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Major partnership



Medal honour

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County is among the partners collaborating on a new low-carbon hydrogen energy hub, which was opened in Calgary on March 21.

The Calgary Region Hydrogen Hub (CRH2), managed by the Transition Accelerator, also includes Calgary Economic Development, the City of Calgary, Alberta Innovates, and the Government of Canada among its partners.

“The concept for the hub is to be a connection point for players in the hydrogen ecosystem ... those industry players that could potentially use hydrogen in the future or maybe are currently using it,” said Amber Link, Wheatland County reeve. “Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited (CPKC) is currently using hydrogen, but they are having to produce that hydrogen themselves because there is not a hydrogen refueling network. That is just one example, but it will basically be taking industry that can produce hydrogen and connecting it with end users.”

Link added the project will also be completing active research, testing and analysis in a variety of sectors, including air traffic, heat and power, use in both industrial and municipal fleets, and on railways.

The county has been working with Calgary Economic Development and the City of Calgary for the past two years, as well as with the other operational partners to bring the project to this launch point.

This follows the same model which was implemented for the Edmonton Region Hydrogen Hub. It is to receive \$3 million in funding from multiple orders of government, with an expectation to generate \$75 million in private sector partnerships, and the creation of 100 skilled labour positions.

During the press conference hosted to announce the project, Brad Parry, president and CEO of Calgary Economic Development, said the hydrogen economy has the potential to generate approximately \$50 billion in revenue annually, and \$700 billion globally.

“The reason that Wheatland County is involved in the project is we have identified that we have some key factors that would be conducive to producing hydrogen, and in fact, we do have industry that is already producing hydrogen in the county,” said Link.

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Off the top rope

Harlon Abbott leaps over Chris Knight during Real Canadian Wrestling’s sold-out ‘March Carnage’ on March 28 at the Strathmore Ag Pavilion. The show also featured former WWE superstar Eugene and Strathmore’s own Steve Wilde on the card.

Joe Lepage Photo

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The Rockyford Beef 4-H Club held their public speeches on Feb. 9, before taking part in the Wheatland District Public Speaking on March 8.

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Busy time for Rockyford Beef 4-H Club

AVA KOESTER
Rockyford Beef 4-H Club Reporter

The Rockyford Beef 4H Club held their public speeches on Feb. 9. The topics were varied and they were all very interesting. Anything from 'The History of BBQ Sauce' to 'Why School is Boring.' Spencer Kenney was the Master of Ceremonies. The Junior winners were Kaylee Neilsen, Rhett Desmet and Ava Koester. Intermediate winners were Maleah Harwood, Hayes Marshman and Kash Koole. The Senior winners were Kaden Gauthier, Avery Koole and Emersyn Marshman. Many

of these members continued to the Wheatland District Public Speaking on March 8.

Later in March, Wheatland District held a fun skate open to all members and their families. There was a bonfire with hotdogs and marshmallows to roast, and a horse drawn wagon ride. The outdoor rink was melting, so everybody who wanted to skate did so on the indoor rink. After a long, cold February, the warm weather of March was welcomed by all Rockyford Beef Club members, who have been busy working with their growing steers for the upcoming Show and Sale to be held June 4 at the Rockyford Rodeo Grounds.



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Body Mass Index (BMI) is a way of measuring obesity. Lately, it has fallen out of favour to the Body Roundness Index (BRI). Where the BMI compared only weight and height, BRI uses a few more measurements like hip and waist sizes. Evidently, BRI results can be used to make more accurate calculations of body composition.

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Dexter Nelson receives King Charles III Coronation Medal for years of community service

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Carseland's Dexter Nelson was recognized, March 28, for his contributions and the lasting impacts he has had for his communities with the award of a King Charles III Coronation medal.

The commemorative medal was created to mark the coronation of The King. There are approximately 30,000 medals which were created to be awarded for the occasion.

Chestermere-Strathmore MLA Chantelle de Jonge nominated Nelson for the award and presented it to him during a ceremony hosted at The Vault Cultural Collective.

"It is intended to recognize and celebrate individuals who have built the Canada of today, who have distinguished themselves from others in their field, who have been outstanding volunteers, and who have brought credit and pride to Canada," said MLA de Jonge. "I knew when I read through who a recipient of this award should be, I immediately knew that Dexter was so deserving of this award because of the work he has done in the space – he has brought pride to his community, and he has brought pride to his county."

Nelson has previously worked as a teacher at the University of Calgary, and at Mount Royal College (prior to its redesignation).

He also founded the Canadian Pro Rodeo Sport Medicine Team and Program, the Alberta Athletic Therapists Association, and the Sport Medicine Council of Alberta.

Additionally, Nelson chaired an international task force on global practice and served on the Alberta Mission Staff for the Alberta Winter Games, Arctic Winter Games, and Canadian Medical Team at the Pan American and Commonwealth Games.

