



TOWN OF
CALMAR

The Chronicle

JANUARY 2023

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Please note the Office will
be closed January 2nd.

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January 2023

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Mayors Corner

Happy New Year to everyone.

Packaged inside of every mistake there lays a great lesson. And while I don't want to take the mistake into the New Year, I most certainly want to take the lesson that's packaged inside of it. - Craig D. Lounsborough

2022 has come and gone and our community remains one of the coolest communities I know. Over the year we have seen continued change and growth in our community. We welcomed newcomers both business and residential. The towns administration has seen some changes through the year with a new CAO, Economic Development Officer, FCSS coordinator and Recreation Coordinator. The town completed a rebranding initiative with new logo, signage and website.

The new year is a fresh start to many things but can be a tough month as they cope with the weather and the bills that come in from the seasons celebration. If you need help with these new year's blues, please reach out to our FCSS as we are here to help. The library has announced their January take n make projects and this is a great way to keep active while staying warm in doors. First night will be December 31, come out and celebrate the new year with friends, family and neighbors. Our celebrations continue to be a great success in our community.

After more than 2 months of hard work, Council was able to pass Calmar's interim budget at its December 19th meeting with the following key highlights

Council held several public meetings since October 3 as well as two public open houses to discuss the budget.

The budget is considered interim as Council will have the ability to amend it in the first quarter of 2023 once the final property assessments have been finalized.

Administration is being tasked to investigate additional means to reduce expenses. This could translate into healthier reserves and/or lowering the tax burden.

Council is pursuing reducing the mil rate for residential properties. The current rate is 10.2859 and Council would like to bring it under 10.0. This will be decided when the mil rate bylaw is done in 2023.

Mayors corner

Despite significant energy and gas expense increases for 2023, Council was able to contain the budget increase at 2.65%.

With the continued increase in operations around the board, the overall budget is passing from 6.907 million to 7.089 million.

The anticipated budget does not include any service level reduction but does contain the addition of a part-time Community Peace Officer. This new resource will be shared with Thorsby 50/50.

2023 capital budget is 1.262 million. Most of these funds will be invested in sanitary infrastructure replacement requirements.

Other capital items that are planned is a walking trail behind the high school linking the east side of the high school to the west side of the high school and renovating Woodland Park's retaining wall.

Over the next 5 years, 4.5 million could be injected in the community on various projects. Council will need to identify priorities. Council will use its Asset Management Committee to help the decision-making process, but residents and members of the business communities will need to play their part and let Council know what infrastructure is important to them.

Myself and council are excited about 2023 as we continue to work on some new development opportunities that will be new to our community and greatly welcomed. Council is dedicated to continuing to strive for improvement in our community with continued levels of services, changes to our policy and bylaws that will enhance the opportunity for our community to flourish into the future.

I toast our entire community and look forward to the excitement of a new year with continued success in our great town.

Sincerely Yours

Sean Carnahan, Mayor

Calmar a great place to call Home

What's Happening at JANUARY 2023



Happy *New Year*
2023

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Tuesday – Thursday – Friday

11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday

11:00 am to 8:00 pm

LIBRARY CLOSED

The Library will be closed the following dates:

Monday, January 2nd

FREE LIBRARY CARD



New to the community? Library card needs renewing? Not a problem! Email circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca or call 780.985.3472 and one of our helpful staff will be happy to assist you.

JANUARY NATIONAL DAYS OF INTEREST

Here are some of the recognized national days for January we found interesting:

January 4th: National Spaghetti Day

January 12th: National Hot Tea Day

January 24th: National Compliment Day

IN-HOUSE PROGRAMS

School Holiday Activity - Learn to Knit

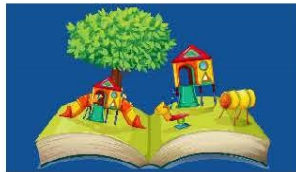
Tuesday, January 3rd @ 1:30 pm



Did you know that teaching kids to knit develops fine motor skills and attention span? Did you know that Russell Crowe and other famous people have taken up the needles? Christmas break is the perfect time to come down to the library and learn to knit with our experienced knitters who would love to show you the craft. No supplies? No worries! We have everything you will need! If interested drop in and they will be happy to teach you!

