

Community Guide Spring 2018

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Community Resources
Community Groups

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Summer 2018
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Wildfire Awareness Guide





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This edition of the Fox Creek Community Guide will assist you to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – anytime, anywhere.

If an emergency happens, it may take workers some time to reach you. Prepare for a minimum of 72 hours.

The basic steps and information provided will help you take care of yourself and your loved ones during an emergency.

- ☐ Remove the pullout section and keep it in an accessible location. *pages 15-22*
- ☐ Use the guide to create your own emergency plan.
- ☐ Review the checklists. Ensure you are well informed and prepared.
- ☐ Place the **Action** page on the fridge or another visible and easily accessed location. *page 21-22*

Cobras – Ladies Rec Hockey Club

Contact: Alyssa Mott
Phone: 780-622-9512

Recreational non-contact hockey for ladies 17+. If you are interested in playing, please contact us for more information.

Curling Club

Contact: Liz Mostowich
Phone: 780-622-7150

Season runs from October to February. Men's, Mixed, Ladies and Junior Leagues, all available.

1st Fox Creek Scouts

Contact: Gord and Jenn Ashmore
Phone: 780-668-5726

The Fox Creek Scouts program is available for boys and girls ages 5+.

Contact us for information about enrollment, or if you are interested in becoming a Scout leader.

KidSport

Contact: www.kidsport.ab.ca

This national organization, gets kids off the sidelines and into the game by helping overcome the financial barriers that prevent some from participating in organized sports.

For applications, visit the website.

Friends of Fox Creek Hospital Society

Contact: Linda Ekdahl
Phone: 780-622-3857
ekdahllm@hotmail.com
Lynn Bartlette 780-622-7709
Bonnie Zadderey 780-622-7799

We work with hospital administration to purchase equipment, or services, not within the hospital's budget.

We also operate Bargain Alley (Thrift Shop), organize an annual quilt/duvet raffle, and manage donations.

Light Horse Association

Contact: Tanja Marinus
Phone: 780-622-3485

The horse club provides a location to board horses, a riding arena, round pen, and pens. You must be a club member to be on the property. This club has an open member policy.

Monthly meetings are held on Mondays.

Minor Hockey Association

Contact: Chris Bignell
Phone: 780-622-7180
admin@foxcreekminorhockey.com
www.foxcreekminorhockey.com

Fox Creek is home to the Bulldogs! This program accepts both boys and girls ages 4-17 of every skill level.

The season runs October to the end of March.

Motor Sports Association

Contact: Nathan Gunsch
Phone: 780-622-3266

This group plans, and organizes, the annual Demolition Derby weekend that takes place in Fox Creek every August.

Northland Sno-Goers

Contact: Sheila Gilmour
Phone: 780-622-9489
www.northlandsno-goers.ca

We are an active volunteer snowmobile club with 250 km of award winning, well maintained trails. Our goal is to promote sled-ding as a family-oriented sport.

We host our annual Poker Rally on the first Saturday in February.

Chamber of Commerce

Contact:
office@foxcreekchamber.ca
Phone: (780) 622-2670
www.foxcreekchamber.ca
PO Box 774
105 Campground Road
Fox Creek, Alberta

The Fox Creek Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit advocate for the region's businesses.

Its primary goal is to help local business grow and prosper.



Fox Creek Chamber
of Commerce

The Nordic and Trail Club

Contact:
foxcreeknordicandtrail@gmail.com
www.foxcreeknordicandtrail.com

The Nordic and Trail Club provides approximately 8 km of beautifully groomed cross country skiing, walking, and biking trails for the community, and visitors, to explore.

The trails feature handmade benches, a river view, gentle topography and natural Boreal landscape. A respite for outdoor recreation enthusiasts and casual strollers, alike.

The world class bike park features technical areas for avid all-season bike riders.

Visit us often and relax, or challenge yourself, at one of Fox Creek's finest amenities.

Business Support Network

Contact: Kristy Tuts
kristy.tuts@gov.ab.ca
Phone: (780) 778-7189

A forum to share ideas, and exchange information about current labour market trends, identify and address workforce issues.

Luncheon meetings are held at noon on the third Thursday of the month. Locations vary but are announced on social media.



Fox Creek Business
Support Network

Seniors Golden Circle Drop-In Centre

Contact: Audrey Tainsh
Phone: 780-622-3179

We are a drop-in centre for adults age 50+. In this casual social atmosphere the coffee is ready, the cards are on the table, puzzles, shuffleboard, and pool tables await.

We also organize a social potluck supper every few months.

Wado Kai Karate

Contact: Dan Hill
foxcreekwadokai@hotmail.com

Fox Creek Wado Kai Karate is part of the Shintani Wado Kai Karate Federation. Members meet every Wednesday and Friday at the Fox Creek Scout Hall.

Junior/Family Class: 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.
Adults/Teen Class: 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

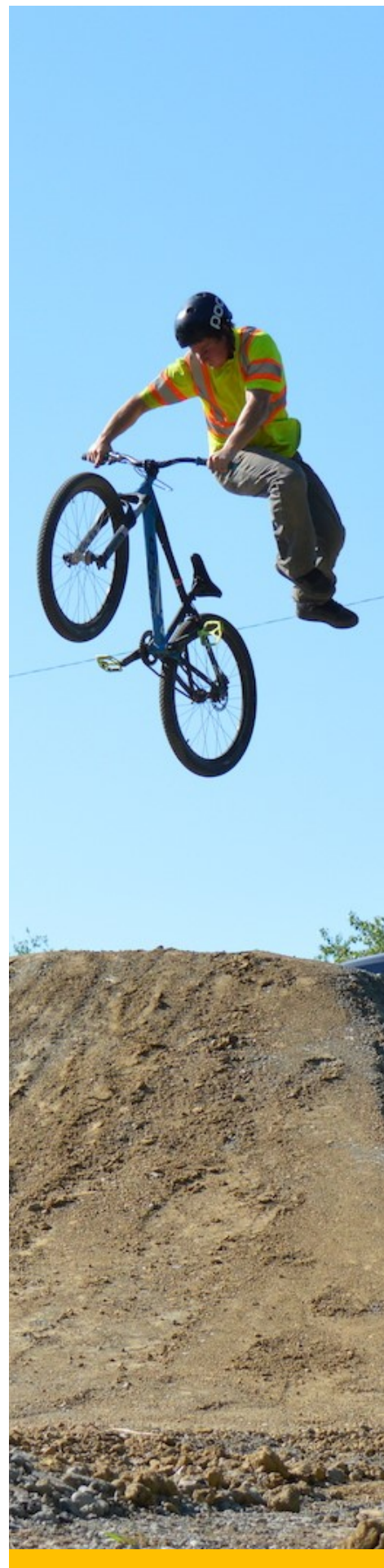
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Matters*
Be included in
the next *edition*

Your Group Here

Your contact information. Phone number. Email address. Website. Facebook. Street address.

Your club, or organization's, description, goals, events, programs, or services.

See page 32 for form details





Silver Birch Golf Course

Contact:
Phone: 780 622-3343
308 Kaybob Drive, Fox Creek
www.silverbirchgolf.com



Silver Birch Golf Course

Nestled in a natural pine and birch forest on the outskirts of Fox Creek, the Silver Birch Golf Course winds its way through 3241 yards of play on nine fairways.

Silver Birch offers players, of all levels, a wide variety of challenges including narrow and sloping fairways, sand traps and water hazards guarding beautiful bent grass greens.

Our well maintained course includes a driving range, spacious clubhouse, well-stocked pro-shop, food service and bar facilities.

Both riding and pull carts are available for rent.



During the 2017 fire season the Alberta government responded to 1,231 wildfires that burned more than 49,134 hectares.

More than 780 were caused by humans.

