White City in Sight Q



A monthly newsletter providing residents of White City with need-to-know information regarding Town events, programs, and service reminders.

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Councillor Blog

Welcome back, White City residents and neighbours from the surrounding area, to the April 2025 edition of the White City Councillor Blog! This month, we will be tackling municipal debt, growth and development incentives.

As a growing community, White City has made significant investments in infrastructure to support both our current residents and future development. These investments—especially in critical projects like the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion—have led to a municipal debt of \$18.5 million. In 2025, the Town will pay \$1.7 million in debt servicing which includes \$902 thousand in principal and \$797 thousand in interest. While these costs are mainly serviced through development levies, connection fees and the Wastewater Infrastructure Fee, it still represents a significant burden to residents and represents funds that could otherwise be invested in improving roads, recreation and other services.

Why Is Our Debt So High?

75% of the Town's debt is tied to the Wastewater Expansion Project, which was necessary to increase capacity for both existing and future residents. The existing wastewater system lacked sufficient capacity to fully support the current catchment area, making expansion necessary to maintain reliable service. Without this expansion, the Town could have faced significant service constraints, including the potential for system overloads, backups, and emergency discharge measures.

Additionally, limited capacity would have restricted property improvements for existing homeowners, such as adding secondary suites, installing additional bathrooms, or expanding their homes, as these changes increase wastewater usage. Without additional capacity, even minor increases in demand could have strained the system, leading to service disruptions and costly short-term fixes.

By investing in wastewater expansion, White City has ensured that both current and future residents have access to a stable, efficient wastewater system that supports growth while protecting public health and environmental standards.

The wastewater expansion was also required to lift the development freeze that was in place due to the system's limited capacity. While this investment enables new homes to be built, it also ensures that White City can add, or expand, current amenities within the community including much needed schools and commercial businesses to support our current and future residents.

How Growth Helps Reduce Debt and the Wastewater Infrastructure Fee

The best way to ease this financial burden on all residents is through new development. When new homes and businesses are built, they pay connection fees and development levies, which go directly toward repaying the debt, or internal borrowing, associated with infrastructure projects like the wastewater system. The more homes we build, the more new revenue is generated to help cover these costs, meaning fewer dollars need to come from existing taxpayers. With a wider tax base, the per-property impact of the debt and wastewater infrastructure fee will decrease over time. Simply put, more growth means lower costs for each resident.

Unlocking Development: The Town Centre and Beyond

Currently, White City has 77 available lots in the Town Centre. By quickly filling these lots, we can move into Phase 1B, unlocking 60 more lots for development. Every new home built means more revenue from connection fees and levies, which directly reduces our debt load and helps lower financial strain on residents.

While Royal Park is a key area of growth for White City, it's important to recognize that development is happening across the community. As we expand, we remain committed to preserving White City's small-town charm and unique character, ensuring that growth is thoughtfully planned to enhance—not change—the qualities that make our town special. By balancing progress in the Town Centre with responsible development in other areas, we can support long-term sustainability while maintaining the welcoming, connected community that residents value.

Why Tax Incentives for New Homes Benefit Everyone

Some residents have expressed concerns about offering tax incentives to encourage new home construction. It's important to understand that these incentives are a short-term investment with long-term financial benefits.

While tax incentives temporarily reduce property tax collection from newly built homes, they accelerate all types of growth, meaning:

- More connection fees and levies are collected sooner to help pay off existing debt.
- A larger tax base is created, meaning future municipal expenses (such as road maintenance, public services, and recreation facilities) can be shared across more households, reducing the burden on each individual taxpayer.
- New commercial and retail development follows residential growth, further strengthening the Town's financial position.
- Increased capacity to introduce new facilities such as schools and community centres.

Many municipalities have successfully used tax incentives to accelerate development, attract investment, and ease financial pressures on existing residents. Without incentives, development can slow down, meaning debt payments continue to be shouldered primarily by current taxpayers for longer than necessary.

Beyond just reducing debt, community growth provides several other long-term benefits:

Lower Property Tax Pressure:

More homes and businesses increase overall tax revenue, allowing the Town to keep tax rates competitive while maintaining or enhancing services. Instead of relying on existing taxpayers to fund rising costs, a larger tax base helps distribute expenses more evenly.