Nelson was the Chief Therapist for the Canadian Medical Team at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, and he has held roles with the Edmonton Eskimo Football Team, as well as the Canadian National Men's Basketball Team.

"It is rather prestigious actually. How often in your life after you look back at all the things that you have done or tried to do, to have someone actually say 'I think you did a good job.' That is what this award means to me," said Nelson. "I have always been somewhat ambitious because I think my parents, in particular my mother, wanted ... my brother and I to do well in life, and you do well by being ambitious, enjoying life and the people around you."

Going forward, Nelson fondly remarked his ongoing ambitions are to spend time with his grandkids and explore whether there are things he would be able to teach them, just as his grandparents did for him.



Dexter Nelson was recognized with a King Charles III Coronation Medal for his years of service and dedication to his community, and his contributions to sports medicine throughout his career. A celebration was hosted at The Vault Cultural Collective on March 28 to mark the occasion and present him with his award.

John Watson Photo

Two Strathmore curling teams attend U15 provincial championship

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Two teams representing Strathmore took part in the U15 provincial curling tournament in Grande Prairie from March 12-16.

Team Clark, coached by Wesley Clark, placed fifth overall, and Team McCutcheon, coached by Michael McCutcheon, placed 10th.

Clark explained a total of 21 teams were divided into three pools of seven to play round robin circuits throughout the tournament.

At the end of the round robins, the Top 2 teams in each pool were allowed to advance to the championship playoff. Meanwhile, the bottom teams advanced to a consolation bracket.

"We were in second place in our pool and advanced to the championship playoff round. In that championship playoff round, we were ranked fifth, and we played against the fourth-place team," said Clark. "It was a, when you win you continue, you lose, you go home, and we came up short. We lost 6-5 to Team Sipka ... we never lost a game by more than one point when we were up there and the two games that we lost, we lost an extra end. The boys were very competitive with all of the teams."

For three of Team Clark's members, it was their first experience attending a provincial tournament. Inversely, McCutcheon's players were largely familiar with attending a provincial tournament, having done so last year on different teams.

The two local teams are hosted by Strathmore Curling Club, being an extracurricular activity outside of anything organized by local schools.

Clark added the boys were satisfied overall with their performances and the results they were able to yield, being competitive with each of the teams

that placed above them.

"They played really consistent in Grande Prairie and gave themselves a chance to win every game and turn some heads because we were kind of an unknown team," he said. "They have in a way overachieved in a way maybe in their minds, but not in mine ... unfortunately, part of our team ages up, so they do not get to play U15 provincials next year. Part of the team is younger – they can do it again next year, (but) there is no plan for next year yet."

Meanwhile, McCutcheon said though his team was excited about their finish, their overall goal was to place higher.

"We could have done a little better if we would have won one extra game, but that is how it goes sometimes," he said. "They are disappointed that the season has come to an end and they are really looking forward to growing next year again."

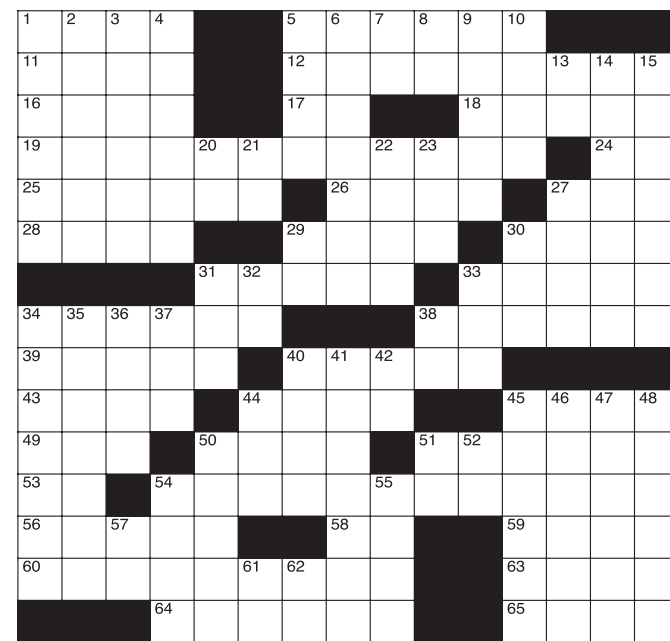
McCutcheon's team is not likely to reform completely in the next season, as the Alberta Winter Games will be taking place and does not allow co-ed teams to be registered for competition.

Curling Alberta hosts a series of U15 bonspiels throughout the curling season to compete at in order to earn a qualification to attend the provincial tournament.

There is no official league, rather instead, the event series is organized entirely by Curling Alberta. Strathmore's team competes in the Calgary Youth Curling Association.

Clark said the goal going into next season is to get back to the provincial tournament and qualify for the national tournament.

