

Community Services Department Update  
**JANUARY 2024**

**PARKS**

- Continue winter control on facility parking lots
- Street and park tree pruning including storm clean up
- Flower (annuals) list for 2024 completed
- In process of hiring seasonal staff
- Forestry contractor is working on annual hydro pruning list supplied by Festival Hydro

**PARKS CAPITAL**

- Nothing currently

**CEMETERY**

- Staff continue with:
  - Customer sales and service
  - Casket and cremation interments
- Winter road maintenance

**CEMETERY CAPITAL**

- Nothing currently

**TRANSIT**

**Weekly Ridership:**

2024 Monday-Friday	Ridership	Saturday ODT	2023 Monday-Friday	Ridership	Saturday ODT
Jan 21-26	10,375	225	Jan 22-27	11,640	229
Jan 28-Feb 2	10,185	264	Jan 29-Feb 3	10,578	215
Feb 4-9	10,935	240	Feb 5-10	12,364	256
Feb 11-16	10,683	216	Feb 12-17	11,438	242
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January 2024	1660		January 2023	964	

\*\*\*Transit ridership lower in 2024 due to alternative Student transportation offered\*

## TRANSIT CAPITAL

- **Approved** Projects for 2024 (ICIP)
- Accessible shelters (Project underway)
- Bus wash replacement (RFP scheduled for Winter 2024)
- Bus Storage/Facility Upgrades (Project scheduled in 2024)
- 40 ft. Hybrid Electric/Diesel Conventional Buses (2) (Production start date of Spring 2024)
- Magnuscards Mobile App (Project underway)

## PARALLEL TRANSIT

### Weekly Ridership:

Weekly 2024	Ridership	Weekly 2023	Ridership
Jan 21-27	429	Jan 22-28	299
Jan 28-Feb 3	428	Jan 29-Feb 4	329
Feb 4-10	410	Feb 5-11	317
Feb 11-17	443	Feb 12-18	366

- Pre-Pandemic ridership was typically 400 per week. Continuing to surpass weekly ridership.

## RECREATION PROGRAMMING

- The Coldest Night of the Year is set to take place Saturday, February 24, 2024.
- Staff continue to receive Special Event Applications for the 2024 Spring/Summer seasons.
- Staff were successful in the application for the New Horizon's Grant for Sharing Circles with two streams. One where Indigenous elders lead intergenerational discussions on the history, land, and culture of their people, and one that empowers newcomer seniors with a platform to voice their needs, socialize, and foster a sense of belonging in Stratford.
- The process of hiring casual summer staff is well under way for the Lion's Pool and Day Camp programs.
- Day Camp programming continues its success with both the February 2, 2024, PA Day and all of March Break Day Camp operating at full capacity.

## FACILITIES

- Nothing currently

## FACILITIES CAPITAL

- Nothing currently