Better Amenities and Services:

With a growing population, there is greater demand and justification for enhanced community
amenities, such as parks,
recreational facilities, improved
roads, and expanded public
services. Growth allows White
City to attract investment in these
areas, improving the quality of life
for all residents. for enhanced community

Attracting Businesses:

Residential growth often leads to increased commercial and retail investment, as businesses are drawn to communities with a strong and growing customer base. This means more local shops, restaurants, and service providers, reducing the need for residents to travel elsewhere for their daily needs.

Job Creation and Economic Opportunities:

New development not only brings more residents but also creates construction jobs, service industry employment, and business opportunities. A strong local economy benefits everyone, ensuring White City remains a desirable and sustainable place to live.

Stronger Property Values:

Communities that are growing and developing tend to see higher property values over time. A well-planned expansion strategy signals a thriving economy, making White City an attractive place to live and invest.

By encouraging responsible growth, we can ensure that White City continues to thrive while reducing financial strain on individual taxpayers. Investing in strategic development today will help us build a more financially stable, well-serviced, and vibrant community for the future.

A Sustainable Approach to Financial Health

White City's 2025 Annual Budget reflects our commitment to financial responsibility while ensuring the Town remains a great place to live, work, and invest. Strategic growth, supported by policies that encourage development, will help us reduce debt, strengthen our infrastructure, and keep property taxes competitive.

Your Council remains committed to balancing growth with fiscal prudence, and we appreciate your continued support as we build a sustainable future for White City.

- Mayor Mitch Simpson

Town Calendar APRIL 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		9:00 am White City Walks 10:00 am Forever in Motion	2 9:00 am Toddler & Me 1:30 pm Senior Social	3	4	5
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27	4:00pm Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting	9:00 am White City Walks 10:00 am Forever in Motion 7:30 pm Fitness Bootcamp	30 6:30pm Ceramics Class	White City / Emerald Park District Lions Club Monthly Club Meetings take place the fourth Wednesday of each month at the White City Community Centre for more info reach out to club secretary Shahnaz Sultana at 306–502–6992.		

The Social Spot - Teen Nights

Teen nights are a fun, social event for teens aged 15 to 18! This program offers a variety of activities such as games, music, sports, and arts, providing a relaxed environment where teens can hang out, have fun, and meet new people. It's a great way to spend your evening with friends or make new friends, all while enjoying a safe and supervised space. No need to sign up in advance—just drop by and enjoy a night filled with entertainment and creativity!

April 23 & May 14 6:30 - 8:30 pm

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. Adult supervision is required.

> Wednesdays 9:00 - 11:00 am

Mental Health First Aid Class

The Mental Health First Aid Supporting Youth Course course was developed with input from educators, caregivers, and mental health experts to meet the unique needs of youth aged 12–24. It offers practical tools to help adults recognize when a young person may be struggling and provides guidance on how to offer meaningful support.

Those 16+ can register.

If you are interested in attending this program, please contact Susan Kidby Burns at skidbyburns@gmail.com or call/text 306-581-0607.

April 13, 2025 9:00am - 5:00 pm

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!

Registration Fee: 9 Weeks: \$112.50 Drop In: \$15/class

April 15, 22, 29 | May 6, 13, 20, 27 | June 3, 10 7:30pm - 8:15 pm

Town Calendar MAY 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 Ends April 29, 2025 9:00 am - 12:00 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

Ceramics Class - Garden Makers

In this session, participants will decorate pre-made bisque markers using underglazes and a variety of application techniques. All materials and supplies will be provided, including stakes. Fired pieces will be available for pick-up 1-2 weeks following the class.

Registration Fee: \$50.00

April 30, 2025 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Ceramics Class - Glass Fusing

In this class participants will learn about the art of glass fusing including the various materials and techniques used. Participants will make their own simple fused glass project using patterns and glass provided. Fired pieces will be available for pick-up 1-2 weeks following the class.

