

# CITY PULSE

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YOUR CONNECTION TO THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE







# WELCOME TO CITYPULSE!

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Welcome to this new-to-you version of *CityPulse*! We have recently revamped *CityPulse* into a new digital and print combination. Now you can receive a *CityPulse* bi-weekly e-newsletter (sign up at [sprucegrove.org/citypulse](https://sprucegrove.org/citypulse)), which is complemented by this new annual print edition that will arrive in your mailbox near the beginning of each year! Together they provide you timely updates on City news, projects, and events that are shared in the e-newsletter, along with more strategic updates, Council information, and timeless stories from around our community in this printed piece. It's the best of both worlds!

It's all about providing ways that we can stay connected to you – our community – and vice versa. In addition to *CityPulse* in both its digital and print form there are many other ways for you to stay connected with the City. You can follow us on our various social media accounts, or check out Connect Spruce Grove, which is an online space where you can get information and share your thoughts on various City plans, projects, and initiatives (you can find it at [connect.sprucegrove.org](https://connect.sprucegrove.org)).

We hope you enjoy this issue *CityPulse*. Inside, you'll find information on the new City Council and how municipal government works, details on waste and recycling in Spruce Grove, and an overview

of redevelopment work that's happening in the City Centre, plus much more. We also welcome your feedback; feel free to send your comments or suggestions about *CityPulse* to [corpcomm@sprucegrove.org](mailto:corpcomm@sprucegrove.org). We look forward to staying connected with you!

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## Go paperless!

Did you know you can go paperless with your monthly utility bill? Sign up for the City's e-bill notification service, which will send you an e-mail when your utility bill is ready to view online. Skip the paper and sign up now!



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## Helpseeker

If you're looking for local services, check out the free mobile app HelpSeeker. It lists local organizations offering programs and services in the area including mental health supports, social services, crisis helplines, recreation services, food delivery services, and COVID-19 related resources. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play store.



[sprucegrove.org/helpseeker](https://sprucegrove.org/helpseeker)

## Facility rentals

Looking for a place to hold an upcoming event? The City rents a wide variety of facilities that are suitable for meetings, celebrations, and workshops, as well as sports and recreation use. Just keep in mind that some are only open on a seasonal basis.



[sprucegrove.org/facilityrentals](https://sprucegrove.org/facilityrentals)

## Work with us

The City offers a wide range of career opportunities that support the delivery of high-quality programs and services to the residents of Spruce Grove. Employees also receive excellent benefits, including health, dental, and vision coverage, as well as education and training opportunities.



[sprucegrove.org/careers](https://sprucegrove.org/careers)

# MEET YOUR NEW CITY COUNCIL

Spruce Grove City Council is comprised of one mayor and six councillors who serve four-year terms. The most recent municipal election was held in October 2021. Spruce Grove welcomed three new members and four returning members.

For more information on municipal government in Spruce Grove, including the role of Council, turn to page 9 for *An Introduction to your Local Government*. You can also learn more about City Council, its members, and meetings on the City's website at [sprucegrove.org/council](https://sprucegrove.org/council).

## City Council contact information

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- 780-962-7604
- For more ways to contact City Council, including links to their social media accounts, visit [sprucegrove.org/council](https://sprucegrove.org/council)

## Mayor Jeff Acker

### PREVIOUS TERMS ON CITY COUNCIL

- 2019-2021 (councillor)
- 2007-2013 (alderman)

### ABOUT JEFF

Jeff has been a small business owner since 1996 (Broadport Canada Inc.), providing web application development to clients across North America. He is an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Jeff's hobbies and interests include camping, reading, geo-caching, walking, cooking, and watching live sports. His favourite amenities in Spruce Grove are the Heritage Grove Park trail system, Central Park, and Jubilee Park.

