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Neutrality debate

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Come May 6, Town of Strathmore council will debate the merit of municipal flagpoles and public property being allowed to bear standards or symbols of specific interests.

Coun. Brent Wiley put forward the notice of motion during the April 15 meeting, at which time it was not up for debate, simply to inform council and the public that discussion would be taking place.

"I am going to be contesting that neutrality is the ultimate form of inclusion. Very good and vigorous and mostly healthy discussion has been going on online, which is a sign of a functioning and vibrant democracy, but it demonstrates that there are members of our community that have different beliefs and opinions on all sorts of controversial issues," he said. "When a municipality publicly displays a political, religious, ideological, or identity symbol, it becomes a statement of the institution itself. It announces that we endorse a particular viewpoint and have chosen a side in a debate. It excludes all our residents that do not share a council's politics or opinions or ideas."

He noted a belief that neutrality is inclusive in that every resident should feel welcomed and represented by their own, such that no particular entity or view should be seen with favour.

The idea being such that council should be free to stay out of the most contentious and diverse issues of the day, whatever they happen to be.

The notice of motion specifically denotes the grandfathering in of the rainbow crosswalk, and the legion crosswalk, until such time that maintenance is required, seeing them stripped from the town's roadways. Wiley declined to comment further on the motion outside of the town council chamber.

The current policy, as it has been implemented, was previously discussed and debated vigorously by the previous council.

As has currently been approved, a rainbow crosswalk has been painted adjacent to the town building, and a crosswalk in the theme of remembrance has been approved for painting adjacent to the Legion building.

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Perfect jump

Blake Downer practiced some impressive jumps on his bike at the Strathmore Skate Park on April 20. With the mercury finally reaching over 20°C that day and most of the snow from the April 16 storm melted, many folks were eager to enjoy the great outdoors.

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Local artist to feature at one-day-only Calgary art gallery

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A local Strathmore artist is growing her roots and sprouting up at the Obsidian Art Show, taking place at the Calgary Chinese Cultural Center.

Emmeline Keeling was invited to be among over 50 artists participating at the event, showcasing mediums ranging from mixed media to tattoos.

“My understanding of it is basically, this organization is called the Public Display Agency in Calgary, and they put on all these art shows for trying to get the word out to a bunch of art galleries,” said Keeling. “A bunch of Calgary gallerists are coming out and they have said that they are going to take at least one artist from the show each and they are going to put up their art in their galleries.”

Public Display Agency hosts art galleries across southern Canada, from Montreal to Victoria, with Calgary being the latest stop along the line.

Obsidian is to be featured as a one day only art show, with artists being expected to set up, participate, and take down within hours of the event.

“The Gallery Partner Program is what they call it, and they partnered with Webster Galleries, The New Gallery, and Gallery Underground, and then they will attend in person, connecting directly with artists,” said Keeling.

This will be Keeling’s first time featuring her paintings at an art show taking place outside of Strathmore. Previously,

she has displayed with the Wheatland Society of Arts, the Strathmore Municipal Library, and The Vault Cultural Collective.

She added the spokesperson who reached out to invite her to the gallery had explained they discovered her work via Instagram and decided she would be a good fit to feature in the show.

Keeling, along with her fellows, will each be granted six feet by 10 feet spaces to feature their works within the building.

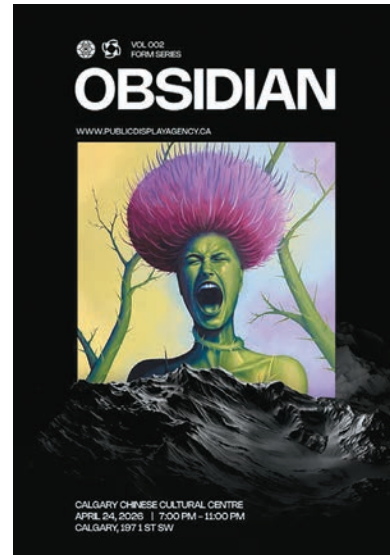
“I am hoping I will fit about 12 to 15 paintings, and then that will range from about 10x10 inches to as big as 30x40 inches,” she added.

Keeling’s “Alberta Weed Girls,” which were inspired by local weeds such as a dandelion, a daisy, and a thistle, will be among her works on display.

“I wanted to focus on weeds because generally people will do paintings of things

like roses and flowers and I want to explore the idea of feeling like you are not good enough through painting the weeds,” she explained. “Kind of like the idea that maybe I wish I was the rose but I’m not, I’m just the dandelion, so kind of feeling like I’m not worthy or good enough for people’s appreciation.”

The event itself will be open to the public from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. on April 24. More information about the event, the organization, featured artists, and attendance registration area available online through the Public Display Agency website.



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RCMP investigate single motor vehicle fatality

ALBERTA RCMP

On April 5, shortly before 5 p.m., gleichen RCMP received a concern for the well-being check regarding a person observed in a rural ditch along Range Road 233, south of Township Road 232.

gleichem RCMP attended a located male, who was confirmed deceased. Further police investigation revealed that the male was travelling westbound on Township Road 232 when the vehicle crossed into a southern ditch, struck a culvert, and came to a stop in a field. Evidence suggests the 66-year-old male resident of Siksika First Nation attempted to walk from the scene of the single motor vehicle collision until he succumbed to his injuries. The male did not possess a cell phone. The police investigation remains ongoing.

gleichem RCMP are asking anyone who may have seen a male walking in the area of Township Road 232 and Range Road 233, on April 4, from 8 p.m., to April 5, at 4:55 p.m., to contact the gleichen RCMP at 403-734-3056. If you

wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the “P3 Tips” app available through the Apple App or Google Play store. To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play. To contact RCMP non-emergency line within any Alberta RCMP jurisdiction call 310-RCMP(7267).

gleichem RCMP send their condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

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Reid returns to Strathmore

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Singer-songwriter Blake Reid is returning to Strathmore with a performance that promises storytelling, harmony and a deep connection to prairie life.

