



TOWN OF CROSSFIELD eNews

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After a number of early weather delays, the Downtown Revitalization Project is now well underway. The main impetus for the project is the much needed replacement of Railway St.'s ageing underground utilities. Once phase one of the project is completed in October, residents and businesses along Crossfield's main street will benefit from new infrastructure for years to come. Full update on page 2.

Welcome to the first edition of the Town of Crossfield eNews. This weekly newsletter will include information and stories that matter to Crossfieldians, whether that's an update on the Downtown Revitalization Project, information about property taxes or an introduction to a new business in town.

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The Crossfield railway station, built in 1904, with Joseph Gilchrist on the right and Malcolm McAnally on the left. The station burnt down in 1933. (Photo: Glenbow Archives, nc-29-5)

Celebrating Crossfield's heritage

Every year since 1974, Albertans have celebrated Heritage Day on the first Monday of August. It's an opportunity to reflect on our shared history and look to the future.

Crossfield's roots go back to 1890 when a Mrs. Hannington opened a stopping house on the Calgary - Edmonton Trail. Two years later, the C and E Railway provided rail transportation between Calgary and Edmonton, and a siding, – 29 miles north of Calgary – was named for Mr. Crossfield, an engineer with the Canadian Pacific Railway surveyor crew.

The first post office opened in 1902 with James Sutherland as the first postmaster. The post office was located in an old rail

boxcar just south of Railway St.

In 1905, the Bell Telephone Company brought telephone service to Crossfield for the first time. Crossfield was incorporated as a village in 1907 with Dr. Bishop as mayor.

A fire in 1924 reduced the heart of the village to ashes but the villagers rebuilt and Crossfield continued to grow. It was incorporated as a town in 1980 after the population surpassed 1,000.

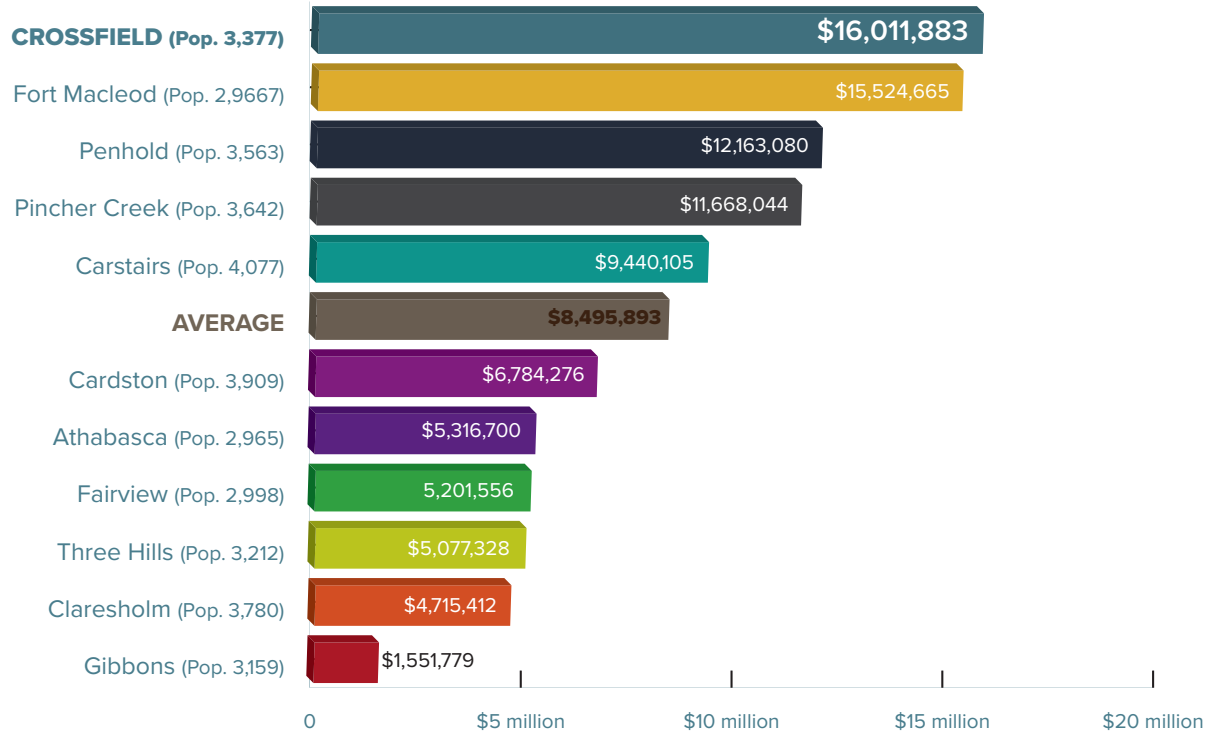
Since then, Crossfield has continued to grow. The 2019 census recorded a population of 3,377 who call this small town their home.

More information about Crossfield's history and heritage can be found at the Crossfield Municipal Library.

When comparing itself to other similar municipalities, the Town of Crossfield uses the five municipalities with the next highest populations and the five with the next smallest populations as comparison points. This allows Town administration and council to see how Crossfield stacks up against other Alberta municipalities most like itself in terms of population. Municipalities in Alberta are required to submit audited financial statements to Municipal Affairs each year. These data are drawn from those publicly available statements.

How does Crossfield stack up?

Crossfield is performing exceptionally well against its comparison municipalities when it comes to the change in its net worth from 2015 to 2019. In 2014, Crossfield had \$28,330,140 in cash and infrastructure; as of the end of 2019 the Town's cash and infrastructure totalled \$44,342,023 – a change of \$16,011,883 (or 56.52 per cent.)



Downtown Revitalization Project Update

One of Crossfield's newest business, D's Burger Shack on Nanton Ave., experienced flooding Aug. 3 as the result of torrential rain and hail.

The downtown project involves replacing ageing underground infrastructure – including upgrading the storm water capacity along Railway St. and the adjacent side streets, up to the alleyways.

In the case of Nanton Ave., the old line is being replaced with a larger diameter pipe, which will vastly improve the ability of the storm water system to deal with torrential rain in that area.

In the meantime, show your support and visit D's Burger Shack.



Try out their burgers, fries and shakes, and maybe ask if you can slot a few coins into the jukebox.

PAVING UPDATE

Paving along some parts of Railway St. has begun, and you may be asking yourself, "why is the road not level with the curbs?"

As is standard practice in this

part of the world, the contractor needs to wait until the road has completely settled before doing final paving which will marry the curbs to the asphalt roadway. Settling can take one to two years and is somewhat dependant on how cold and sustained a winter Crossfield experiences.

As a result, after the first two layers of asphalt are laid this year, you will continue to see a 3- to 5-centimetre gap between the roadway and the curbs but that will be rectified in the future.

Any questions about the Downtown Revitalization Project can be sent to downtown@crossfieldalberta.com