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Town looks to expand housing options

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is exploring options to expand housing options within the community through the potential use of secondary suites, garden and garage suites.

Megan Williams, with the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC), addressed the topic at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 13 to discuss the options.

The presentation detailed for council the different types of secondary lodgings which may exist on a plot of land, which abide by the appropriate land use bylaw.

These include but are not limited to accessory dwelling units, laneway houses, in-law suites and backyard suites.

Currently, according to Williams, the town has 13 lots with approved, legalized garden or garage suites on them and five with secondary suites.

Previously, Council made a request in 2021 that administration research garden and garage suites with the intent to discuss their implementation into a land use bylaw.

"In order to get a secondary suite, (a resident) would have to apply for a development permit and then part of that development permit includes building electrical and plumbing where they are required to meet building code," said Williams. "There are specific regulations within building code that (must be met) and that's where it gets a little bit more expensive."

Secondary suites were introduced to the residential land use bylaw in 2020 as a discretionary use in low density residential districts.

Though the ability is there to develop them, according to town administration, it is estimated a barrier preventing residents from retrofitting existing housing units are the costs associated with being able to meet building codes, regardless of the dwelling type.

Similarly, creating a new detached garden or garage suite on the property also presents as prohibitively expensive.

"I think the council, from what I've been hearing between us is, everyone is very interested in lower income housing, or a variety of income housing, but these are not going to be low-income housings," said Councillor Brent Wiley.

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Becoming a fantasy!

Autumn Desjardins sews together a piece of a costume she aims to debut later this year. Normally a competitor in the Masters of Cosplay competition during the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo, Desjardins will this time be judging the event. Over the course of the Calgary Expo, she will also host a panel discussing the incorporation of leatherwork into costume design. See Page 7 for more coverage.

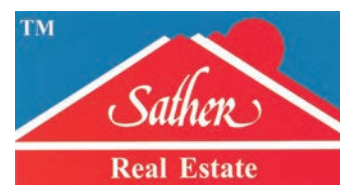
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County MPC approves development of cannabis retailers

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Residents within Wheatland County may soon see increased accessibility for recreational cannabis, as three development permits were approved during the April 12 Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) meeting.

Permits for recreational cannabis retailers were approved to continue development for locations in Origin Business Park, Cluny and Gleichen – with the latter being the most debated location among commissioners.

According to administration, the county received seven responses from the community in support of the Gleichen retailer and 14 against, after circulating the permit application to the community. A total of 31 responses were also received after the permit applicant canvassed the Gleichen community.

Commissioner Shannon Laprise raised concerns regarding the user demographic in Gleichen being a potential problem and the business owner not being local to Wheatland County.

“I think a lot of the people who were in favour, in particular the ones who were canvassed by the potential business owner, are people who are generally known to police,” said Laprise. “I’m not sure that we should support their business.”

Commissioner Amber Link echoed the concerns of Laprise regarding the potential business.

“We’re aware that we have significant historical and current concerns in the community of Gleichen. Issues in letters that were shared by residents (included) loitering, violence (and) challenges with proximity to the library,” said Link. “We do have laws around violence and public behaviour, but my concern is that I don’t think from what we have seen in the community, we have sufficient capacity ... to enforce the laws.”

Link clarified she was not opposed to a cannabis operation, recognizing the businesses as legal. Her concerns related less to the operation of a business itself, but rather about how the product is used in the community and the county’s ability to enforce its bylaws.

Commissioner Tom Ikert spoke in support of the applicant’s development permit, suggesting to treat it like any other business rather than to scrutinize based on the product.

“This is so new to us, this is a totally legal business ... I know we have problems with loitering in Gleichen, we have no idea whether or not this is going to add to that because this is so new,” said Ikert. “I would not be opposed to ... reviewing this in two years and see what’s happening, whether or not this is negatively impacting (the community). I think bylaw and RCMP will have a better idea whether this is making the situation a lot worse or if it’s not impacting the situation.”

Commissioner Scott Klassen also noted his support for the development permit, citing the potential positives associated with it and not to have prejudice based on their product.

“Since it’s been legalized, I’ve talked to quite a few people and I’m shocked by the amount of seniors I know who will utilize product to relieve pain, help them sleep, whatever. They go to legal stores and buy it,” said Klassen. “They are not violent people ... I look at this from that perspective. If we have seniors in the community who need this, they can buy it (there) instead of driving to Strathmore.”

The Wheatland County MPC voted to approve the development permit in Gleichen with four commissioners in support and two opposed.

The Origin Business Park and Cluny development permits for cannabis retailers were passed unopposed.

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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.

- May 3: Council Meeting**
- May 10: Municipal Planning Commission**
- May 17: Council Meeting**

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



Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Seedling Program

Now accepting applications!



The 2022 Shelterbelt and Ecobuffer Seedling Program is open and accepting applications.

This program offers support to landowners in planting seedlings including drip irrigation and mulch materials. Wheatland County will pay \$2.50 per plant up to \$1000 for seedlings, and 50% up to \$500 for drip irrigation or mulch materials. GST and shipping costs are not eligible for funding.

An application form and information about available funding opportunities located as follows:
<https://wheatlandcounty.ca/fundingopportunities/>

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In 2021, Canada Post changed over 1400 addresses in Wheatland County from rural route addresses to civic, or 911/blue sign, addresses.

If Canada Post changed your mailing address, please contact us to ensure your tax account is up to date.

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- **Email us at** tax@wheatlandcounty.ca.
- **Call the County Office** 403-361-2029.
- **Visit the County Office** at 242006 Range Road 243.

