

# White City inSight.



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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 fellow residents of White City (and those reading from the surrounding area) for the February 2024 edition of the White City Councillor Blog. This month's blog will focus on our new Town newsletter: White City inSight.

This monthly digest is your key to unlocking a wealth of information about our vibrant Town, featuring updates from various departments, event highlights, and even being the new home to the Councillor Blog. It will be a one-stop shop for everything you need to know about the Town for that month.

## Discover What's Inside:

1. **Public Works Updates:** Illuminate your understanding of ongoing projects, road maintenance schedules, and initiatives shaping our Town's infrastructure.
2. **Fire Department and Community Safety Highlights:** Shine a spotlight on the incredible work of our devoted volunteer firefighters, learn essential safety tips, and stay informed about community safety initiatives by our Community Safety Officer.
3. **Library Events:** Immerse yourself in the latest literary happenings, upcoming events, and all the amazing resources awaiting discovery at our local library branch.
4. **Recreation Guide:** From exciting community events like the Winter Chillfest to weekly recreational programs for all ages, this section will guide you to all the fun activities awaiting you in White City.
5. **Council Meeting Summaries:** Get the inside scoop on your local government discussions from the comfort of your home. In order to increase transparency and accessibility to information shared at Town Council and Committee meetings, we will provide summaries of the meetings in this section.
6. **Councillor Blog:** Instead of arriving with your monthly utility bill, you will now find this blog in each edition of White City inSight. Hear insightful

information directly from your Town Council including relevant projects and plans for our radiant community.

Utility inserts will now be reserved for crucial public notices, ensuring that when they appear, your attention is focused on critical matters.

## Advertising Opportunity for White City Business Owners

We're thrilled to offer ad space for purchase to White City businesses in White City inSight. This not only supports local business but also aids in covering printing and distribution costs of the newsletter, contributing to the sustainability of this valuable resource. For information on advertising prices and purchasing a space, contact Hannah Polk, Communications Coordinator, at [hpolk@whitcity.ca](mailto:hpolk@whitcity.ca).

We have always strived for open and candid communication between Town residents, Town Council and Administration, and we see this as an opportunity to advance further towards that goal. White City inSight is more than just a collection of updates—it's a direct line of communication to your Town. Let's collectively embrace this new chapter of community communication.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Town of White City. Here's to staying connected, informed, and shining brightly together!



If you have any questions, have a comment, want more information, or want to suggest a topic for a future blog please email [townoffice@whitcity.ca](mailto:townoffice@whitcity.ca) or call 306-781-2355 – we look forward to hearing from you!

-Mayor Brian Fergusson

# Council Summaries

## January 8, 2024 - Committee of the Whole

The Consent Agenda included approving minutes from a previous meeting and addressing queries about an IT invoice covering both services and Microsoft Licensing Fees. The Government Relations Subcommittee proposal was discussed, outlining its purpose and composition, but the Committee decided to defer the matter for broader discussions on the overall structure of Committees/Council meetings. The meeting also delved into a follow up report on the Total Compensation Review, with additional research on benefits and vacation leave, with the final report recommended for Council approval. Lastly, the Bylaw Enforcement Policy, revised to accommodate the new Community Safety Officer program, raised questions about practices in other Saskatchewan municipalities, prompting further work by Administration.

## January 8, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting

The Consent Agenda covered routine items, including minutes, correspondence, and account ratification, with Councillors posing queries about the Integrity Commissioner Report and the process of handling of Council Code of Ethics complaints. The Town Manager provided updates on ongoing projects, such as the WCRM158 Wastewater Expansion Project, Planning and Development, and meetings with government officials. In New Business, Council ensured compliance with eligibility requirements for the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant from the Ministry of Government Relations. The roundtable allowed Council members to share updates, including plans for the White City Museum's AGM. The AVANA Comprehensive Development Proposal, tentatively approved in principle, and a closed session on long-term planning related to a pending Boundary Alteration Appeal Decision concluded the meeting.