The Alberta-based artist will appear as part of the Strathmore Musical Arts Society's concert series on May 2.

"Yeah, I've been there (Strathmore) a few times, but I think this is the second time for Strathmore Musical Arts Society, so excited to be coming back, for sure," said Reid. "I would say that definitely a country folk roots flavour. I would just say my music is centred around small towns and prairie life and farm life. A lot of stories from life in rural Alberta, for sure."

That storytelling becomes central in theatre-style performances like the upcoming Strathmore show.

"We have two different shows that we do. Sometimes if we're doing a festival, we bring the full instrumentation and we're loud and proud," he said. "Then when we come into a theatre situation, or an arts touring venue, we'll tell the stories behind the songs, which I would say is more of an intimate feeling, to reflect why we wrote the songs and so forth."

Reid said the smaller setting helps create a stronger connection with audiences.

"I think they will really be able to relate to the stories and the songs," said Reid. "When we've done this type of show before, it's a real intimate look into the joys and the struggles of rural life. They'll have some laughs and also have some heartfelt moments."

Musical influences for Reid run deep, beginning close to home.

"First and foremost, as a musician, my grandpa was probably my biggest influence," said Reid. "He was a banjo player, so I always admired his love for music."

The Strathmore performance will feature a stripped-down trio.

"We're going to be showing up as a three piece, which is a really nice acoustic," he said. "It's probably the best way to see our band. We'll have a stand-up bass, myself on rhythm guitar, and then another lead guitar player who's just phenomenal. We have full harmonies and these guys are incredible musicians."

Audiences in Strathmore will also get a preview of new material.

"We're actually working on a brand-new record. It's all written, and we're hoping to record it here maybe late spring or the summer. We will be performing probably five or six new tunes at the show," said Reid. "It's always best to play (new songs) live before you record them because then you kind of realize them in a different approach. For release, I think we'd see a fall release."

Ultimately, Reid hopes concertgoers leave with a sense of connection.

"I think they will really be able to relate to the stories and the songs; it's a real intimate look into the joys and the struggles of rural life," he said.

The Strathmore Musical Arts Society's concert series, featuring the Blake Reid Band, is May 2 at the Strathmore Travelodge.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails, dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased online (strathmorearts.com).

Town approves garden and garage suites for land use within Lakewood

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Lakewood of Strathmore has reacquired clearance from the Town of Strathmore permitting garden and garage suites to be legally present within the neighbourhood.

As of the recurred permissions, Lakewood is currently the sole neighbourhood within the town that is allowed to feature garden and garage suites.

"We did a master plan of Lakewood for Phase 2B back in 2024. It included garage suites. That was part of the blanket zone that happened throughout the entire Town of Strathmore," explained Scott Silva, director of sales and marketing for Lakewood of Strathmore. "Our master plan design around these garage suites made a rear lane that is eight meters wide instead of seven meters or sometimes even six, which is what you'll find here in town."

Several of the lots present within the subsection are also 20 feet longer than a traditional suburban lot, specifically accounting for the construction of a garage suite on the properties.

Silva clarified this additional space also accounted for additional off-street parking on the front of the properties or off of the rear lanes.

"Why that is important is because anytime you get a garage suite, especially in an existing neighbourhood, there is usually conditions that are conducive to having additional off-street parking," he explained. "Knowing that, we planned and master designed Phase 2B in Lakewood with the rear lanes in mind of what was to come."

Despite being passed previously as effective

blanket rezoning, the Town of Strathmore repealed its decision to allow garden and garage suite development on existing properties in 2025.

The Lakewood team, in their request of the town only aimed to restore permissions which had previously been green lit when their subdivision and land use applications were approved in 2024.

Town of Strathmore council voted unanimously to restore the land use permissions to Lakewood of Strathmore during the April 15 meeting.

"I am impressed with what I have seen; I like the fact that we have got an entire area that is set out to have this type of home; it is going to help with young people either staying in their homes or young families staying and being able to afford a place to live," said Mayor Pat Fule.

"The parking does not scare me because if you drive around Strathmore, you see lots of vehicles parked in front of double garages ... but I am very appreciative and I respect the fact that this is an entire area of what looks to be very nice units that can have more housing options for the town, but also help people get into home ownership."

Silva explained having the status back is helpful for several reasons – namely being that several units have already been designed and sold on the premise that secondary suites of some sort would be a legal part of the custom property design.

Between garden, garage, and basement suites being allowed, this not only supports multi-generational living situations, but also the ability for suites to be rented out by the homeowners, making mortgages more accessible, as well as increasing local availability on the rental market.



