

GOPHER BITES



Town of Eston Newsletter

Buy local. Sell local. Keep our community alive!

Hiring!

We are hiring for the 2024 pool season!

The Town of Eston & District along with Eston Sheet Metal are covering costs of lifeguard training and courses!

It is a good start to building your resume and a great way to spend a summer! Excellent opportunity to have summer jobs through post secondary school. in the future.

- Pool Manager
- Assistant Pool Manager
- Senior & Junior Lifeguards



Full and part-time positions are available. Drop off your resume with a cover letter to the Town Office or recreation@eston.ca.

Eston & District Recreation Committee is seeking a dedicated individual to instruct a 3-7 year old gymnastics program. Must be willing to complete gymnastics coach training and instruct once a week in Kindersley. Gymnastic experience is a major asset. Must be 16 years or older.

Hiring for Summer Sports Camps

We are seeking 3-4 part time sport camp instructors for July & August. Camps would include; bowling, soccer, swimming, arts and crafts and more. Must be 15 years or older.

For info on any of the above, contact Garrett (306) 962-7748.

Ball Registration

Ball registration is now open. Forms will be available at the school, Town Office, or online at www.eston.ca. Fees:

- T-Ball, Rally Cap, U9 female - \$70
- Female U11-U18 - \$85
- Co-ed U11-U18 - \$110
- Hat - \$20



Registration deadline: Wed April 3

Payment must be received in full in order to play.

KidSport

KidSport helps children of families facing financial obstacles to participate in sports, so that no kid is left on the sidelines.

KidSport applications **must** be received prior to the activity registration deadline. Forms available online at www.eston.ca or at the office. For any questions or more info, please contact Garrett, recreation@eston.ca or (306) 962-7748.

Closed

The Town of Eston Office & Wheatland Regional Library will be closed on **Monday, February 19** for Family Day

Career Opportunity - Head Librarian

Eston Wheatland Regional Library is in search of a part-time Head Librarian. This position is responsible for overseeing all operations and programming at EWRL. The Head Librarian works approximately 20 hr/week and qualifies for health, and dental benefits, vacation days, sick days and other benefits, Schedule negotiable. Hourly wage \$20.35-\$25.50/hr depending on experience and qualifications. For more info contact Jody Schmidt, cao@eston.ca; or 306-962-4444.

Send resume, including cover letter & references to cao@eston.ca;

111 4th Ave SE; or Box 757, Eston, SK S0L 1A0.

It's an Election Year...

2024 Election is coming up, Wed Nov 13

Considering running for Council?

For information on roles, responsibilities and time commitments for Council as well as other information on Council and Elections go to:

www.eston.ca/2024-election/

We would like to thank **Bradley Knight** for his time on Council. Bradley was elected in 2020 and served for just over three years. Bradley resigned as of January 1.

Parking & Snow Removal

Did you know that Town bylaws limit street parking to 96 hours? That means a vehicle parked on the street should not remain in the same spot for more than 4 days. As the Town does snow removal you can help by moving vehicles off the street where you notice plowing occurring. Thank you for your assistance.

Emergency routes are always cleared first - 3rd St; 7th Ave and Main St.

Reminder: Do not pile snow in the alleys, streets or property other than your own.

Approved Snow Dumping Sites:

- Gatenby - 116 3rd St NE (beside sewer lift station)
- 1st St West (southeast of the school)
- Town lot (west side of Olorenshaw Farm Services)
- Main St (far south end/beside sewer lift station)



Upcoming Events

- Thu Feb 1 - **Bingo** - 7 pm Wheatland Plus 50 Club
- Wed Feb 14 - **Town Council Meeting** - 7 pm Town Office
- Thu Feb 15 - **Bingo** - 7 pm Wheatland Plus 50 Club
- Wed Feb 28 - **Town Council Meeting** - 7 pm Town Office
- Sun Mar 17 - **ERRP Fish Fry** - 5 pm - AGT Community Centre



