

Tragic drowning at Rotary Park

By Olivia Rutt
Whitecourt Press

Whitecourt RCMP members were called to Rotary Park late Tuesday afternoon to search for a missing 19-year-old in a possible drowning. The search ended a little over 24 hours later when they recovered the body of the Whitecourt man.

The RCMP, assisted by a volunteer dive team and other emergency services, searched the pond in the park where he was last seen. They closed the park for the duration of the search and it was reopened early on Thursday.

The man's name has not been released and his family has asked for privacy.

The pond where he was found is a popular

area for swimming in Whitecourt, but it is not formally a swimming area. There is no life-guard and partakers are advised that they swim at their own risk.

"The pond was never developed to be a swimming area," said Jay Granley, Director of Community Services in Whitecourt. "People do use it to swim and cool off. We recognize that there isn't really a practical way to tell people they can't and at the

same time... there's no practical way to develop a formal swimming area."

The town has no plans to develop it into a swimming area, but they understand the risk.

"The [original] purpose of the pond, at the time, was that it would provide a good strong visual for the park, would be a place to clear off for skating, and would be developed so we could stock it for fishing," said Granley.



Photo Olivia Rutt

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Engineering Services for Erosion Control Works

The Town of Whitecourt requires the services of a qualified firm to provide engineering services for the design and construction of erosion control works on the Athabasca River at Whitecourt. The anticipated work is comprised of, but not limited to:

- design development,
- construction and tender document preparation,
- construction administration services,
- and project closure.

Design is to be complete by the end of 2014 with construction in 2015.

SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO:

Town of Whitecourt
Box 509, 5004 52 Avenue
Whitecourt, Alberta
T7S 1N6

Attention: Peter Yackulic- Project Manager

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2:00 PM

For further details on the project and scope of work, please visit the Town's website at www.whitecourt.ca or the Alberta Purchasing Connection website at www.purchasingconnection.ca

TOWN OF WHITECOURT - LAND USE BY-LAW 1429 NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission on July 31, 2014:

PERMIT NUMBER	APPROVAL DATE	LOCATION	PROPOSED OR EXISTING DEVELOPMENT	DECISION	APPEAL MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO 4:00 pm on THIS DATE
W14-316	JULY 31, 2014	LOT 1, BLOCK 5, PLAN 082-0135	SUBDIVISION	Approved with conditions	August 15, 2014
W14-317	JULY 31, 2014	PORTION OF NW ¼ 36-59-12-W5TH	SUBDIVISION	Approved with conditions	AUGUST 15, 2014
W14-318	JULY 31, 2014	LOT 1, BLOCK 6, PLAN 082-0135	SUBDIVISION	Approved with conditions	AUGUST 15, 2014

An Appeal of the above decisions may be made by submitting a written appeal and appeal fee (\$220) to the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Town of Whitecourt Administration Building, Box 509, Whitecourt, Alberta, T7S 1N6 prior to 4:00pm on the above noted date. Any person(s) affected by the said proposal has the right to appeal prior to the above date.

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