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Emergency food hampers available

The Crossfield Emergency Food Hamper program is available to all residents who are experiencing hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic.

September can be a tough time for a lot of families, with kids heading back to school and expenses going up as school and other fees come due. Because of the current global public health crisis, many families are finding paying the bills to be even more challenging than ever, particularly if one or more family members are out of work.

The food hampers aren't only for families, however; anyone who needs the help is welcome to apply to receive a hamper.

The Town initially set up the Emergency Hamper Program in April when the pandemic first began to have an impact on everyone. Since then, a grant to support the program was received from the provincial government.

Apply by contacting Cheryl at (403) 941-2000 or crossfieldchristmashampers@gmail.com and download the [application form](#).

Applications are reviewed as they are received and usually a quick response is possible.

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Downtown Revitalization Project at-a-glance

We know construction on Crossfield's Railway St. is creating a challenge for many town residents. So why is the Town undertaking this work? There were four primary drivers, which council determined were priorities before approving the project:

SEWERS

The sewer system servicing roughly 60 per cent of Crossfield's residences runs through the main trunk, under Railway St.

A robotic camera inspection of these sewer lines in 2017/2018 indicated almost the entire stretch along the road was within 10 years of

reaching the end of its life, with a number of sections determined to be in danger of imminent collapse, according to the engineer's report. A collapse of any section could cause the existing sewer system to stop working for almost 2,000 citizens.

Replacing these ageing sewer lines – some dating from as long ago as 1952 – was a priority endorsed by a majority of council.

WATER SYSTEM

Crossfield's old water pump house was located just off Limit Ave., in a central location. When it was replaced and moved outside the core

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DRIVE-IN movie



FREE AUG 28 9 PM

CROSSFIELD COMMUNITY HALL PARKING LOT

Please note this is a physically distanced event!

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- You are not permitted to leave your vehicle at any time
- You are not permitted to sit in the box of your truck
- Hatchbacks are not permitted to be open
- There will be no concession or washrooms available
- One household per vehicle
- Other protocols as posted at event

 

Downtown Revitalization Project (continued)

to Laut Ave. in approximately 2011, emergency water flows for fire fighting dropped in many parts of town. Fire hydrant flow tests in 2017 revealed much of Crossfield could not be supplied with recommended emergency fire flows from the current network.

As part of the current upgrades, a high pressure 350-millimetre (mm) water main is being installed all the way from Laut Ave. to Mountain Ave. Once complete, approximately 85 per cent of Crossfield will have fire hydrant flows within the recommended range.

A majority of council felt providing the greater part of Crossfield

residents with adequate fire protection was a priority.

DRAINAGE

The current storm water drainage is grossly inadequate, with even modest events causing flash flooding of homes and businesses. Upgrading the existing 450 to 600 mm storm lines to new 1,050 to 1,500 mm lines will substantially reduce the chance of flooding along Railway St. and its feeder streets; this is considerably better than the current system.

COST

Upgrading all nine blocks of Railway St. at one time makes

financial sense – the Town realizes a savings of approximately \$6 million as a result when compared to doing the work block-by-block over several years.

The cost of the above ground beautification work, which includes new lighting, seating and landscaping features, is only approximately 10 per cent of the total budget.

Questions regarding the Downtown Revitalization Project may be directed to downtown@crossfieldalberta.com

When comparing itself to other similar municipalities, the Town of Crossfield uses the five towns with the next highest populations and the five with the next smallest populations as comparison points. This allows Town administration and council to see how Crossfield stacks up against other Alberta towns most like itself in terms of population.

Municipalities in Alberta are required to submit audited financial statements to Municipal Affairs each year. These data are drawn from those publicly available statements.

How does Crossfield stack up?

When it comes to residential 2020 property taxes, Crossfield has the lowest of any town in the comparison group.

NOTE: These rates do not include the education tax rate set by the provincial government, which the Town does not control.

(Data are taken from the 2020 Tax Bylaws for each town.)

	2020 Residential Mill Rate	Taxes on \$300,000 home	Difference vs. Crossfield
Crossfield (Pop. 3,377)	5.6160	\$1,685	\$0
Fort Macleod (Pop. 2,967)	6.2278	\$1,868	\$183
Claresholm (Pop. 3,780)	6.7690	\$2,031	\$346
Gibbons (Pop. 3,159)	6.7850	\$2,036	\$351
Carstairs (Pop. 4,077)	6.8170	\$2,045	\$360
Cardston (Pop. 3,909)	7.4000	\$2,220	\$535
Athabasca (Pop. 2,965)	8.5140	\$2,554	\$869
Pincher Creek (Pop. 3,642)	9.1070	\$2,732	\$1,047
Penhold (Pop. 3,563)	9.1830	\$2,755	\$1,070
Fairview (Pop. 2,998)	9.7500	\$2,925	\$1,240
Three Hills (Pop. 3,212)	10.3190	\$3,096	\$1,411
AVERAGE	7.8625	\$2359	\$674

Crossfield is 28.57% lower than the average