Source: www.ofc.alberta.ca/alberta-wildfire-season

Fox Creek Historical Association

Contact:
Box 269, Fox Creek
Campground Road and Kaybob Drive. Visible from Highway 43

The Museum represents Fox Creek's past, present and future. It may be a small building but it is packed with treasures.

The Historical Association also maintains an archival collection.

Located across from the Visitor Information Centre; it is a nice little side-trip for adults and children.

Open May long weekend to the end of August.

Thursday to Monday
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(staff availability permitting)

Visitor Information Centre

Contact:
Phone: 780 622-2000
Box 774
105 Campground Road
Fox Creek, Alberta ToH 1Po
email: office@foxcreekchamber.ca

Experience Fox Creek like a local.

Our staff will personalize your visit, or your Alberta vacation, to make it memorable.

Ask us about the best things to do, places to stay and ways to get there.

Smoke Lake Campground

The Smoke Lake Campground is located 10 km south of Fox Creek.

The campground has 47 non-serviced rustic sites, a boat launch, pit toilets and free firewood.

Non-Serviced Sites:

\$25.00 / night

Senior (60+) \$20.00 / night

Iosegun lake Campground

Iosegun Lake Campground is located 11 km north of Fox Creek along the industrial bypass road.

The campground offers 52 non-serviced sites as well as a beach, day use area, boat launch, pit toilets and free firewood.

Non-Serviced Sites:

\$25.00 / night

Senior (60+) \$20.00/night

Municipal Campground

The Fox Creek RV Campground is located in town just behind the Visitor Information Centre.

The 30 site RV Campground has full service and rustic sites, and a coin operated shower facility on location.

Non-Serviced Sites: \$25.00 /night

Non-Serviced Site Senior (60+):
\$20.00 /night

Full Service Sites: \$40.00 /night

Full Service Site Senior (60+):
\$35.00 / night

Iosegun lake Group Campground

Iosegun Lake Campground also offers a Group Campsite.

Situated right on the water, the campsite hosts a huge cookhouse and has enough room for 10-15 large camping units.

Group Campsite reservations are available by calling the Town Office at 780-622-3896.

Non Serviced Group Campsite
\$200.00 / night
Deposit required.

Managed and maintained



For campsite information contact:
Town of Fox Creek
Phone: 780 622-3896
recreation@foxcreek.ca

Box 149, 102 Kaybob Drive
Fox Creek, Alberta T0H 1P0
www.foxcreek.ca

Seasonal Campsite bookings: see page 33





Administration, General Inquiries
AND * **Program Registration**

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*The Fox Creek
Community
Resource Centre
(CRC) is a starting
point for community
members who are
looking for
information, help,
or support.*

Programs and events are
subject to change.

Contact the hosting de-
partment or consult social
media pages for updates.



Fox Creek Community
Resource Centre

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Community and Resident FireSmart Programs

\$500.00 ■ GRANT

Residents wanting to implement FireSmart
principles in their neighbourhoods can apply for
an annual grant through

FireSmart Community Recognition Program

Citizen involvement is the cornerstone of the program. Living in
a region susceptible to wildfires, you and your neighbours can
learn how to decrease the risk of damage and how to best pro-
tect yourselves in the event of wildfire.

FireSmart Canada Community Preparedness Day Program

Source: www.firesmartcanada.ca/firesmart-communities/community-recognition-program/



WEE Play

Ages 0-2 years
Monday mornings
May 7, 14, 28; June 4, 11, 18, 25,
July 9, 16, 23, 30; August 13, 20
9:30-11:00 a.m.
CRC Playroom
Drop-in. FREE

A fun, drop-in playgroup for families with babies under two years of age. We share resources, information and baby-safe activities.

Hurray Let's Play

Ages 0-6 years
Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17, 31
June 14, 28
July 5, 12, 19, 26
August 2, 9, 16, 23
1-2:30 p.m.
CRC Playroom
Drop-in. FREE

This program focuses on connecting families in an informal setting, encourages socialization, relationship building, and fosters skill development with various crafts and activities through child-led free play.

Play and Learn

Ages 0-6 years
Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23,
30, June 13, 20, 27
6-7:30p.m.
CRC Playroom
Drop-in. FREE

A regular evening drop-in program full of free play fun and activities for families to enjoy together.

Parents are able to play alongside their child, learn about their child's development, and connect with other families.

Parent Link supports parents with children 0-6 years.

Parents and caregivers are children's first and most influential teachers, they are the key to fostering optimal child development.

We offer preventative and supportive programs and services that prepare families to respond to challenges as they arise. We connect parents to parents, families to families, and parents to resources.

Our staff specializes in parenting support, early childhood development and care programs, family support, developmental screening, and accessing existing community resources.

In 2014, the Provincial Parent Link Initiative chose the CRC as the designated site for the Fox Creek Parent Link program. In 2015, our site was selected to also provide services to the Valleyview area.

You are invited to visit, familiarize yourself with our facility, and meet our staff.

503 Hammond Drive
Fox Creek
Phone: 780-622-2989

Parent Link Summer Hours

July and August

Monday: 9 a.m. - noon
Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday: noon - 3 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Closed on the following dates:

Monday, May 21 - Victoria Day
June 6, 7, 8 - Staff Training
Monday, July 2 - Canada Day STAT
Monday, August 6 - Heritage Day

**** Check us out on Instagram: [foxcreekplc](https://www.instagram.com/foxcreekplc)**

Worms and Dirt

Ages 3-6 years
Tuesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29
10:30-11:30 a.m.
CRC Classroom FREE
*** Register before April 26**

Worms and Dirt is a science based program for families. We will learn about plants, food and creepy crawlies.

Creative Chaos

Ages 3-6 years
Sunday, May 6, 1-2 p.m.
CRC Classroom FREE
*** Register before April 26**

During this structured program families will work together to create a one of a kind masterpiece to take home.

Stay and Play Breakfast

Ages 0-6 years
Saturday, May 26, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
CRC Playroom
Drop-in. FREE

Join us for a morning of play and a delicious continental style breakfast. You don't have to cook, or clean up!

Messy Monday

Ages 3-6 years
Mondays, June 4, 11, 18, 25
1-2 p.m.
CRC Classroom
FREE
*** Register before May 24**

This program focuses on sensory play and exploration. During these sessions we will create messy dramatic play centres to engage children and parents. Spaces are limited.

Kinder Startin'

Ages 3-6 years
Tuesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26
9:30-11 a.m.
CRC Playroom
Drop-in. FREE

During this program children will engage in a fun activity or craft, as well as have plenty of free play opportunity.

Parents will create handcrafted learning resources to take home along with many ideas on how to expand upon these ideas with children of multiple ages and skill levels.

Daddy Date Night

Ages 0-6 years
Friday, June 15
6-8:00 p.m.
CRC Classroom
Drop-in. FREE

Kick off your Father's Day Weekend with a BBQ just for Dads and their kids. Spend quality time together with fun activities and time in our exciting playroom.

Stroller Walk

Ages 0-6 years
Tuesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
August 7, 14, 21
10:00 a.m.
Meet at the CRC Classroom
Weather permitting
Drop-in. FREE

PLC staff walk with families along a 5 km route through stroller friendly walking paths, around Oasis Park, and stopping for a brief playground visit before making our way back up the hill.

The walk begins, and ends, at the CRC Classroom.



Parent Program

lunch AND learn

Families with children 0-6 years
CRC Classroom
Thursday, May 24, June 21
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Drop-in. FREE

A monthly parent education program offering lunch, child mind, and a variety of speakers on relevant topics pertaining to parenting and life. Topics to be announced each month.



Park Play

Ages 0-6 years

Wednesdays, July 4, 11, 18, 25

August 1, 8, 15, 22

2-3 p.m.

Marnevic Park

Weather permitting

Drop-in. FREE

Join Parent Link at Marnevic Park for some weekly outdoor fun. We'll run, play, skip and sing.

"Perhaps the greatest social service that can be rendered by anybody to the country and to mankind is to bring up a family."