Me & You Story Time

Every Thursday January 12, 19, 26 @ 10:00 am



Join us for stories, songs and fun the whole family can enjoy. This program is for 0-5 years with caregivers. Drop ins are accepted but if you know you are coming, please let us know! To register or for more information, call 780.985.3472 or circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

School Holiday Activity - Fun & Games at the Library

Wednesday, January 4th 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm



Come on down to the library and join Miss Nancy for a fun afternoon of games and activities. Come check out the robotics and other games we have at the library. Or maybe build a fort! So much to do! Registration is preferred but drop-ins are welcome! To register call 780.985.3472 or email us at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

After Hours Nerf Battle in the Stacks! 7-14 years

Thursday, January 5th 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm



The Library doors are locked. Battle equipment supplied.

Calling teens and tweens for an exciting evening of Nerf Battle in the Stacks! Registration is required as space is limited. Registration starts December 27 and must be done through circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

Grief and Loss Presentation

Wednesday, January 11th @ 6:30 pm

Are you struggling with: a death of a loved one? Divorce or end of a relationship? Pet loss? Health or financial changes? Or any other form of loss? If you answered yes to any of these scenarios, we invite you to join Janelle Pozerniuk, Certified Advanced Grief Recovery Specialist, as she talks about the myths of grief and loss, what it can look like. At the end of the hour, you will walk away with some valuable information and tools to cope. All are welcome though registration is appreciated.

Let's Get Cooking Cookbook Club

January 18th @ 6:00 pm



Do you enjoy browsing through cookbooks, trying new recipes, or cooking techniques, sampling and sharing new dishes? Or are you stuck in a rut and keep making the same dishes over-and-over again? If you answer yes to any of these questions, then this is the club for you! January 20th is National Cheese Lover Day so what better theme for January's meeting is "CHEESE". The challenge is to bring a dish with cheese as the main ingredient. For more information call the Library at 780.985.3472 or email

circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca To register for a program: Call 780.985.3472 or Email circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

AT HOME PROGRAMS

JANUARY TAKE & MAKE KITS – first come, first served while supplies last!

Take a kit and make a craft at home! The kits will include supplies to make a fun craft! You may need some basic craft supplies at home (scissors, tape, glue, etc) to complete the craft. January kits are available for pickup January 3rd, 2023. We are going to try first come, first served pickup as in the past patrons would reserve kits and then not pick them up. One kit per child, please.

Available January 3rd

Pre-K – Snowman Playdough Kit

Tween/Teen – DIY Lip Gloss

Together We Read Canada

January 10 – January 24, 2023



Together We Read Canada is an opportunity for those with a valid library card to read the same digital title at the same time without any wait lists or holds. To borrow the assigned item simply log into your digital collection and the eBook will be prominently displayed on your OverDrive-powered website and discoverable through the digital library catalog. The January title is: [*If Sylvie Had Nine Lives*](#) by Leona Theis. This title will be available in ebook format for unlimited access on your OverDrive-powered website between January 10-24, 2023. This is great for Book Clubs!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Library has a program room that we rent for private functions! For more information contact circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

SAY GOODBYE TO OVERDRIVE!

Attention, OverDrive app users! OverDrive is discontinuing the OverDrive app in early 2023 and transitioning users to the Libby app. Libby app is OverDrive's newer app for browsing and enjoying digital content from our Library. It's time to give Libby a try! All your loans, holds, and wish list items will be waiting for you in Libby when you add your library card. To learn more about this change contact the Library.

FRIENDS OF THE CALMAR LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library is a charitable non-profit organization of volunteers who fundraise and advocate to support our library.

Friends of the Library are library lovers who believe that a strong and vibrant Library is a vital part of our community.

The Friends are looking for you! If you are interested in supporting your library, contact Susan at sparkinson@calmarpubliclibrary.ca



NEW ITEMS AT THE LIBRARY

Below are a few of the new items that we have added to our collection. Contact the library at 780.985.347 or www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca to reserve your copy today.

DVD'S/AUDIO

Agatha Raisin #4
Bullet Train
Nope
Queenpins
Top Gun
Miss Scarlet & The Duke #2
London Kills #3
Shakespeare & Hathaway
A Discovery of Witches #3
Queens of Mystery #2
Rumble
The Thing About Pam

ADULT NON-FICTION

Healing Through Words by Rupi Kaur
True Reconciliation by Jody Wilson-Raybould
One by Jamie Oliver
Kids Can Cook Anything by America's Test Kitchen
Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing by Matthew Perry
Have I Told You This Already by Lauren Graham
The Cookie Bible by Rose Levy Beranbaum
The Complete America's Test Kitchen 2001 – 2023

