the Memorial Committee recommend to City Council that Kirsch Construction be identified as eligible for a sole source contract for the preparation of the site of the 2017-18 Humboldt Broncos tragedy, and that,

Upon receipt of a detailed construction quote from Kirsch Construction which the Humboldt Broncos Memorial Committee deems satisfactory, that Administration be authorized to execute a contract with Kirsch Construction in order to expediate the required construction.

On August 21st, 2024, Mr. Leicht received the updated quote from Kirsch Construction with a reduction of approximately \$15,000, down to \$289,111.98. The revised plan excludes the creation of a manmade pond and excludes a walking trail around the north side of the wetland area. The cost of the project may be significantly reduced if onsite testing of existing parking area proves to be suitably stable. The price does not include any concrete work, curbing, grass seeding, and maintenance.

OPTIONS

- Support the recommendation to proceed with making Kirsch Construction eligible for a sole source contract for this project.
- Provide some other direction to Administration.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The Humboldt Broncos Memorial Committee recognizes the need for some type of “sod-turning” or other announcement of the initiation of this project when appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS

- Preliminary Project design – (This version still showing pond and north pathway which will not be constructed at this time.)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As of August 7, 2024, the City of Humboldt is holding approximately \$1.437 million in the reserve from contributions intended for recognition of the Bronco Tragedy. Of those amounts it is estimated that:



- \$160,000 was specifically targeted to apply to this above-mentioned Memorial Site,
- \$125,000 was specifically targeted to go to a Facility within the City of Humboldt
- \$830,000 to be spent upon terms agreeable to the Humboldt Bronco Hockey Club
- The remaining \$322,000 to be spent on a memorial or tribute without specified restrictions

This aspect of construction at the Memorial Site would utilize the specified \$160,000 and would then likely draw the remaining necessary funds from the \$322,000 that can be spent on a memorial or tribute and has no specific restrictions.

CONCLUSION

In order to expedite the construction at the Memorial Site, it is recommended that Kirsch Construction be awarded a sole-source contract.



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**HUMBOLDT BRONCOS
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

LOCATION: RM OF CONNAUGHT No.457
PROJECT: HUMBOLDT BRONCOS
MEMORIAL

SHEET TITLE: CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

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CITY OF HUMBOLDT REPORT

TITLE: Award of Contract to Courtney Schapansky
PREPARED BY: Joe Day, City Manager
REVIEWED BY: Joe Day, City Manager
PREPARED FOR: City Council
DATE: March 23rd, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That a purchase of services and product be awarded to Courtney Schapansky for the “After and Always” program at an estimated cost of up to \$12,000.

BACKGROUND

The Humboldt Broncos Memorial Committee met on January 27th, 2026, and heard a presentation from Courtney Schapansky on her service and product referred to herein as the “After and Always” program.

The program works with families who have lost loved ones to create a “family approved” web page and then produce a QR code to that webpage so that the QR code can be displayed in various locations to enable the public to learn more about that person. As part of her program, she offers the QR Code etched on aluminum plaques and in picture frames, as well as in a variety of other formats.

The discussion at the meeting was that the QR code plaques could be used at the Memorial Site at the least, but also possibly in other ways, and in additional locations.

CURRENT SITUATION

The representatives of the 2017-2018 Bronco families who sit on the Memorials Committee reached out to the other affected families about the program. Of the families who responded, there was general consent that the Memorials Committee should proceed with the program.

At the March 17th, 2026 Memorials Committee there was additional discussion, resulting in the following resolution:

“That the Humboldt Broncos Memorial Committee recommend that City Council approve spending up to \$12,000 from Bronco Memorial reserve for the After and Always program.”

OPTIONS

- Support the recommendation to award the asphalt work to Ruskowski Enterprises
- Provide some other direction to Administration.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The news of this initiative will likely be promoted sometime in the future when determined appropriate by the Broncos Memorial Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

- None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As of December 31st, 2025, the City of Humboldt is holding approximately \$1.341 million in the reserve from contributions intended for recognition of the Bronco Tragedy.

In a separate report also presented at the March 23rd, 2026, City Council meeting it was illustrated that this approval can be accommodated within the Memorial Site preparation project:

CONCLUSION

The members on the Bronco Memorials Committee who represent the 29 families impacted by the 2018 tragedy support the use of this innovative program to convey the family-approved messages related to those who were lost in the tragedy.

CITY OF HUMBOLDT REPORT

TITLE: 2026 Concrete Replacement Program
PREPARED BY: Daniel Bernhard, P.Eng., Municipal Engineer
REVIEWED BY: Joe Day, City Manager
PREPARED FOR: City Council
DATE: March 23, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Award the 2026 Concrete Replacement Program to Westcrete Curb and Landscape Inc. in the value of \$169,203.00 plus applicable taxes.

BACKGROUND

The 2026 Concrete Replacement Program includes work in the following locations:

- 10th Street (9th Avenue to 12th Avenue): Concrete Curbing & Sidewalk Repairs following 2025 Watermain and Road Reconstruction Programs. (Paving work tendered separately.)
- Concrete Curbing & Sidewalk Patching - Various Locations

CURRENT SITUATION

A total of three bids were received. The compliant bids are summarized below:

Contractor Name	Net Bid Price (Excluding Taxes)
Westcrete Curb and Landscape Inc.	\$169,203.00
Wheatland Builders & Concrete Ltd.	\$197,921.58
North Start Concrete Inc.	\$290,360.00

Westcrete Curb and Landscape Inc. submitted the lowest bid meeting specifications.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the recommendation as presented.
2. Decline the recommendation as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

None

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The bidding contractors will be notified of the award decision. Residents along the work area will be notified prior to the start of the project with details of traffic restrictions and a general schedule of the project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

The approved 2026 budget includes \$261,700 for this work. The recommended bid from Westcrete Curb and Landscaping Inc. totals:

- Bid Amount: \$169,203
- Plus PST: \$10,152.18
- Total: \$179,355.18

The project is therefore approximately \$82,344.82 under budget. Some of this surplus may be required for unforeseen site conditions or scope adjustments during construction.

CONCLUSION

Based on competitive pricing and compliance with the tender specifications, Administration recommends awarding the 2026 Concrete Replacement Program to Westcrete Curb and Landscaping Inc.