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# TOWN NEWS

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## SEPTEMBER 2020

### Town of Willow Bunch

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Friday**

**7:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**12:45 pm – 4:30 pm**

**CLOSED SEPTEMBER 7th,  
2020**

**CLOSED 12:00pm – 4:30pm  
SEPTEMBER 9th, 2020 for  
Regional Meetings**

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

#### **TOWN of WILLOW BUNCH**

Council Chambers

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 7:00 pm

#### **R.M. No. 42 of WILLOW BUNCH**

Council Chambers

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 9:00 am

**Sharleine Eger**

Administrator

**Tereena Bartlett**

Assistant Administrator

**Claire Lesperance**

Community Development Officer

## **SUMMER** Transfer

**Station Hours**

**Now in effect until**

**OCTOBER 31st**

### **Tuesday & Thursday**

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### **Saturday:**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### **NEXT GREY GARBAGE BIN**



#### **PICK UP DATE:**

SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

**@ 7:00AM**

### **NEXT BLUE RECYCLE BIN**

#### **PICK UP DATE:**

SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

**@ 7:00AM**



## COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS

Anyone with a complaint/concern about matters relating to municipal affairs shall submit the complaint/concern in writing and signed by the individual to the administrator before the complaint/concern is taken to council.



## NOTICE

**There will soon be a 4-way STOP at the corners of Avenue D & Edouard Beaupre Street intersection.**

SGI states the following

4-way stops are often challenging for drivers because of the number of different situations that can arise. From city streets to rural roads, 4-way stops are a common sight throughout Saskatchewan. Less common, however, is an understanding of how to safely navigate these traffic controls. Four-way stops are often challenging for drivers because of the number of different situations that can arise:

- If yours is the only car at the intersection, you simply come to a complete stop and proceed when it is safe to do so.
- When 2 vehicles are stopped at an intersection, the 1 that arrived first has the right-of-way. That doesn't mean, though, that you should race to the stop sign.
- Things get slightly more complicated when 2 vehicles arrive at the intersection at the same time. If the vehicles are travelling on intersecting streets, the driver on the right should go first.
  - But when vehicles are going in opposite directions on the same road, the drivers can proceed at the same time. If 1 of the vehicles is turning left, then the driver making the turn must yield the right-of-way to the driver going straight.
- Who goes 1st when 4 vehicles arrive at the intersection at the same time? There's no written law that dictates this situation, so common courtesy and a bit of patience are your best allies.
  - After 1 vehicle crosses the intersection, the remaining 3 simply yield the right-of-way to the driver on their right. Just be sure to use extra caution when proceeding because not every driver understands 4-way stop protocol, especially in this case.

Regardless of the scenario at a 4-way stop, all drivers must yield to pedestrians who are crossing at marked or unmarked crosswalks. Cyclists walking beside their bikes are considered pedestrians as well, while those riding on the road should be treated as vehicles.

When in doubt, your best bet is to wait at the stop sign until you're certain it's safe to continue on. Impatient drivers often cause collisions and 4-way stops are where you'll find many of them. Taking your time will help you avoid a dangerous and embarrassing collision.