George Bernard Shaw

Programs and events are subject to change.

Contact Facilitators or consult social media pages for updates.



Fox Creek Community Resource Centre

Parent Link Centre (PLC)

A Parent Link Centre initiative is about connecting parents to each other and to resources in their community.

Each centre is designed to be a safe, friendly, informal and welcoming place, for both children and parents, where families can thrive and grow.

For more information on Parent Link, or to find other centres in the province, please visit: www.parentlinkalberta.ca

When there, take a video tour by clicking on the link :

[Visit a Virtual Parent Link Centre.](#)

For more information, contact:

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Parent Link Centre Facilitator

780-622-2989

facilitator2@foxcreekcrc.ca

Lara Stadnyk

Parent Link Centre Facilitator

780-622-2989

facilitator@foxcreekcrc.ca

Erin Witty

Parent Link Coordinator

780-524-8672

Box 504

Valleyview, AB T0H 3N0

E-mail: parentlink@foxcreek.ca

Instagram: [foxcreekplc](https://www.instagram.com/foxcreekplc)

Parent Link Summer Hours

July and August

Monday: 9 a.m. - noon

Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Children in particular can feel the stress deeply -- and may react in different ways. The key to helping your children cope is simply by being there and making them feel safe.

Parents can play a huge role in helping children deal with anxiety

Helping kids cope in an emergency

- Take their fears seriously and tell them "it's okay to be scared."
- Explain the events as best you can and acknowledge what's frightening about what happened.
- Tell your kids what you think and feel. Doing so helps them feel less alone if they know that their feelings are similar to yours.
- Maintain familiar routines, like mealtimes and regular bedtime hours.

Source: www.getprepared.gc.ca



HOME VISITATION and IN-HOME SUPPORT

For more information, contact:
Kerrienne Pasula
780-622-3758
E-mail: ei@foxcreekcrc.ca

Home Visitation and In-Home Support is a voluntary program intended for expectant parents, and parents with children ages 0 -12 years, living in Fox Creek and Little Smoky.

The program focuses on supporting families in achieving optimal child development and healthy family functioning.

The Home Visitor works with families in the home using a parent-driven, goal-based approach.

By promoting problem-solving, positive parent-child relationships, and a predictable, consistent home environment, parents are better able to raise healthy, safe and secure children.

Tween Mother's Day Craft Making

Youth Grades 2-6

Thursday, May 10

6:30-8 p.m.

CRC Classroom Cost: \$5.00

*** Register before May 8**

Come create a special craft for the woman who makes you feel loved.

Tween Father's Day Craft Making

Youth Grades 2-6

Tuesday, June 12

6:30-8 p.m.

CRC Classroom Cost: \$5.00

*** Register before June 8**

Come make that special man in your life a present to let him know how much you love and appreciate him.



Did You Know...

Younger children may cry, whine or wet the bed in emergency situations. Older children may experience an intense fear of injury or separation anxiety. Other common reactions include a fear of the dark, physical pain and eating or sleeping problems.

Source: www.getprepared.gc.ca



Baby's Best Start

The focus of the program is to provide support to promote the baby's healthy growth and development, support the family and increase the family's awareness of resources within our community.

The Baby's Best Start package includes handouts and books pertinent to providing a safe and caring home environment.

Let's give newborns the best start possible.

If you or someone you know is expecting, contact Kerrienne 780-622-3758





CHILDREN and YOUTH

Tween Activity Nights

Grades 2-6

Friday, May 25. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

School Gym

Drop-in. FREE. Snack provided

Tweens in grades 2-6 are encouraged to come out to play games, listen to music and hang out with friends. Please bring indoor shoes. Co-led with Home Visitation and In-home Support.

Teen Drop-in

Grades 7-12

Thursday, May 17. 7-9 p.m.

CRC Classroom

Drop-in. FREE

This is a great opportunity to connect with other youth. Come out and have a great time. Let us know what programs or services you would like to see in the community.

For more information, contact:

Hillary Carroll

Youth Facilitator

Phone: 780-622-3758

E-mail: hillary@foxcreekcrc.ca



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Contact the Facilitator or consult social media pages for updates.



Fox Creek Community Resource Centre



Back to School Bash

Connect with your friends before heading back to school for another year. Dance the night away like summer isn't ever going to end. The CRC will provide music and snacks.

Youth Grades 7-12

Thursday, August 30 7-9 p.m.

Community Hall

Drop-in. FREE



Teach your children
how to use

911

Helping kids prepare for emergencies

- Teach them about natural hazards like earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, ice storms, and blizzards --and what to do when they occur.
- Make a family emergency plan and prepare an emergency kit together.
- Teach your kids what to do in case of a fire.
- Make sure your kids know what to do at school in an emergency.

Source: www.getprepared.gc.ca



ABC in the Parks

Ages 0-6 years

Tuesdays, May 22 - June 12
2-3 p.m.

A different park every week.

Scout Hall, if weather is inclement.

FREE. A light snack is provided.

***Register by May 15**

Join us every week for a fun-filled hour
at different parks in the community
The first will be Marnevic Park.

Games, singing, rhymes and much
more with other parents and children.

Contact the Facilitator or
consult our social media
page for park locations
and program updates.



Fox Creek Community
Resource Centre

Due to increasing popularity,
and limited space, the CRC
has initiated a registration
requirement for all upcoming
Family Literacy Programs.

*** To register, contact
the CRC: 780-622 3758**

For more information, contact:

Alana Davis

Literacy Facilitator

Phone: 780-622-3758

Fax: 780-622-3738

E-mail: alana@foxcreekcrc.ca



WHITE SWAN FOX EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT COALITION

The Fox Creek Coalition was
formed at the beginning of the
Early Childhood Mapping

(ECMap) project in 2009 to engage community members wanting to
advocate, and support, the development in Early Childhood and
Families in the community.

One hundred coalitions are now active throughout Alberta, raising
public awareness about the importance of the early years and making
a positive, informed contribution to discussions about how policies,
programs and other supports can be improved to promote the well-
being of young children and families.

For more information about these efforts visit:

ecdcoalitions.org

To become a part of our local coalition please contact:

Lara 780-622-2989

Erin 780- 524-8672



Fire Behaviour Triangle

Of the three sides of the fire behavior
triangle **weather** is the most variable
and the least predictable.

It is one of three components consid-
ered by firefighters when controlling or
predicting wildfire behavior. It is critical
to know the current and forecasted
weather conditions.

Trees, shrubs and undergrowth provide
fuel. Vegetation management reduces
vegetation density. Knowing the type,
stage and condition of vegetation growth
is important.

Topography, the lay of the land, plays a
role in determining where, and how
quickly, fire may spread.





**Be aware
Be prepared
Reduce your risk**

**Pull-out
section
2018**

Wildfire Awareness Guide



Incident Command: Resources on the Ground

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has 10 forest management areas located across the province. Fox Creek and the surrounding areas are within the Whitecourt Forest Area.

Each Forest Area has one fire centre which conducts local wildfire prevention and operations. The fire authority inside the town of Fox Creek is the local Fox Creek Fire Department, outside the town, the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

Wildfires don't respect municipal or provincial boundaries, and will move from wildland into urban settings, and vice versa. Strong tactical leadership is essential.

The agency taking command of an incident determines how, when and with whom information, responsibilities and resources are shared. Command assignment is based on where the wildfire originated and where it is currently burning. If a wildfire starts on crown land, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry will be responsible to suppress the wildfire. If it were to cross over onto town land, a Unified Command would be started. This would allow town officials to work with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to set priorities and objectives for the wildfire incident.

In recent history, this exact situation happened on the 2016 Iosegun Lake Wildfire. The wildfire was on crown land and immediately Alberta Agriculture and Forestry began work with the M.D. of Greenview and the Town of Fox Creek.