The new U15 teams will begin seeking new teammates and reorganizing come July in order to begin preparations for the upcoming season.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Narrow piece of wood
- 5. African desert
- 11. Waxy covering on birds' beaks
- 12. Sour
- 16. Infrequent
- 17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
- 18. Policemen wear one
- 19. Out of the question
- 24. Used to chop
- 25. Symptoms
- 26. Not moving
- 27. Folk singer DiFranco
- 28. Comedian Armisen
- 29. Quantitative fact
- 30. Incline from vertical
- 31. Scottish musician
- 33. Rooney and Kate are two
- 34. Positioned
- 38. A very short time
- 39. Tropical American shrubs
- 40. Yemen capital
- 43. Spanish municipality
- 44. Medical professionals
- 45. Fibrous material
- 49. Confined condition (abbr.)
- 50. Without covering
- 51. "Mad Men" honcho Don
- 53. Hockey position
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Fertile spots in a desert
- 58. They precede C
- 59. "Requiem for a Dream" actor Jared
- 60. Try a criminal case
- 63. Liberal rights organization
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Insect repellent

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Unshaven facial hair
- 2. More thin
- 3. Show up
- 4. Seethed
- 5. Ancient Greek city
- 6. Poisonous plant
- 7. Hello
- 8. College sports official
- 9. Monetary unit of Russia
- 10. Wings
- 13. Take too much of a substance
- 14. A citizen of Uganda
- 15. Most appealing
- 20. Atomic #18
- 21. Global investment bank (abbr.)
- 22. Jewish calendar month
- 23. Popular sandwich
- 27. Swiss river
- 29. Incorrect letters
- 30. Popular entree
- 31. Foot (Latin)
- 32. A driver's license is one form
- 33. Extinct flightless bird
- 34. Appetizer
- 35. After battles
- 36. It neutralizes alkalis
- 37. Beverage container
- 38. Partner to "Pa"
- 40. Gray American rail
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. Canadian province
- 44. Dish made with lentils
- 45. Narrative poem of popular origin
- 46. For each one
- 47. Come to terms
- 48. Test
- 50. More dishonorable
- 51. Unit of loudness
- 52. The Ocean State
- 54. Monetary unit in Mexico
- 55. Lying down
- 57. Thus
- 61. Where LA is located
- 62. Western State



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If there are two choices to take. One hard and one easy. Perhaps the only reward for the easy one is that its easy.

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The Foreigner makes debut at Rosebud Theater

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Rosebud Theatre and School of the Arts hosted its debut performance of *The Foreigner*, by Larry Shue, at the Rosebud Opera House, March 29, to a sold-out audience.

Paul Muir, executive director of the Rosebud Theater and School of the Arts, explained *The Foreigner* is the first show of the 2025 season, which has been dubbed the "Season of Belonging."

"At the core of what we are here to do, our mission is to enrich lives, and when I get to experience this kind of a thing with an audience like this, it just feels so good, it feels like what we are meant to do," said Muir.

"Morris Ertman is our outgoing artistic director. He ... actually put this whole season in place and then retired. When Morris curated the season, he was putting together a collection of plays that were all about people, characters, human beings finding their place in the world or in their community or in their culture, or sometimes in the family."

The Foreigner revolves around Charlie Baker, played by Nathan Schmidt, who is brought to a run-down rural fishing lodge to relax and be away from his wife for a few days.

In order to ease his social anxiety and prevent others from interacting with him, a ruse is constructed explaining Charlie is a foreigner who does not speak English.

Despite this, Charlie quickly befriends those around him as he plays the part of a curious outsider and meddles for the well-being of his new friends. Along the way, he also discovers a new personality and confidence about himself.

"What I love about the story is that it is a group of people who feel like outsiders in their lives. They feel like foreigners in their own lives. They do not have a place to belong, and they are thrown together in this ramshackle fishing lodge, and they start to bring out qualities in one another that they did not realize they had," said Heather Pattengale, director of Rosebud's *The Foreigner*. "They nudge each other towards bravery and compassion and generosity and then they are faced with darkness and evil, they band together to overcome it. That is why I love this story so much and it is just hilarious too."

Pattengale described it as a gift for a show to open to a

sold-out theatre, and to receive a standing ovation immediately out of the gate.

Muir explained work on the production, including costumes, set design, sound design, among the rest of the background work began approximately nine months ago. The first table read took place approximately four weeks prior to the opening performance.

The Foreigner will be running at the Rosebud Theater and School of the Arts until May 24. More information as well as tickets are available online through the Rosebud Theater's website.

Wheatland County a partner in new hydrogen energy hub

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"We will build on the success that the Edmonton hub has had so far, but also there are some unique considerations within the Calgary context that we can integrate into the Calgary Hydrogen Hub."

CRH2 intends to serve as a point of connection for Calgary's hydrogen ecosystem to share insights, analytics, and inspiration to keep the region competitively viable in a growing and expanding hydrogen market.