<https://www.sgi.sk.ca/merging-and-intersections>

## BYLAW NO. 1/2016

### A BYLAW TO CONTROL THE USE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF WILLOW BUNCH

The Council of the Town of Willow Bunch, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be referred to as *The Fireworks Bylaw*.
2. In this bylaw:
  - a) *Fireworks* shall be deemed to include squibs, firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes, roman candles, sparklers and other pyrotechnics of all descriptions and also including the singular thereof;
  - b) *Fireworks Display* shall mean a display of fireworks for the entertainment of the public at large.
3. No person(s) shall discharge fireworks from any location within the boundaries of the Town of Willow Bunch except for special occasions that written authorization has been obtained from the council of the Town of Willow Bunch.
4. The fireworks must be held at a safe distance from all combustible materials and all highways, overhead wires, buildings and other structures.
5. The fireworks must be conducted in a safe manner so that all spectators are in safe distance and suitable fire extinguishers or other proper means of fire suppression are at hand.
6. The Town of Willow Bunch or the Fire Chief may temporarily or permanently suspend or terminate any fireworks or fireworks display if deemed:
  - a) it is or is threatening to become a danger to any property or to public health or safety;
  - b) is inadequately equipped with fire safety or suppression equipment;
  - c) or written approval from Town Council has not been obtained.
7. All unused fireworks and debris created by the fireworks must be safely removed and disposed of immediately after the display.
8. No person shall sell fireworks to children under the age of eighteen years.
9. Any person violating the provisions of this bylaw shall be liable to penalties provided in the General Penalty Bylaw of the municipality.
10. This bylaw shall come into force and effect upon final passing by the Council of the Town of Willow Bunch.
11. Bylaw No. 51 is hereby repealed.

Read three times this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016



  
Wayne Joyal, Mayor

  
Margaret L. Brown, Administrator



Approved by Council on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

  
Margaret L. Brown, Administrator/Deputy Mayor

**Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42**  
Office of the Administrator

**Town of Willow Bunch**  
Office of the Administrator

TELEPHONE  
(306)473-2450(Municipal Office)  
(306)473-2112(Office Fax No.)  
(306)473-2113(Municipal Shop)



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WILLOW BUNCH, SASK  
S0H 4K0  
Equal [www.42.ca/municipal.ca](http://www.42.ca/municipal.ca)

**OPEN FIRE BAN ORDER**

Take notice that effective Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 a fire ban has been issued for all lands within the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 boundaries including the Town of Willow Bunch.

This fire ban will be reviewed on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

No burning of any kind shall take place while this Fire Ban is in effect. This shall include: fireworks, open fires including fire pits, burning barrels.

Covered incinerators and propane fire rings, are excluded as long as they are not left unattended.

The cost of fire prevention, suppression and emergency response services shall be charged directly on the persons who receive the service during the period of this Fire Ban.

This order is hereby authorized and effective on the date noted above.

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020



**Stats Report continued**  
**Calls to service included:**

- 2 Uttering threats
- 1 Breach of Peace
- 3 Mischief
- 3 Harassing communications
- 2 Trespassing
- 1 Theft of fuel
- 1 Possession of stolen property
- 1 Firearms Act
- 1 Person reported missing/located
- 1 Motor vehicle accident with a deer
- 1 Complaint of speeding/racing in Ogema
- 1 Complaint about speeding through Readlyn
- 1 Complaint of a person driving without a drivers' license
- 1 Complaint of cattle on the highway
- 2 Suspicious vehicles/persons
- 3 False alarm
- 1 Lost wallet
- 1 Wellbeing check
- 2 Fires
- 1 Assistance to other police agency
- 1 COVID-19 – Quarantine compliance check
- 1 Crime prevention
- 2 Assistance to general public

**JULY CHARGES:**

- 2 Driving while prohibited
- 2 Breach of Conditional Sentence Order
- 1 Fail to comply with release conditions

**Traffic tickets and warnings included:**

- 21 Speeding tickets issued
- 1 Ticket issued for failing to obey stop sign
- 1 Ticket issued for driving without a valid drivers license
- 2 Tickets issued for failing to wear seatbelt

**Coronach RCMP Monthly**  
**Stats Report**

During the month of JULY, the Coronach/Bengough RCMP responded to 34 calls for service, resulting in 3 Criminal Code charges. We also issued 28 traffic tickets and 25 written warnings in our patrolling area.