Registration Fee: \$70.00

May 28, 2025 6:30 - 9:00 pm

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Registration opens May 1 for White City Residents May 15 for Non-Residents

PROGRAM WEEKS:

July 7 to 11
July 14 to 18
July 21 to 25
July 28 to August 1
August 5 to 8
August 11 to 15
August 18 to 22

Cost: \$150 per child per week \$112.50 for Aug 5-8

Monday to Thursday: 8 AM to 5 PM Fridays: 8 AM to NOON



Summer Play is an inclusive program that promotes physical activity, and skill development while allowing children to explore their creativity. For kids aged 5-12 (participants must be 5 years of age at the time of registration).

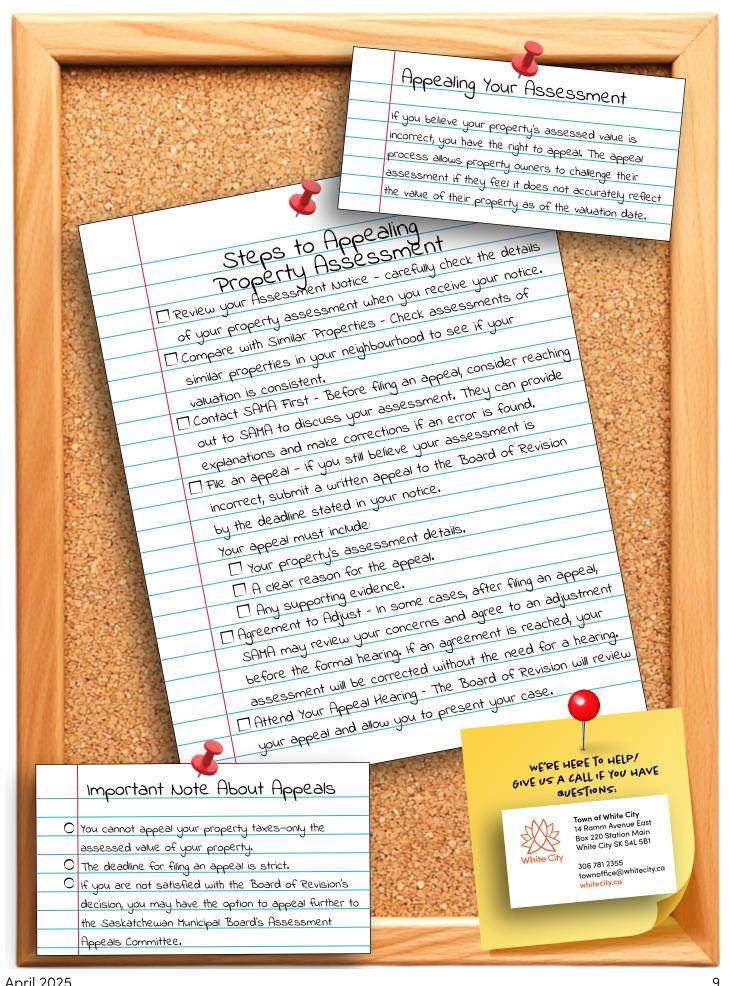


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Public Works

Upcoming Projects & Reminders As we embrace spring, our team is busy working to keep White City looking its best. Here's what

Public Works has on the schedule:

- Spring Drainage & Culvert Cleaning: Crews are working to clear drainage systems and culverts until early April, preventing flooding and ensuring smooth water flow.
- Summer Equipment Prep: Maintenance is underway to get equipment ready for the upcoming summer months.
- Pothole Repairs: Potholes are being patched throughout town, making roads safer and more comfortable for everyone.
- Gopher Control: The first round of gopher control will take place soon, depending on weather conditions.
- Irrigation Start-Up: We're turning on the park irrigation systems.

- Kingsmere Pathway Restoration: Phase 2 preliminary work for the Kingsmere Pathway Restoration project will kick off soon, improving our walking and biking routes.
- Park Clean-Up: Our parks are getting a leaf clean-up to ensure they're tidy and ready for all your springtime activities.
- Traffic Line Painting: Along with pothole filling, crews will be refreshing road markings across town.
- Road Crack Sealing: Road crack sealing will be underway, watch for signage posted in areas where crews are working.