## January 22, 2024 - Committee of the Whole

The Consent Agenda included minutes, accounts, and bank reconciliation, with Committee members inquiring about an unplanned transmission replacement in the Public Works fleet. Administration clarified that the unit, received as a donation from TC Energy, required repairs due to its age and mileage, with overall maintenance costs over the last 3 years totaling approximately \$12.5K. Next, the Committee reviewed the Fee Bylaw Amendment, Committee members asked questions about why some fees needed an increase to which Administration provided information that costs to facilitate the service have increased. It was recommended for Council approval. The Bylaw Enforcement Policy, revisited from the January 8th meeting, underwent revisions excluding a section on anonymous complaints, and further research revealed few Saskatchewan municipalities have implemented this type of policy, leading the Committee to table the item. During the Roundtable, the White City Museum's upcoming AGM and Councillor Hal Zorn's update on a Wastewater Authority mediation meeting were discussed. The meeting concluded with an in-camera session to discuss Prairie Valley School Division's recently released major priorities.



## Want more information?

Read past summaries and full summaries of Council and Committee meetings by visiting our website [whitcity.ca/p/meeting-summaries](http://whitcity.ca/p/meeting-summaries) or scan this QR Code: Plus check out our Event Calendar on the next page for dates and times of meetings and attend in-person!





# Event Calendar

## FEBRUARY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Council & Committee of the Whole Meeting	6 Yoga Class White City Walks Forever in Motion	7 Toddler & Me Senior Social Club Free to Be	8 White City Walks Forever in Motion	9	
11	12	13 Yoga Class White City Walks Forever in Motion Tyler Smith Event	14 Toddler & Me Senior Social Club Free to Be	15 White City Walks Forever in Motion	16	17
18	19 Family Day - Town Office Closed	20 White City Walks Forever in Motion Committee of the Whole Meeting	21 Toddler & Me Senior Social Club	22 White City Walks Forever in Motion	23	24
25	26	27 Yoga Class White City Walks Forever in Motion	28 Toddler & Me Senior Social Club Free to Be	29 White City Walks Forever in Motion		March 2 - Chillfest

Register here:

# Program Information

### Toddler & Me

A space for caregivers to connect while your children enjoy self-directed play. Infants also welcome. FREE.  
9:00 AM - Noon  
Wednesdays

### Free to Be

A drop-in program for fun group activities for youth of all abilities. Ages 10-14. FREE.  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Wednesdays - Excluding Feb 21

### Chillfest

Our annual Winter Festival that will bring an action-packed day of activities for the whole family! FREE. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
March 2

### Senior Social Club

A drop-in program where seniors can have coffee and play board games. FREE.  
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
Wednesdays

### Tyler Smith Virtual Event

A virtual event to hear mental health advocate, Tyler Smith, speak about resilience and mental health, plus a Q&A session.  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Feb 13

### Upcoming Programs

Save the date and stay tuned for updates once registration opens for these programs in March!

Home Alone Course - Saturday, March 23rd  
Babysitting Course - Sunday, March 24th

### White City Walks

A drop-in program for indoor walking during the winter months. All ages - FREE.  
9:00 AM - Noon  
Tuesdays & Thursdays

### Yoga Class

An introduction to yoga breathing and posture. Please bring a yoga mat and any yoga props you already have. All ages.  
\$75 for 6 weeks or \$15 drop-in.  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Tuesdays

### Committee & Council Meetings

Open to the public and held at 14 Ramm Ave East.  
Feb 5: Committee of the Whole Meeting - 4 PM  
Feb 5: Regular Council Meeting - 7 PM  
Feb 20: Committee of the Whole Meeting - 7 PM

### Forever in Motion

A drop-in program for gentle physical activity. Ages: Older adults. FREE.  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Tuesdays & Thursdays

# Tyler Smith

Tyler Smith turned adversity into advocacy following his survival of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash and his win on Amazing Race Canada with partner Kat Kastner. Leveraging his experiences, Tyler founded the 'Not Alone Co.' clothing line to spark conversations about mental health and became a KidSport Ambassador in 2022. Through public speaking and his podcast, Tyler continues to make a significant impact on mental health discussions and community well-being.

The Town of White City is proud to host Tyler virtually via Zoom on February 13, 2024.

**REGISTER NOW BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE:**



# Bylaw Reminders

## RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP BYLAW 696-23

### REGISTER YOUR PETS

Contact the Town Office to register your pet. It's a bylaw but more importantly, it can reunite you with that family member who sometimes eats your favourite shoes, but you can't help but love 'em anyway.

