# White City inSight Q



A monthly newsletter providing residents of White City with need-to-know information regarding Town events, programs, and service reminders. White City, SK 14 Ramm Ave East Box 220 Station Main 306 781 2355

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### **Councillor Blog**

As we get into the holiday spirit and the year draws to a close, I'm excited to wish you all a very Happy Holidays! During this time, I can't help but reflect on how inspiring our community is. Seeing our Town Office overflowing with contributions for the Regina Foodbank, the William Albert House Christmas Project, and the Shoebox Project, reinforces to me our community's kindness and the sense of togetherness that makes White City special.

This year has been full of highlights for the town, and none of it would be possible without the support, energy and commitment of all involved. Whether it's through fun community events, exciting new projects, or just lending a hand when needed, you've all made White City an incredible place to live. A huge thank you to all those who make sure everything runs smoothly in our town – from our firefighters and first responders to the volunteers, and everyone working behind the scenes. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed, and we're lucky to have you.

As your newly elected mayor, I am happy to share a few highlights from the past year and look forward to working with the new Council to achieve even more in 2025:

- The official Royal Park Grand Opening and completion of construction at the Royal Park Lift Station.
- Significant progress on the Chuka Ponds Project, moving to late project stages.
- Community favorites like Chillfest, Summer Sizzle, the Fun Run, Movie in the Park, and so many more unforgettable events.
- Exciting programs and workshops at the Community Centre, including Summer Play, Fitness Boot Camp, White City Walks, Free to Be, Toddler and Me, and many others.
- The White City Fire Department's successful hosting of Camp Molly, which was a big hit.
- All the behind-the-scenes work from our Public Works team, including Spring Clean-Up, Branch Chipping, and snow clearing just to name a few.

This year also brought a municipal election, and on behalf of the 2024 – 2028 White City Town Council I would like to offer my thanks and gratitude to all residents who voted and trusted us with the responsibility of guiding our community for the next four years. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and excited about the future of our town. On behalf of Town Council and Administration, I would like to thank Brian Fergusson, Rebecca Otitoju, Kris Moen, and Scott Moskal for their years of dedicated service and the lasting impact they've had on the growth and success of White City.

As we look ahead to what's next, I encourage you to carry the positive energy and community spirit into 2025. As a Council, we will be focused on responsible growth, enhancing community connections, and continuing to foster collaborative relationships with our neighbours and partners. We will also begin the planning process for the 2026-2029 strategic plan.

Wishing you all a holiday season filled with warmth and joy! From my family to yours – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Best Wishes, Mayor Mitchell Simpson

### **Council Summaries**

#### December 2, 2024 - Committee of the Whole Meeting

The December 2, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Town Office in White City. The Consent Agenda included minutes of the previous meeting, correspondence from the Southeast Regional Library and the White Butte RCMP, and accounts and payroll for approval. There was no further discussion, and all items were accepted. Department updates featured reports from the Fire Chief, Community Planning and Development, and Business Operations, highlighting 2024 achievements and plans for 2025. Community items included proposed amendments to Parks, Recreation, and Culture fees, while protective items included a recommendation for a capital expenditure on a Ram Air Gear Dryer. Roundtable topics included the 2024 Remembrance Day Service, Youth Advisory Committee updates, the annual events calendar, and upcoming meetings. There were no confidential items or closed session held.

#### December 16, 2024 - Committee of the Whole Meeting

The December 16, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Town Office in White City. The meeting covered several key items: no conflicts of interest were declared, and the Consent Agenda—comprising the previous meeting's minutes, accounts and payroll, and November 2024 financial statements—was approved without further discussion. Department reports highlighted updates from Public Works, including outdoor rink maintenance, and Finance, which outlined tax enforcement, utilities, investments, and upcoming projects. The Committee approved a discretionary use application for 7 Cumberland Bay after discussing audio level considerations. A closed session began at 5:00 PM with no further discussion following the session.

#### December 16, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

The December 16, 2024, Regular Council Meeting began at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Town Office in White City. Key highlights included the approval of the Consent Agenda, which encompassed the previous meeting's minutes and ratification of accounts and payroll. The Town Manager provided updates on the Wastewater Improvement project and grant funding, employee safety directives, and a recent presentation at the White City/Emerald Park Business Association meeting.

