



Talk of the Town

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CUMMINGS LAKE RECREATION AREA AND TRAIL

CHECK OUT YOUR OWN "BACK YARD"
NO NEED TO LEAVE TOWN FOR
A GREAT CAMPING OR HIKING EXPERIENCE!

Cummings Lake, 2 km north of Fairview, offers 28 camping stalls with power hookups, a quiet, pretty lake stocked with Yellow Perch and Rainbow Trout, a picnic shelter, 10 horseshoe pits, ball diamonds, kid's playground and a beautiful walking trail. New this year is a modern shower/washroom facility. In addition, there is a Day Use Picnic Area, as well as a Group Use Camping for booking your family reunions and group parties.

Self-registration is in effect. Overnight camping costs are \$15/day or \$75/week, from May 1 to October 31. There are no water or sewer hook-ups and no dumping station on site. There is a dumping station at the Tourist Book south of town.

The Cummings Lake Trail wanders through town, country, golf course, wetlands, boreal forest, playfields, campground, picnic areas and historic museum site. It may be accessed at the corner of 108 Street and 108 Avenue, leading around the reservoir to Cummings Lake and meandering around and through the campground, offering a multiple choice of loops. Or, beginning at 113 Street it winds north past the Fairview Golf Course, linking with the main trail at the lake. The entire trail is 14 km with many rest stops along the way.

Whether you choose a short, leisurely stroll, an invigorating walk or a heart pounding run, the trail will leave you strengthened, rejuvenated, relaxed, and in touch with nature.

HAPPY CAMPING, HIKING, FISHING AND
BIRDWATCHING!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS

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Fantastic Fairview Summer Events

June

9 Rotary Good for Kids Golf Tournament

16 Peace Classic Wheels
Street Spectacular Show and Shine

16 KidsFest

22-24 Lions Old Time Country Music Festival

23-24 Fairview Amateur Rodeo/Parade

July

1 Canada Day Celebrations

14 CNIB FairCreek Golf Tournament

Drag Races - North Peace Bracket Racing Assoc.

June 2-3 Street & Strip Spring Opener

June 30-July 1 Fairview Nationals

July 21-22 Peace River Dash for Cash

Aug. 4-5 Fairview Bracket Nationals

Water, Water, Everywhere, But Not a Drop to Drink

The more water we use, the more sewage we produce, the more chemicals are used to purify water and treat sewage. Responsible water use, including water conservation and pollution prevention, helps the global water cycle work. At least half of residential water use is unnecessary and wasteful. Water is lost due to leaking faucets, old water-guzzling toilets and excessive outdoor watering. When you are watering your lawn or washing your car, consider this: It costs approximately \$135,000/year for power and natural gas to pump water from the Peace River to Fairview's storage reservoirs. Water Plant operations amount to \$282,300/year and Sewage Treatment costs are \$20,000/year. This does not take into account the initial capital costs to build these facilities in the first place. Do you see how precious each drop of treated water is? To ease the summer burden on our water plant, residents are asked to alternate outdoor watering if possible. If you have an even house number, water on an even day of the month; odd house number, water on an odd day of the month.

Another water issue is the widespread and fast-growing use of bottled water. The plastic is becoming a huge concern with environmentalists and landfill operations. Consider this: one cubic metre of Fairview's safe and clean municipal water costs you \$1.83. That same amount, purchased as bottled water (2000 500 ml bottles @ .99) will cost \$1,980. Hmmm....

What Do My Tax Dollars Pay For?

Each \$1000 of Municipal Tax is spent as follows:

Ambulance	\$	5.76	0.5757 %
Arena		58.07	5.8070
Bylaw Enforcement		4.51	0.4506
Capital Projects		142.93	14.2931
Council		29.76	2.9761
Cummings Lake and Trails		47.58	4.7583
Curling Rink		.70	0.0703
E.E. Oliver		.23	0.0233
Economic Development Office		37.76	3.7764
Family/Community Support		10.93	1.0933
Fine Arts		7.15	0.7146
Fire Department	34.43	3.4428	
General Administration		98.49	9.8494
Library		45.75	4.5746
Museum		1.85	0.1854
Other Recreation Programs		3.48	0.3485
Outdoor Rinks		5.69	0.5695
Parks & Playgrounds		46.93	4.6932
Planning Commission		19.66	1.9659
Pool		84.87	8.4872
Recreation Administration		37.27	3.7271
Reserves		55.72	5.5718
Sanitation		43.48	4.3477
Streets		176.98	17.6981
	\$	1,000.00	100.0000 %

PROPERTY TAX TIME

Combined Assessment and Property Tax Notices were mailed May 15, 2007. Town of Fairview property tax includes municipal, local improvement (where applicable) and education taxes. Taxes are due June 30, 2007 with a 15% penalty applied thereafter. Failure to receive a tax notice is not considered sufficient reason for non-payment of taxes.

Payments may be made by cash, cheque or debit at the Town Office. Payment by cheques may be mailed or deposited in the drop box located on the west side of the Provincial Building, at the main doors. Payment may also be made in person at the bank with the remittance slip portion of your tax notice or through internet and telephone banking. Please ensure your tax roll account number is included. If you are on the Tax Installment Plan, we now offer Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). An authorization form is included with your tax notice and letter. If you are already using EFT you do not need to do anything. The amount on your letter will be the new amount taken out beginning July 2007.

If you have not received your tax notice, or have any questions regarding your assessment or tax notice, please contact Sue Koyman at the Town Office.

We invite the community to welcome our new staff:

Reception: Linda Anderson, Municipal Intern: Jeff O'Donnell, and Summer Students: Matthew Clegg, Ashleigh Drummond, Shelby Fox, Heather Glen, Christine Henderson, Nicole Houda, Mike Nilsson, Kirsten Steinke, Esther Walkley, Megan Schur

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

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