*\*This includes all of Coronach / Bengough Detachment areas. It goes from US border to two miles North of Crane Valley, and from about 1 mile East of St. Victor to 3 miles East of Ogema.*

## Stats Report continued

- 1 Ticket for riding a motorcycle without a helmet
- 1 Fail to produce drivers license upon request
- 1 Fail to produce vehicle registration upon request
- 1 Written warning for failing to obey stop sign
- 16 Written warnings for speeding
- 2 Written warnings for failing to wear seatbelt
- 1 Written warning for using cell phone while driving
- 1 Written warning for failing to produce drivers license upon request
- 3 Written warnings of a burnt out headlight/taillight
- 1 Written warning for tinted windows
- 1 Inspection ticket to have windshield repaired/replaced

## RCMP REPORT



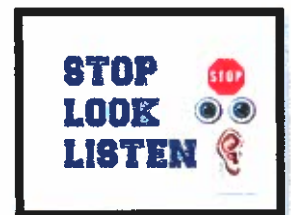
Along with our regular traffic enforcement duties, the RCMP and SGI are partnering each month of the year to concentrate extra focus on one area of traffic safety for enforcement purposes. The month of **SEPTEMBER** will see us place extra focus on **BACK TO SCHOOL**.

Drivers play a large role in back to school safety. Be alert and cautious. Watch out for children and school busses, as excited children don't always pay as close attention as they should when getting on and off the bus.

When travelling in school and playground zones, drivers must pay attention to the posted speed signs. The speed limit ranges from 30 km/hr to 50

km/hr, and is in effect all days of the week unless the municipality posts other times and days it is in effect. Penalties for speeding in a school zone start at \$170 and include 3 demerit points under the safe driver recognition program. Motorists are reminded to pay close attention to the flashing red lights on a school bus. Red means stop, whether you are approaching or following the school bus! The fine for passing a school bus with its lights flashing is \$360 and 4 demerit points under the safe driver recognition program.

Parents are asked to remind their children to practice the **STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN** system for crossing the road.



Please also remind children that if they cannot see the driver of a vehicle, the driver likewise cannot see them.

## SASK CRIMESTOPPERS

Coronach RCMP is investigating a report of theft of parts from farm equipment located south of Coronach, in the RM of Hart Butte, SK. The theft occurred sometime between July 1, 2020 and August 13, 2020. Parts were taken from a haybine while parked near a grid road South of the Town of Coronach.

If you have information about this or any other crime, please contact the Coronach/Bengough RCMP at 306-267-1830 or you may contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com)

# **LIBRARY**

## **CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE**

**Tickets available August 1**

**Tickets \$20.00 each**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$2000**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$500**

**Draw Date: December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Etransfer accepted:**

**[willowbunch@palliserlibrary.ca](mailto:willowbunch@palliserlibrary.ca)**

**License #SR20-0075**

**330 tickets printed**

### **Browsing by Appointment**

#### **Beginning September 2nd 2020**

Call, email or message us on Facebook to book a 15 minute appointment to browse our collection.

**To keep both staff and patrons safe during library visits, library appointments must fit the following criteria:**

1. Library visits will be *by appointment only*.
2. Only one family member may attend the appointment, but they can use multiple cards to borrow items on behalf of their other family members.
3. All library appointments must last for 15 minutes or less. Library staff will disinfect the library area between each appointment.
4. Please plan ahead whenever possible. Place holds online or ask the librarian to set aside some recommendations. This will help to shorten the length of your visit and minimize your contact with library materials.
5. Please do not come to the library if you are sick.
6. Avoid arriving early for your appointment. If you arrive early, please remain in your vehicle to minimize your contact with the previous patron.

7. Minimize your contact with library materials so staff have fewer materials to disinfect and quarantine.

8. Use of Public Access Computers is not available yet.

**Key questions that must be asked before being allowed into the stacks at the library:**

1. Are you, or anyone in your household, experiencing any flu-like symptoms, including but not limited to:
  - severe difficulty breathing (e.g., struggling for each breath, speaking in single words)
  - temperature greater than 38°C or 100.4°F
  - cough
  - shortness of breath
  - sore throat
  - chills
  - headache
  - muscle or joint pain
  - severe chest pain
  - chronic health conditions that we need to be made aware of

2. Within the past 14 days, have you been exposed to someone who is under investigation for COVID-19 or has been confirmed as having COVID-19?

3. In the past 14 days have you returned from international travel, or any other "hot zone" for COVID in either Saskatchewan or another province?