Please be sure to mail the original Change of Address form to the Calgary Land Titles office.

We usually only accept address changes from the Land Titles Office, but due to the changes made by Canada Post and delays at the Land Titles Office, we will accept changes directly from property owners until July 2022.

If you have not received your tax notice by mid-May, please contact the Wheatland County Office. Taxes are due June 30 and late penalties will be applied on July 1.

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Town considers foreign workers to fill local labour shortage

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Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is considering working with local businesses to encourage foreigners to join the Strathmore community and fill vacant job positions.

Kevin Korpi, who owns two Tim Horton's locations in Strathmore, and Usman Jutt, who owns the local McDonald's, presented to the Committee of the Whole on April 13 to introduce the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP).

The program was introduced by the provincial government earlier in 2022 as a way for municipalities to independently encourage foreigners to immigrate and occupy vacant jobs, instead of having to go through the federal government.

In Strathmore, according to the presenting delegation, there is a labour shortage in town and employers are experiencing difficulty hiring non-skilled workers.

"It's locally controlled, we're not relying on Ottawa to make the decisions on who is coming to town or if businesses are able to use this. We're going to be able to make those decisions locally," said Korpi. "On our own, we would work with recruiters, identify people who want to come ... and attract foreign nationals."

To get the program off the ground, the town would have to apply to the provincial government to be an "AAIP Community" and would require a three-person committee to administer the program.

Local businesses would work with international recruiters to find applicants, who would be offered a job, as well as an endorsement from the committee.

An applicant would then, upon being hired, come to Canada as an immigrant and automatically receive a provincial nomination for permanent residency.

It would be the responsibility of the employer to aid an immigrated worker to find adequate housing to reside within the community.

"This program allows for integration into the community from day one and we would be able to benefit from their families coming over and them being future citizens of Strathmore," said Jutt.

As an AAIP community, the program would encourage immigrants to remain and settle in Strathmore with the assurance of being able to stay in Canada. The idea is that the AAIP would be a much simpler process than the current integration program.

"There's going to be a lot of other towns and smaller communities applying for this. We want to make sure we had everything going, getting to (the town) as fast as possible so we could continue the pace of getting this to the next phase," Jutt added. "What we didn't want to do is have this stuck here, not getting in front of the town for another six months and by the time the workers get here, we've lost the summer (and) we're at the end of the year, so we'd love to support the urgency."

The delegation was seeking for the town to go ahead and begin the process of developing an application to submit to the province.

At the time of the presentation to the Committee of the Whole, the delegation had received eight letters of support from other local businesses in favour of the AAIP.

Town administration was instructed to return to council with a report suggesting how to proceed with an application to the AAIP.

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Town Council proclaims adoption of National Public Works Week

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During the April 6 regular council meeting, Strathmore Town Council proclaimed the adoption of National Public Works Week.

The occasion will take place from May 15 through May 21 in town. This year will mark the 62nd annual Public Works Week, which is sponsored by the American Public Works Association (APWA).

"It's important to recognize the work that's done by our operations team, and a number of events are being held during the week of May 15 through 21 to educate the public and other staff about the work being done by the operations staff in the community," said Jamie Dougdale with town administration.

According to the AWPA Alberta chapter, one of the main goals of the occasion is to educate the public about the value and necessity of public works organizations.

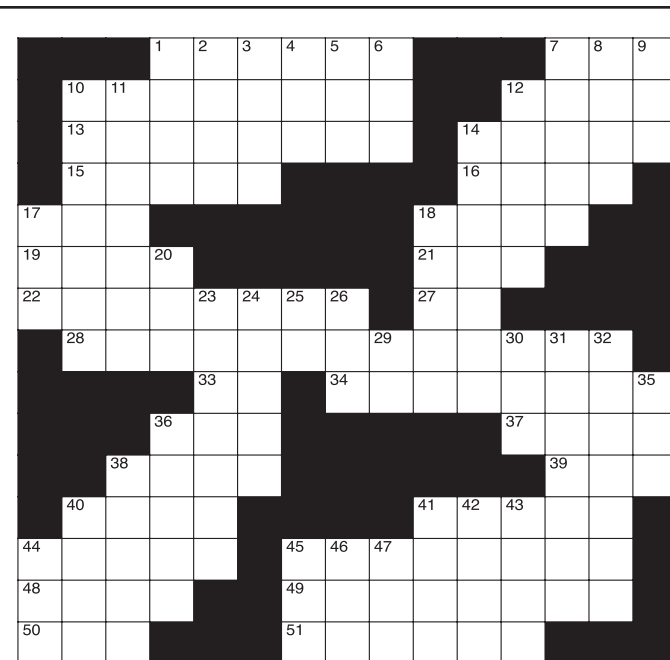
This year's theme of National Public Works Week is "ready and resilient", to highlight the readiness of public workers to serve their communities and

their resiliency in being able to pick themselves up, regardless of challenges. The APWA has released a package with suggestions for how municipalities can celebrate the occasion within their own communities.

Some of these options include environmental campaigns, public works exhibits, rodeo and equipment shows, open house tours, employee appreciation and sporting events.

"Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Strathmore," said Deputy Mayor Jason Montgomery. "It is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in Strathmore to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities."