The initiative also relates to Calgary's climate strategy, which targets a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 60 per cent by 2030, and an achievement of net zero by 2050.

"We are at a point in time where all of the factors have come together and we were ready to launch the actual hub. We have a key staff member in place who will really be pulling together the industry subject matter experts, government - it will really be a public-private partnership to make this work," said Link. "The next steps are really going to hinge on engaging and connecting industry partners and then doing a lot of knowledge sharing. We are going to be looking for gaps in knowledge and really performing that objective analysis to close those gaps and explore potential pilot projects and regional synergies that the hub can help facilitate."

More information regarding the Alberta Hydrogen Roadmap, the Hydrogen Strategy for Canada, and the Calgary Hydrogen Hub is publicly available online through their respective governing bodies and organizations.

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Warhammer battle

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Hob's Hobbies was host to an open Warhammer 40,000 doubles tournament, March 22, which saw players from across Alberta coming to Strathmore for the opportunity to compete.

"Myself and another player in town, we have known John and Nathalie (Hilton-O'Brien) for a long time and played at the store and there is just not a ton of opportunities for organized play. They obviously have a great space there, but somebody just needed to take the reins to organize that," said Curtis Reid, one of the tournament's organizers. "It was tough at first trying to find the right ideas so that it would be interesting and appeal to have people come out and play, but we have run a few over the last year, but then the last one, we had a full 16 players – eight teams; we had quite a few people come in from out of town for it."

The doubles tournament saw teams of two players each piloting one half of an army on the tabletop. The one-day tournament consisted of three rounds, which allowed only one team by the end of the day to remain undefeated.

Warhammer 40,000 is a tabletop strategy war game which sees players fielding armies of miniatures built and painted by hand, playing out skirmish combat scenarios.

As the game progresses, completed game objectives earn players points. Whoever has the most points at the end of the game wins.

Reid explained he would like to see local tournaments become more regular in Strathmore, both for the benefit of the local community, as well as to at-

tract competitive players from outside the region.

"Other tournaments will go over an entire weekend, which is something we would like to build to, but it is also tough because we are here and we are drawing players from other communities," he said.

Player admission into the tournament was converted into the prize pot, which consisted of prizes for the tournament winners, best sportsman, best painted armies, and other player-voted categories.

Another prize category was created for the most bizarre pairing of armies, which for lore or practical rules purposes did not appear to cooperate well when it came to playing on the table.

"My co-organizer and I are actively drawing up the blueprints for the next tournament. We are probably going to look at the end of May or June for the next one so we will start advertising right away," said Reid. "We like the team aspect and that was a format that was popular, so we are looking at keeping the team idea but we are going to put an exciting twist on it."

Though many tournaments require all models fielded by participants to be fully painted in order to increase the aesthetic appeal as the event takes place, Reid added in order to reduce that barrier for many players, that was one such requirement which was dismissed.

He said overall, between the three rounds of gameplay, as well as a break for lunch, players were on their feet for approximately 12 hours throughout the tournament.

More information about future events will be made available through Hob's Hobbies in person as well as online.

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Strathmore hosts inaugural U11AA hockey provincial tournament

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Hawks hosted the U11AA Alberta Provincial Championship at the Strathmore Family Centre from March 27-30.

As the host team, the Hawks welcomed seven of the top squads in the province to compete in the inaugural U11AA provincial tourney.

“The event as a whole went down really well – it was some really good hockey for our team personally. We definitely struggled, but we were hosting so ... we kind of go in as an underdog,” said Russell Koester, coach of the U11AA Wheatland Hawks. “We ended up finishing third in our division, made it through the first round of playoffs and lost out the second round to the second place team. It was kind of an up and down year for sure, but lots of improvement from Day 1 to where it ended.”

Over the course of the provincial tournament, participating teams participated in a round robin format to determine which teams would play off for the overall championship on March 30.

The eight-team tournament was divided into two four team pools. The top two teams from each pool would play for the title.

Koester explained the Wheatland Hawks were defeated in all three of their round robin games and did not advance to the semifinals.

“The boys were definitely disappointed with the scores, but it was a great

experience for them all and it was the first time the U11AA has ever had provincials,” said Koester. “For them to be a part of that ... and to actually be host too, there were a lot of events going on, and they had a fun weekend which was the bottom line overall.”

Koester explained this was an inaugural season for U11AA hockey through Hockey Alberta. In previous years, it was considered a development program. This time around, it was established as an official league.

Setting up to be the host municipality for the provincial tournament, Koester added, took months of work in advance to coordinate, including finding volunteers and sponsors to support the endeavor.

A bid package was assembled and sent off to Hockey Alberta to be reviewed in order to be considered for hosting the tournament. Strathmore was awarded the successful bid in December, which became the cue to begin planning the tournament.