### FAMILY AND PETS

- Jodie (wife)
- Sophia (daughter)
- Rufus (dog)
- Cinderella (turtle)

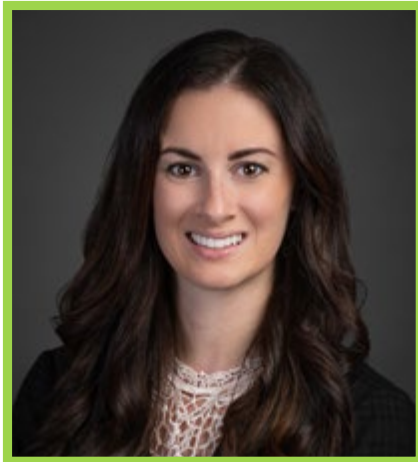
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Councillor **Danielle Carter**

#### PREVIOUS TERMS ON CITY COUNCIL

- First term (elected in 2021)

#### ABOUT DANIELLE

Danielle is a business development professional and one of the youngest people in Canada to achieve her certified economic developer designation. She has several years of municipal government experience, sits on the Economic Development of Alberta Board of Directors, holds a land use planning certification, and is passionate about helping small businesses and fostering positive economic climates. She is an active volunteer within the community and coaches figure skating, CanSkate, and learn to skate.

Danielle's hobbies and interests include running, walking, hiking, camping, scuba diving, spending time with friends and family, book club, and figure skating. Her favourite amenity in Spruce Grove is the Heritage Grove Park trail system, which she loves to explore with her family.

#### FAMILY AND PETS

- Darcy (husband)
- Scottie (daughter)
- Kaidyn (step-daughter)
- Sophie and Shadow (cats)

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Councillor **Jan Gillett**

#### PREVIOUS TERMS ON CITY COUNCIL

- First term (elected in 2021)

#### ABOUT JAN

Jan has several years of experience in non-profit, retail, human resources, and business management. She is the creator of the Late Night Café (part of the Community Homeless Winter Emergency Response) and the founder and current Director of the Parkland Pregnancy Support Centre. Jan is also the co-owner of RavenWolf Brewing Co., a local microbrewery and taproom in Spruce Grove.

Jan's hobbies and interests include travelling, experiencing new cultures, cooking, entertaining, event planning, seasonal decorating, wine tasting, genealogy, and personality psychology. Her favourite amenity in Spruce Grove is Central Park and says there is nothing better in the winter than strolling in the park with friends, drinking hot chocolate, and enjoying the magical lights!

#### FAMILY AND PETS

- Randal (husband)
- Three adult daughters
- Three grandchildren

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## Councillor **Stuart Houston**

### PREVIOUS TERMS ON CITY COUNCIL

- 2007-2021 (mayor)
- 2001-2007 (alderman)

### ABOUT STUART

Stuart holds the title of Spruce Grove's longest serving mayor, and he has a professional background as a commercial pilot, flying instructor, structural ironworker, and military officer. He has received the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal Excellence in Municipal Government (2012), the Alberta Recreation Parks Association Lieutenant Governor's Award for Leadership for Active Communities (2016), and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Distinguished Service Award (2021).

Stuart's hobbies and interests include international adventure trekking, flying, boating, wakeboarding, skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, and cycling. He is a member of the Parkland Pickleheads Pickleball Club and is a Spruce Grove Saints season ticket holder. His favourite amenities in Spruce Grove are the Heritage Grove Park trail system and Jubilee Park.

### FAMILY AND PETS

- Debra (wife)
- Cameron, Kyle, Kendra (children)
- Blake, Avery, Leo, Grace (grandchildren)
- Huxley (dog)

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## Councillor **Reid MacDonald**

### PREVIOUS TERMS ON CITY COUNCIL

- First term (elected in 2021)

### ABOUT REID

Reid is a Chartered Professional in Human Resources (CPHR) with over 15 years' experience in the field, including extensive employee relations, investigations, and collective agreement bargaining and management experience. Within the community, he created the Hot Dogs to Help the Hungry annual Parkland Food Bank fundraiser and was a former board member for both the Spruce Grove Public Library and TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre.

Reid's hobbies and interests include spending quality time with family and friends, investing in the stock market, and pretty much anything active (especially running, skiing, hockey, pickleball, and golf). His favourite amenities in Spruce Grove are the Heritage Grove Park trail system, the outdoor rinks, and the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre.