4. In the past 14 days have you been exposed to someone who has recently returned from a COVID "hotspot"?

Please use the hand sanitizer provided and please follow good social distancing practices. The wearing of PPE masks may be mandatory depending on your branch.

The Library has single use masks for sale for \$1.00 should you wish to purchase one to wear while visiting with us.

Thank you for your patience! Palliser has put these rules in place for the health and safety of our staff and the patrons of all our branches.

**Barb Gibbons, Librarian**

**306-473-2393**

## WILLOW BUNCH WELLNESS CENTER

**CLOSED September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**OPEN: September 2, 9, 14, 16, 21,  
23, 28, & 30**

**Labs are Wednesdays  
September 2 & 16 & 30  
1:30pm – 2:30pm  
September 9 & 23  
8:30am – 9:30am**

**All appointments must be booked  
ahead of time for both the Nurse  
Practitioner - Johanne Rust and  
the Laboratory.**

**PLEASE CALL: 306-473-2310**

**In emergency: DIAL 911**

### Insurance Corner

#### Did you know about:

##### Machinery Loss of Use:

The cost to rent a piece of machinery that is damaged to continue your farming operations can be costly dependent on the extent of damage incurred and the length of the repair.

When you have purchased Machinery Loss of Use the insurance company agrees to reimburse the Insured for expenses incurred for temporarily renting similar farm machinery that is damaged by an insured peril.

This does not include Mechanical Failure, Rust, Rodents, Tires, Clogging, Short Circuits, and a few more exclusions.

Contact your Insurance Broker to find out if you are eligible for this great coverage and for more information.

Wanda Newans & Marissa Gellner  
Licensed Insurance Brokers

## OUT & ABOUT

If you haven't noticed, there are a couple of new features along Highway #36.

One of which, are these new Solar Powered Pedestrian-Activated Crosswalk Signs.

These new signs, when activated by a pedestrian, flash to signal oncoming traffic that there are occupants in the crosswalk corridor and that traffic will need to slow/stop accordingly.

Another solar powered feature that we have along Highway #36, are two radar speed signs. These signs are placed at the North and South ends of Willow Bunch.

These items were funded by SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant Program.



Along Highway #36, there are also 10 new banners. Each banner is different, yet representative of Willow Bunch's 150 year history.



Funded by the Government of Canada  
Financé par le gouvernement du Canada

Canada



# OUT & ABOUT

Be sure to check out the beautiful Muriel, located at the corner of Avenue F and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, that was created by Stephanie Bellefleur.

[www.thehausofbellefleur.com](http://www.thehausofbellefleur.com)



# RECREATION

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Willow Bunch!** We have successfully completed Phase 4 of our renovations project! We have raised a **GRAND TOTAL OF \$468,000** thus far! The entire pool area was gutted and restored to its former beauty with a few enhancements of course 🤗

I am very pleased to say that the Willow Bunch swimming pool is now upgraded to current health regulations and will continue to be a place to make memories for many, many years to come 🍷🍷🍷

**Volunteers are the backbone of this community. We could have never achieved where we are today without your unfaltering commitment**

of time, support and positive outlook.

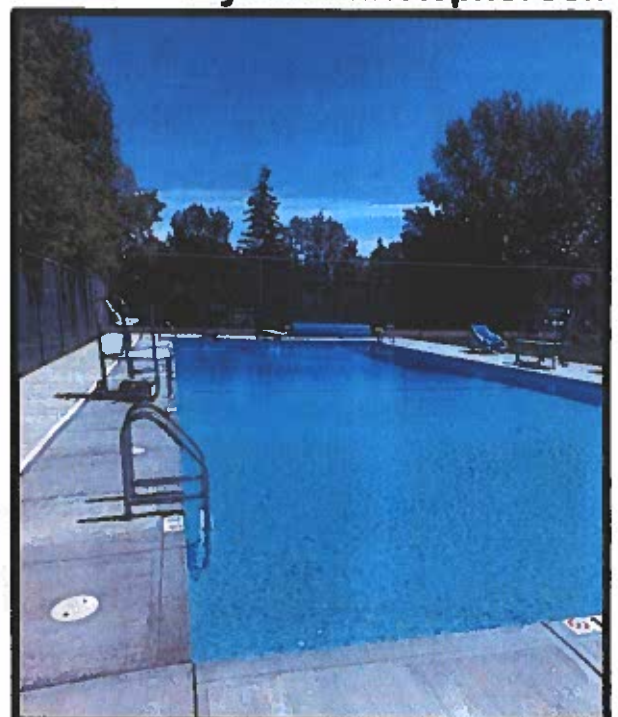
**A HUGE Thank You to our fundraising committee: Denis Lesperance, Nancy Giraudier, Tess Giraudier, Dawn Gold, Carter Martin, Emile Desautels, Jean Thorhaug & Jessica Burns. And although she is no longer on our committee Sylvia Durand played a huge role in planning and fundraising for this project. I cannot express how grateful I am to have worked with each of you over the past 3 years; we have proven that if you work together towards a common goal that opportunities are endless.**

**THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us along the way; it takes a village to raise this kind of money and your support and generosity has been outstanding 🙌**

**The committee is still eager to raise the final \$32,000 to reach our \$500,000 goal and to complete our final phase of this project. 🙌🙌🙌**

**We continue to sell our clothes and host CHASE THE ACE and are continuing to look for monetary donations and grants.**

**Crystal Christopherson**



# RECREATION

Late start, means late closure!

Willow Bunch

Pool

will close

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> for the  
season!



# BUSINESS

## FLOYD'S VARIETY STORE

Nutman products are

available again 

Mitch Meat, Ogema pizzas and  
much more.

Tuesday – Friday

10am – 6pm [closed @ lunch]

Saturday Late night shopping

1pm – 10pm

**CLOSED TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> IN LIEU  
OF HOLIDAY**

the Break.ery Cafe

**OPEN Tuesday - Saturday**

**6am – 2pm**

**Sunday 7am – 7pm**

**CLOSED MONDAYS**

Call 306-473-3330 to order your  
**DELICIOUSNESS today!**



**JOLLY GIANT PUB & MOTEL**

**Open Monday to**

**Saturday**

**11am-10pm**

**Closed**

**Sundays**



**MAKE YOUR BUSINESS**

## **STAND OUT**

The Town & RM of Willow Bunch No. 42  
along with Western Economic  
Diversification are pleased to offer a B.I.G.  
opportunity [Business Improvement Grant]  
to **ALL STORE FRONT BUSINESSES and  
ORGANIZATIONS** in the community and  
RM of Willow Bunch No. 42

For more information and an application, please contact  
the Municipal Office at 306-473-2450 or email Claire at  
[wbcdo@sasktel.net](mailto:wbcdo@sasktel.net)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

*Hills of Home Club*

NOTICE

OF

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hills of Home Club Inc. will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

All members of the club and the citizens of the town and rural municipality are encouraged to attend. Representatives from the town will be in attendance.

Urgent discussion is required in the matter of the future of the Hills of Home Club and we would like your input.

Thank you kindly.





# WILLOW BUNCH MUSEUM



HOORAY, we are over the 1100 mark for visitors to date, most have been from Saskatchewan traveling the South for a day trip or camping in our park, and several are returning and bringing their friends to see the museum.

Thank you so much to the **SOUTHLAND CO-OP** for selecting our museum to participate in their **"COMMUNITIES IN FULL COLOUR"** project. They have graciously donated 4 gallons of stain for our entrances and 8 gallons of paint to help complete our last 2 rooms that need upgrading in preparation for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration next year.

Thank you to our worker **Kianna** who took on the project of sanding and staining the front steps, she did a great job and they look awesome!!

## Willow Bunch Museum



Barb Mondor has been working diligently with our students taking inventory of all the rooms as we upgrade them and having our workers enter all her info into a database so we will finally have an exact record of all our artifacts that have been donated over the years. This has been a large undertaking and we can't thank her enough for all the hours she has donated to this project

**"THANK YOU SO MUCH BARB".**

We are still looking for another museum board member. If anyone is interested, please call the museum at 306-473-2806 or send us an email to: [wbmuseum@sasktel.net](mailto:wbmuseum@sasktel.net) we would love to have you join us.

