

Town of Killam

*Merry
Christmas*
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022

BUILDING FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2023

NEWLY ACCLAIMED COUNCIL MEMBER WELCOMED



Clr. Shaun Storbakken was acclaimed as the newest Town of Killam Council Member this September, 2022. Having been born and raised in the Loughheed area, Shaun pursued his education and later his career for a number of years in northern Alberta and NWT. Fortunately for us, Shaun, wife Josie and their 3 children returned to the area in 2020, settling in Killam where Josie was from originally. Clr. Storbakken says he is excited to increase his involvement with the community, to help sustainably maintain, promote & continue to improve this already vibrant, family friendly community.

Town of Killam - Survey Success!

Thank You to all who participated in the survey we shared in November! We had a total of 135 Residents and Neighbors complete the survey, 61 of which shared their information for a chance to win one of 3 - \$100 Killam Cash gift certificates. Congratulations to the lucky Winners who have been notified.

Some of the results of the survey are shared throughout the Newsletter!

SPEED LIMIT CHANGE FOR 2023

Council recently adopted by bylaw to lower the speed limit within the Town of Killam. **Preparations are underway to have the speed limit changed to 40km/h in 2023.** Playground and school zones are unaffected by this update and will remain at 30km/h as already posted as well highway 13 will remain at 50km/h.

Watch for updates over the next few months.



Holiday Wishes from the Mayor of Killam

Another year has quickly passed us by and we have a multitude of memories. 365 days filled with moments, events and emotions that are now a part of our story, both personally and as a community.

After a couple of very trying years, it was great to be able to get back to some sense of normalcy. What a thrill to see our children and young people back in the arena, baseball diamonds, swimming pool, playgrounds and rodeo events. The sounds of cheering at volleyball, basketball, hockey, dance, 4H and other events has been a welcomed support and encouragement.

A huge Thank You to all those volunteers who stepped up once again to restart, refocus

and refresh the numerous worthwhile activities that are so necessary and valued in our community. We are also grateful to those who provide for the learning and recreational needs of our county.

Once again I am so thankful for the outstanding team of staff members who serve our Town with such diligence, integrity and excellence. Each one of them in the office, public works and recreation really are the best of the best and they continue to display their unwavering commitment to making this town a community which is able to demonstrate "Life Without Compromise"!

I would like to thank each one of you for your continued encouragement and support. Each

of you is so valuable and a cherished part of this community; So THANK YOU.

At this very special time of year, my wish for each of you would be that we would experience a special blessing from the one who came that first Christmas over 2000 years ago. He was called Emmanuel, which means "God with us". May we enjoy His presence in our lives, homes and our Town; today and all through 2023.

On behalf of myself and my wife Tanny, I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and pray that the year which lies ahead of us will be filled with much joy, peace and success.

Respectfully,
R.L. Ben Kellert
Mayor

*** Is Killam a good place to RAISE CHILDREN? 45% Very Good, 38% Good, 12% Acceptable**

TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Killam Town Office will be **CLOSED** from Monday, Dec 26, 2022 to Monday Jan 2, 2023

OPENING Tuesday, January 3, 2023 8:30am

Online Banking & E-Transfers are accepted
Cheques —Mail or use the Drop Box at the Town Office

**For a Water or Utility Emergency,
call Killam Public Works at 780-385-3783
*Natural Gas Emergencies 780-384-3762.**

Dog & Cat Licenses

REMINDER:

Get your pet tag before **January 31, 2023** for **1/2 the cost!** *Pet Owners in Killam are required to license their pets every year.

BEFORE
January 31
\$15

OR

AFTER
February 1
\$30

Dogs & Cats (per pet)

Use the Killam APP to submit your pet's licensing information!! The form is listed in the Permits & Forms button.



Town of Killam - 2022 Review and New for 2023

2022 has been another busy year for the Town of Killam! Even though we feel like we are still recovering from the last few years, we are finally seeing a return to what we know as "normal". The support of our local small business community continues to be admiral and overwhelming. Killam is fortunate to welcome a number of new business owners this year, and still opportunity for more in 2023! The spirit of community and continuing to support one another well bring only bigger and better things for 2023!

A by-election was held this October, when our previous Councillor Tein Cote stepped down from his position on Council to join our Public Works Department. Although he will be missed, he has proven himself very beneficial in his new role.

Clr. Shaun Storbakken is now joining Ben Kellert, Kevin Kinzer, Rick Kry

and Brenda McDermott for the remainder of the election term. 2023 will require Council to review and restructure the Town's new 5-Year Capital Plan. This plan will guide the future infrastructure, roads and purchasing agenda.