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- 5. Tropical American blue jay-like bird
- 10. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 14. Dark olive black
- 15. Light, crinkled fabric
- 16. Notre Dame has a golden one
- 17. Leaked blood
- 18. Confronted
- 19. Negligible amount
- 20. Facilitated
- 22. Hill or rocky peak
- 23. Minneapolis suburb
- 24. Songs to one's beloved
- 27. Brake horsepower
- 30. Angry
- 31. Children's game
- 32. Spelling is a type of one
- 35. Obtained in return for labor
- 37. Indicates center
- 38. Chinese dynasty
- 39. Old World buffaloes
- 40. Slang for time off
- 41. Fabric
- 42. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 43. Defunct regional economic organization
- 44. Philly footballers
- 45. Female sibling
- 46. Peter Griffin's daughter
- 47. Digital audiotape
- 48. Insecticide
- 49. Scientific instrument
- 52. Pages may be dog-__
- 55. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Middle Eastern military title
- 61. Wise individuals
- 63. French Polynesian island Bora __
- 64. Popular shoe type
- 65. One of 50
- 66. Divulge a secret
- 67. Dish of cooked meat mixed with potatoes
- 68. Actress Zellweger
- 69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Greek cupbearer of the Gods
- 2. Ancient Syrian city
- 3. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
- 4. Range of mountains
- 5. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 6. Spoke
- 7. City in Georgia
- 8. Theatrical
- 9. CNN's founder
- 10. Icelandic poems
- 11. Bjorn __, tennis player
- 12. Bowfin genus
- 13. One point north of northeast
- 21. Political divisions in ancient Greece
- 23. Electroencephalograph
- 25. Cool!
- 26. Male parent
- 27. Where some gymnasts work
- 28. Capital of Vietnam
- 29. Sailboats
- 32. Shelter (Scottish)
- 33. Completed
- 34. Discharge
- 36. Arrest
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 38. Coffee receptacle
- 40. Stagnate
- 41. Satisfies
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 44. Consume food
- 46. Type of school
- 47. Erase
- 49. Inform
- 50. Girl's given name
- 51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 52. Every one of two or more things
- 53. Northern India city
- 54. Seventeenth stars in a constellation
- 57. Weapon
- 58. Amounts of time
- 59. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
- 61. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 62. Witness

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Giving farmers faster access to the tools they need

FROM THE OFFICE OF DAVID BEXTE

David Bexte, Conservative Member of Parliament for Bow River, introduced Bill C-273, the Facilitating Agricultural Regulatory Modernization Act (FARM Act) on April 15.

This legislation marks a critical first step in fixing Canada's outdated and overly burdensome agricultural approval system that has held Canadian farmers back for far too long.

For years, Canadian farmers have been hurt by excessive red tape and duplicative regulatory reviews that delayed access to safe, proven agricultural tools already widely used in other developed countries. This regulatory burden has cost producers time, money and opportunity, weakened rural economies, driven up costs and ultimately hurt Canadian families through higher food prices.

"Right now, Canadian farmers are stuck waiting years – or often never gaining access – for products already proven safe and widely used in the United States, the European Union, Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand," said MP Bexte. "That's not common sense. It's red tape, plain and simple, and it's been holding Canadian agriculture back for far too long. Enough is enough. This Bill is the first step toward ending this unfair disadvantage."

The FARM Act directly addresses these long-standing regulatory failures by ensuring:

- Feeds, fertilizers, seeds, and pest control products approved in at least two trusted jurisdictions would receive provisional approval within 90 days of a complete application;
- This 'trusted jurisdiction' framework would allow Canada to rely on rigorous scientific reviews already completed by countries such as the United States, the European Union, Australia and New Zealand, while still maintaining strong Canadian oversight;
- The Minister would retain full authority to deny or cancel approvals at any time if health, safety or environmental risks are identified; and
- The Food and Drugs Act is expanded to allow faster access to veterinary drugs, addressing the growing shortage of animal health products in Canada.

"This Bill supports food security by accelerating access to products already deemed safe by trusted international regulators," Bexte added. "After years of being held back, Canadian farmers will finally get proven tools into their hands faster and at lower cost."

Support for these reforms has been echoed by industry leaders. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture has stated that these legislative efforts will improve farmers' competitiveness while en-

hancing food security. They described the Bill's original version as "a no-cost measure that will help reduce regulatory burden without sacrificing transparency or food safety."

CFA President Keith Currie added that "the world is moving quickly, and it is imperative that farmers can move at the same pace."

According to Seeds Canada, current registration processes add one to two years to commercialization timelines, with broader delays of up to two to six years compared to the United States. These delays have discouraged investment, particularly in smaller crop sectors, often causing companies to bypass Canada entirely. As a result, many products simply never reach Canadian farmers, costing the sector millions of dollars and widening the productivity gap with our competitors.

Canada continues to fall behind. The country ranks 32nd out of 43 OECD countries in regulatory burden on businesses. The Agriculture and Agri-Food Committee has confirmed that these regulatory bottlenecks are holding the sector back, despite agriculture's potential to double its contribution to Canada's GDP.

Bill C-273 builds on previous legislative efforts and incorporates recommendations from the Agriculture Committee's 2025 report on regulatory reform, while expanding the framework to include fertilizers and veterinary drugs.

"This Bill does not replace Canada's science-based regulatory system," Bexte noted. "Provisional approvals are time-limited, conditional and backed by full Canadian reviews running in parallel. The Minister always retains the authority to step in and stop a product if concerns arise."

Shorter approval timelines in competing jurisdictions, particularly the United States, have allowed American farmers to gain access to new seeds, fertilizers and crop protection tools years earlier. This has widened productivity gaps, left Canadian farmers with fewer tools to manage pests, reduced yields and increased costs.

The economic upside of reform is significant. Faster access to modern agricultural inputs will boost productivity, reduce crop losses, improve farm incomes, strengthen rural communities, ease pressure on government support programs and help lower costs at the grocery store for Canadian families.

"Conservatives are committed to supporting the productivity and competitiveness of Canada's agricultural sector by cutting unnecessary regulatory burdens that have hurt Canadian farmers and families for too long," Bexte concluded. "This FARM Act is the first step in standing up for rural Canada, for our hard-working farmers, and for greater food affordability. It's time to get this done."

Council to once again debate displaying nonstandard, nongovernment symbols on public property

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Mayor Pat Fule explained the rainbow crosswalk in particular was approved for placement next to the town office such that it would not necessarily be immediately visible to the majority of residents during their daily commutes.

"We were also worried about increased vandalism if it was out on a road, and then possible vandalism spreading out

to other buildings and other businesses," he said. "There was no town money that went to the crosswalk. The paint and supplies to do it were paid for by a group who did the painting and they have been doing the maintenance. There is no cost to taxpayers for the rainbow crosswalk."