For the boys who participated on the Wheatland Hawks U11AA team, half of them will be moving up next year to play U13 hockey.

Additionally, AAA hockey is another category available to players which may see players switching into it.

“There is really no planning ahead for next season with minor hockey and stuff,” said Koester. “You will get a few of the same players if you end up coaching again, but even that is not a guarantee either.”

Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference. For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

- April 1, 2025 | 9 a.m.
- April 2, 2025 | 9 a.m.
- April 8, 2025 | 9 a.m.

- Council Meeting
- Agricultural Service Board
- Municipal Planning Commission

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted. Agenda packages can be found on our website.



2025 Municipal Election

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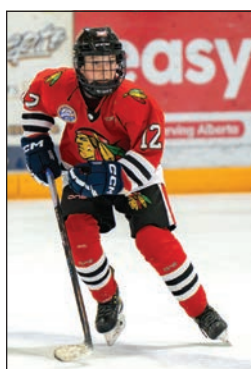
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Wonderful experience

The Wheatland Hawks hosted the U11AA Alberta Provincial Championship March 27-30 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Despite not collecting a win, it was a great experience for the team to host such a prestigious tournament.

Joe Lepage Photos

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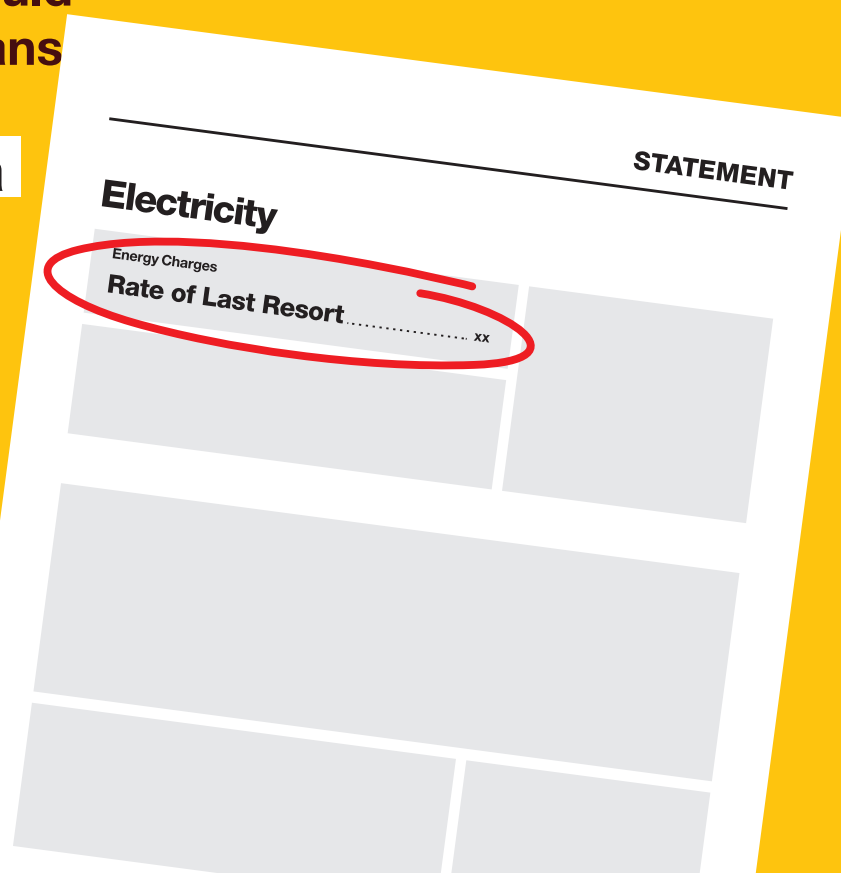
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Upcoming Council Meetings

April 2, 2025 | 6 p.m.

April 9 2025 | 6 p.m.

April 16 2025 | 6 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council

Committee of the Whole

Regular Meeting of Council

Come Say Hi

Hearing from the community is really important to us, so you're welcome at any Council or Committee of the Whole meeting. You do not need to call ahead or register to observe Strathmore Council in action. There is ample public seating and additional standing room if needed. You can also watch livestreamed meetings online as they happen, or catch up later on YouTube.

Your trash, someone's treasure.

Trash to Treasure Returning.

Trash to Treasure (TTT) Days is back for April 10 to 13. This is a great time to let your unwanted items become someone else's beloved items prior to the Heavy Item Garbage collection.

Donators:

- Mark your unwanted but reusable items with an HIG tag and place at same location you would place items for HIG collection.
- At the end of the Trash to Treasure Days remove any items you want to keep.
- Leave items out that you want collected during HIG week.

Collectors:

- Take only items marked with a HIG tag.
- Respect others' properties.
- Do not discard unwanted items on another resident's lawn.