Councilor Melissa Langmaid made the motion for council to officially proclaim the practice and celebration of National Public Works Week. The motion was passed without opposition.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A woman of refinement
- 7. Body part
- 10. One who imitates
- 12. Tropical Asian starlings
- 13. A type of delivery
- 14. W. Australian capital
- 15. Many wombs
- 16. Wings
- 17. Expression of amusement
- 18. Brews
- 19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 21. Mild expression
- 22. Solitary
- 27. Distance to top
- 28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body
- 33. Police who investigate police (abbr.)
- 34. Begrudged
- 36. Popular sports league
- 37. Autonomous republic of Russia
- 38. Double-headed drum
- 39. Type of light bulb
- 40. Czech River
- 41. Male servants (Span.)
- 44. Previously
- 45. Minor
- 48. Metrical foot
- 49. Days that follow Mondays
- 50. Small European viper
- 51. News shows have one

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Inspiration
- 2. Resembling wings
- 3. Form of Persian
- 4. Consumed
- 5. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 6. Sea eagle
- 7. Jaguarundis
- 8. Poker stake
- 9. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 10. South American nation
- 11. A colorless, odorless gas
- 12. Disturbance
- 14. Artist's tool
- 17. Polish peninsula
- 18. Ottoman military leaders
- 20. Bird-like dinosaur
- 23. Drinking glass
- 24. Central Florida city
- 25. One's mother
- 26. To do it is human
- 29. Atomic #10
- 30. Used to write
- 31. The branch of medicine concerned with the ear
- 32. Adversaries
- 35. Have already done
- 36. One of conspicuous wealth
- 38. It flies over sporting events
- 40. Geological times
- 41. Net
- 42. Musical phrase
- 43. Chadic dialect
- 44. Private Internet Access (abbr.)
- 45. Lizard genus
- 46. Woman of the church
- 47. Having ten

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Tips to spot and avoid this scam:

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DUC launches a new program for grain growers in Alberta

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After several years of successfully helping Manitoba and Saskatchewan farmers increase profits while supporting biodiversity, Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) is excited to announce its Marginal Areas Program is expanding across Alberta.

"The Marginal Areas Program was initially created for grain growers to trial the use of forages to address salinity and other agronomic challenges," says Janine Paly, agricultural programs and extension specialist with DUC in Alberta.

Today, the Marginal Areas Program offers an option for farmers who have identified areas on their farm where they are realizing negative return on their investment. The program pays farmers a financial incentive of \$125 per acre to seed these areas to forage.

Along with providing a financial incentive, the program also supplies a bonus pollinator-friendly seed pack that includes a mixture of short-and-long-lived perennial species.

"Research shows that healthy landscapes that host mixed natural areas aid in increased biodiversity and safe spaces for pollinators. And more pollinators mean increased production of our crops," says Paly, who actively employs the Marginal Areas Program on her own mixed farming operation in Cen-

tral Alberta. "When we include mixed natural areas on the landscape, we all benefit from resulting carbon storage, biodiversity, increased soil retention and water filtration."

Paly says that the program may be ideal for growers looking to establish forages to help reduce herbicide-resistant weeds and act as a buffer zone to meet product label guidelines.

The new Marginal Areas Program is just one way DUC is partnering with Alberta growers to increase the profitability of their land. Growers and eligible program participants who sign up for the Marginal Areas Program before Aug. 15, will be entered to win a YETI prize pack that DUC will deliver to the winner in the field at harvest.

For more information, visit their website (ag.ducks.ca). Producers interested in signing up for the program are encouraged to contact Janine Paly at j_paly@ducks.ca or 1-825-987-0607.

Heckya revamps job board program

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Heckya Media Group have redesigned their job board platform for Wheatland County from the ground up, making it easier to use for both job seekers and employers.

Cody Holdaway, junior executive assistant for Heckya Media Group, said the platform is the result of a col-

laboration between several local bodies and is aimed at making job hunting a much easier process.

"We've teamed up with a lot of local partners, including the surrounding municipalities, overnight shelters and different nonprofit organizations to really develop a new way for people in the county and Strathmore area to find temporary work," said Holdaway. "From the

ground up, we have developed a completely digital platform where you can now post on our live job boards."

There are two boards which comprise the service: one being for potential employees to post their availability for employers to look at and the other being for employers to post jobs for applicants to find opportunities which could lead to part or full-time employment.

The Temp employment program originally launched roughly a year ago, but at the time was a much more hands-on process for applicants and employers to set up and maintain.

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Town discusses secondary, detached suites

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Mayor Pat Fule added that having the availability of affordable, if not low-income suites, will be a boon for the town if development begins more prolifically.

"In my own thinking, I thought this might add more inventory for different types of rentals so that a family might have the option to rent a garden suite or detached garage for example," said Fule. "The other thing is, I thought it might be a good way for a young couple to get started and they can afford an affordable rental."

Fule added it may be a way for seniors to remain in their homes longer, as the income would be able to help with their mortgage, or bring in extra revenue into pocket if their house is paid off.

In the 2022 budget, the federal government is proposing multi-generational home renovation tax credit, which would provide up to \$7,500 to homeowners who create a secondary dwelling for an adult or senior with a disability to live in.

Administration recommended a public engagement session to engage residents and collect feedback about how residents feel about garden suites. There is no set date for the discussion to return to council.



Happy HIG Days

Terry LaChance and his girlfriend Colleen took the Easter weekend to drive around town and check out the fun items left behind for Heavy Item Garbage (HIG) Week from April 18-22. The couple wanted to “show people in Strathmore how fun HIG days are.

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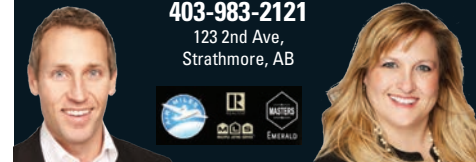
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Fire department donates aged out gear to Ukraine relief efforts

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

On April 6 the Strathmore Fire Department announced its donation of several retired sets of structural fire-fighting gear to the Firefighter Aid Ukraine program.

