



Downtown Revitalization Project update



Paving of Railway St. from Grey Ave. through to Nanton Ave. took place this week, allowing for a substantial re-opening of Crossfield's main street.

Over the next few weeks, crews will begin installing new sidewalks from Laut Ave. to Nanton Ave.

The underground work moved north another block this week, to Chisholm Ave. The contractor has developed a plan for ensuring there continues to be vehicle and pedestrian access to Carmen's Bigway throughout this part of the construction. A map showing the temporary access points for all of Railway St. and its businesses can be found at crossfieldalberta.com

Any questions regarding the Downtown Revitalization project can be sent to downtown@crossfieldalberta.com

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Pete Knight Arena re-opened Sept. 1 with protocols in place



When developing a plan to re-open the Pete Knight Memorial Arena, Town staff had to consider a number of things:

1. Alberta Health Services (AHS) rules regarding COVID-19 and stopping the spread, which we must enforce;
2. The guidelines each user group and its parent organization must follow; and
3. The safety of our users, staff and the community.

Town staff sought the advice of AHS and a health inspector to determine how to navigate the rules it has in place. Staff also met with the presidents of the main user groups to

review the re-opening plan and agreed on moving forward with the current measures, while reviewing and adjusting them as we progress through the season.

The Town wants as many organizations and groups as possible to use the arena. The governing body/parent organization for the various groups have their own requirements and plans in place. For this reason, we must put in place a re-opening plan which ensures it can be applicable to everyone. To have one group following more stringent rules, while others don't or aren't required to, would not be fair to all users.

Arena re-opening plan in place to ensure safety for all Continued

Keeping our staff and the broader community safe has been our primary goal since the start of this pandemic. The arena does not have larger public spaces and access to the bleacher area is restricted as a result of the facility design. While it may seem excessive to restrict access to the facility by allowing only one parent per child, this was put in place so physical distancing can be maintained given the small public spaces.

Youth using the dressing rooms will also be required to practice physical distancing and this could

mean the first row of bleachers may need to be used as a dressing area. Allowing spectators into the bleachers at the same time is not something we feel can be safely done. Maintaining physical distancing, concerns with the flow of people in and out of the bleacher area, ensuring surface areas are disinfected properly and frequently and providing a safe facility for everyone – user groups, staff and the community - guided that decision.

We understand this may require parents to come up with some creative ways to ensure they can

provide their children with access to a sport, like hockey or figure skating; however, the safety of all is what must be paramount for the Town.

Ultimately, the re-opening plan currently in place is a living document and changes will be made to it as the situation evolves. We continue to meet with the leaders of the user groups to ensure our safety measures are effective and keep everyone, including our staff and the community, as safe as possible.

We thank you for your continued patience. We are in this together.

How does Crossfield stack up?

Crossfield has the lowest staffing costs of any town in the comparison group.

(Data are taken from the audited financial statements for each town, as accepted by Alberta Municipal Affairs.)

	Staff Costs	Cost per citizen
Crossfield (Pop. 3,377)	\$2,289,810	\$678
Athabasca (Pop. 2,965)	\$2,221,135	\$749
Cardston (Pop. 3,909)	\$2,957,407	\$757
Fairview (Pop. 2,998)	\$2,377,745	\$793
Claresholm (Pop. 3,780)	\$3,034,854	\$803
Carstairs (Pop. 4,077)	\$3,432,625	\$842
Gibbons (Pop. 3,159)	\$2,730,503	\$864
Fort Macleod (Pop. 2,967)	\$2,760,229	\$930
Three Hills (Pop. 3,212)	\$3,039,281	\$946
Penhold (Pop. 3,563)	\$3,567,746	\$1,001
Pincher Creek (Pop. 3,642)	\$4,117,915	\$1,131
AVERAGE (excluding Crossfield)	\$3,023,944	\$882

Crossfield is 23.09% lower than the average of the other towns

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.