Agreements and plans exist between the Town of Fox Creek and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. One such agreement is the mutual aid agreement. The agreement provides for information exchange and cross training prior to a wildfire, and for resource sharing in the event of an incident, regardless of where it starts.

Wildfire managers continuously monitor and coordinate between the fire centres to ensure the right amount of resources, for current conditions, are in place.

Conditions can change quickly. Recently, the wildfire danger ranking in our area rose from **LOW** to **HIGH** in a matter of days. Large areas of exposed, dead, dry grass along roadways, and

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Iosegun—May, 2016



Pass Creek—May, 2011



Sources: Shannon Stambaugh. Detailed information available at:
Whitecourt Wildfire Management Area www.wildfire.alberta.ca

Look out Towers: Eyes in the Sky

The province of Alberta has a network of 127 strategically located lookout towers across the province. They have been in use for close to 100 years. The towers are manned from spring to fall and account for 40 per cent of all wildfire detection. Each tower has an area view of over 5,000 square kilometres (a circle radius of 40 kilometres); slightly smaller than the size of Prince Edward Island!

There are nine look out towers located across the Whitecourt Forest Area. Typically, towers are opened in April, when the snow pack has reduced enough to expose significant areas of dead, dry, flammable vegetation. This natural spring-time cycle increases the wildfire danger ranking.

In addition to the towers, firefighters also use helicopter patrols to survey the vast forested landscape stretching from Fox Creek, north to Swan Hills and south to Whitecourt. Patrols will range in frequency depending on environmental conditions. Patrols increase especially after storms pass through an area - looking for lighting started wildfires, and when the wildfire danger is higher due to periods of hot, dry weather.

Fox Creek Fire Base: Office in the Forest

The forest is our firefighters' office, and they need a place to rest. The Fox Creek Fire Base is a "home away from home" for wildland firefighters. It too opens in early April, but can open earlier depending on the wildfire danger ranking.

The number of firefighters and equipment on site changes depending on the wildfire danger. As the danger ranking increases around the Fox Creek area, so does the number of firefighters, equipment, and aircraft.

In the Fox Creek Planning Area, a 10 kilometre radius around town, wildfire danger ranking is high to extreme during the spring and fall, and ranges from low to high during the summer; 47 human caused wildfires and 12 lightning fires have occurred in the last 15 years.

Industrial activity and recreation opportunities increase potential for human caused ignition. However, their presence aids significantly in prompt wild-fire detection and reporting.

Tony Tower (2002)

A ground survey was performed in October 1954 to set a location for Tony Tower.

Construction of the original 80 foot tower was completed in 1956. It was moved to its current location for the 1958 fire season after it was discovered the Tower Ridge was at a slightly higher elevation.

The first entry in the tower registry was on March 28, 1956 when R.J. Naylor (Chief Ranger in Whitecourt) and A.N. Sturko (Chief Ranger at Pine Ranger Station)



Sources: Shannon Stambaugh; Fox Creek Wildfire Mitigation Strategy 2017.

Prevent

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the forecast for warm, dry, windy conditions account for the change.

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry work continuously throughout the year with the Fox Creek Fire Department and town officials, to plan, review, train, and prevent wildfires by helping to implement the FireSmart program.

In the spring, the Fire Department helps to carry out a hazard reduction burns. The main goal of the project is to remove the dangerous build-up of grass in the area, helping to prevent the occurrence of a wildfire near the community.



*Last wildfire season, the Whitecourt Forest Area had **29** wildfires that burned **11.44** hectares*

These totals are below the five year average and were mainly due to a wet spring, when the majority of wildfires happen.

*Firefighters also had help from those working and enjoying the forest who prevented or reported wildfires by calling: **310-FIRE (310-3473)***

FireSmart: Fox Creek Wildfire Mitigation Strategy

Wildfire is an important element of the natural ecological cycle; it has helped shape Alberta's landscape for generations. As communities and industry become more intertwined with Alberta's forests, the risk of wildfire grows significantly.

FireSmart uses proactive, preventative action to minimize wildfire effects to urban areas and infrastructure while balancing the benefits of wildfire on the landscape. It is living with, and managing for, the unwanted effects of wildfire.

Community members, community leaders, forest companies, industry and government all have responsibility to lessen the risk and impacts of wildfire. The Town of Fox Creek is no exception.

The Fox Creek Wildfire Mitigation Strategy outlines specific wildfire concerns and includes 13 FireSmart recommendations in six categories:

- 1. Public Education** through information sharing, engagement, and participation in Community Recognition Programs..
- 2. Emergency Response Plan** review and update to reflect best practices.
- 3. Development** of water sources, advisory signage, and provision for disposal of yard and construction debris.
- 4. Legislation** bylaw review.
- 5. Cross Train** emergency personnel in wildland/urban interface tactics and the Incident Command System.

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Guide sources. Detailed information available at:
FireSmart Alberta www.wildfire.alberta.ca/firesmart
FireSmart Canada www.firesmartcanada.ca



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6. Vegetation management reduces potential fuels through the removal, or the planned, controlled, reduction burns of encroaching high-hazard vegetation by trained professional firefighters.

The 2018 Fox Creek project was planned jointly by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Fire Department, and the Town.

Timing will depend on when conditions are appropriate. This project involves a right of way south of the highway, reinforces the vegetation management recommendations, and solidifies the highway as a manmade fire break.



"The Town of Fox Creek has done a lot of work in and around the community to mitigate the negative impact of a wildfire. All of these mitigation activities decrease the impact of wildfire but do not eliminate the risk."

Home owners also need to do their part to reduce the risk on private land and residences. It is important that everyone help to prevent wildfires when they are working, and recreating, in the Alberta forests this summer."

Mike Milner
Wildfire Prevention Officer
Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

FireSmart: Homeowner Mitigation Strategy

A. Know the factors that can pose a threat to your home. Conduct a **Structure and Site Assessment**

B. Prepare your home to reduce the risk of damage caused by wildfires
Remove and reduce fuel sources
FireSmart Landscaping

Be Aware, prepared, and take action

- ☐ **Yard debris.** Check for, and remove, fire hazards in and around your home such as dried out branches, leaves and debris. Clear gutters. Dispose of debris and lawn clippings quickly to reduce fuel for fire. Don't let them linger.
- ☐ **Fox Creek Annual Yard Waste Pick-up.** May 22-25, 2018.
- ☐ **Notify utility companies** about fallen, leaning and dying trees near powerlines.
- ☐ **Off-highway vehicle (OHV).** If you are using an off-highway vehicle, restrictions may be in place, check albertafirebans.ca to find out. Perform regular maintenance on recreational vehicles. If you're using an OHV for recreation or work in the forest, take the time to properly check the vehicle's hotspots *before, during and after your ride.*
- ☐ **Landscape evaluation and yard assessment.** FireSmart provides a number of resources, tips and recommendations for homeowners. Visit: **Become FireSmart: Community Members.**
- ☐ **Campfires.** Before you go camping, check albertafirebans.ca to make sure no restrictions or bans are in place for campfires. Never leave a campfire unattended and properly extinguish it before you leave.
- ☐ **Obtain fire permits when required.** From March 1 - October 31, you require a free fire permit for all burning (except for campfires) within the **Forest Protection Area** of Alberta. In the Whitecourt Forest Area, call 780-778-7272 to get started.
- ☐ **Report smoke.** If you see a smoke in the forest, report it by calling **310-FIRE (3473).**

Source: Whitecourt Wildfire Management Area



Guide sources. Detailed information available at:
Government of Canada Dept of Public Safety www.getprepared.ca



Prepare

Fill out contact cards
Review the pre-plan
checklist

FireSmart Preparation for Community Members



Predicting the occurrence of wildfire

Weather stations around the province measure “winter” precipitation levels (October 31 to April 1).

The data allows forestry meteorologists to calculate the spring starting drought code. Most of the Whitecourt Forest Area has a low 2018 spring drought code.