### FAMILY AND PETS

- Michelle (wife)
- Jack (son)
- Maggie (chocolate lab)

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## Councillor **Dave Oldham**

### PREVIOUS TERMS ON CITY COUNCIL

- 2017-2021 (councillor)

### ABOUT DAVE

Dave has been an educator with the Parkland School Division for 21 years and is currently the Assistant Principal at High Park School. He is a mentor volunteer with Compete to Contribute, a youth basketball coach with Parkland Basketball, and was the MacEwan University women's basketball head coach from 2015-2016.

Dave's hobbies and interests include travelling, having adventures with his family, running, pickleball, and coaching. His favourite amenity in Spruce Grove is the Heritage Grove Park trail system, especially with the upcoming link to Stony Plain.

### FAMILY

- Robyn (spouse)
- Neveah and Zoe (daughters)

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## Councillor **Erin Stevenson**

### PREVIOUS TERMS ON CITY COUNCIL

- 2017-2021 (councillor)

### ABOUT ERIN

Erin has worked in marketing, sales, and communications for a number of years, both for her own company and other organizations, such as the Government of Alberta and currently with Athabasca University. She holds various certificates and diplomas, a Bachelor of Professional Arts in Communications Studies, and a Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Erin's hobbies and interests include gardening (she is a certified organic master gardener with more than 500 plants), travelling (35 countries and counting), trekking and hiking (made it to Everest Base Camp), and remaining active in the wine club she founded in 2011. Her favourite amenity in Spruce Grove is Jubilee Park, and she loves the skating oval, all the events, and the many opportunities to explore the trails.

### FAMILY AND PETS

- Marley, Dexter, and Stella (dogs)
- Family lives here in Spruce Grove (one brother and nephew live with her)

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of music, theatre, comedy, dance,  
and family performances.



# AN INTRODUCTION TO YOUR **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

*An overview of how a municipal government operates,  
what it oversees, and how you can get involved*





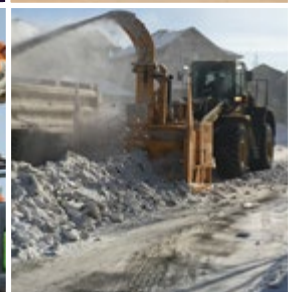
## What is municipal government?

In Canada, there are three distinct levels of government:

- **Federal**, which oversees things that affect all of Canada, like the post office, criminal law, national defence, and employment insurance.
- **Provincial or territorial** who have the authority to make decisions that affect the province or territory directly, but not the rest of Canada. This includes things like the age of majority, provincial taxes, education, and hospitals.
- **Municipal** like the City of Spruce Grove. Municipal governments establish rules and bylaws and deliver services that support the individual city, county, town, or village. Examples of these services include fire prevention, public transportation, parks and green spaces, snow removal, and waste management.



From building roads and maintaining parks to hosting events and planning for new growth, the City is responsible for managing a wide portfolio of local programs, services, and other amenities. This direction comes from the City's strategic plan, which outlines Spruce Grove City Council's vision for the future of Spruce Grove. Last updated in 2018, City Council will be revisiting the strategic plan for Spruce Grove in 2022.



## But what really happens to put all those wheels in motion?

Follow along in this introduction to your local government, which outlines how City Council and City Administration work together to meet the needs of our growing community, who's who, how decisions are made, and what you can do to get involved in the civic process.

### Who's who and what do they do?

There are several key groups who play an important role in keeping the wheels of municipal government turning. Learn who's who, what they do, and your role in moving our community forward.

### City Council

Spruce Grove City Council is comprised of one mayor and six councillors who serve four-year terms. There are no political parties; instead, individuals put their names forward as candidates in each municipal election. Once elected, members of Council are responsible to:

- Make decisions in the best interest of the entire municipality
- Set the overall strategic direction of the City and approve budget allocations through the annual corporate plan which outlines both budget and operational strategies to achieve the strategic direction
- Provide oversight of Administration and municipal operations through various accountability processes
- Represent the City on various boards/committees

### Spruce Grove residents

As a Spruce Grove resident, you play a crucial role in the structure and evolution of the City. By electing members of City Council, you hold an important civic responsibility in selecting the leaders and decision makers of our community. You can also attend City Council and Committee of the Whole meetings, participate in consultation opportunities, and volunteer to serve on boards, committees, and task forces. By staying informed, getting involved, and voting in municipal elections, you play an active role in helping to shape the future of Spruce Grove.