This year, the repair of the West Lift Station became a priority project when issues were encountered early in 2022. Fortunately, this was a project that was scheduled and budgeted to be done in 2022, and once it was completed ended up being under budget. With excess funds, a generator for the facility will be purchased and fencing to enclose it will be added. Due to time constraints for the contractor, the rehabilitation of 51A Avenue on the west side of Town has been moved forward to complete in 2023.

The Parks Department was busy this year and our parks workers, Caden

Campbell, Jenna Dockstader, Logan Zettel and Sawyer Wiesman worked hard to keep up to the grass mowing, walking trail and cemetery maintenance that the beautiful warm weather brought. Their contribution was greatly appreciated! Thank You!

Operational and Reserve Budget planning for 2023 and forward, is well underway. Council has directed that they would like to see a tax revenue increase of approximately 2.5% if possible for the new year. With good management and dedicated, competent employees, this is a feat that will be diligently achieved.

On behalf of the Town staff, both Administration and the Public Works Department, we would all like to wish our Town of Killam Residents and Neighbours a Happy Holiday Season and only the Best of Wishes for 2023.

ACCESS INFORMATION - Killam APP

Keep informed via your phone or smart device! The Killam App is a tool to help simplify communication between you and what's happening in your Town. Emergency, road, water & every day notifications, important phone numbers, local events, forms and so much more. Compatible with Apple or Android systems, available FREE for download on Apple Store and Google Play.



***The Killam APP does not subscribe to commercials.**

*** Is Killam a good place to RETIRE? 30% Very Good, 34% Good, 24% Acceptable**

SNOW CLEARING POLICY REVIEWED

Every year the Snow Clearing Policy for Killam's roadways and alleys is reviewed to ensure snow can be managed as efficiently as possible after a snowfall. At the November 17, 2022 Council Meeting, the Policy was once again re-evaluated. An important change made was that **Public Works will NO LONGER be sweeping sidewalks along the Avenues**. As with other properties in Killam, it is the responsibility of the adjacent property Owner to ensure the sidewalk is cleared as required. This is inclusive of both residential and commercial or business properties. For a full listing of the Snow Clearing Policy, please check the Town of Killam website, Policy #D006.



ROADS: The busiest Streets and Avenues are attended to firstly, as indicated in the Snow Clearing Policy. Please watch for signage so vehicles can be moved off the streets before they are cleared. Once streets are completed, work will commence on back alleys. Commercial alleys first, followed by Residential areas.

SIDEWALKS: Are to be cleared of snow and ice **24 hours** following a snowfall.

Snow Removal updates will be posted on the Killam Website, Facebook and Killam APP

*** Is Killam a SAFE place to live? 30% Very Good, 39% Good, 26% Acceptable**

Welcome Joanie Johnson - as the Town of Killam Real Estate Broker for 2023 - 2024!

RESIDENTIAL LOTS:

- *Sizes and prices to suit your budget *Small lots 65'x120'
- *Large lots 129'x123'+
- *Utility services completed to the property line and are ready to go! *Tax incentives for new homes apply! 1st Year—NO Municipal tax
2nd Year –50% Municipal tax.

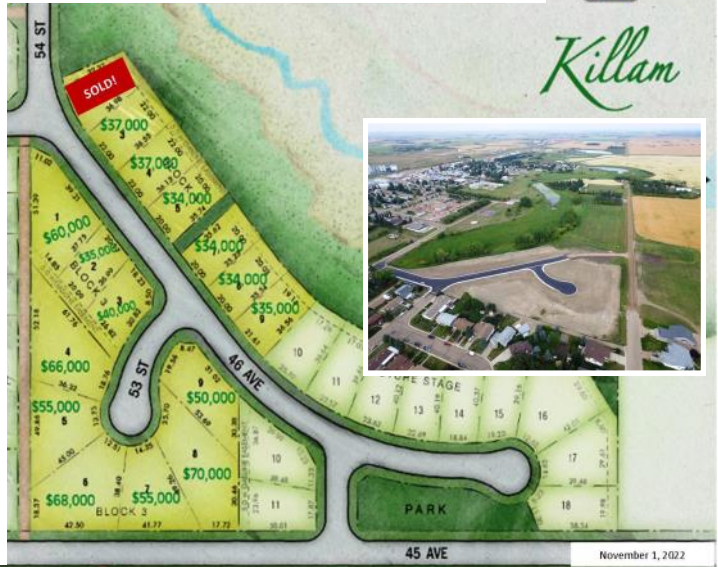
INDUSTRIAL LANDS:

Lands located west of Highway 36 and north of Highway 13/Rail track. 2 parcels, 3.14acres and 5.02acres. Perfect for that shop, yard or big project.

..Room to build your New Start



Killam



JOANIE JOHNSON

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iHeartCraftyThings.com

Did you know you can report if Your street light is out?