### LEASHES REQUIRED

Whether you're taking Fido out for their daily stroll or trying out a new cat-leash, your pets must be leashed at all times when out and about. It's not only important in order to keep your pet safe, but others' too.

### PICK UP AFTER YOUR POOCH

No one likes stepping in a fresh (or frozen) pile of dog poop and it's easily preventable. Carry some extra baggies with you on walks with your dog and take two seconds to save someone's shoes!

### DON'T LET CATS ROAM

Although your feline may be feeling adventurous, it's important to put their safety first. Many cats get lost, go missing, or can be hurt from cars and coyotes. Keep your cats where they are loved: at home!

### KEEP PETS INSIDE AT NIGHT

Coyotes are most active at night, and the dark makes it nearly impossible for cars to see animals who may be wandering the streets. The safest place for your furry friend is in your home.



## CSO Update

It's been a while since you heard an update from our Community Safety Officer (CSO) program and that's because we've been busy looking for the perfect candidate for our community.

We are excited to announce that our newly hired CSO is currently completing his final training in Prince Albert and will begin to serve the community in mid-February. Stay tuned next month for a formal introduction and get ready to see him around Town enforcing bylaws and providing education to all residents!

### Gina's Custom Quilts Long Arm Quilting Services

Long Arm Quilting Services  
Wideback Fabric and Batting Available  
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Gina Lacaille  
306-535-2699  
ginascustomquilts@gmail.com



## Lace up your skates

Public Works staff has been busy throughout January flooding and clearing the outdoor rinks for public use.

The mild weather that we left in 2023 prevented rinks from being in their best shape for the start of winter, but as we trudged through a cold snap in January, our crews were able to get all the outdoor rinks up and running.

The Ecole White City, Double K, and Pond skating surfaces are all now open!

Please do your part to keep our rinks clean and tidy by picking up after yourself.

# Public Works

In the winter months when snow clearing is added to the Public Work schedule, it's important for the path of our snow plows to be clear so they can operate effectively. Although we appreciate your effort to put your bins as close to the collection truck as possible, it is actually preferred when your bin is placed 6 inches (or so) off asphalt edge on your property. The Loraas truck that lifts the bins has an arm that can reach up to 9 inches so don't worry about your bin being out of reach! This small adjustment to your garbage and recycling bin placement greatly helps snow clearing efforts of Public Works staff and we appreciate your cooperation!



## A successful holiday season

We hope you had a merry Christmas and New Years' filled with joy and warm celebrations. Our Christmas tree collection program is now completed for 2024. Thank you for your cooperation and participation this year.

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# DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE

Introducing the Development Incentive Policy (No. P-PD-002), recently launched by the Town to stimulate growth in both residential and commercial spaces!

Infill, new residential and commercial developments are now eligible for municipal tax abatements - contact us to learn more.

Contact Us

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 Manager of Community Planning and Development  
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 Development Officer  
 306 781 2355 Ext. 234

White City isn't just an investment; it's a commitment to a prosperous and fulfilling lifestyle. Invest confidently and let us guide you toward a successful future in your new home or business.



Stop in and visit our **PROSHOP** which is open 7 days a week for all your skate sharpening and product needs! We carry a wide variety of items for your convenience. A few of the items we have in stock at fantastic prices are hockey gloves, hockey pants, stick wax, stick, and sock tape, skate laces, skate guards, helmet repair kits, neck guards, water bottles, toiletry bags, anti-fog and much more.

Please stop in and check it out you will not be disappointed!  
 Communiskate Pro Shop uses SPARX sharpening technology! The prices are as follows:

**SINGLE SKATE SHARPEN \$8.00 PLUS TAXES**  
**PUNCH PASS 11 CREDITS \$70 PLUS TAXES**



### February Update

- UPCOMING DATES:**
- Feb. 5th Report Cards Posted to EDSBY for all students
  - Feb. 5th Course Registrations due for 2024-2025
  - February Break Feb. 19-23

Thank you!

**Local Emergency Responders**  
 Greenall Griffins would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all the local emergency responders who attended the fire on the morning of Saturday Jan. 13. Your quick action and response led to the fire beginning contained and managed. We know that the acts of volunteerism in our communities is second to none and we wanted to express our overwhelming gratitude.

**Final Exam Week - Thank You SCC!**  
 We would love to thank all of the parents on the SCC and the volunteers who contributed to the hundreds of homemade muffins that were handed out to our students during Exam Week. Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated. Thank-you so much for supporting our students.