The bylaw explicitly notes only standards of government and municipal partners such as, but not limited to Siksika Nation, will be flown on municipal public property should the bylaw be passed.

Fule added he previously voted in favour of the legion crosswalk, the rainbow crosswalk, and for the Treaty 7 flag to be displayed, being an indicator of where he stands.

Given the contentious nature of the issue, he said he looks forward to council being able to engage in debate and discussion.

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New local mental health clinic opens its doors

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A new mental health clinic officially opened its doors to the community, catering to a wide range of demographics within Strathmore.

Balance and Restore Co. hosted its grand opening, April 18, inviting members of the public, and local dignitaries to explore their new office, and the services they will be providing.

“We are a mental health and wellness clinic. We offer therapy – like counseling services; we have three clinicians in here already and we also just hired a fourth,” said Jessica Klaschinsky, owner and operator of Balance and Restore Co. “(My) first goal was always to be involved in the community. I have lived here for 12 years and I have teenagers, so it is really important to be involved and collaborate and give back.”

Aiming to offer more than talk therapy, Klaschinsky explained she aims to see clients taught tools and skills to cope with and manage stress and trauma.

Also featuring a small library in house at the clinic, clients are able to borrow resources sourced directly from their mental health professionals.

“The need is actually, sadly, astronomical. We have such a need for mental health services ... FCSS was able to help fund some therapy throughout the community, and when I spoke with them it went about two or three weeks and they had to cut off the wait list; that is how many people applied,” said Klaschinsky. “We see the demand; we see the need for mental health support in Strathmore and in Wheatland County.”

Klaschinsky previously served as a nurse in the Peter Laugheed Hospital’s inpatient psychiatric unit before moving to acute care for several years.

Bearing a passion for mental health, she made the decision at the beginning of 2026 to launch her own clinic.

“It all happened really fast ... in the beginning of this year, I was like, I feel better mentally and I want to do something different. I want to be able to give people the support they need and give our community a safe space for our youth and

our teenagers,” she said. “We officially took over our lease and our building, April 1, and since then, the last two weeks have been a lot of renovations. We added an office in the back, we repainted, decorated, really refined and made the space comfortable and welcoming.”

Balance and Restore Co.’s staff are locals from the Strathmore area and are ready to take bookings. Further information about each practitioner, the company, and how to book is available through their website.



Balance and Restore Co. celebrated the launch of their new mental health clinic in Strathmore with a grand opening on April 18. The clinic aims to help a wide range of demographics in and surrounding the Strathmore area.

Photos Courtesy of Jessica Klaschinsky



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- May 12, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
- May 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m. | Public Presentation Committee | Committee of the Whole

For call-in details, access links, and agenda packages, please visit our website. <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/agendasandminutes/>

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Wheatland County's 2026 Gravel Sale Schedule is now available, with three scheduled sale dates:

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- August 12-13

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Deadline for Applications

- First Round: Application deadline is May 15, 2026
- (Weather permitting, application will occur starting May 19)
- Second round: Application deadline is June 5, 2026
- (Weather permitting, application will occur starting June 8)

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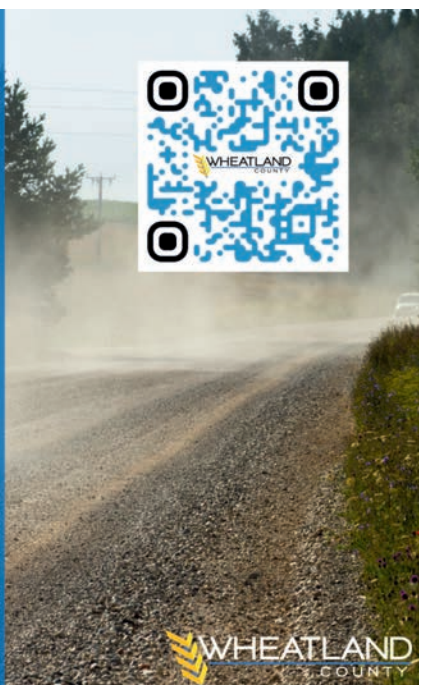
Price:

- County roads \$36.12/meter plus GST (New Application)
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- July 3, 2026
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County relays local concerns to MLA

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council took an opportunity to raise local concerns with the Province of Alberta during the April 7 meeting.

Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Tara Sawyer attended council, presenting another avenue for their priorities to be heard.

Sawyer's riding includes the villages of Standard and Rockyford, which necessitates addressing concerns within the county among her jurisdiction.

Council cited a number of immediate concerns and priorities, including but not limited to gopher control, the repair and replacement of local bridge infrastructure, repairs to secondary roads, funding for water, sewer and wastewater infrastructure, and long-term transportation plans.

"A lot of the issues, at least in my division, are the provincial secondary roads that are in dire need of repair. It has been an ongoing thing as long as I can remember and it does not ever seem to get much traction there," said Coun. Rick Laursen. "We are having some issues with WADMSA and we are having troubles with dealing with EHS. They are not necessarily holding up their end of the bargain."

Coun. Glenn Koester added to the conversation the county's ongoing concerns relating to local bridges and culverts, taking a similar tone to Laursen, emphasizing the current state of disrepair and the necessity for repairs and

replacements to take place.

"It's the bridges. The province, I don't know what happened, they changed the rating; we can't put fully loaded trucks on our bridges anymore – most of them," said Koester. "There are a few that we can, and they are in dire need of repair."

With the imminent development of the De Havilland aircraft campus, Coun. Kieth Clayton noted concern as to whether the province has taken into account the access to service the development area off of Highway 1.

Due to significant traffic influxes, the Carseland and Strathmore industrial areas may very soon begin to struggle with accessibility and are estimated to be at risk of shutting down quickly, as Clayton described.