The idea being for the department to do their part in helping with relief efforts surrounding the conflict between Ukraine and Russia.

David Sturgeon, fire chief and director of emergency management for the Town of Strathmore, said when the idea was brought forward, he was all for it, so long as they had the equipment to spare.

“One of my captains was the one to bring it up. I guess there was a whole bunch of fire departments getting together, going through their gear, identifying (items) that they could potentially donate,” said Sturgeon. “Obviously, through that donation (the equipment) has to be usable, so you’re not just donating stuff that potentially wouldn’t work for them.”

The Strathmore Fire Department sent in 10 sets of Turnout Gear into Calgary to be cleaned and inspected before being donated.

The equipment, though operational, was aging out of the designated use age. Sturgeon said he was more than

happy to see it go somewhere to get some more mileage.

“For us in North America, we have a little bit different requirement. So all that means is that our (equipment) has a certain age limit, no matter the condition, it will age out and we can’t use it anymore,” said Sturgeon. “Over in Europe, they don’t have that same requirement, so as long as it was still in good condition then it can be used over there where it wasn’t necessarily usable here anymore.”

Sturgeon added several fire departments across Alberta have made donations to the relief efforts – something he hopes makes a difference for the folks overseas.

“Some of the larger cities were on it a bit quicker and with our size, we just had to make sure that we could afford to send that stuff. We had to really go through and make sure that we had stuff that they could use and then that we could spare it,” said Sturgeon. “As we’re watching it on television and the atrocities that are happening ... you kind of feel helpless on this side of the world. I think it was just a small thing that we could do, but our crews are proud of doing it.”

Upon inspection, the donated equipment will have had to present no rips and tears and the retardant material had to have not rubbed off whatsoever.

Employment needs filled

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“Within the last couple of months, we really sat down and redeveloped it from the ground up on a new platform ... that runs itself,” said Holdaway. “There was a need in the community – there are employers who need employees and the employees also need the work.”

The job boards on Employment currently host postings for general or skilled labour, ranging from trades to office work. Holdaway explained the idea is to have something for everyone who is looking for work to find something that matches their skillset.

Ultimately, the goal is to get people in Strathmore and Wheatland County working, get them connected and in a position where their finances may sta-

bilize.

Holdaway added, early reports from the new program have shown increased interest and usage as opposed to the previous design.

“With the old platform, because it was a lot harder for users to use, there wasn’t an uptake in users, but now that we have developed our new platform we are starting to see that increase in businesses posting on the job board,” said Holdaway,

Heckya will also soon be in talks with Siksika Council about adding a job board which would support businesses within Siksika Nation.

Employment is a completely free service for everyone to use and get involved in. Anyone who is on the employment market is encouraged to jump in and get connected.

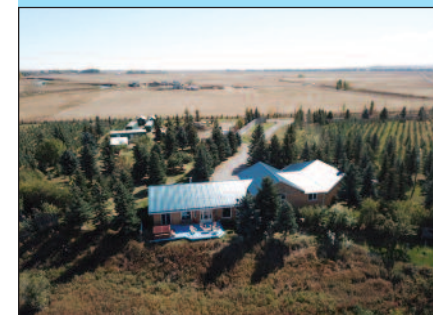
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Alberta RCMP recommend strategies to protect against property crime

ALBERTA RCMP

As we enter the spring and summer seasons, the Alberta RCMP want to urge homeowners to consider Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles when planning their home renovations and seasonal maintenance projects.

CPTED is a set of design principles that aim to reduce opportunities for crime to take place. Making recommended adjustments to a home or business can deter criminals by making it more difficult or less desirable to commit the crime. It can also make you feel safer.

“Citizens play a critical role in keeping their communities safe,” says C/ Supt. Peter Tewfik, Alberta RCMP Officer in Charge of Community Safety and Well-being. “By using the principles of CPTED and making simple changes to your property, you can help reduce property crime in Alberta.”

Here are some things to consider when renovating your property:

- Trim your trees and shrubs – Trimming the bottoms of trees allow clear sight lines from inside your house to the curb or edge of the property. In addition, keeping your bushes and shrubs short removes potential hiding places.

- Lighting – Consider installing LED or motion sensor lights around your property. Ensuring your house is adequately lit at night deters criminals for fear of being seen. Solar powered lights are a great option to light up the most remote places on your property. Also leaving lights on in the house when away can provide the illusion that someone is home.

- Cameras – Install exterior cameras around your property. Even the perception of someone watching can be enough to deter a crime.

- Lock up your outdoor valuables – After a long day of yard work, store your lawn mower and other tools in

a locked shed or garage and out of sight.

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RCMP warns public of Ponzi scheme

ALBERTA RCMP

The Alberta RCMP Integrated Market Enforcement Team (IMET) is warning the public of an online Ponzi scheme. The scam promises individuals a return on investments made to an app, that claims to use funds to purchase under-performing products on the online e-commerce site Amazon, to drive popularity and increase consumer interest. Of the 14 reports made to the Alberta RCMP, victims have lost a total of \$148,630.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) has identified the recent nation-

wide scam, involving several Alberta victims, called Aweunion or Awebuy. Registration for the app is advertised over social media. Individuals then invest money to be used by the app to purchase unpopular Amazon products to increase their relevancy and improve performance through the site’s algorithm. Individuals believe they will receive a commission from their investments; however, victims see little to no return and are unable to contact Aweunion administrators after investing a significant amount of their personal finances.