**Griffin Drama - One Act Play**  
 Griffin Drama has auditioned cast their 2024 One Act Play, Queens is a new one-act play by Kristen Doherty written in 2022. Greenall High School will be the first school in Saskatchewan to perform this show. It's the story of Henry the 8th and his six queens. There are 52 student participants (including musicians and a dance team) and 14 staff involved in this creative process. Griffin Drama will be performing this show for our community on March 18 & 19. We will be participating in the Saska Drama Association's Regional Drama Festival in Lemberg on April 19 & 20.

**Griffin Basketball**  
 This year we are fortunate to have both a Jr. and Sr. Squad for both girls and boys basketball. The teams are off to a strong start attending tournaments all across southern Saskatchewan and hosting several home tournaments throughout the season. Congratulations teams on your season's so far and good luck in your playoff runs. A special thank you to our staff coaches and community coaches for your time and commitment to these programs.



Cory has been with Early's for 25 years and is a Garden Department Purchaser. He will discuss some commonly used products that he highly recommends all gardeners have in the tool shed, plus introduce some newer products that would be great additions. Join us to get tips on Tools and Gadgets and ideas for future gifts for your favourite gardener! Early's will offer those in attendance an exclusive online coupon code which entitles you to 15% off one online purchase of at least \$10.00 until March 30, 2024.

**Thursday Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 pm**  
 We are accommodating lovers by moving a day later than our usual Wednesdays!  
**Virtual & at Ramada Emerald Park**  
**Everyone Welcome**

Zoom link will be shared the afternoon of Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Visitors drop-in fee \$5.00 at the door, or for the virtual meeting: send email address to and e-transfer \$5.00/person to [wccg.communications@gmail.com](mailto:wccg.communications@gmail.com) by Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Info: <https://whitecitygardenclub.ca/events/>



## February 2024



## White City Public Library Program & Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Month Begins	2 Preschool Storytime 10:00 AM	3 Code & Go Robot Mouse 11:00 AM
Winter Outdoor kit Snowshoes Crazy carpets Snow Saws available this month	5	6	7	8	9 Preschool Storytime 10:00 AM	10
11	12 Book Decorating Workshop Please register 6 & 7 pm	13 Creative Bound Adult Book Club Please register 6:30 pm	14	15	16 Preschool Storytime 10:00 AM	17 Code & Go Robot Mouse 11:00 AM
18 Freedom to Read Week: Feb. 18-24	19 Closed for Family Day	20 Code & Go Robot Mouse 2:00 pm	21 LEGO Time 2:00 pm	22	23 Metis Stories Irma Klyne 2:30 pm Please register	24
25	26	27	28	29		

**SASKATCHEWAN Aboriginal Storytelling Month 2024**

PRESENTS  
 Storytelling with Métis Knowledge Keeper **Irma Klyne**

We are pleased to have Métis Knowledge Keeper Irma Klyne visit us for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling Month!

Irma has worked the majority of her adult life either with or for Indigenous organizations. This was the ideal forum for her as she has always been a proud Métis woman and every opportunity to share that pride and culture with the rest of the world could not be missed.

She will be sharing stories, Michif language, and culture. Please join us!

White City Public Library  
 Friday  
 Feb 23, 2024  
 2:30pm



- Are you:**
- INTERESTED IN HERITAGE, CULTURE AND ECOLOGY OF THE WHITE BUTTE AREA?
  - LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES?
  - COMMUNITY MINDED?

- Do you:**
- WANT TO ADD NON-PROFIT KNOWLEDGE TO YOUR RESUME?
  - WANT TO ENHANCE YOUR LINKEDIN PROFILE WITH BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERIENCE?
  - HAVE SKILLS IN THE AREAS OF CULTURE, HERITAGE AND ECOLOGY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

The WCM is a non-profit organization, serving the White Butte Area and communities of Emerald Park, White City, Balgonie, Pilot Butte and surrounding area.

We are currently accepting applications for four board director roles for the upcoming year.

To learn more about the museum or to express interest in a director position please email [whitecitymuseum.sk@gmail.com](mailto:whitecitymuseum.sk@gmail.com) or visit our website: [whitecitymuseum.com](http://whitecitymuseum.com)



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