Street lights in Killam are actually owned and maintained by FORTIS. If your street light isn't working properly, you can report it to FORTIS in a number of ways:

Call: 310-WIRE (9473)

OR report online at:

service.fortisalberta.com/streetlights

Flagstaff Family and Community Support Services



Flagstaff Family and Community Services uses a community development approach to programming. Simply put, FFCS listens to what the people of its communities needs. Some of the services offered:

- *Counselling– individual & family
- *Community Support & Development
- *Addictions, Mental Health & Disabilities
- *Family Day Home Society
- *Flagstaff Region Food Bank
- *Seniors First & Flagstaff VictimServices
- *Care-A –Van

If you are needing more information for any of the above services, please call 780.385.3976

*** Overall, Killam as a place to live? 35% Very Good, 49% Good, 14% Acceptable, 2% Poor**

Christmas Light-Up Contest

Be sure to have ALL your Christmas Lights lit up on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, between 6:00 - 9:30pm! We will have judges touring every street in Killam to see whose house has the most Holiday Spirit (from the outside anyway!) Winners will be notified Wednesday, Dec. 21 and will receive one of three Killam Cash prizes. (Can be redeemed anywhere in the town of Killam.)

1ST Prize: \$75 Killam Cash

2ND Prize: \$50 Killam Cash

3RD Prize: \$25 Killam Cash



Killam Public Library

780-385-3032



The Killam Library will be CLOSED from Saturday, Dec 24 thru to Wednesday, Jan 4, 2023

On behalf of the Staff and Board Members, we would like to Thank our community for their ongoing support over the last year. Please accept warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year!

*How do you, as a Killam Resident, prefer to stay informed?

E-mail 32% / Killam APP 27% / Mail & Utility Bills 17% / Social Media 14% / Newspaper 8%

Flagstaff Waste Christmas Residential Garbage Collection Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19 Hardisty Lougheed	20 Galahad Forestburg	21 Heisler Rosalind Daysland	22 Strome Sedgewick Alliance Killam	23 No Collection in Lieu of Christmas	24 Transfer Sites Closed for Christmas
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day No Collection	27 Galahad Forestburg Hardisty Lougheed	28 Heisler Rosalind Daysland	29 Strome Sedgewick	30 Alliance Killam	31 Transfer Sites Regular Hours
1 New Years Day	2 No Collection in Lieu of New Years	3 Galahad Forestburg Hardisty Lougheed	4 Heisler Rosalind Daysland	5 Strome Sedgewick	6 Alliance Killam	7 Transfer Sites Regular Hours

Bin Services Customers: Please be aware, because of the holidays, bin service dates will be altered.

Transfer Site Customers: All Transfer sites will be closed Christmas Eve Day, December 24, 2022. Weekday Transfer site hours will remain unchanged.

Main Landfill: The Main Landfill will be closed Dec 23rd, 26th & January 2nd

Happy Holidays from Flagstaff Waste!

Any questions? Call the main office at 780-384-3950



Killam Recreation

2022 was a busy and fun year for the recreation department in Killam. We were finally able to have all sports, patrons and spectators back doing what they love!

We can see more than ever how important recreation is and how fortunate we are to have the options and facilities we do, right here in our neighbourhood.

We look forward to all that 2023 will bring.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

NEW & UPCOMING 2023

- * Weekday Public Swim
- * Jr. & Adult Lifeguard Certification Courses
- * Pool Drain/Refill Fall 2023.
- * Facility Assessment & Review.
- * Picnic Huts & Picnic Tables in Heritage Park

2022 STATS

125 Hours of Shiny & Public Skating.
Provided Free, Thanks to our many sponsors.

1200 Children took swimming lessons.

1500 Users on our online recreation registration system.

TOP MOMENTS 2022

- * Co-Hosted U15 Hockey Alberta Provincials.
- * Return of Indoor Rodeo after a 2 year break due to pandemic.
- * Junior Lifeguard club started fall 2022 with 30 Members.



The Centennial Campground Toboggan Hill is OPEN.
The POND has been cleared and flooding will commence soon.

*NEW - Cross Country Ski Track—Watch for updates!



PUBLIC SWIM

December 27, 28, 29
January 3 & 4
2- 4 p.m.



Merry Christmas

SKATING & SHINNY

December 27, 28, 29
January 3 & 4
3-5pm

Family Resource Centre - 780-385-2346
www.parentsforfuninlagstaff.com
CLOSED December 17 until Tuesday January 3

S&M Fitness
staff@sandmfitness.ca
780-385-2111

New Year Schedule can be found on the Town of Killam Website www.town.killam.ab.ca under Recreation.

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Christmas Colouring Contest

Colour the picture and bring it into the Town Office by December 20, 2022 and your name will be put into a draw to win a family day pass for swimming at the Killam Agri-plex!



NAME: _____ Age: _____ Phone #: _____