If you are looking for something special for that certain someone or yourself, stop by the museum gift shop to see our new display of jewelry by: **COLETTE-CELINE DESIGNS.**



We are trying to prepare a slideshow with all the celebrations the town has celebrated over the years. If you have any pictures or videos of these celebrations from the towns 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup>, 125<sup>th</sup> and 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary please contact us or email them to [wbmuseum@sasktel.net](mailto:wbmuseum@sasktel.net) or bring them to the museum so we can scan them and add them to our slideshow in preparation for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration.

**REMINDER FOR THE: COMMUNITY SPIRIT CALENDARS  
INDIVIDUAL FORMS ARE DUE BY:  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Please drop your forms off at the Museum, Post Office or mail them to us at:  
Willow Bunch Museum - Box 157 Willow Bunch, SK S0H 4K0

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!**





# Community Spirit Calendar

## Reorder Sheet

Please Return By August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020!

Yes, we wish to order our new copy of the Community Spirit Calendar

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (for delivery): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Res: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus: \_\_\_\_\_

Calendars: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Same as last year!

Name(s)

Date (Mth/Day)

Anniversary:		
Birthday:		
Birthday:		
Birthday:		
Birthday:		
Birthday:		

Mail Reorder Sheet and Cheque To:

Willow Bunch Museum, PO Box 157, WILLOW BUNCH, SK S0H 4K0

Thank You For Your Support and Cooperation!

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## **Community Connection... INTRODUCING THE COULEE PROJECT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Coulee Project Planning Committee was formed in the Fall of 2019. The foundation of the Committee was based on a group of diverse volunteers who had a vision and the desire to develop the adjoining coulee to the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park for creation of additional park land, tourism and economic opportunities to Willow Bunch & surrounding community. In light of the recent Federal transition away from coal generated power, the opportunity to explore our tourism base became more focused in order to sustain our community and region. The transition from coal will be of huge economic impact to Willow Bunch and surrounding communities with an estimated loss of over 300 jobs to our regional economy if the plant & mine were to be completely decommissioned.

In order to move to feasibility stage of this proposed project there were a number of key stakeholders that would need to provide support:

1. Danny Gaudry & Maxine Tessman agreed to a land swap with JLLRP in May of 2018 to obtain the adjoining coulee to JLLRP for development of additional park and infrastructure opportunities. Danny & Maxine believed in the vision and a land exchange process was started with the JLLRP. The process was initiated by Mayor Wayne Joyal and RM Councilor Real Durand.
2. The land exchange included a legal survey which was required by the Minister responsible for Saskatchewan's Regional Parks in order to comply with the Saskatchewan Regional Parks Act. The legal survey was completed in June of 2018 by Milteck Surveys from Moose Jaw at a cost of \$5,000.
3. On September 4 2019, the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park Board approved the Coulee Project Committee to contact Danny Gaudry & Maxine Tessman for permission to complete mapping of the proposed coulee and the land transfer to be completed.
4. On May 26 2020 the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, the Honorable Gene Makowsky, approved the land transfer.
5. The land transfer was officially registered with Information Services Corp by JLLRP's lawyer in June of 2020.
6. Next steps include a feasibility plan and community input.
7. In continued support of this project, the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park Board agreed unanimously to allow the Coulee Project Planning Committee to incorporate as a non-profit corporation and act as a recognized standing committee under the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park Authority Board. The CPP accepts all liability for the project under the "Non-Profit Corporations Act of Saskatchewan". The CPP would like to thank the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park Board for this unanimous vote of confidence – we all agree this is a very exciting project and opportunity for our community.
8. The Coulee Project Planning Committee received official incorporation status on August 13 2020.

