

## Downtown Revitalization Project update



This week, the underground crew started work on replacing deep servicing on Nanton Ave., from Railway St. to the alleyway.

At the same time, crews began preparing the portion of Railway St. from Grey Ave. to Hammond Ave. for the first round of paving the roadway, which is expected to take place next week.

This week and next could be the most disruptive of the entire project and the Town would like to thank residents and businesses for their continued patience.

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## Test started of new wastewater treatment system at golf course

The Town of Crossfield and Collicutt Siding Golf Course are currently conducting a pilot of Alberta-based Swirltex's filtration system on the Town's lagoons. Installation of the equipment began Aug. 25.

Swirltex builds custom wastewater treatment systems for a wide range of applications. Swirltex has developed a proprietary technology

that enables wastewater to be recycled to a very high quality, in a cost-effective manner. The modular systems are well suited for applications like at the Town of Crossfield, where there is a need to increase the capacity of the existing infrastructure by recycling water for irrigation. This phase of the pilot will further support the concept through data collection and overall water footprint optimization.

"We are excited to work with this progressive town on developing a solution that could save millions on infrastructure upgrade costs, not to mention benefiting the environment and minimizing downstream impacts on Nose Creek," said

Melanie McClare, Swirltex's chief executive officer.

The benefits of the Swirltex system to the environment and the municipality are many. By implementing this technology,

the golf course will be provided with high grade irrigation water on a secure and permanent basis.

"Collicutt Siding Golf Club is excited



to partner with the Town of Crossfield on our wastewater purification plan. From an operating business standpoint, it is encouraging to know water will be readily available for the long term," said a statement from the Board of Directors. "From a community perspective, we are very proud to be able to be a part of an initiative that improves the quality of water for all users. We would like to thank the Town for including us on this important endeavour and look forward to the successful implementation and enhancement of the Swirltex system."

Upon completion of Phase II, the Town will be well on its

# Swirltex test (Continued)

way to receiving full Alberta Environment approval for the use of this technology in Crossfield, potentially saving the municipality millions in capital costs and hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in operational costs.

“We are excited to be involved in supporting a new industry in Alberta, and are pleased to have a positive working relationship with Alberta Environment as we seek to develop and validate new technology which could save Alberta taxpayers billions of dollars,” said Mayor Jo Tennant. “Swirltex’s innovative technology is a good fit for the Town and its residents, for the golf course and for the environment.

The Phase II test will wrap up in October.

## How does Crossfield stack up?

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

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

	2020 Non-Residential Mill Rate	Taxes on \$1 million property	Difference vs. Crossfield
<b>Crossfield (Pop. 3,377)</b>	<b>7.1450</b>	<b>\$7,145</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Carstairs (Pop. 4,077)	8.6270	\$8,627	\$1,482
Claresholm (Pop. 3,780)	11.3770	\$11,377	\$4,232
Pincher Creek (Pop. 3,642)	11.6650	\$11,665	\$4,520
Penhold (Pop. 3,563)	11.9670	\$11,967	\$4,822
Fort Macleod (Pop. 2,967)	12.2070	\$12,207	\$5,062
Gibbons (Pop. 3,159)	12.5870	\$12,587	\$5,442
Three Hills (Pop. 3,212)	12.7700	\$12,770	\$5,625
Cardston (Pop. 3,909)	12.7850	\$12,785	\$5,640
Fairview (Pop. 2,998)	14.4500	\$14,450	\$7,305
Athabasca (Pop. 2,965)	17.0150	\$17,015	\$9,870
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>12.0541</b>	<b>\$12,054</b>	<b>\$4,909</b>

**Crossfield is 40.72% lower than the average**

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.