
Nordegg Squeek: three updates

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Shanks Garage: Lose of a Historic Site By Guy Blasetti

It has been one week since the historical Shanks Garage, a building and site dating back to the 1930's, was demolished on November 30, 2020.

I was familiar with the garage because my dad, Guido Blasetti, purchased the garage from Shanks in 1942 and continued to operate until the town closed in 1954. He operated the garage as a service station, doing repairs and oil changes, as well as selling gas & oil. The gas pump was the big glass jar numbered in gallons.

From this location he also sold cars, ringer washers, refrigerators, started a bus service to bus the miners between shifts to and from the mine for 10 cents a ride. From this location he started Big Horn trucking. This trucking company continued for 60 years in Western Canada as well as hauling between Alaska and Texas.

It was a great disappointment when the Clearwater County solely decided to demolish the Shanks Garage historical site and building after spending thousands of dollars to restore the garage 2 years ago. In spite of strong efforts to change the council's mind to keep the building and site, the street grade was

altered and raised by the engineering of the "New Look " of the town site. Many suggestions were proposed but were not good enough for the "New Look" of the town.

The site of Nordegg will never be the same or even close to what it was. The only existing sites are St Theresa's Catholic Church, now an Inter-denominational Church and the CIBC Bank. I am grateful that these two historical sites have been preserved. Perhaps one day the site of Shanks Garage will be rebuilt as a service venue.

My dad was the first baby in Nordegg (1913). He married and raised his family of 9 in Nordegg. As the eldest child, I went to school in the Historical building. My siblings and I grew up in Nordegg, enjoyed fishing, picking mushrooms, hunting, exploring the wilderness and playing hockey in the new arena and curling rink. We travelled the roads long before the David Thompson highway was paved. The Blasetti families and extended family continue to love Nordegg as they continue to enjoy camping in Nordegg Recreation Association campground. Many of the older generation have built cabins and homes to enjoy their retirement.

As we all know, the town Nordegg is owned by Clearwater County so the decisions are totally up to the County and their new plan for Nordegg . I do wish the County good luck and much success in the development as we are all part of New Nordegg now.



**Rocky Mountain House RCMP invite the community to engage in
consultation for 2021
By S/Sgt. Dinsdale**

Dec. 7, 2020

Rocky Mtn House, Alta. Staff Sergeant Dinsdale of the Rocky Mountain House RCMP Detachment would like to hear from local community members in the Rocky Mountain House RCMP Detachment area who may have any comments and/or concerns about policing issues in the following geographic areas: Rocky Mountain House, Caroline, Leslieville, Nordegg, O'Chiese FN, Sunchild FN, Big Horn FN and Clearwater County.

Normally, a Town Hall Meeting would have been held in a local community hall; however, due to the current state of the pandemic, this was not possible. As a result, for a two-week period from Monday, January 11, 2021, until Monday January 28, 2021, S/Sgt. Dinsdale will be accepting input from community members through either regular mail or email. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to S/Sgt. Dinsdale at:

Rocky Mtn House RCMP, 4428 - 45th Street, Rocky Mountain House, AB T4T 1P3

or

email: KRMHcommunityfeedback@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Once the date closes, S/Sgt. Dinsdale will review all of the correspondence received. Later in February 2021, S/Sgt. Dinsdale will respond to the top issues and concerns as presented and publish his responses in the aforementioned communities' web pages and local & social media. S/Sgt. Dinsdale would like to thank everyone in advance for taking the time to work with him to identify community concerns during this challenging time.



Effect of Covid 19 on community associations

By Whitney Wedman, Administrative Assistant, Agriculture & Community Services

On December 8, 2020, the Government of Alberta announced new measures to slow the spread of Covid-19. All Community Halls are to remain closed, however there are new restrictions to outdoor gatherings, bingo events and places of worship. These mandatory restrictions will be in place until at least January 12, 2021.

Effective December 8, 2020, all indoor and outdoor social gatherings – public and private - are prohibited and will be enforced with \$1,000.00 fines. This does not apply to childcare providers or mutual support group meetings.

Effective December 13, 2020

All Bingo events, gaming events and casinos are prohibited.

Faith Services are limited to 15% of fire code occupancy for in-person attendance:

- Services must be held at their normal location
- Physical distancing between households must be maintained
- Mask use is mandatory

Alternative's to in-person services are virtual or online services and drive-in services where people do not leave their vehicles and adhere to guidance measures. In-person faith group meetings and other religious gatherings are not permitted in private homes while these measures are in effect.

Skating rinks are permitted to be open for drop in purposes.