Important Reminders:

- Street Sweeping: Keep an eye on info boards around town for the dates and times of street sweeping.
- No Cutting or Trimming Elm Trees: Please refrain from cutting or trimming Elm trees between April 1 and August 31 to help prevent the spread of Dutch Elm Disease.

Weekly Compost Pick-Up Returns In April

Spring is on the way, and so is the return of curbside compost collection! Starting in April, you can once again set out your yard waste and organics for pickup every week. 2025 Lorass Collection schedule are available at the Town Office or on our website.

Acceptable Compost Items:

- Food scraps
- Unbagged lawn clippings
- Unbagged leaves
- Dryer lint
- Soiled cardboard



Items Not Accepted:

- Fat, grease or liquids
- Packaging
- Rocks, dirt or soil
- Construction waste

For more information, please visit www.whitecity.ca/p/composting

WHITE CITY - FALL CLEAN UP DATES

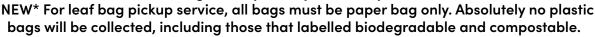
Clean Up Programs are returning this spring.

Do you have branches, leaves and/or household materials to get rid of? Are you decluttering and cleaning up? Use the following services provided by the Town to help you out:

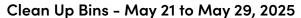
Branch Chipping - April 28 to May 9, 2025

The branch chipping service is community-wide, please have branches neatly piled at the curb carea. Town Staff is limited to a 30-minute time limit per property. All residents who wish to use the service must have branches out at the front property road edge no later than September 30, 2024.

Leaf Bag Pick Up - May 12 to May 23, 2025



The leaf bag pick up service is community-wide, please have bags neatly piled at the curb area. Town Staff is limited to a 30-minute time limit per property. Please keep bags under 50 lbs. All residents who wish to use the service must have paper leaf bags out at the front property road edge no later than October 21, 2024.



Bins for the community fall cleaning will be at the Splash Park on Lipsett Street for Spring and Fall Clean Up. Depending on the weather, these dates may be subject to change. Please separate your items into the appropriate bins for waste, metal, and recycling. If the bins are full, we ask that you hold on to your items and dispose of them the following business day rather than piling items beside the bins. If you are unsure which bin to use please use the household/mixed waste bins.







IMPORTANT: DO NOT dispose of the following items in ANY of the bins or on the side of any of the bins.

- Concrete, shingles dirt and gravel
- Bulbs and light ballasts
- Hazardous materials
- Tires
- Propane tanks
- Car batteries
- No items longer than 7 feet (wood or metal)
- Railway ties, telephone poles or creosote treated wood is allowed.

Notice to residents: Please do not overfill the bins, if the bin is full please hold on to your items. Public Works is monitoring the bins and calling Loraas to arrange for pick up as soon as they're full. Overloading the bins, as seen in the photo, causes delays in pick up and pulls our Public Works crew from other jobs to empty the overfilled bin before Loraas will empty the bins. That means delays for you and your fellow residents.

- Paint
- Oil or chemicals
- Coils of wire or banding
- Appliances containing Freon
- Box spring and mattresses

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A fun, safe space for teens to hang out, get creative, and connect with friends through exciting themed activity nights!

NEW THEME EACH MONTH

TIME

ME 6:30 - 8:30PM WHEN March 26, April 23, May 14

WHERE

White City Community Centre

COST

FOR WHOM?

(15 - 18 years old

Community Safety

February 2025 Statistics

- 5 parking reminders issued
- 9 traffic stops conducted
 - 6 tickets issued
 - 3 warnings issued
 - 1 evade of traffic stop
- 2 court appearances
- 3 animal control incidents
 - 1 ticket issued for excessive barking
- 4 public interations
- 1 education session
- 2 RCMP assists

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. April 2025 statistics will be available in the May 2025 edition.

Community Safety Reminders

As warmer weather brings more pedestrians to the streets, the Community Safety Officer would like to take this opportunity to remind drivers to exercise extra caution when operating motor vehicles within the community. With more people walking, running, or biking, including on roads without designated walking paths, it's important to stay vigilant. Drivers should always yield the right of way at crosswalks, watch for children, and be especially cautious in residential areas, near parks, and school zones. A little extra care goes a long way in preventing accidents.

