

PRESS RELEASE

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From: The Town of Whitecourt

Whitecourt Town Council discussed the progress of the Whitecourt & District Centennial Celebration Committee at its regular meeting held on April 12. The Committee is organizing a Centennial Celebration Event for September 2, 3 and 4, 2005. The details of the Event have yet to be confirmed, however a schedule of events will be available soon, and the Committee invites everyone to attend the celebration in September.

The Centennial Celebration Committee welcomes and encourages other project or event ideas. If you or your community group would like to organize a Centennial Celebration event, contact the Centennial Celebration Committee.

The Centennial Celebration Committee will feature "Centennial Families" throughout 2005. If your family has lived in the Whitecourt or Blue Ridge areas for more than 50 years, please submit your family history and family photos to the Centennial Committee for inclusion in this project. Contact the Centennial Celebration Committee at the Town of Whitecourt's Community Services Department, 778-6610.

The Whitecourt Community Association, which manages the Whitecourt Community Centre (located in Central Elementary School), made a presentation to Whitecourt Town Council at the April 12 meeting. Whitecourt Town Council agreed to pay an annual grant of \$8,400 to the Whitecourt Community Association, and also agreed to forgive the Association's outstanding loan of \$11,000.

The Town of Whitecourt is seeking local non-profit organizations to perform refuse pickup duties within the community, including highway ditches and boulevards. The refuse pickup schedule will run from mid-May to the end of September. For further details visit the Town's website www.whitecourt.ca, or pickup an information package at the Town of Whitecourt's Planning and Works Department. Applications must be received at the Planning and Works Department by 12:00 p.m., Monday, May 2, 2005.

A Special Meeting of Council will be held with Woodlands County Council on Monday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Forest Interpretive Centre. The meeting will be held to discuss the results of the Multi-Use Facility Survey and the joint economic development/Forest Interpretive Centre site.