### City Manager

The City Manager is the administrative head of the City and plays a key leadership role as the liaison between City Council and City Administration. Responsible for the overall management of the organization, the City Manager informs Council members on day-to-day operations and ensures policies, programs, and the strategic plan are implemented. The City Manager is Council's only employee and is responsible for the recruitment of Administration.

### Administration

Administration specializes in various areas of expertise, and departments work together to provide the programs and services directed by Council and as outlined in the strategic plan. Administration offers subject matter knowledge to Council during Council meetings to help support them in making informed decisions that impact Spruce Grove residents.

## How decisions are made

During City Council meetings, a variety of topics, projects, and initiatives come before City Council in the form of reports, presentations, and recommendations for Council's feedback and decision. When Council is required to make a decision to set direction, the matter is put to a vote. Each Council member has an equal say and a majority vote decides the direction. Administration is then empowered to make the operational decisions that bring Council's direction to life.

### Get involved by attending a meeting

Council generally meets three times per month (with the exception of July, August, and December). City Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are open to the public so residents are able to see and hear the decisions of Council being made. All meetings are livestreamed for remote viewing and record keeping, and every effort is made to allow in-person attendance.

At first glance, the types of Council meetings may seem very similar, but there are subtle nuances that set them apart. So, what's the difference?



#### City Council meetings

Council meetings consider bylaws, hold public hearings, hear from Administration and public delegations, and discuss business items. Council meetings are intended to provide a mechanism for decision making. A question and answer period is also held during these meetings, providing an opportunity for members of the public to ask concise and specific questions of Council. Questions may be referred to City Administration for further investigation, but in all cases, you will receive a reply. If required, City Council can hold a special Council meeting in addition to the regular meeting schedule. A special council meeting is usually held when a matter arises that cannot wait until the next regular meeting. Public notification is required prior to the meeting being held.

#### Committee of the Whole meetings

Committee of the Whole meetings are research, information, and discussion sessions that may include public presentations, administrative updates, business items, bylaws, and new topics for preliminary discussion. The outcomes of such agenda topics enable Committee members to provide perspective to Administration that can then be further refined before provided to Council for approval or implemented as operational programs. The Committee cannot make decisions but can provide recommendations in the form of motions for Council to consider.

#### Organizational meetings

Council must hold an organizational meeting each year in the late fall to schedule upcoming regular City Council and Committee of the Whole meetings, set committee appointments and seating arrangements.

#### Corporate plan review meetings

Each fall, Administration presents a proposed corporate plan during a series of dedicated corporate plan review meetings. The corporate plan is then amended based on Committee of the Whole deliberations and Council direction.

### When do these meetings typically happen?

Mondays (or Tuesday, if the Monday is a statutory holiday)

6 p.m.

**Virtually:** [sprucegrove.org/livecouncil](https://sprucegrove.org/livecouncil)

#### In-person:

Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall,  
315 Jespersen Ave.

Council meeting times may change. For meeting start times, agendas (available on the Friday before the meeting) and schedule, visit [sprucegrove.org/councilmeetings](https://sprucegrove.org/councilmeetings).







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**Megan Kumpula**



**Intersection of King Street  
and McLeod Avenue**

The mural is a bright and colourful painting that features the famous Alberta wild rose, spruce branches, and vibrant sunrays to create a bold and cheerful piece.

*Completed August 2021*



Photo credit: Esta Bee Photography

# RELEASE THE HOUNDS!

Take a trip to one of the City's two dog off-leash parks:

- Cpl. Jim Galloway Memorial Off-Leash Area, 51 Century Close (fenced)
- Marlboro Off-Leash Park, south of Marlboro Drive (not fenced)

Before you head out, take a few minutes to review the off-leash park etiquette to help ensure you both have a safe and enjoyable time. And always remember to scoop that poop!



[sprucegrove.org/OffLeash](https://sprucegrove.org/OffLeash)

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Parkland RCMP detachment has a Safe Internet Exchange Zone. It helps provide a safe place for people to meet when buying and selling items online. Find it in the front parking lot at 91 Campsite Road in Spruce Grove.



[sprucegrove.org/SafeXchgZone](https://sprucegrove.org/SafeXchgZone)

## #CONNECT THE BLOCK SG



Get involved in building positive relationships with your neighbours that help strengthen your neighbourhood!

