# 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**

Welcome back, White City residents and neighbours from the surrounding area, to the February 2025 edition of the White City Councillor Blog! This month, we're excited to share a special "Get to Know the Mayor" feature, where Mitch will be answering some questions to help you learn a bit more about him!

#### Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

"Hi, I grew up in Regina, SK, and made the switch from city life to become part of the vibrant and close-knit community of White City three years ago. My wife, Sarah, and our two boys love spending our weekends at the lake, where we're usually golfing or boating."

### What's one fun or surprising fact about you that most people might not know?

"I'm an avid golfer with a real passion for travel!"

What's one thing on your bucket list you've yet to check off? "Attending a Kansas City Chiefs football game in Kansas City is definitely on my bucket list."

### What do you enjoy most about living in our community?

"The thing I enjoy most about living here is the people. There's something special about our close-knit community—neighbours become friends, and everyone stays actively engaged. It's a great feeling to be part of something so connected."

### What's your favourite spot in town, and why?



"The Double K rink is my favorite spot. As a dad with two young boys who love hockey, we spend more and more time there every year. It's become a hub for family fun!."

### What's one thing you think everyone in White City should try at least one?

"I'd recommend getting involved in one of White Ćity's events or programs—whether it's a Movie in the Park, the Twinkle Tour, or the Winter Festival. It's a unique experience to enjoy these events alongside your neighbours and friends.."

### Can you describe White City in three words?

"Small, Vibrant, Community"

### What inspired you to run for mayor?

Over the past three years, I've had the privilege of experiencing the charm White City has to offer while raising our two boys alongside my wife, Sarah. As one of the fastest-growing communities in Saskatchewan, White City has certainly faced its challenges. As a community member and someone committed to being a long-term resident, I am dedicated to ensuring a bright future for all. I want White City to remain a safe, thriving community that we can all be proud of. I am deeply committed to community service and enhancing the quality of life for all residents. My goal is to foster a vibrant, engaged community.

### What is your vision for the future of our community?

"I'm committed to enhancing the quality of life for all residents of White City and fostering a vibrant, engaged community. With a passion for recreation and responsible spending, I envision a community that is both thriving and sustainable for future generations."

### What do you think sets White City apart from other towns in the area?

"White City stands out because of its strong sense of community, beautiful surroundings, and its proximity to Regina. We have easy access to urban amenities while maintaining the peaceful charm of a small town. The focus on family-friendly activities, well-maintained parks, and local events creates a welcoming environment that fosters connection and pride among residents."

### **Council Summaries**

### January 6, 2025 - Committee of the Whole Meeting

The Committee of the Whole met on January 6, 2025, at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Town Office. The Consent Agenda covered the previous meeting's minutes, correspondence from the Recreation Advisory Committee, and accounts and payroll for approval—all accepted without further discussion. Department updates included Parks, Recreation, and Culture's activities from 2024 and plans for 2025, along with a report from Municipal Operations and Protective Services summarizing 2024 projects and planning for 2025. No closed session was held during this meeting.

### January 6, 2025 - Committee of the Whole Meeting

The Regular Council Meeting on January 6, 2025, was called to order at 7 PM in Council Chambers at the Town Office. The Consent Agenda, which included minutes from the previous meeting and the ratification of accounts and payroll, was accepted without further discussion. No conflicts of interest were declared during the meeting. The Town Manager provided a verbal update on several key topics, including progress on the WCRM158 Wastewater Management Authority project, the hiring process for the Manager of Finance position, and provincial emergency response policies for highways. The report was accepted without additional discussion. Under new business, Council confirmed that the Town met all requirements for the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant and authorized the submission of the Declaration of Eligibility. Council also reviewed the proposed 2025 Annual Budget presentation, which included a projected \$42.1K surplus, a \$100 annual base tax increase, a 1.0% mill rate increase, and revised utility rates. The budget presentation covered expected revenues, expenses, and capital expenditures, with discussions focusing on balancing tax increases and adjustments, utility fees, employee resourcing, grant funding, and specific budget line items. The proposed budget presentation was accepted and will be brought forward for approval at the February 3, 2025, Regular Council Meeting. During the roundtable discussion, Council shared updates on upcoming community and council events.