“We are asking the public to be vigi-

lant in the investments they are making via apps and online platforms that promote significant profit or returns on their finances,” says Sgt. Tyson Duff with IMET. “Avoid falling victim to such scams by carrying out your due diligence and thoroughly researching the businesses you are trusting with your money.”

Members of the public are encouraged to verify trusted charities and businesses on the Better Business Bureau website at www.bbb.org. You can also find information about ongoing scams through the CAFC at [www.anti-](http://www.anti-fraudcentre.ca)

www.anti-fraudcentre.ca, or by calling 1-888-495-8501.

IMET is a specialized unit under the RCMP Federal Policing program that detects, investigates and deters market fraud. IMET works closely with the Alberta Securities Commission to protect investors and further enhance confidence in the Canada’s capital markets.

If you believe yourself to be a victim of a scam, please report it to your local law enforcement and to the CAFC. For more fraud prevention information, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and Twitter @RCMPAlberta.

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Alberta RCMP warns against speeding this spring

ALBERTA RCMP

As the weather turns warmer and the roads begin to clear, Alberta RCMP reminds motorists that speeding is still prohibited despite spring driving conditions.

Unsafe speeds increase the risk of collision and serious injury for all road users.

Unfortunately, this traffic safety violation is a common habit among many drivers. Last year there were approximately 70,580 speeding-related offences in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction – with officers issuing 5,220 speeding tickets in April 2021 alone.

Don’t be a speedster. Remember the following when out on the roads this April:

- The faster you go, the longer it takes you to stop. Speeding affects your ability to come to a quick stop in the event of an unexpected traffic hazard.

- Always drive to conditions. Post-

ed limits indicate the maximum legal speed permitted in ideal conditions (Government of Alberta, 2022). Alberta’s road and weather conditions are unpredictable; ensure you adjust your speed accordingly.

- Give yourself a few extra minutes. Allowing yourself extra time to get to your destination helps you to avoid feeling rushed in traffic.

- Be aware of speed limits in playground and construction zones. These areas often have high pedestrian traffic – you must slow down.

“According to Alberta Transportation, more than half of all fatal collisions involving unsafe speeds occur in rural areas,” said Insp. Chris Romanchych, Alberta RCMP Traffic Services. “We want our communities to feel safe out on our province’s roadways. Speed shouldn’t be the reason a loved one doesn’t make it home.”

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Local cosplay artist to be a judge for international competition qualifier

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Strathmore's Autumn Desjardins has been invited to appear as a panelist for the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo, as well as a judge for the upcoming Masters of Cosplay qualifier competition.

Though Desjardins has served as a contest judge before, she said this will be her first time as a master's qualifier judge.

"Most people in Calgary don't ask me to judge unless I tell them that I can because they assume that I'm competing," explained Desjardins. "I went to one of the organizers, said I am not competing this year and if he was looking for an extra judge to let me know and he said 'we'd love to have you.'"

The Masters of Cosplay qualifier will see cosplayers entering from across North America. The winner of the qualifier will then receive an invitation to compete again in Toronto at the Toronto Fan Expo later this year.

To qualify as a competition judge, a cosplayer must first themselves be considered to be a "Masters Division" competitor, which suggests having claimed four or more awards, or a Best in Show during a competition.

Desjardins has been competing in the master's division for six years and represents Team Canada internationally.

She added that contest judges will often be specialists in one field of costume design. These may include sewing specialists, armour specialists, leatherwork specialists, etc.

The skill showcased and level of craftsmanship on display at such competitions will rival, and according to Desjardins, sometimes exceed that of industry professional costume designers.

She explained that creating such costumes to become fantastical characters will regularly take eight months or more to do at the masters and professional level.

Bearing this in mind, many who cosplay are creating their costumes domestically out of their own homes.

"Because of COVID-19, people have had two years to create their builds. It's not something you can just put together in a weekend. It's something that people put a lot of time and effort into," said Desjardins. "Within that planning, often times a person will have to say 'okay, here's something that defies the laws of physics. How do I make it real?'"

Financially, costumes can run a person anywhere between \$12 and over \$1,100 depending on the project.

The Masters of Cosplay qualifier will consist of pre-judging and on-stage



Autumn Desjardins has converted her apartment into a domestic crafting studio where she creates cosplay outfits from scratch in the likeness of pop culture characters. Though she herself usually competes on the international stage, Desjardins will be on the other side of the judging table this time, sitting among a panel for the upcoming Masters of Cosplay qualifier during the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo on April 21 - 24.

John Watson Photos

segments.

Pre-judging is backstage, where a contestant will speak with the judges about how their costume was made, talk about the intricacies and present a build book with documentation about the contestant's process.

On stage, a contestant will complete a walk - similar to that of a fashion show, pose, and to a certain extent - play the character they are imitating.

As a panelist, Desjardins will be talking about learning leatherwork for pop culture and cosplay.

"We're looking at things like The Witcher, Wonder Woman, Lord of the Rings. A lot of those suits of armour are made out of leather so we're just go-

ing to talk about how that happens and introducing people to leather working," said Desjardins, who learned to craft with leather, among a host of additional skills, with the primary intent to incorporate new ideas, methods and materials into her costumes.

"I find that, myself personally, I'm a lot more confident when I'm in cosplay ... and it's a way to reflect different characters or different aesthetics that resemble you," said Desjardins. "We find ways to represent ourselves by dressing up as characters that we really like, and that passion really drives it forward."

The Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo will be taking place April 21 - 24.

