

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

CAO – CORPORATE SUPPORT

Public Participation Events

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
<u>Pump Track Information Session and Survey</u> - The Town is excited to announce that plans to construct a pump track at Bill Robertson Park (formerly Riverside Community Park), 1400 North Railway Street, are underway! Construction is expected to begin this summer and be complete for the 2023 season.	Info Session: April 9 1-2pm Survey: April 9-22
Council on Location – Public drop in session - Your chance to meet and talk with Town Council.	May 4, 7-8pm (Library) June 1, 7-8pm (ORC)
Additional details can be found at www.okotoks.ca in the Municipal Government / Public Participation Section	

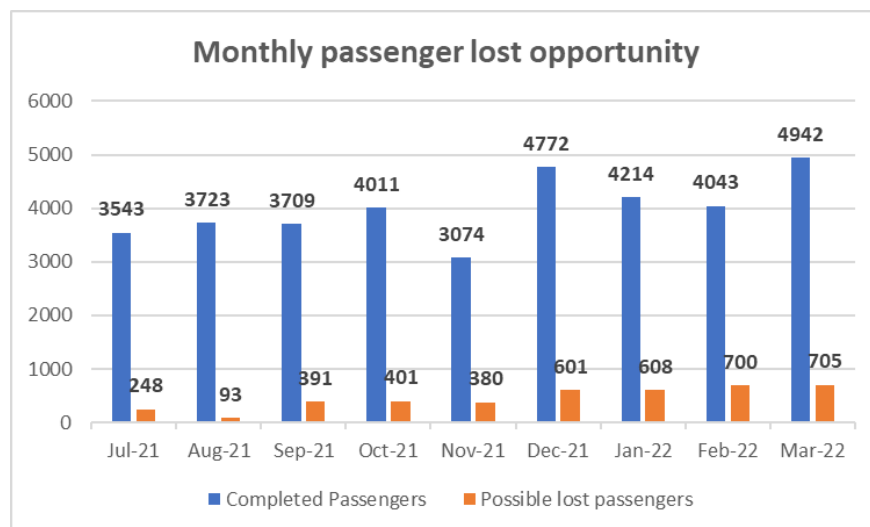
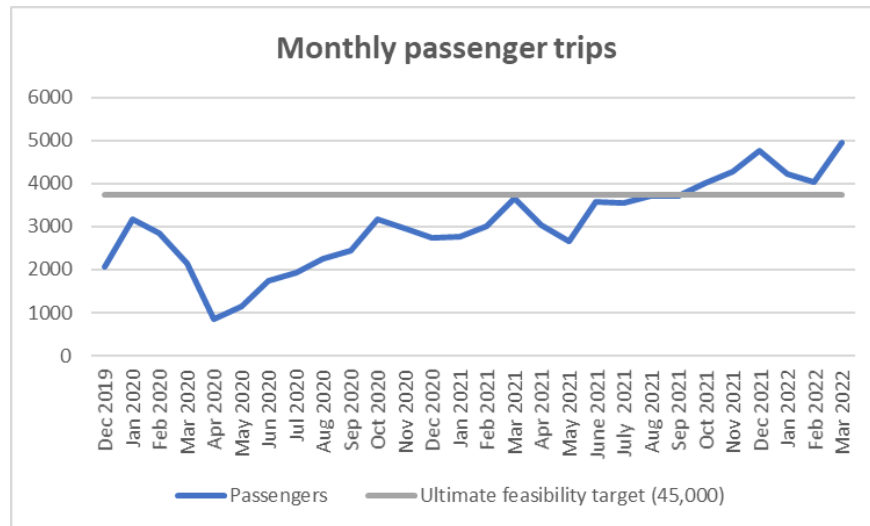
COMMUNITY HEALTH & SAFETY

Okotoks Transit

March 2022 saw another record month with 4,942 passengers transported. 14,000 passengers were transported during Q1, 2022. Demand continued to exceed supply in Q1 but driver shortages prevented us from operating with maximum vehicles during weekday morning and afternoon peak periods. Southland Transport are working on initiatives to improve hiring of drivers, and we expect that this will improve service levels from May onwards.

The fifth transit vehicle ordered in January 2021 is currently expected to arrive in May at this stage. The intention for this vehicle is to act as a backup vehicle, meaning it will reduce the risk of service failure due to vehicle breakdown, but will not increase available vehicle supply.

Administration has submitted an application for a zero emission transit (ZET) feasibility study through the federal ZET fund, and we expect to receive further instructions in the next month from Infrastructure Canada. This feasibility study, together with an internal project with the GIS mapping team to generate historical transit route heat maps, will be presented to Council to guide decisions on next steps for transit.