For more information, visit [Strathmore.ca/WasteCollection](https://strathmore.ca/WasteCollection)

Heavy trash? We got ya covered.

Heavy Item Garbage Returning.

Heavy Item Garbage (HIG) collection returns the week of April 15th. HIG offers residents the opportunity to dispose of large residential waste, and is provided in conjunction with your curbside waste collection service. If you pay the residential garbage charge on your Town of Strathmore utility bill the HIG service is available to you.

Place all items at your regular garbage pickup location by 7 a.m. on April 15 and affix with an HIG sticker. Stickers are available for free at the Strathmore Municipal Building but must be picked up prior to April 15. HIG stickers will not be handed out the week of HIG.

Learn more about HIG or TTT at [Strathmore.ca/HIG](https://strathmore.ca/HIG)

We all need a little help sometimes.

Seniors & Residents Tax Support.

Tax season can be stressful, but Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is here to help. This service is specifically designed for seniors and those who are unable to complete their taxes on their own. To ensure a smooth process, FCSS will also be available in advance to answer questions, help gather necessary documents, and make sure clients are fully prepared for their appointments.

Residents are reminded to bring all relevant documents to avoid delays. For more information or to book an appointment, contact Strathmore FCSS 403-934-9090 or come by and see them during business hours.

Land Use Bylaw No. 25-06.

Notice of Public Hearing.

April 16, 2025 at 7:10 p.m.

Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 25-06
Edgefield Phase 3, Strathmore

Staff received an application for a land use redesignation (Bylaw No. 25-06) of Edgefield Phase 3 (Lot 1, Block 3, Plan 071 1894 and Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 031 007) to facilitate the development of R1N – Single Detached Residential (Narrow Lot) District, R2 – Low Density Residential District, R3M – Medium Density Modest Residential District, P1 (MR) – Public Service District. These properties are currently designated as AG – Agriculture General District in the Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed Bylaws may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB), or can be found on the Town website (<https://strathmore.ca/en/town-hall/public-hearings.aspx>). Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on **Wednesday, April 16, 2025**, commencing at **7 p.m.** with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Please contact Legislative Services at lsadmin@strathmore.ca by noon on **Wednesday, April 16, 2025**, in order to register to present.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Planning and Development Department prior to noon on **Wednesday, April 16, 2025**, as outlined in Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

*Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

Please contact Legislative Services at 403-934-3133 prior to attending a Public Hearing to determine the order of Bylaw presentations in the Council Agenda to ensure efficient use of time.

Tender and major project updates.

Municipal tenders.

The Municipal Tenders page has been updated with new opportunities for 2025. In accordance with Procurement Policy 1808, all tenders valued at \$75,000 or more are now available for public viewing. Visit [Strathmore.ca/tenders](https://strathmore.ca/tenders) to explore current opportunities.

Work on our major project, reservoir upgrades, is scheduled to begin this spring. Expect Maplewood Drive to be busy with construction, road closures, and underground infrastructure upgrades. You can stay informed on major project developments at [Strathmore.ca/reservoirupgrades](https://strathmore.ca/reservoirupgrades).



Land Use Bylaw No. 24-22.

Notice of Public Hearing.

April 16, 2025 at 7 p.m.

Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 24-22
712 3rd Street & Surrounding Properties

Staff received an application for a land use redesignation (Bylaw No. 24-22) for those lands described as 710 Third Street, Plan 992HV, Block 28, Lot 2A; 712 Third Street, Plan 992HV, Block 28, Lot 2B, Civic Address NA, Area A, Plan 0313207, and 380 Ridge Road, Plan 8510985, Block 1, Lot 3, Strathmore to facilitate the development of apartment housing and redesignation to R3 – High Density Residential District with a Direct Control District Overlay.

These properties are currently designated as CHWY – Highway Commercial District in the Land Use Bylaw (LUB). At present, apartment housing is not a listed use in this district.

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24-22. 712 3rd Street (and surrounding properties)



Proposed R3 High Density Residential District, District Overlay



Opening acts

The 2025 Strathmore Performing Arts Festival (SPAF) opened with choir/speech/voice March 26-28, while musical theatre opened from March 28-29. Guitar, instrumental, piano and band will perform the first few days of April before the Final Concert on April 9.

Photos Courtesy of the SPAF

Community wellness – a healthier, happier Strathmore

MAYOR PAT FULE
Town of Strathmore

Community wellness is about more than one thing – it's a collection of small but powerful efforts that make a big difference. It's about feeling connected, having access to services, and enjoying the spaces that bring people together. In Strathmore, we're working to build a community where wellness is a shared priority.

Strathmore residents are fortunate to enjoy 24 public playgrounds, over 276 acres of parks and green space, and more than 32 kilometres of pathways that connect our neighbourhoods. These spaces give families places to gather, kids room to play, and everyone the opportunity to stay active and enjoy the outdoors. They are a big part of what makes life here feel vibrant, connected, and rooted in community. To maintain this and guide future decisions, the town is developing a Recrea-

tion and Culture Needs Assessment to understand how best to meet the needs of our growing and changing population.