When driving in White City, remember to drive SAFE:

Slow down and stay alert - Especially on roads without designated walking paths.

Avoid distractions - Stay focused on the road and your surroundings. Phones, food, or anything else that might distract you should be stowed away.

Foresee hazards - Anticipate potential risks and be prepared to act, especially in busy areas.

Educate others about safety - Everyone plays a role in keeping our streets safe.

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White City Public Library Program & Events Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
One eRead Canada begins: Valid by Chris Bergeron	Month begins	I An introduction to Beekeeping 6:30pm Please Register	2 EAL Language Circle for Newcomers 6:00pm	3 One Book, One Province begins: April I Bread & Water by Dee Hobsbawn- Smith	Preschool Storytime 10:00am	5 Crazy Forts 10am-2pm
6	7 Sound Bath Therapy 7:00pm Please Register	8	9 EAL Language Circle for Newcomers 6:00pm	10	Freschool Storytime 10:00am	12 K'nex Building 10am-2pm
13	14 Kite Making 6:30pm Please Register	15	I6 EAL Language Circle for Newcomers 6:00pm	17	Closed for Good Friday	19 Crazy Forts 10am-2pm
20 Easter Sunday	21 K'Nex Building I:30pm	22 Crazy Forts I:30pm	23 Lego Building I:30pm	24 Adult Book Club I I:00am Next Year in Havana By Chanel Cleeton	25 Stay & Play I 0:00am	26 K'Nex Building I Oam-2pm
27 Canadian Children's Book Week: April 27-May 3	28 Adult Book Club 6:30pm Class: a memoir by Stephanie Land	29	30 EAL Language Circle for Newcomers 6:00pm			











An Introduction to

Beekeeping

White City Public Library

Branch

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

6:30pm

Please join us for an Introduction to

Beekeeping presentation by the

Regina District Bee Club.





For the last 8 years, Bob and Jeff have been fighting the dry and windy prairie conditions, trying to turn a canola field into their own lush acreage paradise.



This has 'offered' them the opportunity to test and trial several different methods for watering trees, perennial beds and raised gardens. Bob and Jeff will share their lessons learned - as they evolved from watering by hand from a water tank in the back of a pick-up truck, to their current fully automated irrigation system operating over 2,000 drips - as well as a glimpse into their future plans.

Wed. April 9th, 2025, at 7:00 pm Ramada Emerald Park

Everyone Welcome

Visitors drop-in fee \$5.00
Info: https://whitecitygardenclub.ca/events







2025 Business Licenses

Got a Business in White City? Let's Make it Official!

If you're running a business—big or small—it's time to get properly licensed with the Town of White City.

Home-Based Business: Running a business from home? You'll need Council approval and must follow zoning regulations. If you haven't applied yet, now's the time!

Annual Business License: All businesses operating in White City must have a valid license. If you're new or haven't applied yet, get started today.

Commercial/Industrial Businesses: If your business is in a commercial or industrial zone in White City, you're exempt from the licensing fee but still require a valid license.

Looking to Apply? It's quick and easy! Visit www.whitecity.ca/p/business-licenses to apply today!

Need help? Call the Town Office at 306-781-2355.



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EASTER CELEBRATIONS

The Sacrifice Worth Celebrating God's love for us is greater than we can fully understand. When we think of love, we often expect actions to show it. We may also feel that we need to deserve love in order to receive it.

However, in Romans 5:8, the Apostle Paul reminds us that God's love is not based on whether we are worthy. He writes that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Jesus also spoke about this love in John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (NKJV).

Jesus' death on the cross was more than just suffering—it was a sacrifice that paid for our sins.

Because of His sacrifice, we can have a personal relationship with God and live the life He planned for us.

As we celebrate Easter, let's remember what Jesus has done for us. His death and resurrection bring us hope, joy, and peace. May you have a blessed and Happy Easter! Amen.

Pastors James & Rebecca Otitoju

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