

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MDP) SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Municipal Development Plan (MDP) survey or attend one of the community open houses. Hearing directly from residents is an important part of planning for Raymond's future, and I appreciate the thought and time so many people put into sharing their perspectives.

The Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC) will analyze the responses and prepare a report summarizing the results. That report will be provided to Council and shared with the community once it is ready.

The results are currently expected in late October or early November. This is an estimated timeline, as the number of responses and the time needed to process mailed surveys may affect when the report is completed.

The Town does not analyze the survey data. Once the report is available, it will be posted on raymond.ca. I look forward to reviewing what we heard from our community and continuing the conversation about Raymond's future.

COUNCIL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARD WINNER: MAXINE WEST

It is a pleasure to recognize Maxine West as this year's recipient of the Council Volunteer Appreciation Award.

Maxine has dedicated much of her life to serving Raymond, generously giving her time, talents, and energy without seeking recognition. For more than 30 years, she has served as Secretary of Raymond Baseball, coordinating the many details that help create memorable experiences for thousands of young players and their families. She has also volunteered as a junior high and high school coach for more than 20 years, sharing her love of the game while encouraging teamwork, discipline, and confidence in young athletes.

Her service extends well beyond baseball. Maxine regularly steps in wherever help is needed, from caring for public spaces and planting flowers to supporting local youth and preserving Raymond's history through the Museum Board. Her pride in our community is evident in the many spaces she helps beautify.

Maxine's generosity, initiative, and genuine care for Raymond exemplify the spirit of volunteerism. On behalf of Council, thank you for the countless ways you continue to make our community a better place.

RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL GRAND OPENING

It was wonderful to see so many residents join us for the grand opening of the new Raymond High School on September 10.

This was a special moment for our community. The new school represents years of planning, hard work, collaboration, and commitment, and it was meaningful to celebrate that achievement together.

I want to thank the Government of Alberta, Westwind School Division, project partners, and Town crews for the work that helped bring this project to life. The support and cooperation behind a project of this size are significant, and we are grateful for the many people who helped make it possible.

This new high school is an important investment in Raymond's future. It provides space to support our growing student population and creates new opportunities for students, families, and our community for many years to come. I look forward to seeing the school become an important part of daily life in Raymond.

DAY CARE OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

In August, we announced an exciting step forward in expanding childcare opportunities for local families through a modular childcare project with Global Builds Inc.

Supported by \$14 million in funding, the project brings together federal, provincial, municipal, and private-sector partners to create new licensed childcare spaces in Raymond, operated by Bright Futures Daycare.

Access to childcare is an important part of supporting families, and projects like this help strengthen the foundation of our community. We are pleased to be part of a partnership focused on creating more opportunities for local families and supporting Raymond's continued growth.

Thank you to our federal, provincial, municipal, and project partners for their work and collaboration. We look forward to seeing this project progress and welcoming the opportunities it will bring to our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bryce Coppieters". The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'B' and a cursive 'Coppieters'.

Bryce Coppieters