Under old business, Councillor Ken Kolb was appointed Deputy Mayor via secret ballot and granted signing authority on behalf of the Town. New business included the approval of a capital expenditure for a Ram Air Gear Dryer, discussion on the 2025 Meeting Schedule with a directive for a Committee of the Whole structure review by April 30, 2025, and approval of 2025 committee appointments. Council also conducted the first reading of Bylaw No. 711-24 – Water and Sewer Services Rates, after discussing municipal rate comparisons and consumption thresholds. During the roundtable, Council explored topics such as Artificial Intelligence for taking meeting notes, a Council Firehall tour, the 2024 Twinkle Tour, and updates from Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.



Want more information? Read past summaries and full summaries of Council and Committee meetings by visiting our website whitecity.ca or scan this QR Code: Plus check out our the information above for dates and times of meetings and attend in-person!

### Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, January 6, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting - 4PM Regular Council Meeting - 7PM

Monday, January 20, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting - 7PM



### Town Calendar JANUARY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	happening at the brary, see Page 1		1 Office Closed	2 Office Re-Opens at 8:00 AM	3	4
5	6 4:00pm Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting	7 9:00 am White City Walks 7:30 pm Fitness Bootcamp	8 9:00 am Toddler & Me 1:30 pm Senior Social Club	9 9:00 am White City Walks	10	11
12	13 6:00pm Free Family/Public Skate	14 9:00 am White City Walks 10:00 am Forever in Motion 7:30 pm Fitness Bootcamp	15 9:00 am Toddler & Me 1:30 pm Senior Social Club 6:30 pm Free to Be	16 9:00 am White City Walks 10:00 am Forever in Motion	17	18
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### Free Family/Public Skate

Join the fun for free family/public skating hours. Happening certain Mondays at the Double K Recreation Facility Outdoor Rink, between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

No registration is required! Want to learn more? Contact Meaghann White at mwhite@whitecity.ca or at (306) 985-9363 ext. 237

> Monday, January 13 & January 27 6:00 – 8:00 pm

### Free to Be

Looking for something fun to do? Join our Free to Be Youth Program—an inclusive drop-in space for youth ages 9-14. Whether it's sports, games, art, or music, there's something for everyone, with a new theme every week. It's the perfect place to make new friends, get creative, and have a blast!



### Senior Social Club Open House

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of connection, laughter, and community! Whether you're looking to make new friends, enjoy engaging activities, or just relax, there's something for everyone!

> Wednesday, January 22, 2025 1:30 - 3:30 pm

### Toddler & Me

Come try out our Toddler and Me Drop-In program; it's completely FREE! A program that provides a space for parents and caregivers to connect, unwind and enjoy time together while your children enjoy self-directed play. Toys and mats will be available for use. Infants are also welcome to attend. Adult supervision is required as the Town of White City does not provide supervision services during this program time.

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Wednesdays
9:00 - 11:00 am
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### SAVE THE DATE







#### FREE TO BE (YOUTH PROGRAM)

Returning January 15, 2025!



### Community Safety NOVEMBER STATISTICS

- 12 parking reminders issued
- 10 traffic stops conducted:
   o 5 tickets issued
   o 5 warnings issued
- 3 written reminders/notices were delivered to property owners in violation of The Community Standards Bylaw.
- 3 animal control casefiles o 1 warning issued
- 3 nuisance abatement casefiles relating to non-specific categories
- 10 public interaction cases

The inSight newsletter is created around the 15th of each month, publishing CSO statistics from November in January aligns with the newsletter production schedule, allowing time for thorough data analysis and timely inclusion the current edition. December statistics will be available in the February 2025 edition.