There are many positives that the Coulee Committee believe would place our community in the queue for transition funding and economic grant opportunities:

- Willow Bunch is one of the oldest settlements in Saskatchewan.
- Willow Bunch has a diverse culture, multilingual.
- Willow Bunch has historical significance with reference to Sitting Bull & Jean Louis Legare.
- Willow Bunch has historical significance with reference to Edouard Beaupre – The Willow Bunch Giant.

Community Connection... INTRODUCING THE COULEE PROJECT PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Willow Bunch has the number one rated nine hole, grass green golf course in Saskatchewan.
- Jean Louis Legare Regional Park has reached capacity in both campsite availability and revenue generation in current state. We know we have "demand" as there are typically 15-18 on the permanent seasonal site wait list – these are people who want to come every year to our park and we have no sites available to accommodate them! Additional sites would generate increased revenue, more work opportunities and add economic spin off for Willow Bunch and surrounding area.
- We have a community rich in culture; we have opportunity to capitalize on our history as the corridor to the Big Muddy to create increased tourism and economic opportunities and land now in our possession to develop those ideas with grant and funding support.
- Picture a wagon train, a "Trading Post", hiking trails, look out points, cabins, cultural center, amphitheater for entertainment, our collective vision could create a legacy and homage to our history as a community.

**We are excited to share this with our community because this is about long-term sustainability and opportunity; we need to have a "community connection" and ensure we all have a say in what we would like to see to develop our Tourism based economic opportunities.**

We ask you to complete the attached survey and once Covid 19 restrictions are lifted for larger public groups, the CPP Committee would like to have a public meeting to discuss our community future tourism plan, our opportunities and our vision as a community for this proposed project.

CPP members include Wayne Joyal, Real Durand, Mike Cayer, Emile Desautels, Gisele Fafard, Pat Therrien, Virgil Cairns, Gilles Bissonette, Paul Campagne, Lisa Cairns and Jay Drouin.

Thank you to our partners including the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park Board, the Town of Willow Bunch as well as RM #42 for having representative stakeholders as part of this committee.

Sincerely,

Wayne Joyal

Town of Willow Bunch Executive Member



Mike Cayer

RM 42 Executive Member



**COULEE COMMITTEE PLANNING – COMMUNITY SURVEY – COMMUNITY CONNECTION**

**Check Off Where You Live:**

- Town of Willow Bunch
- St. Victor
- RM #42 – FARM

**EXPERIENCE**

The following statements are about your experiences here.  
Please rate your agreement with the following statements:

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	I choose not to answer
1. Transition from coal will have a big impact on our community and economy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Willow Bunch has a rich history that could be marketed to create more tourism and employment opportunities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. As a community, we need to work together to capitalize on economic opportunities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Willow Bunch is a beautiful community with a lot to offer.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**TOURISM OPPORTUNITY – ECONOMIC TRANSITION**

The following statements are about the OPPORTUNITIES we have as a community. Please rate your agreement with the following statements:

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	I choose not to answer
5. As a community member, I am interested in expanding tourism as part of an economic transition plan for Willow Bunch & surrounding area.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. As a community member, I would like to see more recreational and cultural opportunities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. As a community member, I would like to see more year round jobs created in Willow Bunch and surrounding area in Tourism.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. As a community, we should be interested and invested in working with other surrounding communities in our region to create tourism and economic opportunities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. As a community member, I would be interested in seeing more information from the Coulee Project Planning Committee in the Town of WB Newsletter, Facebook page or online web page as large public gatherings are not currently allowed due to Covid-19.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**COULEE COMMITTEE PLANNING – COMMUNITY SURVEY – COMMUNITY CONNECTION**

My IDEAS!

If Tourism was developed as an economic transition plan for Willow Bunch & surrounding community I would like the CPP Committee to consider these ideas:

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Please submit completed questionnaires to the Willow Bunch Post Office by September 30 2020 via the outdoor mail drop or directly to Mad Thorhaug, collecting on behalf of the CPP.

Examples:

- Expanded camping opportunities.
- Historical look out points.
- Wagon Trains.
- Cultural/Interpretive Center.
- ATV/Snowmobile Trails.
- Arts/Recreation/Music.
- **The opportunities are huge!**