[sprucegrove.org/ConnectTheBlock](https://sprucegrove.org/ConnectTheBlock)



# INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY AND MUNICIPALITY

*City Council approves 2022-2024 Corporate Plan*







Each year, Spruce Grove City Council approves a three-year corporate plan. It is the City's guiding document for governance, community development, and service delivery. The plan outlines these investments, how they will benefit the community, the financial requirements to support this direction, and how we are going to focus our efforts moving forward.

The 2022-2024 Corporate Plan was approved by Spruce Grove City Council in November 2021 and is centred on two main themes:

- Investing in the community
- Investing in the municipality

Council is continuing to support the community through investments outlined in the approved corporate plan that allow for a sustainable approach to supporting residents and businesses as the City navigates from recovery post-pandemic into the future.

In its deliberations, Council recognized the importance of balancing the investment required in the community with the long-term sustainable growth strategy of the City. Implementing a moderate general tax rate increase and continuing the dedicated tax rate increase to fund lifecycle projects, along with the property tax rate split shift were seen by Council as necessary for fiscal sustainability, as this will allow the City to build the necessary financial resources to fund ongoing requirements and future infrastructure needs.

The full 2022-2024 Corporate Plan document is available at [sprucegrove.org/corporateplan](https://sprucegrove.org/corporateplan).

## Looking forward to 2022

Developing the corporate plan is more than just balancing a budget – it's determining priorities as a City and how Administration will continue to serve residents in a fiscally responsible and sustainable way. The newly elected Council and Administration will also be participating in strategic planning sessions in early 2022 that will set the stage for corporate and business planning events throughout the year. Council's long-term vision will be captured as part of these sessions and will set clear priorities for Administration to move forward.





“THIS CORPORATE PLAN IS ABOUT TAKING A REASONABLE AND BALANCED APPROACH TO ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY AS WE COLLECTIVELY WORK TO NAVIGATE OUR JOURNEY THROUGH, AND ULTIMATELY PAST, THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THIS PLAN WILL ALLOW US TO INVEST BOTH TODAY, AS WELL AS PLAN AND SAVE FOR FUTURE NEEDS THAT WILL SERVE US AS SPRUCE GROVE CONTINUES TO GROW.” - **MAYOR JEFF ACKER**