Notice of Application Confined Feeding Operation

Hutterian Brethren of Sunshine has filed Application LA22023 with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to obtain an approval to expand an existing confined feeding operation (CFO) on the NW 8-24-18 W4M, SW 17-24-18 W4M, and SE 18-24-18 W4M in Wheatland County, Alberta. The application is to construct a pullet barn (61 m x 18.3 m), reduce 3,000 feeder pigs, add 45 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements), 10,000 chicken layers, 15,000 chicken broilers, 20,000 chicken pullets, 150 sheep, 500 ducks, 200 geese, and 500 beef finishers. This will bring the total animal numbers at this CFO to 85 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements), 35,000 chicken layers, 75,000 chicken broilers, 30,000 chicken pullets, 700 sheep, 1,200 ducks, 400 geese, and 500 beef finishers.

Filing a Statement

Any person who is directly affected by the application may submit a statement to the NRCB. The statement must be received by the NRCB on or before May 24, 2022. Submissions must be made to the NRCB email address provided below. A copy of the response will be sent to the applicant for review and comment. Statements submitted regarding the application are public records and are non-confidential.

Your statement should include your name, the legal land description of your residence or landholdings, mailing address, phone number, email address, and a detailed summary that describes how you would be directly affected by this application. For further information please refer to the fact sheet "The Permitting Process for Confined Feeding Operations in Alberta" at www.nrcb.ca (under Confined Feeding Operations / Notice of Applications). You may also file an application for directly affected party status at this time. Additional information related to directly affected party status is available on the NRCB website.

Failure to submit a statement may affect your rights to apply for an NRCB review.

Viewing the Application

A complete copy of the application and supporting documents submitted by the applicant under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* may be viewed **only** on the NRCB website at www.nrcb.ca (under Confined Feeding Operations / Public Notice of Applications) until May 24, 2022. Until further notice, the application will **not** be available for in-person viewing as the Lethbridge office of the NRCB is closed to the public due to COVID-19. If you require further information, please contact the approval officer listed below.

Carina Weisbach, Approval Officer
carina.weisbach@nrcb.ca
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The closing date for submissions: May 24, 2022

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Gord Morck Pharmacist
Capsule Comments

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About 40% of people over 65 have hearing problems that hamper their ability to communicate and converse properly. It's often treated almost jokingly but is something that should be looked at seriously. Hearing impairment can lead to depression and feelings of isolation. There is help and this help can enhance your life immensely.

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A prelude comment to approaching summer: There is *no known beneficial effect* of tanning to human health. But it is well-documented that long-term unprotected exposure to sunlight can be detrimental. Make it a habit to use your sunscreen.

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A season to remember

The Okotoks Bow Mark Oilers, led by a trio of Strathmore and area players, capped off their 2021-22 season with a successful showing at the Mac's U18 AAA Reboot Tournament in Calgary April 6-10. The Oilers, which features local players Philip Raycroft, Ryder Many Grey Horses and Tate Yule, went 3-0 in the round robin portion of the tournament and made it all the way to the final four. The team, which plays in the U18 Alberta Elite Hockey League, finished their regular season on a tear, going 6-0-3-1 and taking the final playoff spot in the South Division.

Photo Courtesy of Okotoks Oilers



The Zone Two U16 AA Blaze ringette team has returned from Ottawa as National champions. Among the 15 youths on the team, two hail from Standard and two from Strathmore. The team, having represented as Team Alberta at the national competition, ran the gauntlet undefeated over the course of the event. Three among the team were also scouted as Team Canada All Stars.

Photos Courtesy of Wes Clark

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Surprise electrical bill a concern

To the Editor

My wife, three kids and I live in Strathmore. I receive a monthly utility bill from ATCO Energy that includes both electricity and gas. My bill is typically around \$230 per month, so imagine my surprise when I received my bill this month for \$701!

After looking further into my bill, I saw that my electricity usage had gone up by a factor of 10. In previous months, I had used around 350KWH but my last bill showed I had used over 3500KWH. I promptly called ATCO and explained the situation. They said they would need to investigate but because Fortis Alberta actually owns the electricity, ATCO would have to contact Fortis to have them do an investigation.

I received a phone call last week from ATCO energy with the results of the investigation. Turns out, the electricity bills that I have been receiving have been estimates of my usage and that, by law, the provider (Fortis Alberta) only has to do an actual meter read twice a year. This bill was one of those bi-annual reads and they found we had used more energy than they had estimated, so now I owe an extra \$500.

I am a father of three kids ranging in age from three years to three months old.

I work two jobs to support my wife and kids, averaging at least 60 hours per week. Fuel is up in cost, food is up in cost, living is up in cost and now I'm being told I owe even more money because I was provided estimates that undercut what I actually used.

I understand the law is the law, but that doesn't negate the unacceptable act of not providing accurate bills to your customers and then expecting them to pay the difference when it was never communicated to me that the bills were, in fact, estimates.

I also renegotiated a contract with ATCO Energy in December and even then, they did not look into my actual usage to ensure I was fully paid. Even when I called ATCO Energy initially to explain something was wrong, never once was it explained that my energy usage had been estimated.

I've been using ATCO Energy since 2017 and never once have I had this issue. They are now saying that I owe them \$701, approximately \$500 more than I typically pay and I do not have the money for it. My budget is too tight these days for an unexpected expense such as this.

Jordan Shewchuk
Strathmore

Zone Two U16 AA Ringette returns from Ottawa as national champions

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Zone Two U16 AA Blaze Ringette team, representing as Team Alberta, have returned as champions from their national tournament.