Among the concerns regarding gopher poisoning were that by the time actions are set to be taken in the later spring and into summer months, it will effectively be too late to control populations for this upcoming growing season.

"With respect to the gopher situation, we absolutely advocated ... it is a federal issue, not ours, we were equally frustrated," said Sawyer. "We very much understand because as a farmer, I am dealing with it just like everybody else, which is why Minister [RJ] Sigurdson and the Premier went to bat pretty hard."

For many of the county's concerns, Sawyer iterated that the topics have been heard and many will simply take time in order to address.



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WID boosts service area

MARIO PRUSINA
Times Editor

The Western Irrigation District (WID) has announced a significant expansion of its service area, growing from 110,000 acres to 140,000 acres following strong support from irrigators.

The approval, which was announced on April 8, marks an additional 30,000 acres being brought into the district, reflecting the demand for water delivery in the region.

In the last three years, WID has already increased its expansion to 15,000 acres, demonstrating an increase in irrigated farming.

“This expansion is an important step forward for our district and the producers we serve,” said CEO Troy Tangedal. “It highlights not only the confidence in our system, but also our ability to responsibly manage and deliver water as demand continues to grow.”

Along with the ongoing investments in infrastructure, operational improvements and long-term planning, the WID is able to handle the increased capacity while maintaining reliable service and environmental stewardship.

The expansion is expected to provide more producers with access to irrigation.

Based right here in Strathmore and founded in 1894, WID continues to play a key role in supporting a resilient agricultural network in southern Alberta, emphasizing efficient water management and sustainable growth for future generations.



Strathmore FCSS hosted the first annual volunteer fair, taking place at the Strathmore Civic Center on April 17. The goal being to increase awareness about volunteerism opportunities and connect community with organizations.

Photos Courtesy of the Town of Strathmore

FCSS hosts first annual volunteer fair

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore FCSS hosted what they are aiming to see become an annual volunteer fair at the Strathmore Civic Center on April 17.

The ultimate goals were to connect potential volunteers with organizations seeking a few extra hands, as well as to increase awareness about local opportunities for volunteerism.

“In Strathmore, what we have been finding is there are small pockets of volunteerism that are going on, but we want to make it so it is large scale,” said Budd Brazier, FCSS community and social development manager. “Folks who do volunteer, we want to make them aware that there are other opportunities if they are eager to volunteer within the Town of Strathmore or within any organization.”

Historically, FCSS has conducted volunteer recruitment largely through social media and their volunteer connector web portal.

The event featured a similar-to tra-

de show format where organizations seeking local volunteers had set up booths throughout the venue in order to be able to meet and interact with members of the public.

Among FCSS mandates, as well as being an expectation with the provincial government, is to maintain a base of volunteerism within a given municipality.

“We are looking ... to reignite that initiative. We thought if we could do a volunteer fair and create some awareness, we may be able to let the town know, and then other opportunities for organizations to also do recruitment,” said Brazier. “Then, what we can do is, the provincial government would like to see some additional volunteerism, and from there we can report back to the government that we had this fair, and from it, came about, say, 15 new volunteers within the Town of Strathmore.”

Brazier added for FCSS, the idea is ultimately to have organizations come together and conduct recruitment.

Through events such as the volunteer fair, organizations seeking volunteers can be easily identified, the scope of lo-

cal volunteerism can be increased, and access to volunteer opportunities becomes more widely known.

“As we move into the future, let’s get some metrics around, the first time we did this volunteer fair to the next year, and then see if we are increasing our volunteerism within the Town of Strathmore, and who these folks are volunteering with,” said Brazier. “(We can also gauge) ... there particular regions that are typically short in volunteers or that are readily needing more hands-on deck to be able to help out.”

Brazier explained from the town’s perspective, they tend to struggle with recruiting volunteers through external events.

Other organisations such as Bridge the Gap and the Happy Gang are also regularly looking to recruit volunteers for their programs.

For those who missed the Volunteer Fair but are still looking to learn more or themselves volunteer, they are encouraged to utilize the FCC page on the town website and the volunteer connector online portal.

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CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Some announcements are about investments, others are about direction, and this week is about both. Alberta's government is moving with clear purpose to strengthen Alberta's economic future, expand access to health care, and protect people from new and growing threats. From getting major projects approved faster, to making preventative care easier to access, to standing up to cybercriminals targeting Alberta families and seniors, our government is focused on bold action that helps protect Albertans and drive economic growth in our province.

Getting major projects built matters, not just for industry, but for job creation, investment, and Alberta's long-term economic strength. That's why our government has introduced the Expedited 120-Day Approvals Act to speed up approvals for major projects that are critical to Alberta's future. This legislation will create a 120-day approval timeline for qualified projects of strategic provincial importance, helping reduce delays and send a clear signal that Alberta is serious about getting major projects moving. Importantly, Indigenous consultation and environmental assessments remain in place in our province. This piece of legislation is about cutting unnecessary delays, not cutting corners.

At the same time, our government is continuing to upgrade a health system that gives Albertans the ability to take charge of their own health, and faster access to care. The Health Statutes Amendment Act introduced this week will expand access to self-referred preventative testing, improve timely access to addiction treatment medications, and complete the refocusing of Alberta's health system. Early detection can save lives, and faster access to care can make all the difference. This legislation will make it easier for Albertans to take proactive steps with their health, while also improving access to urgent medications in rural and remote communities where delays can

put people at greater risk.

Building a stronger Alberta also means protecting people from the real dangers that now exist online. Cybercriminals are targeting Albertans through scams, fraud, identity theft, and extortion, often using technology to pressure victims into handing over money or personal information. That's why our government is creating a new cybercrime task force to develop recommendations on how Alberta can better protect families, seniors, and businesses from digital threats. By bringing together experts in law, technology, consumer protection, and law enforcement, this task force will strengthen the coordinated provincial response to a growing public safety challenge.