Town Office

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-12 & 1-5 pm; Fri: 10 am-12 & 1-5pm

Library

Mon-Tue & Thur: 2-5:30 pm; Wed: 2-8 pm; Fri: 10-noon & 3-5:30 pm

Landfill

Mon 9 am-4 pm; Tue 12-4 pm; Sat 9 am-4 pm





Status Update on the 2023 Strategic Priorities for the Town of Eston

As of January 2024

Overarching Principles

Decisions and projects will be approached with the following themes in mind:

Continuous Improvement

Activities will be approached with a goal of achieving excellence and being better at what we do and how we do it every day.

Customer Service

We will approach changes with improvement to and enhancement of the end user experience in mind.

Planning

We will undergo sound planning processes that will assist in preparing us for the future and maintaining a sustainable community.

Communication

We will strive to enhance communication and connect- edness internally, externally and with key partners and stakeholders.

Planning

- 1) Pool project, actively develop a long-term plan for the pool. Present options to the community. [Update, we have assessed two options and are currently working on a third to ensure a comprehensive exploration of all possibilities.](#) The two initial options Council feels are presently cost prohibitive, prompting the exploration of a third option.

Capital and Infrastructure

- 2) New Water Treatment Plant operational in 2023. [Complete.](#)
- 3) Completion of water meters/endpoint project (spin cast manholes), with an estimate of \$65,000 per year. [Update on this initiative indicates that it is progressing as scheduled and is approaching completion.](#)
- 4) Continue with the sewer lining project (spin cast manholes), with an estimate of \$65,000 per year. [Update on this initiative indicates that it is progressing as scheduled and is approaching completion.](#)
- 5) Continue with pavement patching throughout the Town, with an estimate of \$200,000 for the 2023 year. [Update in this regard indicates the completion of addressing key areas within the designated budget.](#) The project is scheduled to recommence in 2025 (depending on Council change), with designated reserves specifically allocated for pavement maintenance, and ongoing efforts to bolster these reserves. [Additionally, in other areas of the town, we are exploring alternative solution.](#)
- 6) Continue with sidewalk repair and/or replacement. The goal is \$15,000 per year. [Update, challenges in securing a contractor, particularly for smaller projects.](#) The unutilized \$15,000 will be carried over to 2024, with plans to allocate \$30,000 for sidewalk repairs in that year.
- 7) Explore options for Main Street water line 800 block. [Complete.](#)
- 8) AGT Community Centre showers, floors and partitions. [Complete.](#)
- 9) Eston and District fire truck purchase. [Complete.](#)
- 10) Fire Hydrant evaluation and repair. [Complete](#)
- 11) Pool Floor update. [Complete.](#)
- 12) EcoCentre concrete pad poured at the Landfill. [Complete.](#)

Serving the Community, Programming and Events

- 13) Continue to improve and update the website. [Update, this is a continual effort.](#)
- 14) Continue to educate, promote and share information to the community. [Update, this is a continual effort.](#)
- 15) Improvement to the fairgrounds/ball diamonds. [Update, shale was added, fencing and some ground work.](#)
- 16) Improvement of the campground. [Update, bathroom updates, paint, shower panels, trim and required fixes.](#)
- 17) Explore grant opportunities. [Update, this remains an ongoing endeavor.](#) We've submitted applications for seven grants, and we have a [company actively monitoring grant opportunities on our behalf.](#)

Governance and Policy [Update, this is a continual effort](#)

- 18) Continue with the Joint Governance Committee that is joint with the R.M. of Snipe Lake in reviewing joint bylaws.
- 19) Reviewing and updating key bylaws and policies from all departments.
- 20) Work jointly with the R.M. of Snipe Lake No. 259 on Emergency Measures.

Note that operations for the Health Care and Cemetery departments are overseen by the R.M. of Snipe Lake No. 259. For information on priorities for these departments, please contact the R.M. of Snipe Lake directly.