Their victory marks the first occasion since the inception of the Zone Two U16 AA team that the group has taken home the National title.

Head coach Wes Clark said it was a unique and exciting experience to spend so much time on the ice in such a short period of time, competing against the best of the best.

"Everything started out on Sunday (April 3) with an opening ceremonies and then our first game was against Nova Scotia on Monday morning. We got off to a slow start, they scored on us right off the bat," said Clark. "That was the only game we trailed in ... (That) afternoon, we played Saskatchewan and we won that game."

The next day, Team Alberta played against the number one seeded team from Quebec, defeating them and continuing on to square off against the Calgary Matrix.

In a repeat result of their match in Alberta's provincials, Team Alberta beat out the Matrix and continued forward. In the afternoon of the same day, Team Alberta took down one of Ontario's three competing teams to emerge from the round robin with a 5-0 record.

This gave Team Alberta a bye to the tournament quarterfinals.

"On the championship side of the tournament, if you lose you're out, if you win you continue. That Thursday afternoon game was a very important game for us and we came against Team Ontario," said Clark. "They are a very talented squad and we had a really good game. We had a great start, then we ran into a bit of penalty trouble and

they got back into the game. The game finished 7-6 in our favour."

Going into the semi-finals, Team Alberta was up against the Calgary Surge - another rematch from Alberta's provincial tournament.

The Calgary Surge was beaten by Team Alberta in the final game and placed second in Alberta.

"It was probably one of our strongest performances (at nationals), we beat them 4-1 and just played really, really well as a team," said Clark.

The finals were held on April 9, which saw Team Alberta squaring off against Team New Brunswick - both teams having run the tournament gauntlet undefeated.

"Even though we had a great start to the game and went up to an early 5-0 lead, because of the talent on their side, they clawed back in the game and forced it to overtime."

Team Alberta came out victorious in overtime, concluding the game with a score of 7-6.

"I'm so proud of the girls. It's the longest tournament that they were a part of throughout the season. Normally when you play a tournament, it would be Friday, Saturday (and) Sunday, and this one was Sunday until the following Saturday."

Among the 15 girls playing for Team Alberta are Addy Hough and Chloe Gregory from Standard, as well as Karley Clark and Tessa Galandy, from Strathmore.

During the national tournament, Team Canada scouts selected an all-star team from competing athletes, who were recognized with a jersey.

Among the 18 teams in the tournament, more than 270 players were present. A total of 12 girls were scouted as all-stars. Three were selected as all-stars. Three were selected from Team Alberta including Karley Clark, Madi Rice and Talisa Cowley.

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Committee of the Whole hatching ideas for residential hen bylaw

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is taking another crack at a potential bylaw which, if passed, would introduce urban agriculture to residents.

Administration was tasked with drafting a bylaw outlining the role, requirements and expectations to licensing and housing hens within a residence.

As part of the development of the bylaw, town administration compared similar bylaws from other municipalities including Innisfail, Lacombe, Vancouver, Wood Buffalo and St. Albert.

Intending not to wing it, or ruffle any feathers, Claudette Thorhaug presented to council during the April 13 Committee of the Whole meeting.

The bylaw, as it was presented to the Committee of the Whole, only specified the keeping of hens on a residential property, including details regarding their husbandry and licensing, as well as penalties for mistreatment and mishandling.

According to the bylaw under development, an applicant wishing to obtain a hen license would have to provide proof of prior experience in training or hen keeping before a license may be issued. Councillor Brent Wiley inquired about this article.

"I've reached out to a group in Calgary who put on these urban hen courses – it's kind of like chicken 101," explained Thorhaug. "You just sign up ... and they (provide) all the information that you need to

know going into what your role and responsibility is."

Thorhaug added courses such as this are designed to dissuade foul play and poor husbandry of animals, should a resident decide to engage in hen keeping.

Outlined in the bylaw includes a hen license fee that a resident would have to shell out in order to legally keep the animals. The fee as presented was \$50 per license, which would allow for the housing of between two and four hens on a property.

"The fee, looking at other bylaws is kind of in line ... near the middle-lower end. This isn't set, it's just a gauge from other municipalities," explained Thorhaug.

Another option which would be available to explore would be a fee per hen. The license would also be required to be renewed on an annual basis.

Councillor Melissa Langmaid inquired into the clause within the bylaw detailing the minimum age of domestic hens being 16 weeks as opposed to, as an example, newly hatched birds.

"From doing some research, there are many families around easter time who are gung-ho about getting these baby chicks and the survival rate as they get older isn't as consistent as if you get them at 16 weeks," said Thorhaug. "Kids lose interest in them, they're not as cute, so the four-month chickens are more set up to survive by that time."

Council accepted the presentation and the bylaw will be brought before council again on April 20 during the regular council meeting.

The importance of unity and togetherness

LEELA SHARON AHEER
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore. I wanted to chat about a few things this week and I hope you had a beautiful Easter, Passover, Ramadan and Vaisakhi. I wanted to chat about unity as this is an important discussion in our communities, specifically at the provincial level. Unity, togetherness, a quality that reflects a similar purpose, spirit, or sentiment.

From a more philosophical perspective, it is harmony where the whole is the result of the combination of many parts. I have always believed that we as a party were on a true path to understand and grow unity and perhaps learn about the sum of our parts. It's more than a little complex but was, in my opinion, worthy of the effort that was built on the goals to make the lives of those we serve better. Unity required us to become a family and work on our disagreements but mostly be led with humility and hard work.