### PRESENTED BY THE WHITE CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LEVEL UP ESCAPE ROOMS:

## ESACPE ROOM EVENT

### JANUARY 24, 25 & 26, 2025 AT THE WHITE CITY COMMUNITY CENTRE For Ages 12 - 18

REGISTRATION DETAILS TO FOLLOW PRICE: \$25 PER PERSON, MAX 6 PEOPLE PER TIME SLOT (Attendee groups under 15 years old will need to have an adult accompany thier



#### JANUARY 2025

### **Holiday Waste Collection Schedule**

To keep things running smoothly over the holidays, we have added an extra garbage pickup on **Friday**, **December**, **27th**. Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on regular collection days this year. To accommodate, collection days have been moved to **Saturday**, **December 28 (Recycling)**, and **Saturday**, **January 4 (Garbage)**.

### Holiday Collection Days:

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Compost Friday, Dec. 27: Extra Garbage Day! Saturday, Dec. 28: Recycling Saturday, Jan. 4: Garbage Wednesday, Jan. 8: Recycling



Please make sure to have your bins out by 7 AM on collection days!

### 2025 Loraas Collection Calendar



Email:

cart@loraasdisposal.com

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620 McLeod Street Regina, SK S4N 4Y1

### It's Snow Season

The snow has arrived, and with it comes the perfect opportunity to embrace winter fun in White City! From gliding across the ice to cozying up by the fire or exploring the snowy trails, there's something for everyone to enjoy this season.

### **Outdoor Rinks Are Now Open!**

Grab your skates and head to our outdoor rinks, open daily for self-directed leisure. Whether you're perfecting your figure eights, playing a casual game of shinny, or simply soaking up the crisp winter air, the rinks are ready for you. Check our website to confirm rink availability and stay updated on all winter activities!

### **Rink Details:**

- Skating times are NOT supervised by staff, as rink will be open at scheduled times.
- Outdoor Rinks close at 10:00 pm every night (Lights turn off automatically at 10 pm).
- Bower Rink West now has a lightswitch, it must be flipped on for lights to activate.
- Users are encouraged to scrape the ice after extended use, this helps us maintain the quality of the ice for everyone.
- Shinny may be permitted on public skate time if no other users are present. Primary user groups take priority or it can be shared by using half the ice if primary users approve.
- To promote safety around the new fire pit and prevent vandalism, video surveillance has been installed at the Double K Recreation Facility Rink.

### Cozy Up by the Fire!

Add a little warmth to your winter outing! Stop by the Double K Fire Pit, the newest addition to our outdoor spaces. Bring a thermos of hot chocolate, gather with friends, and enjoy the crackle of the fire under the winter sky. Please ensure you bring your own wood and clean up after yourself.

### **Snowshoe Adventures Are Coming!**

This January, we're launching a Snowshoe Borrowing Program to help you explore White City's winter wonderland. Whether you're new to snowshoeing or a seasoned trailblazer, it's a fun and active way to make the most of snow season. Stay tuned for more details!

### **Ready to Embrace the Chill?**

Winter in White City is all about self-directed fun. So lace up your skates, grab your snow gear, and

head outside to make the most of the season. Visit whitecity.ca/p/facilities for more information.



### Public Works Upcoming Projects

Winter is in full swing, and our Public Works Team is working hard to keep our community safe and running smoothly during the snowy season! Here's a look at what they're tackling and a few tips for residents:

### **Current Activities:**

- Clearing snow from roadways, pathways, and public spaces.
- Monitoring drainage areas to prevent ice buildup.
- Maintaining outdoor rinks for everyone to enjoy.

### **Resident Reminders:**

- Bin Placement Reminder: With snow sticking around, please place your bins about 6 inches off the asphalt edge on your property. The Loraas truck's lift arm can reach up to 9 feet, so there's no need to worry about accessibility. This small adjustment helps Public Works clear snow more efficiently.
- Snow Removal: Avoid blowing or shoveling snow from your property onto public roads. This can lead to ice buildup, creating hazardous conditions for everyone.

### **Christmas Tree Pickup Service:**

Ready to say goodbye to your tree? Public Works will collect Christmas trees from January 2, 2025 to January 10, 2025.Please remove all decorations and lights, and place the tree on your driveway with the stump facing the road.

Public Works wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season!