### January 20, 2025 - Committee of the Whole Meeting

The Committee of the Whole met on January 20, 2025, at 7 PM in Council Chambers at the Town Office. The Consent Agenda, approved without discussion, included minutes of the previous meeting, correspondence from the White City Integrity Commissioner, accounts and payroll, and December 2024 financial statements and bank reconciliation. Updates and discussions covered several topics: the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Policy Public Disclosures; approval of a \$500 donation for an event; exploration of alternative options for the Fee Bylaw regarding baseball facility fees and swimming pool services; and an amended SUMA resolution for submission. Roundtable updates included the White Butte RCMP Stakeholder meeting, Emergency Measures Organization activities, the Youth Advisory Committee, and the White City Library.

Upcoming Meetings: Monday, February, 3 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting - 4PM Regular Council Meeting - 7PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting - 7PM



### Council Meeting Summary Feedback Survey

### We want to hear from you!

Take our quick, anonymous survey (it's less than 5 minutes!) to help us improve our communications.

As a thank-you, you can enter for a chance to win a \$50 gift card!

Scan the QR code or visit: www.surveymonkey.com/r/TD5XBY6



February 2025

### Town Calendar FEBRUARY 2025



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### Family/Public Skate

Join us for Family Skate at the Double K Recreation Facility Outdoor Rink! This event is the perfect opportunity to enjoy quality time on the ice. We do ask no pucks or hockey sticks be used during this

Other exciting family winter activities, including snowshoeing, will also be taking place—don't miss out!

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

> Monday, February 10 & Monday, February 24 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**

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!

#### Wednesdays 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.

Wednesdays 9:00 - 11:00 am

### Town Calendar MARCH 2025



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### White City Walks

The cold shouldn't have to stop your exercise routine. Pop-in for a stroll INDOORS at the White City Community Centre. This program is completely free and open to all ages! Wheelchairs and other mobility aids are allowed, just be sure to clean off the wheels before entering the hall. Indoor walking shoes are also recommended to keep our floors clean and dry to help prevent falls.

> Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

### **Babysitting & Home Alone Courses**

Home Alone Program: For ages 10 and up (as of June 30th, 2025), this interactive program helps build self-confidence, responsibility, and decision-making skills through role-playing and discussions to prepare kids for staying home alone.

**Babysitting Course:** Designed for ages 11 and up (as of June 30th, 2025), this course teaches childcare basics, planning, and leadership skills to prepare for babysitting responsibilities.

Home Alone Course: March 16, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Babysitting Course: March 30, 10:00 am 4:00 pm

### **Forever in Motion**

Forever... in motion is back at the White City Community Centre. Drop in and join instructors Gaye Kreklewich and Marj Simon every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10am-11am.

No registration is required! All Equipment provided.

Want to learn more? Contact Meaghann White at mwhite@ whitecity.ca or 306-781-2355 ext. 237.

#### Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 - 11:00 am

### **Fitness Boot Camp**

Shake up your routine with a fun, full-body workout designed for all fitness levels! Expect a mix of cardio, strength, mobility, and stretching in a high-energy interval format. Let's stay active together.

Reserve your spot online. Drop-in also available!

February 3, 19, 25 | March 4, 11, 18, 25 7:30 - 8:45 pm

# SAVE THE DATE

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025







7:30-8:15 PM

Full 11-Week Program - \$137.50







**Gardening Musical Chairs One Night, Six Gardening Topics** 

Come join us at the

White City Garden Club's

Gardening Musical Chairs,



Presenters will rotate through tables, and lead conversations and the sharing of common experience with fellow gardeners on: Growing and Caring for Dahlias

- The Benefits of WCGC New Website
- How to Plan Garden Rotations

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- Gorilla Gardening (i.e. gardening on the Town's / RM's property, like parks and boulevards)
- How to Handle Spruce Tree Fungus
- **Bee Keeping**

Wed. Feb.12th, 2025, at 7:00 pm

#### Ramada Emerald Park

**Everyone Welcome** 

Visitors drop-in fee \$5.00

Info: https://whitecitygardenclub.ca/eventa/



### Community Safety DECEMBER 2024 STATISTICS

- 2 parking reminders issued
- 6 traffic stops conducted:
   0 1 ticket issued
   0 5 warnings issued
- 1 court appearance
- 2 animal control casefiles

   2 reports of dogs at large, both incidents the result of dogs
   accidentally escaping from their home or backyards
- 3 public interaction cases
- 1 RCMP assist

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

### Special Advisory from the Community Safety Officer

Over the past several years, the Town has observed a concerning increase in reports of aggressive dogs within our community. We want to remind all residents that owning a dog comes with significant responsibilities, including ensuring your pet does not pose a risk to others.