However, winter precipitation, does not predict wildfire probability. Regardless of the snowfall amounts, it is the snow melt, exposing dead, dry grasses and branches, that creates the hazard and raises the danger ranking.

Wildfire Danger Rankings often escalate quickly, until green-up in the late spring, early summer, when vegetation has completed its new growth flushing.

Long-term weather forecasts are unreliable, so it is hard to predict what the spring, or summer, will bring.

Influencing weather factors:

Temperature
Precipitation
Humidity
Lightning

Wind velocity and direction

Wildland fires also
create their own
weather.

Pre-plan Checklist

- ☐ Prepare an **emergency kit**.
- ☐ Keep a good sprinkler in an accessible location.
- ☐ Learn fire safety techniques and teach them to family members.
- ☐ Have fire drills with your family, on a regular basis.
- ☐ Have an escape plan. Ensure that all family members know how to get out of the house quickly and safely.
- ☐ Make an emergency plan so family members can contact each other in case separated during an evacuation. Pre-determine meeting places to reunite.
- ☐ Keep smoke detectors, on all floors, in working order.
- ☐ Locate your fire extinguisher, water valve, electrical panel, gas valve and floor drain. Keep shut-off instructions close by.
- ☐ Know safe exits from your neighbourhood and town.
- ☐ Designate a person to pick up children should you be unavailable.
- ☐ Assemble essential health and insurance information.
- ☐ Don't forget your pets or service animals. Not all evacuation centres accept pets, so plan for alternatives. Consider family or friends outside of your immediate area. Prepare an **emergency kit for your pet**.
- ☐ Receive wildfire danger ranking and information on local wildfires by downloading the free Alberta Wildfire app. Or visit the map: wildfirestatus.alberta.ca
- ☐ Local wildfire information can also be acquired via weekly/daily emails; subscribe to the Whitecourt Forest Area email at: wild-firestatus.alberta.ca, go to “Whitecourt,” on the right-hand side of the page and click to subscribe.
- ☐ **Twitter** AlbertaWildfire: or **Instagram** albertawildfire
Facebook AlbertaWildfireinfo

Source compilation: www.getprepared.gc.ca, Whitecourt Wildfire Management Area



Guide sources. Detailed information available at:
Alberta Emergency Management Agency www.aema.alberta.ca

When an **ALERT** is issued

An ALERT is issued to advise that wildfire danger may approach and to prepare accordingly, for a possible evacuation.

Action

Fill out contact cards

Place in a visible,
accessible location

Pack

Emergency Plan Contact Card

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Out of town contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Neighbourhood Meeting Place: _____

Neighbourhood Meeting Place Phone: _____

Regional Meeting Place: _____

Regional Meeting Place Phone: _____

Other Information: _____

If an emergency ALERT is issued, begin to pack and survey yard:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Essential family health and insurance documents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone and charger | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight and batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food: non-perishable | <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets, pillows, child comfort items and small games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can opener and utensils | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange transportation and pack the vehicle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Survey home and yard, relocate propane tanks away from structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medication | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pets, pet food, carrier, leash | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water - 4L per person | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I.D. for all family members | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact numbers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wallet or purse | |

**Include enough supplies to keep your family
safe and comfortable for a minimum of**

72
hours

Report a Wildfire Toll Free: 310-FIRE (3473)





When an **ORDER** is issued

Authorities will not ask you to leave your home unless they have reason to believe that you may be in danger.



Action

Secure your home
Travel safe routes to
your designated
meeting place or
evacuation centre

If you are advised to evacuate:

- ☐ Close all windows and doors.
- ☐ Cover vents, windows, and other openings of the house with duct tape and/or precut pieces of plywood.
- ☐ Park your car, positioned forward out of the driveway. Keep car windows closed and have your valuables already packed in your car.
- ☐ Turn off propane. Move any propane barbeques into the open, away from structures.
- ☐ Shut off water and electricity **ONLY IF** officials tell you to do so.
- ☐ Turn on the lights in the house, porch, garage and yard. Inside the house, move combustible materials, such as light curtains and furniture, away from the windows.
- ☐ Place a ladder to the roof in the front of the house.
- ☐ Put lawn sprinklers on the roof of the house and turn on the water.
- ☐ Move all combustibles away from the house, including firewood and lawn furniture.
- ☐ Stay tuned to your local radio station for up-to-date information on the fire and possible road closures.
- ☐ Use travel routes specified by local authorities.

If you have time, or while en-route, call or email your out-of-town contacts. Tell them where you are going and when you expect to arrive. Once you are safe, let them know. Tell them if any family members have become separated.

If possible, leave a note telling others when you left and where you're going. Include contact numbers.

If you go to an evacuation centre, register your personal information at the registration desk.

Do not return home until authorities advise that it is safe.



Report a Wildfire Toll Free: 310-FIRE (3473)



The Career and Employment Information Services Centre provides self-directed services to all Albertans, including:

- Job board
- Access to print and web-based career and employment resources
- Access to computers, photocopiers, fax and telephone for employment purposes
- One-on-one assistance available by appointment

For more information, contact:
Mara MacAskill
780-622-3758
E-mail: mara@foxcreekcrc.ca



Fox Creek Career and
Employment Information
Services



Career Opportunities

Explore the employment opportunities online.

www.wildfire.alberta.ca/recruitment

Looking for summer employment unlike any other?

Do you want your career to have meaningful impact on people's lives?

To know your ideas and initiatives are helping transform communities and build futures?

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry offers a variety of seasonal job opportunities to support the management of forest and wildfire resources. Positions range from working on the fire line to implementing wildfire prevention efforts.

Source: www.wildfire.alberta.ca/recruitment



Junior Forest Rangers



Since 1965, Junior Forest Rangers (JFR) has offered youth the opportunity to get started in a career related to natural resource management and forestry.

JFR crews live on wildfire bases or in JFR camps for the duration of the seven week program. Crew members and leaders stay with their crew 24 hours a day, seven days a week and complete a wide variety of work and educational projects based on natural resources.

Crews consist of six crew members (**16-18 years old**) from across the provinces and two crew leaders. This summer experience is challenging, unique, and rewarding.



Alberta Junior Forest Rangers

For more information about the program and how to apply to join our crew, contact us!

Alberta Junior Forest Rangers

9th floor, 9920-108 St.
Edmonton, AB
T5K 2M4

www.wildfire.alberta.ca/recruitment/alberta-junior-forest-rangers/

Source: www.wildfire.alberta.ca/recruitment



ADULT LEARNING and FAMILY LITERACY

- Help with Reading, Writing, Basic Math
- Basic Computer / Technology Skills
- Resume Writing
- English Language Learning Reading, Writing, Speaking
- Exam invigilation
- Help filling out forms

For more information, contact:
Teryl Enevoldsen
Adult Learning / Family Literacy Coordinator
Phone: 780-622-3758
E-mail: adulted@foxcreekcrc.ca



Introduction to International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

18 years+
Mondays, May 7, 14, 28, June 4,
11, 18, 25 / 3 - 4:30 p.m.
CRC classroom
Cost: \$20.00
*** Register before April 27**

A comprehensive introduction to the IELTS exam:

- Test format;
- Requirements for band with scoring;
- Practice material for reading, writing, speaking and listening;
- Pronunciation and clear speaking practice.

Canadian Fire Arms Safety Course (PAL)

Non-restricted -12 years+: **May 26**
Restricted -18+: **May 27**
8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
CRC classroom
Cost: Non-restricted: \$155.00;
Restricted: \$140.00
*** Register, and pay in full, before May 18**

The course includes instruction, testing, and documentation needed to apply for a Possession and Acquisition License (PAL).



visit: **Canadian Firearms Safety Courses - Big Rush Inc.**

Programs are subject to change.