Unfortunately, I believe that this opportunity was lost. We have seen not only top-down politics, but we have seen irregularities in memberships in our riding and the attempt to remove a board that truly represents you. Though we won our arbitration, I believe that we will see more and not less of these irregularities and more folks questioning the status quo. That is a good thing. Democracy is precious and I will not undermine the true work that needs to happen to protect our institutions. The issue is so much bigger than us and unity requires kindness and empathy. We must build consensus and because we face so much together, it is time to demand more, and we must ensure that our communities are safe and caring.

This is a global situation and every level of politics matters; we must demand good leadership. It's time for us to elect those who understand that Alberta will always be successful because that is who we are. When do we take responsibility for democracy? This is important because democracy at our provincial government level requires a leader who will honour democracy. Don't mistake unity for democracy, especially when the leader proposes cleaning house of those who would question him. How undemocratic.

The beautiful machine of democracy is built on a system that demands strong opposition and we must be willing to change to protect our systems. This opposition is necessary within a party and within the opposition. We must listen to our constituents – real people with real concerns and we cannot be silent. We are issue-driven people, so let's deal with the issues. I may be removed from the caucus for my candour, driven by the leader's need for polarity versus

real, meaningful conversations. Where is the democracy in that? You will hear that I should be quiet, keep it internal and not engage in this conversation with the public. What is our higher purpose? Democracy or silence? If we have safeguards of the vetting process in place, is the process working, or are there irregularities that must be addressed? Please look into this for yourself.

Ask yourself how important democracy is to you and then ask yourself do you believe it is being upheld. This is not something that I am just saying. People in democracies worldwide are all asking these questions, and leaders who lead you to panic with language that is polarizing and undemocratic need to be held accountable.

If unity is based on fear and expulsion, is it unity? It's not what I believe and not what our party was founded on. I was there. I believe that folks have lost trust in our institutions and those of us that represent you because of ego and arrogance.

This became clear when I asked the Premier for an apology regarding his behaviour dining on the rooftop during Covid – in essence breaking his own laws, or when I called out the lack of safety for our female staffers after Ariella Kimmel was fired for standing up against the sexual harassment of one of her staffers.


There have been no changes to our internal environment, no culture shift to show that the Premier has learned anything from this. The Premier is in a fight for his job. The question that we need to ask is who does he serve? This leadership review should only show one outcome, which should trigger a leadership race that would be so good for all of us, the province and Canada! We have been told that if the Premier is given an endorsement, those who oppose will be kicked out.

I am a founding member of this party, long before the Premier was even thinking about running in this province and I'm not afraid to stand my ground, as I believe it is principled. I will never allow bigotry or homophobia, sexual harassment, racism, or bullying ever define the privilege I hold, nor will I be pushed to support someone who is delivering a verdict on his own career by changing the rules at every turn.

I believe in the process and the process is in shambles. We are at a place where everyone is watching us and where strong leadership has never been more important. Why wouldn't we want the opportunity for all of us to share our vision? You should never have to limit your choices. Democracy is about choices.

Have a wonderful day!
(Leela Sharon Abeer is the MLA Elect for Chestermere-Strathmore)

Obituary



JOHANSON, Albert Victor
January 13, 1936 – April 1, 2022

It is with deep sorrow and much love, the family of Albert Johanson announce his peaceful passing on April 1, 2022 at the Peter Lougheed Centre Emergency Unit at the age of 86 years.

Albert will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his life companion of 49 years Doris. His daughter Sonia (Gary), grandchildren Stacey (Kurt) great granddaughter Hailey. Shona (Ian) Paige, Declan, Easton, Shira (Joel) and Shelby (Mason). His son Jeffrey (Denise) grandchildren Michael and Jory. Stepdaughter Wendy (Dave) Sean and Jordan. Albert's remaining sibling left to mourn, his brother Hugh Johanson of Calgary, along with numerous nieces and nephews. Albert was predeceased by his parents Victoria and Carl, brothers Roland, Jimmy, and Carl, daughter Cheryl, and sister in-law's Mary and Lillian.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude and thanks to our families, friends, the people of Strathmore and surrounding areas who have supported us in the loss of our Father, Partner, and all those who had the opportunity to call Albert a friend.

We invite you to join us for a Celebration of his life at the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion, 230-2nd Avenue, Strathmore on May 7, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to do so, may make a Memorial Donation in Albert's memory to the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion, 230-2nd Avenue, Strathmore, Alberta T1P 1K1.

To send condolences, please visit Albert's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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Obituary



METZ, Larry John
March 15, 1949 – April 17, 2022

With heavy hearts and great sadness, we announce the passing of Larry John Metz on April 17, 2022. Jesus took him home on Easter Sunday. He was born on March 15, 1949 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Larry is survived by two sons, Joshua (Jenny) Metz and Cory (Vickie) Metz; and two daughters, Jamie Metz and Dawn Metz; several grandchildren; with a special mention of Hunter and Peyton who he spent many happy times with over the last several years and who will miss him immensely, along with two sisters, Yvonne Butler (Strathmore) and Loretta. Larry was predeceased by both his parents.

A celebration of life will be held at 24 Strathmore Lakes Bay on Saturday May 7, 2022 from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Watchman's Ministry.

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Examples of HIG Items:

- Washers, dryers, dishwashers, and stoves
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- Mattresses, bed frames, and box springs
- Carpet (must be rolled and no longer than 4ft)
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TRASH TO TREASURE APRIL 14-17, 2022

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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
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- Grab your own garbage bag and pick up some trash in your neighborhood or while you're taking a walk. When it's full, toss it into a Town of Strathmore garbage can. Every little bit helps.
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