The Town is committed to maintaining public safety. In cases involving aggressive dogs, we have and will continue to prosecute these matters through Provincial Court. A guilty verdict may result in a fine upwards of \$10,000 and removal of your dog from Town limits. These incidents are taken very seriously to protect the well-being of all residents and their pets.

We urge all dog owners to take proactive steps to prevent incidents:

- Always have complete control of your animal by physical means.
- Use a leash and ensure proper containment on your property.
- Seek professional training if needed to address any behavioural concerns.

Please remember: Your dog is your responsibility. Ensure it is not a danger to others.

For more information, please review the Town's Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw.

# Public Works

### **Upcoming Projects**

The ongoing snowfall and fluctuating temperatures have kept our Public Works team busy this season! Here's what they are tackling:

- **Snow Removal:** Clearing snow from roadways, sidewalks, and public areas to keep routes safe for drivers and pedestrians.
- Ice Management: Monitoring drainage systems to prevent ice buildup that could lead to hazardous conditions.
- **Rink Maintenance:** Maintaining the outdoor skating rinks for everyone to enjoy winter recreation.

Public Works would also like to offer a few reminders to residents:

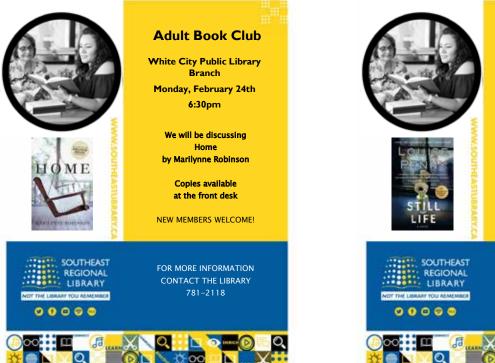
- **Bin Placement:** Please place your bins about 6 inches off the asphalt edge on your property. The Loraas truck's lift arm can reach up to 9 feet, so there's no need to worry about accessibility. After collection, please move your bins back onto your property to avoid obstructing roadways.
- **Snow Removal:** Avoid blowing or shoveling snow from your property onto public roads. This can lead to ice buildup, creating hazardous conditions for everyone.

### **Resident Reminders**

We love to see everyone out walking – despite the snow and freezing temperatures. We'd like to remind residents of a few important things when out walking:

- Be aware of cars and other motorists using the road. If you have earbuds in, make sure you can still hear traffic approaching.
- Walk on designated pathways and sidewalks when available.
- Avoid jay-walking by crossing at crosswalks or corners wherever possible.
- It may sound counter-intuitive, but walking in the direction of oncoming traffic allows you to see cars before they approach you so you can safely move out of the way.

February 2025			LIBRARY		White City Public Library ogram & Events Calendar		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		٢		٢	February Contest: Guess how many Chocolate Kisses in the jar. Must have a library card to enter.	I Saskatchewan Indigenous Storytelling Month Begins	
2	3	4	5 EAL Language Circle for Newcomers 6:00pm	6 Makerspace kits this Month: Glow-in-the-dark Mini Golf and Button Maker	7 Preschool Storytime 10:00am Drop-in	8 Glow-in-the-dark Mini golf I 0am-2pm Drop-in	
9	10	11 Teen/Adult Diamond Art Painting 6:30pm Please register	12 EAL Language Circle for Newcomers 6:00pm	13	14 Preschool Storytime 10:00am Drop-in	15 Glow-in-the-dark Mini golf I0am-2pm Drop-in	
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<sup>23</sup> Freedom to Read Week: Feb 23-Mar I	24 Adult Book Club 6:30pm Home by Marilynne Robinson	25	26 EAL Language Circle for Newcomers 6:00pm	27 Adult book Club I 1:00am Still Life by Louise Penny	28 Preschool Storytime 10:00am Drop-in Last Day of Contest	٢	



### Adult Book Club

White City Public Library Branch Thursday, February 27th I I:00am

> We will be discussing Still Life by Louise Penny

> > Copies available at the front desk

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE LIBRARY 781-2118







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- Isaac, Grade 12 student



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#### COMMUNISKATE

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