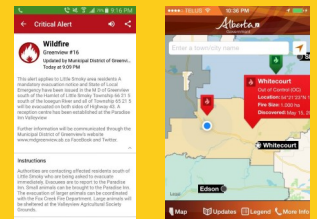
Contact the Facilitator or consult social media pages for updates.



Fox Creek Community Resource Centre



Find out about the local wildfire danger ranking and information on local wildfires anytime, anyplace, by downloading the free Alberta Wildfire app for **Android** or **Apple** products.



Community Resource Centre

Adult Learning

Call CRC to register: 622-3758

DRUM MAKING Workshop

Join TriSpirit Creations

www.facebook.com/TRISPIRITCREATIONS.HANDDRUMS/

Saturday, June 9

Time and Location to be announced.

Fee is due, in full, upon registration to cover the cost of drums and supplies.

14" drum—\$250.00

16" drum—\$275.00

18" drum—\$300.00





Fox Creek Municipal Library

Box 1078 501 8 Street Fox Creek, AB T0H 1P0

School year - September-June

Monday 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Tuesday 8:30 am-4:00 pm; 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Thursday 8:30 am-4:00 pm; 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Saturday 11:00 am-1:00 pm; Sunday Closed

Summer Hours - July and August

Tuesday 6-9 pm, Wed 1-4 pm, Thursday 6-9 pm

Librarian: Leslie Ann Sharkey
e-mail: foxcreeklibrary@yahoo.com
Phone: 780-622-2343
website: www.foxcreeklibrary.ca



Fox Creek Municipal Library



Fox Creek Municipal Library



Fox Creek Municipal Library Corn Husk Doll Workshop after school on Aboriginal Day

June 21, 2018 3:30 p.m.



Drop-in during summer hours for a fun program at the library. Read books, enjoy activities, win prizes.

Summer Reading Club

Summer Hours - July and August

Tuesday 6-9pm, Wed 1-4pm, Thursday 6-9pm



Seniors 55+

Seniors 55+ Chair Yoga

Mondays, until June 11
No yoga May 21, and June 4 will be a change in location
No yoga in July and August
11-11:45 a.m.
Golden Circle Drop-in Centre
* Subject to instructor availability
Drop-in. FREE.

Enjoy the benefits of yoga through a safe, gentle program. Increase your flexibility, range of motion, and core strength.

No *pretzel* poses or getting on the floor required.

Yoga may ease many problems associated with aging such as arthritis, pain, bone weakness, and blood pressure fluctuations.

Late Bloomers Gardening Club

Thursdays, May 17-September 13
10 a.m.-noon
Community Gardens or Golden Circle Drop-in Centre on poor weather days
FREE. Refreshments.
* **Register before May3.**

This program will cover: planning a garden; maintenance; and harvesting. It will include physical activity.

At the end of the season, anything grown will be divided amongst participants.

Silver Stride Walkers

Mondays, July 9-August 27
10-11 a.m.
Oasis Park. Fair weather only.
Drop-in. FREE. Refreshments.

The program is open to all adults 55+ with any ability and fitness level. Please wear weather appropriate footwear and clothing.

55+ Aquasize

Wednesdays, until June 13
10-11:00 a.m.
Best Western Plus Pool
Drop-in. FREE.



The Best Western Plus has generously donated the use of their pool for the exclusive use of Fox Creek Seniors ages 55+.

Come and enjoy the facilities.
The CRC Facilitator will be on site to assist with equipment.

For more information, contact:
Alana Davis
Seniors Facilitator
Phone: 780-622-3758
E-mail: alana@foxcreekcrc.ca



Summer Floral Fun

Wednesday, May 16 7-9:00 p.m.
CRC Classroom
Cost: \$5.00

*** Register before May 2. This program is subject to change**

Learn the art of floral arrangement. All supplies and containers will be provided to make a beautiful summer arrangement to take home or give to someone special. We will be using artificial flowers.

Coffee and Conversation

The first Tuesday of every month
Program does not run in June, July or August
2-4 p.m.
Golden Circle Drop-in Centre

Play some cards, do a puzzle, or visit with friends and neighbors.



Seniors Week June 4-8, 2018

Special programs and events offered throughout the week.

Wrap-up Party on June 8.

Stay tuned. Watch social media for details and announcements.

For more information contact CRC: 622-3758



Seniors 55+ Prize Bingo

Second Tuesday of every month,
EXCEPT June, July and August
7-9:00 p.m.
Golden Circle Drop-in Centre
Drop-in. FREE.

Come on out and play some prize
bingo and win some great prizes.

Outdoor Games Night

Seniors 55+
July 18
7-9 p.m.
Location: TBA
Drop-in. FREE. Refreshments.

Come out and have some outdoor fun
with friends.

Summer Potluck

Seniors 55+
August 15
6-8 p.m.
Location: TBA Drop-in. FREE.
*** Register and let us know
what you are bringing before
August 10.**

Location will be announced and ad-
vertised closer to the event date.



Senior's Emergency Preparation

- ☐ Determine any special assistance you may need, and include in your emergency plan.
- ☐ **Create a support network** of family, friends and others who can assist you during an emergency, and share your disaster plans with them. Make sure they have an extra key to your home, know where you keep your emergency supplies and how to use lifesaving equipment or administer medicine.
- ☐ If you undergo routine treatments administered by a clinic or hospital, find out their emergency plans and work with them to identify back-up service providers.
- ☐ Whistle (*to attract the attention of emergency personnel*)
- ☐ Consider a medical ID bracelet or pendant
- ☐ Carry family contact information in your wallet.
- ☐ Extra set of keys.
- ☐ Medication.
- ☐ Pack of cards to provide entertainment and pass the time.
- ☐ Have a disaster supplies kit packed and ready in one place before needed. Assemble enough supplies to last for at least three days.
- ☐ Store your supplies in easy-to-carry containers, such as a backpack or duffel bag. You may want to consider a container that has wheels. Be sure your bag has an ID tag.
- ☐ Label equipment, such as wheelchairs, canes or walkers, with your name, address and phone numbers.
- ☐ Keep your kit up-to-date. Review the contents regularly as your needs change. Check expiration dates.
- ☐ Install a GUIDE LIGHT

**Download the full comprehensive guide:
Preparedness for Seniors by Seniors**

Visit: www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/seniors

GUIDE LIGHT

Emergency responders will find you fast...
At the push of a button!



*** Simple installation, use in an existing outdoor fixture, remote controlled**

*** Designed to make your home more visible in the event of an emergency**

**Available for Seniors
Contact CRC to receive yours
622-3758**





Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and 2018 Award

Date and location - TBA
Free

* **RSVP at the CRC**

Deadline for nominations is May 18, 2018. Join the Town of Fox Creek CRC to celebrate the volunteers in our community.

[The 2018 Nomination Form is available on the website.](#)

Interagency Meetings

May17 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Lunch provided.
Golden Circle Drop-In Centre
Drop-in. Free

Interagency meetings are held the third Thursday, every second month, except during summer.

This collaboration of human service agencies promotes the free exchange of information through participation among members with common goals. We aim to enhance communication and work together to better serve the community.

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) offers assistance through advocacy, coordination of services, prevention programs, and community education. We provide the opportunity for community organizations to network.

Fox Creek's FCSS grant program also provides assistance to community organizations that offer social programs that are preventative in nature to the community.

FCSS grant applications are now being accepted. To be eligible for consideration, projects must meet one or more of the following FCSS mandates:

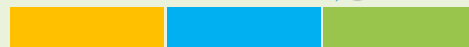
- Enhance, strengthen and stabilize family and community life.
- Improve the ability of persons to identify and act on their own social needs.
- Help avert family or community social breakdown.
- Help prevent the development of crisis situations for individuals and families.
- Promote and support volunteerism.
- Support the development of children, youth, adults and families.