ADULT FICTION

Jacqueline in Paris by Ann Mah
Poster Girl by Veronica Roth
When We Had Wings by Ariel Lawhon
We Are the Light by Matthew Quick
The Cloisters by Katy Hayes
Look Both Ways by Linwood Barclay
The Prisoner by B.A. Paris
Desert Star by Michael Connelly
Livid by Patricia Cornwell
Now is not the Time to Panic by Kevin Wilson
The Hidden One by Linda Castilio
Stella Maris by Cormac McCarthy
The Lindbergh Nanny by Mariah Fredericks

LARGE PRINT

Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng
Dreamland by Nicholas Sparks
The Passenger by Cormac McCarthy
Girl Forgotten by Karin Slaughter

YOUNG ADULT

Seasparrow by Kristin Cashore
Charm by Tracy Wolff
Cursed by Marissa Meyer
Scattered Showers by Rainbow Rowell
Bloodmarked by Tracy Deonn

JR. BOOKS

I Survived the Wellington Avalanche, 1910 by Lauren Tarshis
Diary of a Wimpy Overlode by Jeff Kinney
Amazing Science by Aubre Andrus

PICTURE/BOARD BOOKS

Kimchi, Kimchi Every Day by Erica Kim
Fiona the Fruit Bat by Dan Riskin
Today is Different by Doua Moua
Dibbs by Laura Gehl
A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree by Daniel Berstrom

To keep up-to-date on information regarding the library please go to one of the resources below:

- Follow us on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/calmarlibrary>
- Follow us on YouTube @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU_34ttDgZU1zpV3WE5fWDA
- Go to our website @ <https://calmarpubliclibrary.ca/>
- E-mail us at: circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca
- Phone: 780.985.3472

Until next time....

Susan Parkinson
Director of Public Library Services

Town of Calmars 1st charging unit!

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

DOWN LOAD THE HYPERCHARGE APP

THE CHARGER IS A
LEVEL 3,
HYPERCHARGE ABB
TERRA 54 (50KW)

CALMARS RATES
ARE \$15.00/KW
THIS CAN BE PAID
AT THE STATION.

THE USER FEE COVERS THE COST OF
POWER- NOTHING IS CHARGED TO THE
TOWN

This unit was supplied 100% through the
2022 MCCAC Electric vehicle charging
program.

THE PROJECT WAS MANAGED AND INSTALLED BY SPG. SUSTAINABLE
PROJECTS GROUP.

TOWN OF
CALMAR



PRESS RELEASE

The Town of Calmar
Mayor Sean Carnahan
780-985-3604
scarnahan@calmar.ca



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Town of Calmar Announces the Grand Opening of the Electric Car Charging Station.

December 17, 2022 – Mike Karbonik Arena, Calmar, AB

From funding provided through the “2022 MCCAC Electric Vehicle Charging Program” grant in partnership with AUMA, the Town of Calmar is excited to offer this green alternative to those residents and visitors that have moved forward to owning electric vehicles.

The Town of Calmar is always working to provide our community with every opportunity to help our local residents as well as our local businesses. As each visitor to the community stops to charge their vehicle, they will have time to take a walk down our main street and sample many of our fine restaurants as well as our unique shops, local market, our fantastic hardware, grocery, and pubs, and of course our famous Calmar Bakery.

“As the face of our environment is changing and the focus to reduce our own carbon footprint on the global spectrum is in the forefront, The town of Calmar is excited to partner with the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre in conjunction with Alberta Municipalities to fund the installation our first local Electric Vehicle charging station. This opportunity allows us to demonstrate our adaptation to a changing environment, while still providing a boost to our local economy.”

Sean Carnahan, Mayor, Town of Calmar

To find more information, please visit our website at www.calmar.ca





Grand opening of the Electric Charging Station!

Thank you to Mayor, Council and MLA Mark Smith for braving the cold to host the Grand opening of Calmar's new Electric Vehicle Charging Station on December 17th!

The charging station was paid through a grant and the electricity used will be paid for by the fee when you charge your electric vehicle. Drop by the Mike Karbonik arena to check it out!

Economic Development

BUSINESS UPDATE

1.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the business "Light Up Calmar" Program! It was a great success and our local businesses looked amazing with all of the Christmas Lights in December.

2.

If you missed the Dec 3rd Grand Opening of Franki & Jojos clothing line. Drop by Loganberry's Antiques and Curiosities and check it out!

3.

Consider starting the new year by attending Council meetings. They are the first and third Monday of the month. Our website has a list of the dates. You can attend in person or virtually. It's a great opportunity to see how decisions for our community are made.