# RECYCLING, ORGANICS, AND WASTE COLLECTION IN SPRUCE GROVE

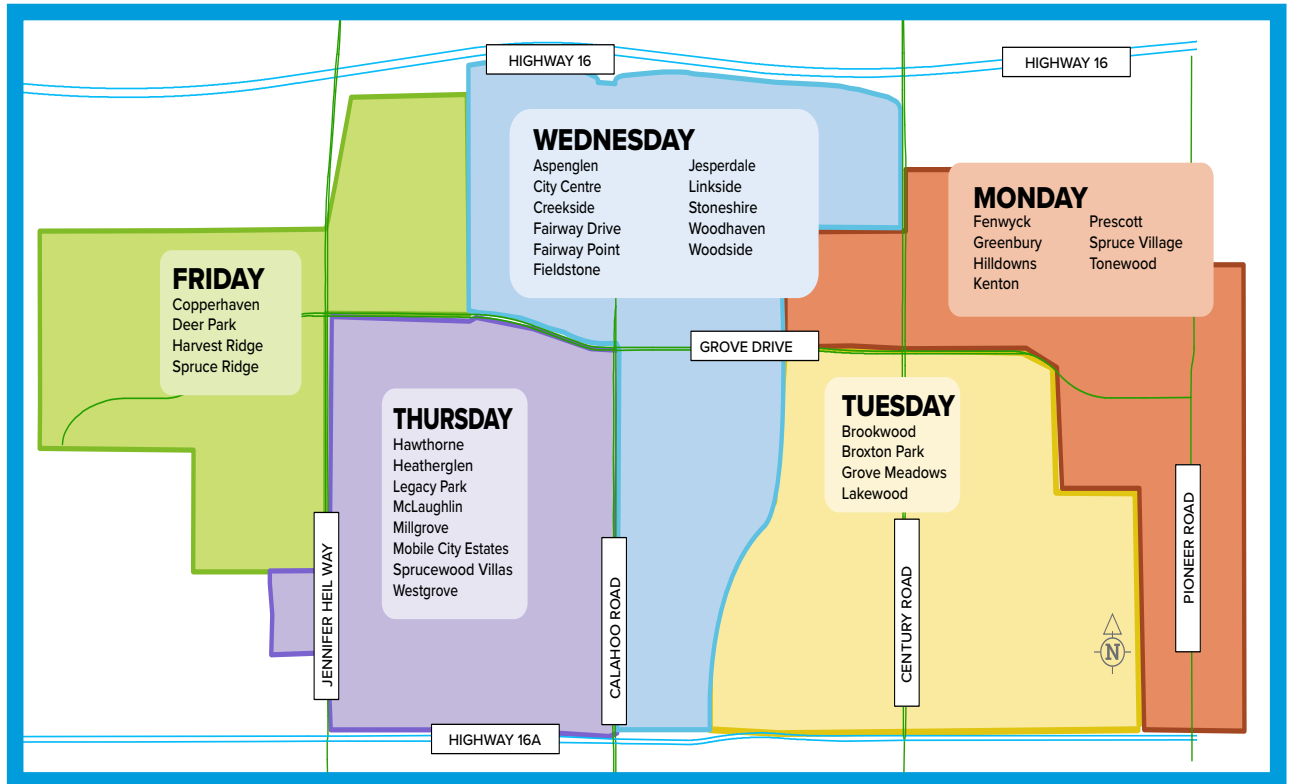
*The City of Spruce Grove has a comprehensive waste collection program that includes recycling, organics, and residential waste collection, an Eco Centre and several seasonal events, including Large Item Pick Up, Free-cycle, Shred-4-Free, and E-roundup.*





## Recycling, organics, and waste collection

Recycling, organics, and waste are picked up through the City's residential waste collection program on your waste collection day. Check the map below to find your collection day.



### Collection includes three components:



**Garbage** – black waste carts are collected weekly.



**Organics** – green organics carts are collected weekly from mid-April to mid-November and monthly from December to March.



**Recycling** – blue recycle bags are collected weekly.

*IN 2021, 3,346 TONNES OF ORGANICS AND 2,201 TONNES OF RECYCLING WERE DIVERTED FROM THE LANDFILL THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO REDUCING WASTE.*



*Remember, residential collection days do not change due to statutory holidays. You can subscribe for waste collection reminders and never forget when collection day is again; sign up at [sprucegrove.org/sort](https://sprucegrove.org/sort).*

*It's time to tackle plastic pollution*

*Remember to*

**BYOBAG**

**As of January 1, 2022, Spruce Grove businesses  
no longer provide plastic checkout bags.**

Learn more about the City's new Single-Use Items  
Reduction Bylaw at **[sprucegrove.org/singleuse](https://sprucegrove.org/singleuse)**



 The City of  
**SPRUCE GROVE**

**Eco  
Centre**



So how do you  
dispose of items that can't  
go in your black waste cart,  
green organics cart or blue bag,  
like an old couch, TV, or cans of paint?  
That's when a trip to the Eco Centre  
is in order! The Eco Centre is a drop-off facility  
where residents can take large items,  
electronics, hazardous household waste,  
glass jars, construction material, tires,  
propane tanks and more.  
Some items are subject  
to a disposal fee.



**50 Diamond Ave.**



**Monday to Saturday: 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday: Closed**  
**Statutory holidays: Closed**



**[sprucegrove.org/ecocentre](https://sprucegrove.org/ecocentre)**

# RECYCLING, ORGANICS, AND WASTE COLLECTION IN SPRUCE GROVE



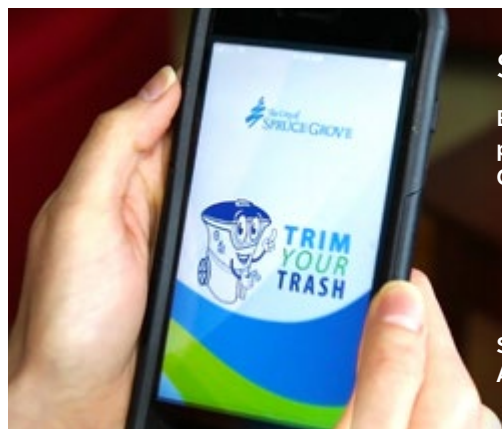
## Residential waste collection requirements