January 2025			SOUTHEAST REGIONAL LIBRARY NOT THE LIBRARY YOU REMEMBER NOT THE LIBRARY YOU REMEMBER			•
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Closed for the Holidays	2 Library reopens	3 Stay & Play I 0:00am LEGO Building I :30pm	4 Button Maker & Ozobots available 10am-2pm
5	6 Makerspace kits this Month: Button Maker and Ozobots	7 Library Board Meeting 8:00pm Sound Bath Therapy 7:00pm Please Register	8	9	10 Preschool Storytime 10:00am Drop-in	l I Button Maker & Ozobots available I 0am-2pm
12	13	14	15 EAL Language Circle For Newcomers 6:00pm	16 LEGO Club 3:45pm Drop-in Ages 5-12	17 Preschool Storytime 10:00am Drop-in	18 Button Maker & Ozobots available 10am-2pm
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26	<sup>27</sup> Family Literacy Day	28 Ukrainian Perogy Making Class 6:00pm Please Register	29 EAL Language Circle For Newcomers 6:00pm	30 Adult book Club I 1:00am Blindsighted by Karen Slaughter	3 I Stay & Play I0:00am LEGO Building I:30pm	



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### Ukrainian Perogy Making Class

White City Public Library Branch

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 6:00pm

In collaboration with White Butte Museum's Ukrainian culture week, the White City Public Library Branch is hosting an informative evening of perogy making.

We are pleased to have Olena Shyian share Ukrainian traditions and language.

> PLEASE REGISTER AT THE LIBRARY 781-2118

PLEASE BRING A ROLLING PIN AND CONTAINER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PEROGIES HOME.



### Volunteering in White City

Volunteering is a great way to give back, make connections, and strengthen our community—and signing up has never been easier!

### **Our Vision for Volunteers**

We are building a community where White City's population is inspired and supported to volunteer. Here's how we're achieving this:

- We want to: Make volunteering a strategic focus for change.
- We aim to: Increase the number and diversity of people volunteering.
- We will: Maximize good practice and quality standards.

### Why Volunteer?

Volunteering offers so much more than just helping out—it's a chance to grow, connect, and make a difference:

- Building Connections: Providing opportunities to meet new people and forge connections within your community.
- Strengthening the Community: Volunteers help build stronger, more resil-ient communities by addressing social challenges, enhancing social cohesion, and improving local infrastructure. Your efforts strengthen the community fabric.
- Encouraging Civic Engagement: Volunteering fosters a sense of civic duty and helps you become more aware of what is going on in the community. It encourages active participation in the community and can make you feel more connected to community.

### How to Volunteer:

Getting involved is quick and simple. Our online sign-up tool is available on the Town website before each event, making it easy for you to choose how and when to help.

Stay informed about the latest volunteer opportunities by:

- Visiting our Volunteer Hub at whitecity.ca
- Following us on Facebook and Instagram
- Keeping an eye on the White City inSight newsletter

Don't miss your chance to make an impact—visit the Volunteer Hub today and discover all the ways you can get involved!

### Stay in the Loop!

Looking for more ways to engage with White City? Check out the exciting programs and services offered by Parks, Recreation & Culture. From fitness classes and creative workshops to family-friendly events, there's something for everyone.

Visit our website to explore activities and stay connected—you won't want to miss out!

2025 EVENT LIST				
EVENT	DATE			
Chillfest	March 1			
Summer Sizzle: Family Fun Day Street Dance	June 7			
Movie in the Park	July or August			
Council BBQ and Theatre in the Park	July or August			
Pop Up Park BBQ	Between May and August			
Truth and Reconciliation	September			
Volunteer Appreciation Night	October			
Twinkle Tour	December			

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#### COMMUNISKATE

Looking for **Skate Sharpening** stop in and visit our **PROSHOP** at 201 Great Plains Road Emerald Park, we are open 7 days a week for all your skate sharpening needs! We also carry a wide variety of items for your convenience such as hockey gloves, hockey pants, stick wax, sock tape, skate laces, skate guards, helmet repair kits, neck guards, water bottles, toiletry bags, anti-fog and so much more. Communiskate Pro Shop uses SPARX sharpening technology! **SINGLE SKATE SHARPEN \$8.00 Plus Tax PUNCH PASS 5 CREDITS \$35.00 Plus Tax** 

PUNCH PASS 11 CREDITS \$70 Plus Tax