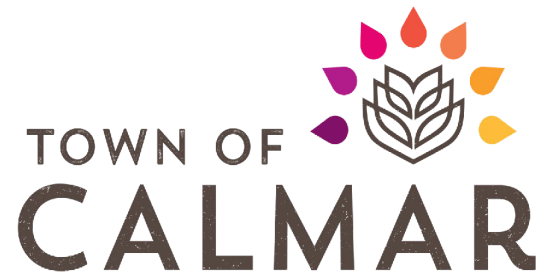
Highlight for January

The next **Business Breakfast** is set for January 19th at the Calmar Program Centre. Doors open at 7:00am. RSVP to Sandra McIntosh by January 13, 2023.

For Questions or suggestions for updates, please call Sandra McIntosh at 780-985-3604 Ext. 226

Please remember to shovel your sidewalks after every snowfall.

The Town is enforcing Bylaw 2009-02.



THE OUTDOOR RINK IS OPEN!
LOCATED BEHIND WOODLAND PARK
AT 48A AVE

Calmar's First Night

FIREWORKS, PUBLIC
SKATING, HOT DOGS,
HOT CHOCOLATE AND
MORE...

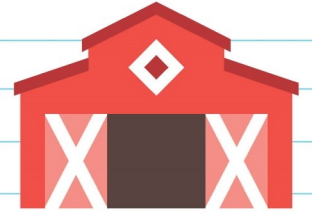
MIKE KARBONIK ARENA
6PM-8PM. FIREWORKS TO
FOLLOW



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wishes you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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to a BARN!



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environment!"



Our Charter Goals

- #1 Students will recognize and understand agricultural literacy.
- #2 Students will demonstrate problem solving through adaptability, resilience and critical thinking.
- #3 Students will understand the value of goals and outcomes.
- #4 Students will achieve academic success while displaying leadership.



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THE STAFF & STUDENTS OF
CALMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Happy
New Year

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION OPENS
JANUARY 9TH**

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN INTAKE OPENS
FEBRUARY 1ST**

www.blackgold.ca/schools/programs
FOR MORE INFORMATION



Christmas Elves

*Thank
You*

**Calmar Business
Community**

Thank you to our supportive business community for the amazing donations to the Calmar Christmas Elves.

A big shout out to GeorgFischer, Chevron, Calmar Foods & Liquidstransloading!!

#Teamcalmar



Thank you **Calmar**

This community has come together once again to make the Christmas Elves program such a success!

Thank you to our neighbors for the wonderful support. I hope every one has a safe and Merry Christmas. If you require assistance from Family and Community Support Services, please call Leah @ 780.985.3604 ext. 233 OR

lmacdonald@calmar.ca

Merry Christmas


Newsletter Deadline 15th of the month!

OPTIONS:

\$100.00 Full Page \$75.00 Half Page
\$50.00 Quarter Page \$25.00 Business Card
COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE FREE!

Phone: 780.985.3604 ext. 233 Fax: 780.985.3039
Email: Imacdonald@calmar.ca

Please contact the Town Office with any inquiries. When requesting an ad please submit it in an electronic format which is print ready. **All ads must be paid for at the time of submission.** Calmar Community groups are free. A full list can be found on our website: www.calmar.ca/newsletter/



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5002 - 50 Ave, Calmar AB T0C 0V0
Front Store: 780.985.3142
Pharmacy: 780.985.3121
Website: www.calmarpharmacy.com

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday	9:00AM-7:00PM
Saturday	9:00AM-5:00PM
Sundays & Holidays:	11:00AM-5:00PM

Property Taxes

The Town offers a penalty free payment plan specially for Tax Accounts. (TIPS)

You can sign up anytime through out the year! (You will need to pay up front for the months that have already passed, to stay caught up).

All you need is a signed Pre-Authorized Debit form and a VOID Cheque/Direct Deposit form from your bank.

No missed due dates and penalties, no need to renew every year. Just an automatic withdrawal from your account once a month.

~The payment is calculated based on your most current levy~

If you are interested in joining, contact Heather @ hbryans@calmar.ca or 780-985-3604 ext. 232.

Health link Alberta 811

Mental Health Help Line (24hrs) 1-877-303-2645

RCMP non emergency line—Leduc, Calmar, New Sarepta)
780-980-7267

Non emergency social, health and government services in the community — 211

**PUBLIC WORKS ON
CALL**
780-446-7319

PUBLIC WORKS SHOP
780-985-2121

**COMMUNITY PEACE
OFFICER**
780-999-7181

**EMERGENCY
911**

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held virtually & in person @ 7p.m., watch FB and website for details.

1st and 3rd Mondays each month (except January, July & August).