The following guidelines are in place to help ensure successful collection, minimize spillage, and ensure an efficient process that saves time and resources:

- Put your carts/blue bags out by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- Place your carts on the street against the curb or at the edge of your laneway.
- Point the arrows on top of carts towards the roadway or lane.
- Ensure there is at least one meter's length of clearance on all sides of the carts.
- Ensure all cart lids are fully closed.
- Maximum weight is 200 lbs.

## DID YOU KNOW?

GREEN ORGANICS CARTS AND BLACK WASTE CARTS ARE NUMBERED AND ASSIGNED TO EACH PROPERTY. IF YOU MOVE, PLEASE LEAVE THE CART BEHIND FOR THE NEXT OCCUPANT.



## Sort with **Success**

Before you toss it, make sure you are putting it in the right place! Download the City's free online waste sorting tool to:

- sign up for collection reminders,
- receive waste sorting tips,
- learn about seasonal events;
- and so much more!

Search "Trim Your Trash" in the Apple App Store or Google Play



## Catch it

Use a kitchen catcher lined with a compostable bag as a clean, convenient and low-odour way to easily collect food waste. Keep it on your kitchen counter for easy access and when it's full, toss the compostable bag in your organics cart.



# REVITALIZING THE CITY CENTRE

*This year will see some significant changes in Spruce Grove's City Centre area, as work will wrap up on one redevelopment project and begin on another.*

Last year, work began on the redevelopment of Columbus Park, which is located at the corner of Main Street and McLeod Avenue. This redevelopment work will turn the park into a venue for gathering and public events in all seasons, with improved seating and shelter, new greenery, and other features including a permanent stage, power outlets, and a water bottle fill station. Underground services are also being installed to potentially accommodate a washroom facility in the future. A significant amount of work was completed during the 2021 construction season, and remaining work, which includes landscaping and lighting installation, will be completed in 2022 as early as weather permits.

Additional work starting on the streetscape revitalization of McLeod Avenue and Main Street will begin in 2022.

Both these projects have been identified as part of the City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan (CCARP), which is focused on revitalizing the City Centre area into a dynamic, welcoming, and accessible mixed use space for residents and visitors. As this area is also the oldest part of Spruce Grove, the project also includes rehabilitation of the underground infrastructure to service businesses and residents and create the opportunity for new development.

Spruce Grove City Council passed the CCARP in 2020. This plan provides a policy framework for guiding redevelopment and revitalization of the City Centre through consideration of land use, mobility, urban design, building guidelines, and implementation.

For more information and to sign up for project updates visit [sprucegrove.org/CCARP](https://sprucegrove.org/CCARP).



*\*Artist rendering/subject to change*



### Did you know?

As part of the redevelopment work at Columbus Park, the clock tower that stood at the corner of Main Street and McLeod Avenue was taken down and provided to the Spruce Grove and District Agricultural Society for future display.

Additionally, five long-standing trees that needed to be removed from the park to accommodate the redevelopment work also found a new home on the Ag Society's grounds thanks to a partnership between the City, the Ag Society, and Kiwi Nurseries. Three Linden trees, one Bur Oak and one Ohio Buckeye tree were removed prior to construction and relocated near the society's grain elevator, water tower, and shed.



Photo credit: Victor Moroz



Photo credit: Kiwi Nurseries



Photo credit: Kiwi Nurseries



Stay informed and sign up for updates at [sprucegrove.org/CCARP](https://sprucegrove.org/CCARP)



# SPRUCE GROVE LOCAL TRANSIT IS ON-DEMAND

*BOOK YOUR TRIP!*



Download the **Pick-Up On-Demand** app

[sprucegrove.org/OnDemandTransit](https://sprucegrove.org/OnDemandTransit)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Spruce Grove Family and Community Support Services offers both in-person and virtual programs to support social connections, resiliency, and overall well-being.

There are a number of upcoming programs on useful and helpful topics. Learn more and register today.



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