Health care is another key part of overall wellness. Strathmore residents have raised concerns about access to doctors and medical services, and council has responded. The Physician Sponsorship Grant Pilot Program provides funding to local clinics that sponsor physicians through Alberta's College of Physicians & Surgeons program. It's a targeted, community-driven solution to a challenge many rural and mid-sized communities are facing. By supporting recruitment at the local level, we're doing what we can to help ensure more residents can get the care they need close to home.

We're also supporting innovation in health care. Last fall, council received a presentation from Frontier Diagnostics about the potential to bring a CT scanner to our community – a project that

could improve diagnostic access and reduce travel times for patients throughout the region. It's still early days, but council is exploring new ways to support community wellness and find creative solutions to the challenges our community faces.

When we talk about community wellness, we're talking about creating a place where people can thrive – physically, mentally, and socially. It's about feeling safe and supported. It's about having access to services, activities, and spaces that make life a little bit better each day. And it's about making sure no one feels left behind. Whether it's a new event, maintaining pathways in the park, or a grant that helps bring a doctor to town, each piece adds to the bigger picture.

Over the past several weeks, I have shared updates on the six pillars of Council's Strategic Plan. From economic development and financial stability to community building and environmental stewardship, each piece connects back to the same goal: making life better in Strathmore. Our priorities mirror the values of the people who live here, and our work is guided by a simple idea – when our community is strong, everyone benefits.

Strathmore's commitment to community wellness reflects who we are and what we care about. As we look to the future, council will keep working to build a town that supports its people in every sense of the word.

(At the beginning of each term, council sets the course for the future by adopting a Strategic Plan – a guiding blueprint that charts priorities and directs resources. This plan outlines six key strategic priorities that influence decision-making throughout the term. In the past few weeks, Mayor Pat Fule provided insights into each of Strathmore's strategic priorities, reflecting on both achievements and challenges along the way.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump and Smith

To the Editor

As we listen to Donald Trump declare his intent to take control of other countries, change legislation to facilitate his total control of the political process and put his wealthy friends in positions of great importance, we are left shaking our heads and wondering how this can be happening. I find myself asking: Is this what the American people had in mind when they gave him their vote? For a great many of them, I doubt it.

I suspect most Americans acted on party loyalty or habit, possibly not even knowing much about their party's policies. They do know that they wouldn't even consider voting for the opposition Democrats on the basis that they are the "bad" guys. Likewise, I wonder if Albertans who voted for the UCP did so out of loyalty to 'conservatism.'

If they did, it was a huge mistake because Danielle Smith's values are not conservative values.

Danielle Smith, like Donald Trump, has enacted legislation to empower herself and is eager to reward her business friends and cozy up with people who have accumulated wealth or public influence. She changed the FOIP laws to prevent public scrutiny of her personal government communications. FOIP laws are intended to increase government accountability and transparency. Now that her government is embroiled in a massive corruption scandal involving procurement in Alberta Health Services, these changes have created a way for this government to hide its actions and true intentions from the public.

Many of us have seen the photo of the premier sitting in a luxury box enjoying an Oilers game with Sam Mraiche, owner of MHCare, the company implicated in a lawsuit detailing allegations of massive government corruption. Danielle Smith claims to know nothing of these suspicious procurement deals and insists that she has never taken kickbacks, so why is she at a hockey game with this guy? Are Danielle and Sam just friends out for a lovely evening? Did she feel it would spoil the moment and be inappropriate

for her, as premier, to ask him why his company provided defective personal protection equipment and mislabelled bottles of low-quality acetaminophen at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars to Alberta taxpayers?

What seems inappropriate to me is that MHCare was fully paid upfront without fulfilling its contract and yet Danielle Smith continues to do business with Sam Mraiche. This company fleeced the taxpayer for many millions. Now we find out he that he is also a partner in one of the charter surgical facilities named in this growing scandal and we are expected to believe that she didn't know about that either.

Regarding her commitment to Alberta remaining a province of Canada, I find myself wondering if Danielle Smith has aspirations of being the representative for the proposed 51st State. Her embarrassing and treasonous attempts to 'catch the eye' of Donald Trump at Mar-A-Lago certainly point to the possibility. Now she is in Florida again, on our tax dollars. I believe that she would sell out Canada in a heartbeat if she thought it would further her career. Let's not forget Danielle Smith betrayed her own party by crossing the floor of the legislature when she saw a better opportunity for herself. It is up to us, the electorate, to express any concerns we have as to where we, as a province, are headed under Smith's style of leadership. Her actions are those of a person who wants to accumulate and wield personal power. Privatisation of government responsibilities is her main priority.

