

Outdoor concert event supports Youth One

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Under sunny skies in front of an appreciative outdoor audience, Remedy Music School of Saskatoon celebrated mental well-being in support of Youth One Youth and Family Centre on Thursday.

Youth One is “decided to providing young people with a place of belonging, support and guidance,” says its website.



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Christine Johnston of Remedy Music School performs at a concert in support of Youth One Youth and Family Centre at Legacy Park on Thursday. The event, which celebrated mental well-being, was part of a tour by Saskatoon-based Remedy Music.

It offers after school programs and support services for youth aged 11 to 18 with programs designed to give them “a community of belonging support and guidance during their formative years.” The Legacy concert was part of

Remedy’s “Cut the World” tour and featured artists of different genres and backgrounds, some making their out-of-province performing debuts on the tour.

The school was started in the fall of 2021 as a nurturing place for artists to

get support and development while prioritizing their mental well being.

“Remedy Music School aims to provide accessible avenues for individuals to experience this therapeutic power,” says the school.

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Ag disaster declared as local growing conditions deteriorate

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The Municipal District of Taber has declared an agricultural disaster.

At their Council meeting on July 18, Council made the decision for the crop year 2023 as current conditions in the M.D. fit RMA (Rural Municipalities of Alberta) guidelines for an agricultural disaster.

The M.D. stated they made this declaration to “address the severe drought conditions which are negatively impacting local agricultural producers,” especially within the dryland areas of the municipality. They recognized the importance of agricultural production to the economy and “stand with local producers during this difficult time.”

According to the news release announcing the declaration, the Alberta Crop Report rated all crop conditions in the South at 35 per cent good or excellent as of July 11. Soil moisture reserves, the release stated, are severely depleted at 42 per cent. The news release also said that desiccated conditions have caused grasshopper infestations over 17 per cent of acres and approximately 46 per cent of pastures and hay are in poor condition. Annual crops have decreased by six per cent and are now rated poor by 23 per cent. This year, the release said, is the third consecutive year that the M.D. has declared such a disaster with the first year being 2021. Factors that led to the disaster being declared include varying winter snowpack, lack of early season moisture, lack of precipitation, and high temperatures, the release said.

The declaration of an agricultural disaster, Council discussed on July 18, will ultimately get communicated to relevant ministers at the provincial and federal levels in order to bring awareness to the scenario. As Council discussed the issue, they acknowledged that the M.D.’s ag fieldman was already preparing the letter for the necessary ministers.

Council initially struggled how to



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A grasshopper clings to a stalk of grain growing in a dryland field last season.

word their declaration because although there are good crops in the irrigated areas, the areas that are not being irrigated are struggling and the dry grassland areas are really suffering. This was part of the discussion they had during the Council meeting that led them to declare the agricultural disaster.

During the discussion, Councillor Hildebrandt expressed concern about there being a risk of problems within the irrigated areas because of the heavy utilization of irrigation.

“There will be some irrigators that are going to struggle with adequacy of the water supply,” Councillor Hildebrandt said. “Some of the forage producers as well as some of the crop producers are really going to struggle to have adequate water supplies for them to finish the irrigating season so I believe there is a risk there even to the irrigated producers. The other impact that they’re experiencing is very high pumping costs as well because of the high usage.”

Councillor Turcato agreed with Hildebrandt’s words and added that the M.D. is currently seeing some under-utilized land that had some early silage taken off that is not being reseeded.

“The potential, if we had a normal year, would have been much higher,” Turcato said.

DeGroot said that however the letter was written, the M.D. needed to show the value of irrigation to the municipality. Without irrigation, DeGroot said, the M.D. of Taber would not exist. DeGroot also wanted to ensure that the importance of the Chin Coulee Expansion, and how water security is such a factor were all included in the letter to the provincial and federal ministers.

“In spite of erratic and low precipitation levels, we are fortunate to have continuous access to potable water as well as the comprehensive water security our irrigation districts provide,” Reeve Harris said. “It has never been more crucial that this vital resource is made available.”

Councillor Hildebrandt acknowledged that the current situation was a dire situation for all, especially dry land producers, and warranted declaration of an ag disaster, as the season is every bit as dry as it was in the year 2000.

“Water security, this could be less of a disaster had we had more ability to store more water,” Councillor Turcato said. “We might not see some under-utilized irrigation acres. Also, the expansion of irrigation acres in the area, an increased 83,000 acres over the SMRID over the

next eight years is going to be really beneficial. So this is a way of highlighting the need for water security not only for crops and livestock but also for using it for human consumption.”

A motion was ultimately made that the M.D. of Taber declare an agricultural disaster due to the extreme lack of rainfall and drought-like conditions within the district and that Administration draft a Municipal Agricultural Disaster Declaration for submission to the Province of Alberta Financial Services Corporation and Rural Municipalities of Alberta, as it will highlight the need for water security for not only crops and livestock, but also water security for human consumption. The motion was carried unanimously.

“As fellow farmers and residents of southern Alberta, we stand with our dryland farmers and livestock producers during these harsh and difficult times,” Reeve Harris said. “We will continue to advocate for relief measures at the provincial level and will support producers in accessing any recovery and assistance programs that become available.”

Agricultural disaster has also been declared in the counties of Vulcan, Foothills, Stettler, Paintearth, Cypress and Wheatland.

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Clean Energy Improvement Tax Bylaw

Oct. 17, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.
City Hall - 910 4th Ave. S.

What is This Bylaw About?

This Bylaw amends bylaw 6296 the Clean Energy Improvement Tax Bylaw to remove annual caps on funding the program, allowing more property owners to have access to funding sooner. It does not change the overall program spending limit.

Tell Us What You Think

- Written submissions by Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023
- Verbal presentations on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023

Bylaw can be viewed at City Hall, 910 – 4 Avenue S.

Questions regarding this Bylaw contact Larry Laverty, Assessment and Taxation Manager at larry.laverty@lethbridge.ca

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