For more information contact:

Hillary Carroll

780-622-3758

E-mail: hillary@foxcreekcrc.ca



FOX CREEK
COMMUNITY
GARDENS



Grow fresh, pesticide free produce.
Reduce personal stress.
Connect with nature.
Encourage outdoor physical activity.
Meet the neighbors.
Exchange gardening knowledge.
Increase community pride.

\$30.00 per plot
Contact CRC: 622-3758





The Food Bank prepares food orders on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you are in need of the Food Bank, please call before noon and at least one day in advance.

Food Bank requests are available for pick-up at 3:00 p.m.

We are unable to deliver.

Proof of address and names of all individuals living at the residence (identification card, health care card, etc.) is required.

For more information, contact:
780-622-3758

Cash and non-perishable food donations are gratefully accepted.



Heart River Housing is a subsidized rental accommodation program based out of High Prairie, Alberta.

There are 12 units in Fox Creek available for family housing, and a 10-unit affordable-housing apartment complex for adults.

Heart River Housing assists with:

- Transitional Housing
- Affordable Housing
- Private Landlord Rent Supplement
- Direct Rent Subsidy

For more information, contact:
Mara MacAskill
780 622-3758
E-mail: mara@foxcreekcrc.ca

FireSmart Landscaping Recommendations for Homeowners

Remove Points of Ignition

Mow grass (10 centimeters or less)
Remove ground litter, downed trees, and piled debris
Remove over mature, dead and dying trees
Plant fire resistant vegetation
Thin and/or prune existing vegetation
Prune lower branches on conifer trees (within 2 meters from the ground)
Thin conifer stems to 3 m crown spacing

Prevent Wildlife Conflicts

Some plants will attract wildlife. The most prominent example of potential conflict is that of human/bear.

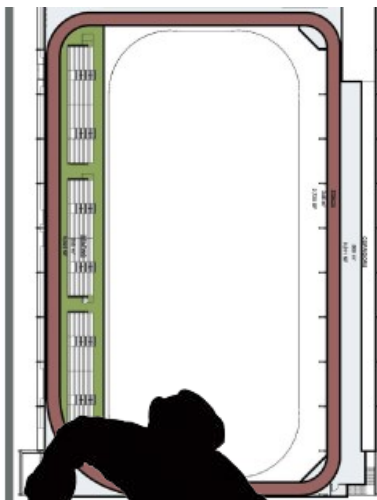
Fruit Trees: Pick fruit and allow it to ripen indoors. Do not allow fruit to accumulate on the ground.

If you do not want the fruit, prune the tree vigorously to prevent blossoms, or spray spring blossoms with a garden hose to knock them off.

Make the fruit available to others, share with neighbours or the food bank.

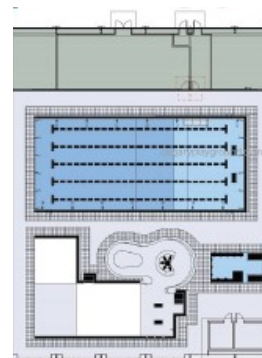
[Download a comprehensive guide:](#)
[FireSmart Guide to Landscaping](#)

Source: Fox Creek Mitigation Strategy February 2017



LIFESTYLE

NATURAL RESOURCES



DEVELOPMENT

The Town of Fox Creek / MD of Greenview Multi-plex

Everyone knows the **arena** is the place to be in the winter months. Figure skaters and minor hockey enthusiasts, aspiring Bulldogs, and parents who were once kids, remember, and cherish memories made on and around the ice.

Adult recreation, old-timer leagues, family and public skate opportunities keep the dream and the passion alive.

Many remember exactly where they learned to skate, when, and with whom.

The Multi-plex will make memories, for generations.

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We're Opening ^{SOON}

We anticipate the facility will be open this summer. We'll work out details, design and schedule programs, test equipment, hire and train staff.

Watch for
Grand Opening
details coming this Fall



Continued from page 30

Tied with the arena, the **indoor pool** is arguably the most anticipated and popular addition to the Fox Creek health and wellness community.

The outdoor pool served the community admirably for decades. Well-loved and well-used, the pool was the primary go-to facility during our short summer season. Wear, tear, and out-dated equipment rendered the pool inoperable, disappointing many on far too many occasions in recent years.

This indoor facility will welcome swimmers year-round and provide more amenity delights than the retired outdoor pool and its creators ever envisioned.

We are grateful for all the years of enjoyment it provided and, at the same time, we welcome the new whirlpool, length lanes, sauna, wading pool, and lazy river features.

The **field house** is a new addition to the Fox Creek amenities list.

Until now, some sports activities were confined to the outdoors and were seasonally limited. The indoor field house changes all that.

Year-round leagues, drop-in-and-kick-the-ball-around recreational opportunities, as well as competition hosting, will now be possible for all our favourite field sports.

A **running track** and **fitness centre**, **food services**, **meeting and office spaces** complete the 103,075 square foot facility.

[Visit the progress gallery: foxcreek.ca](http://foxcreek.ca)

Adult Programs

Ladies Circuit Training

Monday and Wednesday

April 9 - June 20

7 - 8 p.m.

Arena

\$30 for the full session; \$5 drop-in.

Childminder (on-site):

\$15 for full session

\$5 drop-in.

Ladies Fitness Bootcamp

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

May 28 - June 8

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Arena

\$20 per person

Contact: 780-622-4847

Programs and events are subject to change.

Contact Parks and Recreation or consult our social media page for updates.



Town of Fox Creek



We're Hiring

The multi-plex will create, an estimated
35 job opportunities

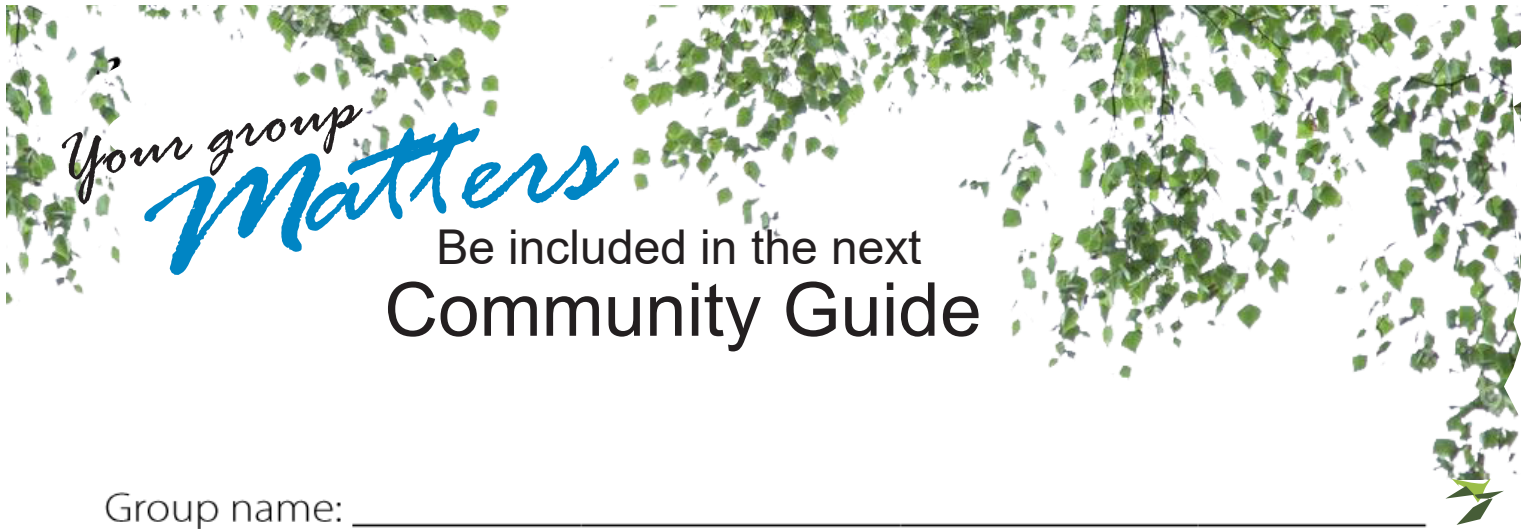
* Lifeguards * Housekeeping and maintenance personnel * Reception and guest services * Fitness instructors and activity leaders



Job opportunities and scope are still being assessed. Watch for postings and social media updates during the coming months.