We are also supporting the firefighters who protect Alberta communities with \$500,000 in Fire Services Training Program grants for 90 recipients across the province.

I am pleased to share that municipalities across our constituency have received funding to support our local fire departments access training that meets industry standards and reflects the needs of the communities they serve, including ice water rescues, hazardous material response, and other critical emergency skills. By helping firefighters train safely and effectively, our government is strengthening local emergency response capacity and supporting the people Albertans count on in times of crisis.

The funding allocations are as follows: City of Chestermere - \$4,292, Town of Strathmore - \$5,203, Rocky View County - \$4,460, and Wheatland County - \$3,717.

Progress in our province didn't happen by accident, it took clear priorities, the boldness to act, and a government that is taking actions every single day for Albertans. Whether it is accelerating major investment, making health care more accessible, or protecting Albertans from threats, our government is focused on results that matter in people's daily lives, and on building an Alberta that continues to lead

the way in safety and economic growth.

As always, please free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions (Chestermere.

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(Chantelle de Jonge is the MLA for Chestermere-Strathmore and the Parliamentary Secretary for Affordability and Utilities)

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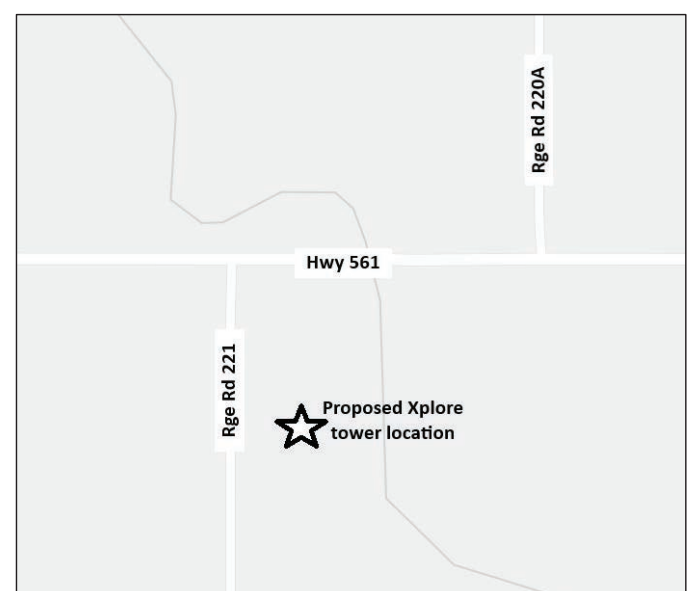
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We need to focus on unity

To the Editor

(This following letter was sent to Strathmore town council regarding Notice of Motion, Neutrality Bylaw)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express serious concern regarding your recent actions affecting the LGBTQ community.

Framing these issues as matters of pragmatism or personal belief does not change their real impact. The proposals and rhetoric you are advancing are contributing to division and are being supported by openly discriminatory voices. As a public official, that impact is your responsibility.

I urge you to rescind your proposal regarding sidewalks and flags, given the division it is causing and the community it is perceived to target. At minimum, you should clearly and publicly reject any hatred or discrimination expressed in its support.

Our town needs leadership focused on unity, responsible governance, and the well-being of all residents – not actions that deepen division.

If this issue is not addressed appropriately, I will pursue formal avenues of accountability, including a motion of censure or recall.

Sincerely,
Peter Jenner
Strathmore

Local democracy on the line

To the Editor

Across Alberta, people expect governments to respect the boundaries of their own authority. That is why many Albertans are concerned about the provincial government's Bill 20, which introduces sweeping new powers that allow cabinet to intervene directly in the decisions of our municipal governments.

Publicly available summaries of Bill 20 show that it would give the provincial cabinet the ability to amend or repeal municipal bylaws, direct municipalities to pass specific bylaws, and remove locally elected councillors under expanded criteria. These measures represent a significant shift of authority away from local councils and toward the provincial cabinet.

This is especially striking because the provincial government frequently criticizes the federal government for overstepping into provincial jurisdiction. Many Albertans see a contradiction: while the province demands respect for its own constitutional authority, it is now positioning itself to override the decisions of municipalities – the governments closest to residents.

Municipal councils manage the services Albertans rely on every day: water systems, emergency response, local roads, recreation facilities, and community planning, etc. These decisions are best made by the people who live in those communities and understand their needs. When cabinet in Edmonton can overturn local bylaws or remove councillors without a local vote, the democratic voice of communities is weakened.

Bill 20 deserves scrutiny from all Albertans who value accountable, community-based governance. Strong local government has always been a foundation of this province. It should be strengthened, not placed under expanded provincial control.

Ken Riley
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Obituary

MOGGEY, Robert Duncan



We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our beloved husband and father, Robert Duncan Moggey, who left us peacefully on April 19, 2026, at the age of 82, after a brave struggle with dementia.

Born in Moncton, New Brunswick, and raised in Grand Centre, Alberta, Robert carried with him a deep sense of curiosity, kindness, and community that would shape his life. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts from Simon Fraser University, followed by his BEd and MEd from the University of Alberta, beginning a lifelong dedication to education.

Robert's career as a teacher and principal spanned decades, most notably in Rockyford, Alberta, where he and his wife Gwen raised their family. He cared for his students as if they were his own, leaving a lasting impact on generations, many of whom remained lifelong friends.

His passion for education extended far beyond the classroom, taking him around the world through teaching and teacher training programs in countries including India, Malawi, Nepal, and Sierra Leone. After retiring, his love of learning and travel continued, with time spent in Kuwait, New York City, and Qatar.