She takes the loyalty of ordinary Albertans for granted, especially rural Albertans, because we are loyal creatures of habit. Danielle Smith has shown what and who she cares about – what is best for the ordinary working people of Alberta is of little interest to her. This woman should not be trusted with your vote or our province. She is not worthy of being our premier. She needs to go.

Fiona Lauridsen,
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Obituary



CURRIE, Stewart Edward "Ted"

Ted set off on his final adventure on March 14, 2025, in Strathmore, AB, at the age of 79, just 44 days after his beloved wife, Joanne. Born on January 5, 1946, in Nelson, BC, Ted's journey through life was one of kindness, friendship, and an unquenchable thirst for adventure.

Ted spent his teenage years in California, where he played football and developed a love for travel. He had a brief but proud stint with the Calgary Stampeders before serving in the Canadian Army at Camp Borden, Ontario. His professional life took many turns, each one shaped by his adventurous spirit and dedication to helping others. After graduating as an Emergency Medical Technician from SAIT in 1974, he spent 15 years as a paramedic and ambulance driver, bringing both care and humor to those in need. Later, he transitioned into a 30-year career as a safety officer in the oil and gas sector and for the Government of Alberta, ensuring that everyone made it home in one piece. His work took him from the icy climates of Canada's Arctic to the vibrant cultures of Argentina, Malaysia, and China, but no matter how far he traveled, family was always at the heart of his world.

Ted leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter with his children, Jodi and Kevin; siblings Sandi (Randy) and Rob; mother-in-law Ruth; in-laws Deb (Frank), Doug and Kirk (Kim); a constellation of nephews and nieces—Leah, Danielle, Chad, Dax, Derrick, Nathan, and Valerie—along with great-nephew and nieces Lennox, Cheyenne, and Breezy. He was predeceased by his sister Judi. His first wife, Donna, remained a lifelong friend, and his friendships stretched far and wide, a testament to his kind and easygoing nature. Whether on the golf course, at the hockey rink, or behind the wheel of an RV, Ted found joy in every journey. As a young man, he drove a tour bus to California, foreshadowing the love of the open road that he and Joanne later embraced, exploring Canada and the U.S. together. He was also an active member of the Masonic Irricana Lodge and the Calgary Al Azhar Shriners, where his generosity and camaraderie left a lasting impact.

In true Ted fashion—never one to take life too seriously—he wanted his headstone to read simply: "Here lies Ted – Dead."

As we bid farewell to Ted, let's remember him not with sadness but with the joy he brought into our lives. Let's honor his memory by embracing each day with the same adventurous spirit he showed us, and by spreading kindness and friendship. Ted Currie may have taken his final bow, but the echoes of his laughter will resonate forever.

In remembrance of Ted's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made directly to the Veterans Association Foodbank; #10 820-28 St NE, Calgary, AB, T2A 6K1; or visit veteransassociation.ca

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Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

Obituary



DUPUIS, Larry David
August 31, 1944 – March 22, 2025

Larry was born in Windsor, ON, to Nora and Ulysses Dupuis, on August 31, 1944. He was the youngest of four children, with two sisters (Angie and Carol) and one brother (Don). Larry graduated from the University of Windsor with a Bachelor of Commerce and attended the University of British Columbia, where he studied Urban Land Economics.

Larry married Rochelle Benseite in 1970, and they had three children: Matthew, Jonathan, and Benjamin. In 1978, the family moved to and grew in Calgary, AB, then in 2004 Larry moved to Strathmore, AB.

Larry spent his professional life working in Commercial Real Estate, and even in semi-retirement was always active, training dogs, fixing or building something new, or lending a hand to his friends and neighbours. Larry loved the outdoors and whenever he could, he spent his free time fishing, hunting, playing golf, training dogs, and laughing with friends or family around a bonfire. He was always full of wisecracks and laughter and had an intense but charming personality.

Larry is survived by his three sons and their spouses, Matthew and Roberta Dupuis, Jonathan Dupuis and Naren Chun, and Benjamin Dupuis and Marissa Poirier, and their mother Rochelle Benseite; as well as a grandson Alex Dupuis. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Don and Laurel Dupuis.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (221 4th Avenue, Strathmore, AB) on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Graveside Service to follow at the Strathmore & Sacred Heart Cemetery. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

No flowers, please. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to The Alzheimer Society of Canada, 20 Eglinton Avenue West, Suite 1600 Toronto, ON M4R 1K8 www.alzheimer.ca.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Larry's family at www.MHFH.com.

In living memory of Larry Dupuis, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes.

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January 10, 1939 -
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In Our Hearts
(author unknown)



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God has you in His loving hands, we have you in our hearts.

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Bea and Family

NOTICE



NOTICE OF ELECTION

Irrigation Districts Act (Sections 53)
Local Authorities Election Act (Section 35, 46)

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