Send letter of interest and resume to:
employment@foxcreek.ca

www.foxcreek.ca/employment-opportunities/



Be included in the next Community Guide

Group name: _____

Contact information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Group description: _____

Coming event

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

Event details

* use additional pages if required

** additional forms available at: foxcreek.ca/clubs-organizations/

*** images and logos gratefully accepted and will be used if space permits.

Send Community Guide details: **Fall Edition, before July 15, 2018**

(September - December inclusive)

Winter Edition, before November 15, 2018

(January - April 2019 inclusive)

Spring Edition, before March 15, 2019

(May - August 2019 inclusive)

Email: communications@foxcreek.ca Subject line: Community Guide

Town of Fox Creek Box, 149, 102 Kaybob Drive, Fox Creek, Alberta T0H 1P0



For a limited
time **ONLY**

Residential
LOTS
reduced
for sale

[Visit: Residential Lots for Sale](#)



Every year, the Town of Fox Creek offers a Business Beautification Grant opportunity to assist businesses or organizations, in the Downtown Core area along Highway 43, to make permanent landscaping enhancements to their property.

Beautification Grant

50% Reimbursement of your
beautification project expenses to a
maximum grant amount of
\$5000.00

Apply early

Applications are due before:
September 30, 4:30 p.m.
to qualify for funding the following year.

[Visit: Town Beautification Grant](#)  Contact: Town of Fox Creek: 622-3896

* 40 Seasonal Campsites

Passes extend from May long weekend to Labour Day

First come, first served.

Residents: \$1000.00 (Proof of residency required)

Non-residents: \$1500.00

For more information contact:
Town of Fox Creek
Phone: 780 622-3896
recreation@foxcreek.ca
Box 149, 102 Kaybob Drive
Fox Creek, Alberta T0H 1P0

* Smoke Lake – 20 seasonal sites
* Iosegun Lake – 20 seasonal sites



Bylaw Enforcement

Peace Officer 780-844-0025

Available during working hours, only.
Please leave a message or send an email for non-emergency items.

E-mail: peaceofficer@foxcreek.ca

After hour emergencies, contact the
RCMP.: Detachment: 780-622-3580;
24 hour: 780-622-3740

Animal Control

Animal on the loose or animal
in distress

During work day hours

Town Administration 780-622-3896

On call, after hours

Public Works 780-622-7620

Bulk water and Sewage Disposal

Location: Water Treatment Plant

For more information, account set-up,
or inquires:

Day time - Town of Fox Creek:

780-622-3896

After hours - Emergency :

780-844-0173



Residential

Hydrant Flushing

Our utilities staff will be out flushing hydrants throughout the warmer months. Quite frequently during the hydrant flushing, we will stir up rust and mineral deposits, this is a good thing, and why we exercise the hydrants, it keeps our lines clean, increases flow in the system, and ultimately keeps the water safe.

We will advise residents on the Town webpage when we conduct this work. We will try to keep the disruption minimal, but please ensure the cold water is clear before doing laundry.

Sewage

Just a reminder that the only items that should be flushed is toilet paper, and that which comes out of our bodies. Dental floss, "Flushable wipes", plastics, rubbers, and other items are not to be flushed. These types of items constantly plug and damage the pumps which transport the sewage to the lagoons.

Grease, fat and oils which should also not be disposed of by rinsing down the drain, congeal, solidify and lead to expensive sewer line blockages.

Commercial Industrial

Bulk Water Supply

The Town is able to supply bulk water at the newly upgraded Water Treatment Plant. Our system is a top-fill, with pin pad for users to access their account.

Accounts must be set up at the Town Administration Office. Cost of water is \$10.00 per cubic meter.

Sewage Receiving Station

The Town of Fox Creek is anticipating to have the new Sewage Receiving Station operational in the very near future. Users will be able to deposit trucked sewage ONLY at this site.

There is a pin pad that users may access their account. We will be monitoring for any non-sewage material (ie industrial waste, contaminated loads etc.) and fines and clean-up costs may be incurred for violations of Town Bylaws and AEP Regulations. Cost of this service is \$10.75 per cubic meter.

Public Works

Awareness Week

May 21-25, 2018

Roadways and Sidewalks

Asphalt millings

The Town of Fox Creek has secured a stockpile of asphalt millings. Many have found this economical material to be a great solution to dealing with muddy lots and tracking of mud onto the streets.

It is recommended to have a 4-5" layer of this material applied to notice substantial improvement. The cost for this material is \$7.50 per ton.

Contact the Operations Manager: 780 622-3896, to arrange payment and pick-up time.

Public Works

Please drive with caution and courtesy as the Public Work staff will be out on, near and around the roads this season. We will have staff cleaning ditches, replacing culverts, street sweeping, repairing potholes, sidewalk repairs, sign maintenance, grass cutting and many other tasks that often interfere with traffic.

Please help send our workers home safely after every shift.

Bulky Item and Yard Waste Pick-up

Bulky Item Pick-up: May 14 -18

Yard Waste Pick-up: May 22 -25 (orange or paper bags only)

Communications

High Speed Internet

Telus	310-2255
Eastlink	888-345-1111
Switch Air Fiber	877-628-3801

Satellite Television

Shaw Direct	888-554-7827
Bell Express VU	888-759-3474

Cable Television

Telus	310-2255
Eastlink	888-345-1111

Telephone

Telus	310-2255
Eastlink	888-345-1111

Gas / Electricity

Gas hook-up, electricity, furnace, pilot-light assistance, downed tree or branches on power lines, emergencies

Atco Gas

310-5678
800-668-2248

Director of Operations:

John Greathead john@foxcreek.ca

Superintendent of Operations

Dennis Bellwood dennis@foxcreek.ca

General Inquiries

Reception Desk

780-622-3896

Shop Phone:

780-622-4257



Municipal Contacts

Administration

General Inquiries / Reception Desk
780-622-3896

Chief Administrative Officer
Roy Dell
operations@foxcreek.ca

Director of Corporate Services
Alicia Bourbeau
alicia@foxcreek.ca

Development Officer
Yi Qin
development@foxcreek.ca

Assistant Development Officer
Reception
Cindy Nielson
cindy@foxcreek.ca

Executive Assistant
Emily Cuthbertson
emily@foxcreek.ca

Utilities / Accounts Receivable
Gina Manning
ru@foxcreek.ca

Accounts Payable
Bonnie Williams
accountspayable@foxcreek.ca

Employment Opportunities
employment@foxcreek.ca

Director of Community Resources
Irene Barankariza
dcrc@foxcreekcra.ca

Parks and Recreation

General Inquiries / Reception Desk
780-622-4847

Director of Parks and Recreation
Mitch Carter
mitch@foxcreek.ca

Recreation, Administrative Support
Wanda Thorne
recreation@foxcreek.ca

Medical Services

Ambulance
304b 4 Avenue,
Fox Creek, Alberta T0H 1P0
Phone: 780-622-3626

Hospital
600 3 Street
Fox Creek, Alberta T0H 1P0
Phone: 780-622-3545

Medical Clinic
600 3 Street
Fox Creek, Alberta T0H 1P0
Phone: 780-622-3010

Rexall Pharmacy
14 Commercial Court
Fox Creek, Alberta T0H 1P0
Phone: 780-622-3990

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Public Works

EMERGENCY

After Hours - General Emergency

780-622-7620

After Hours - Utilities Emergency
(Water and Sewer only)

780-844-0173

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Fire Hall
Phone: 780-622 -3757