Robert lived fully and simply. He loved baseball, long walks, good stories, and ice cream. But nothing defined Robert more than his love of being a husband to his wonderful wife Gwen, a father to Dawn and Dylan, a father-in-law to Dusty and Michelle, and especially a grandfather to four beautiful little twerps, Presley, George, Kate and Carson. They all made his life complete, and so fortunately for us, he made ours.

Alongside his loving immediate family, Robert is survived by his sister-in-law Margaret Forgrave, his brother-in-law Rodney (Jacqueline) Andrews, his nephews Dan (Anna) Forgrave, Rob (Shanna) Forgrave, David Andrews, Allan (Donna) Moggey, Jeff (Camille) Sigurdson and niece Patricia (Cam) Blakely.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Richard Hehr for his lifelong friendship, and to the staff at Cambridge Manor for their compassionate care.

Donations may be made to The Brenda Strafford Foundation's Cambridge Manor or any dementia research foundation. In lieu of donations - buy yourself an ice cream cone today, or better yet, buy one for a stranger - and tell them it's from Robert.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, April 29th from 3pm to 5pm at the Rockyford Community Centre.

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Obituary

CRISPIN, Sheila Rose (née Heald)



Sheila Rose Crispin (née Heald) of Strathmore Alberta passed away peacefully on April 17, 2026 after a year-long battle with cancer. She fought with remarkable strength and determination but ultimately succumbed to her illness at Foothills Hospital. Sheila and her family would like to acknowledge the compassionate care and dedication of the staff at the Arthur J.E. Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre and Foothills Hospital Unit 42. They would also like to acknowledge the compassion and tender care of the team at the Wheatland Funeral Home.

She was born on March 16, 1950, in Camrose Alberta the youngest of four children to Elsie and Elmer Heald.

Sheila is lovingly remembered by her husband, William (Bill) Reginald Crispin; her daughters, Michelle Rose Kinghorn (née Crispin) (Jonathan Kinghorn) and their two sons, Connor Kinghorn and Elliot Kinghorn (Rebecca Holyoake); and Melissa Sarah Crispin-Piché (née Crispin) (Vincent Piché) and their two children, Luba Piché and Lexx Piché. She is also survived by her two brothers James (Jim) Heald (Lilia Heald) and Larry Heald and her many loving nieces and nephews.

Sheila was predeceased in death by her mother, Elsie Rose Heald (née Giddings); her father, Elmer Charles Heald; her sister, Dolores Lundberg (née Heald); her brother-in-law, Earl Lundberg; her sister in law Elizabeth (Sarah) Crispin; her brother-in-law Raymond Joberty; and her nephew David Heald.

A proud and devoted grandmother, Sheila was deeply involved in the lives of her four grandchildren. She delighted in sharing stories of their accomplishments and adventures with anyone willing to listen.

Sheila was a devoted wife to Bill for 56 years. The two were married in Red Deer, Alberta in 1970. Sheila worked as a nurse at the Provincial Training School in Red Deer. She also worked at the Co-op in both Hanna and Strathmore in the accounts receivables.

Together, Sheila and Bill moved to Hanna, Alberta, where Bill was transferred to the Co-op. They lived in Hanna for 2 years where they also ran the Capital movie theatre. When Bill was transferred to the Co-op in Strathmore, Alberta they decided to settle for good. In 1974, they welcomed their first daughter, Michelle.

In 1978, Bill and Sheila purchased the Joyland Theatre, where they became deeply rooted in the heart of the Strathmore community. In 1979, they welcomed their second daughter, Melissa, completing their family.

Sheila was always eager to be involved and volunteered tirelessly with local schools, often joining field trips and lending a hand wherever needed. She had a natural ability to connect with children and was always ready to help.

Sheila was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for over 30 years and volunteered hundreds of hours with Strathmore Legion Branch #10. She especially enjoyed helping with bingo and her time with the Ladies' Auxiliary.

She was also a dedicated volunteer with the Strathmore Agricultural Society for many years, serving in a variety of roles, most recently as a public member on the finance committee.

After selling the theatre in 2014 to Jeff and Kathy Larsen, Sheila transitioned into what she called "retirement," though she remained as active as ever. She continued her involvement with both the Legion and the Agricultural Society.

Sheila enjoyed walking around the lake in her neighbourhood and had a special fondness for her neighbours' little girl, Addy.

Sheila will be remembered for her passion for life, her generosity, and her firm but caring presence, whether keeping order at the movie theatre or offering help to anyone in need. Beneath her strong exterior was a deeply loving woman, a loyal friend to many, and a fiercely devoted family member.

Her family was her everything, and she will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts can be made by donating to a Cancer foundation of your choosing.

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Please apply with resume to the Village Office at 110 Main Street, Rockyford, AB; e-mail it to cao@rockyford.ca or mail it to Box 294 Rockyford, AB. T0J 2R0.

Deadline for applications is May 29, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

We thank all applicants, but will only be contacting those chosen for an interview.



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How to apply: Please submit your resume and a cover letter detailing your relevant experience, qualifications and salary expectations to elliott.michel@gmail.com before **May 1, 2026**.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

May 6, 2026 | 6 p.m.
 May 13, 2026 | 6 p.m.
 May 20, 2026 | 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.



Strathmore Pitches In.

Many hands make light work. Pitch-In Week.

Pitch-In Week returns to Strathmore April 28 to May 4, kicking off with a Community Cleanup event on April 30, 2026. This is a wonderful opportunity for residents, students, and community groups to come together and tidy up the place we call home.

Participants can sign up individually, with their family, or as part of a cleanup group. Coffee and donuts will be provided to all volunteers.

For registration and more information, visit our website, Strathmore.ca/PitchInWeek2026

From biweekly to weekly. Green Cart/Organics Collection.

The Town of Strathmore provides residential waste collection and disposal services to over 4,500 properties, including household garbage, organic and heavy item garbage, and recycling.

