

## **Culture Café**

### **1. What is the Culture Café project?**

In 2008, The City of Red Deer adopted a cultural plan known as the Community Culture Vision. As part of ongoing work with the Community Culture Vision, The City's Culture Services section provides City Council with regular updates on the achievements made as they relate to the recommendations in the document. In November 2015, a status report was provided to highlight work that had been completed by The City of Red Deer. The report acknowledged an important next step includes capturing work being done in the community by many different organizations.

In order to best capture the work being done in the community related to arts, culture and heritage initiatives, Culture Services will host a "world café" style event that will allow City staff to dialogue with the community to:

- Share information about the Community Culture Vision and what's been done to-date by The City of Red Deer
- Provide information about Culture Services and the support that is available to community groups
- Capture what community groups are doing and identify how their work aligns with the Culture Vision
- Encourage connections among participants

### **2. What is the purpose of the Culture Café project?**

This event is an opportunity for Culture Services staff to dialogue with participants involved in the arts, culture, and heritage sector to identify how they are operating in the community. Feedback gathered will be used to provide City Council with an updated progress report related to the implementation of the Community Culture Vision.

Recommendations within the Community Culture Vision centre around six key areas: values and themes, planning, facilitation and collaboration, infrastructure, experiments, and funding.

In addition, participants will also learn about The City's Social Policy Framework and how it relates to a strong arts, culture and heritage sector. The Social Policy Framework guides The City's roles and responsibilities to help strengthen our community socially.

The community goals identified in the Social Policy Framework include: community cohesion, educational opportunities, equitable services and access, health and basic needs, housing, jobs and wages, poverty reduction, resilience, safety, and social and cultural diversity.

### **3. Where and when will the event take place?**

The event will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at the Golden Circle Senior Resource Centre from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

### **4. Who is able to participate?**

Any Red Deerian who identifies as a cultural consumer or creator and contributes to the local cultural community is welcome to attend and join the conversation. Participants may primarily work alone or as part of a group or organization.

Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP by Thursday, November 10 to [culturemailbox@reddeer.ca](mailto:culturemailbox@reddeer.ca) or by phoning 403-309-4091.

### **5. How will the results be used?**

The results will be used to provide City Council with an updated progress report in early 2017.

### **6. Where can I find out more about The City's Community Culture Vision and Social Policy Framework?**

Visit the following locations on The City's website:

- [Culture Vision](#)
- [Social Policy Framework](#)

**For more information, visit [www.reddeer.ca/CultureCafe](http://www.reddeer.ca/CultureCafe) or contact:**

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