E-Scooter service

The e-scooter service kicked off on April 1, and so far, 500 rides have been taken. Unpredictable weather conditions have delayed a full complement of scooters being put into operation but as soon as weather conditions permit we will see up to 150 scooters available for residents. As the weather warms up there will be a number of in-person community events planned to share safety and e-scooter information with residents.

Annual Community Clean Up Event

For the first time since 2019, the town-wide Community Clean Up will be taking place as an in-person event. Each spring the Town of Okotoks staff and hundreds of volunteers come together to clean up the Sheep River Valley and all community areas and parks around town, as well as take part in the Community Tree Planting. Over the past 2 years we have realized the importance of our parks and natural spaces to both our individual and community health. This is an opportunity for us all to support and maintain the beauty of these important community spaces.

The clean up and the tree planting will take place on Saturday May 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Sheep River Park picnic shelter. Anyone who would like to participate can register before the event at Okotoks.ca/CleanUp or on the morning of the event at the registration table. Those wanting clean up supplies ahead of time to pick-up litter on a different day or in an area outside of the river valley can indicate as such on the online registration form prior to May 5. Clean up kits are available for pick up during operating hours at the Okotoks Recreation Centre from May 2 to 6.

Okotoks prides itself in being a community that cares for both the environment and the social well-being of our community. The Community Clean Up is a chance to connect with neighbours and fellow Okotoks residents while caring for our neighbourhoods and beautiful natural spaces.

First Responders Day

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On January 27, 2020 the Town of Okotoks proclaimed May 1 as First Responders Day in Okotoks annually on a recurring basis. First Responders Day focuses on recognizing the courageous and dedicated men and women who risk their own safety, as both professional and volunteer responders, to protect our citizens 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. First responders include 911 dispatchers, law enforcement officers, professional and volunteer firefighters, professional and voluntary emergency medical services personnel, emergency management professionals, search and rescue teams, and members of other organizations in the public safety sector.

Recreation Operations

Foothills Centennial Centre (FCC)

FCC facility bookings continue to increase, especially since February of this year once Covid19 restrictions started to lift. Alberta Health Services continues to utilize the facility for Covid19 vaccination clinics once per week, and the annual flu shot clinics have been booked for this fall. Canadian Blood Services also continues to utilize the facility once per month for the mobile blood donation clinics. Looking ahead in 2022 facility bookings and requests are steadily rising with weddings, celebrations of life, banquets, dance recitals and several new groups hosting markets i.e. the Okotoks Legion Building Fund and Okotoks Youth Market, and Can-Am Wrestling that has booked once per month through to December. Annual events that were held before the pandemic have been welcomed back: the Okotoks Oilers Athletic Association held their annual awards banquet and dinner at the beginning of April, the Okotoks Petroleum Association's Ale n Tail is scheduled at the end of April and the Foothills Hospice Gala is booked in October. Looking further ahead, the annual events are rolling over to 2023 and several wedding inquiries for 2023 for have been received.

Arenas

Despite Covid19 restrictions in place for nearly the entirety of the regular hockey season, the arenas were full with activities for the 2021/2022 season. Ringette, figure skating and minor hockey had only a few Covid19 related cancellations and Administration did not have to make any cancellations due to the restrictions. The Jr B Bisons won the Heritage Junior Hockey League and went on to win a bronze medal at the Provincial Championships. The Jr A Oilers advanced to the Alberta Junior

Hockey League south final. During the course of the season the facilities were host to 3 very large and successful tournaments; the Female Hockey Classic Tournament in November with 50 participating teams, the U13 Big Rock Classic Tournament in December with 32 participating teams and the Intro to Hockey Tournament in March with 645 participants. In March, the Okotoks Recreation Centre was the location for the very first Ringette tournament and the local skating club ended their season with a gala to show case their talents to friends and families. The ice was removed at the Okotoks Recreation Centre at the end of March and the arenas are now using the dry pads for lacrosse and for several large events including the Mountain Magic Invitational Gymnastics Competition, Chamber of Commerce Trade & Lifestyle Show and The Great Benjamins Circus. Significant spring ice bookings are happening at the Pason Centennial Arenas as well as the annual Foothills Composite Graduation and the National Hockey Championships in May.

CORPORATE SERVICES

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Citizen Satisfaction Survey

The Citizen Satisfaction Survey will be available from May 6 -23. Postcards containing the QR code, survey link and required authorization code (pin number) to access the online survey are being mailed to each household in Okotoks next week (April 25-29). For residents who prefer to complete a printed version, copies of the Survey will be available at the Town of Okotoks Municipal Centre (5 Elizabeth St.)

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