Starting May 1, 2026, green cart/organics pickup will switch to weekly service for the season (May to October). Reminder that the only holidays that affect garbage collection are Christmas Day and New Year's Day. All other collection days remain unchanged.

For the full collection schedule, route info, and other key dates, visit our website: Strathmore.ca/WasteCollection

From a snow drift to a river. Clear your catch basins.

With warm temperatures comes melting snow, and that snow needs somewhere to go. This is where catch basins (also known as storm drains) come into play. Storm drains help direct stormwater into Strathmore's drainage system. A clogged or damaged catch basin can lead to flooding and property damage.

The Town of Strathmore's Operations Department and our partners at EPCOR regularly check and clear catch basins as part of our regular winter and spring maintenance program, but residents help make a world of a difference.

There's a couple of ways you can help protect your community from flooding.

- Catch it: Check if the grate is clear to allow snow, ice and rain runoff to drain properly.
- Clear it: Safely remove any ice or debris blocking the basin.
- Call or click it in: Report frozen or damaged catch basins by emailing operations@strathmore.ca or filling out the Citizen's Communication Form at Strathmore.ca/CCF

For more information about Strathmore's stormwater and drainage system, check out our website Strathmore.ca/StormWater

Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. School Closure Camps.

Got a day off school coming up? We've got a plan. The Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre offers day camps and seasonal break camps designed to keep your kids busy and having fun.

Registration is available through PerfectMind. Be sure to visit Strathmore.ca/SchoolClosureCamps to register and ensure all required forms are completed.

If you have questions or concerns, give us a call at **403-361-2121**.

Spring Break Camp

| Course ID | Dates | Days | Time | Cost |
|-----------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| 39676 | Apr 7 - 10, 2026 | T - F | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | \$148 |

| Course ID | Dates | Days | Time | Cost |
|-----------|--------------|------|------------------|---------|
| 39677 | Apr 24, 2026 | F | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | \$47.50 |
| 39679 | May 1, 2026 | F | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | \$47.50 |
| 41349 | May 15, 2026 | F | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | \$47.50 |

Don't forget about it! Property assessment deadline is April 27.

The Customer Inquiry Period is an important time for property owners to check, compare, and review their assessment for accuracy, fairness, and equity. If you have questions about your property assessment make sure to inquire by April 27, 2026.

When you receive your notice, there's a few things you should do.

- Review the details on your assessment notice.
- Check what makes up your property's assessment value and compare it with similar properties in your neighbourhood using our property search function, found at Strathmore.ca/AssessmentSearch
- Contact the Town's assessor, Wildrose Assessment Services, for one-on-one support by calling 403-343-3357. Their property assessment experts can answer most assessment related questions with no formal complaint fees required. To help address concerns, please have your latest assessment notice in front of you with the account number and validation group information ready.
- If you disagree with your property's assessment, you can file a formal appeal with the Assessment Review Board by the deadline stated on your latest property assessment notice. You can find information on this process at Strathmore.ca/Assessment



Smile cookies are back! April 27 – May 3

You can purchase Smile Cookies to help support our local FCSS. 100% of your cookie supports emergency social services and other essential programs for our community. Helping our community never tasted so good!

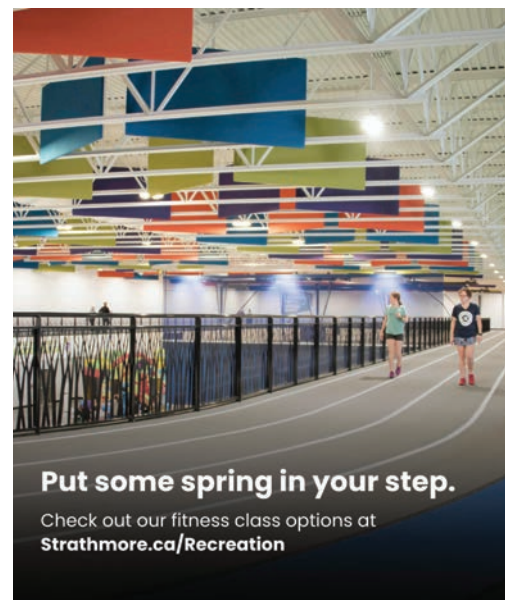
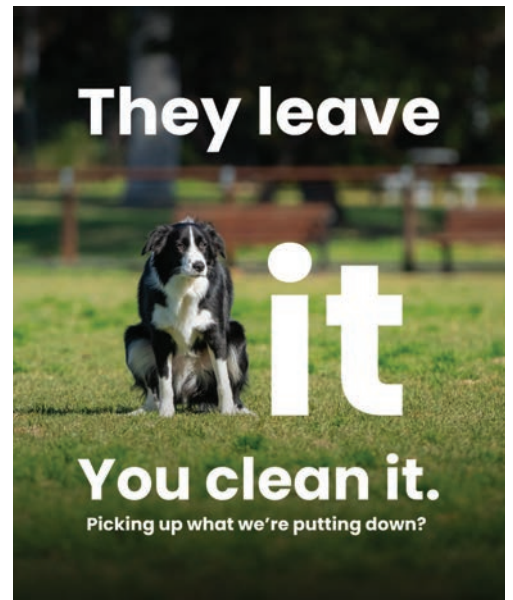
Tender and major project updates. Municipal tenders.

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 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.

Good food, great food. Get the Good Food Box.

The Good Food Box is a non-profit organization offering access to quality produce while ensuring variety, freshness and affordability. It is brought to you by your community, packed by volunteers and delivered to Strathmore through FCSS. This program is accessible for everyone regardless of income level. For more information, visit Strathmore.ca/GoodFoodBox



Register today! Summer Camps.
 We've got some fun and safe alternatives to boredom for ages 4 to 12 with our summer camps! Check out the themes of each week and register your child for their favourite theme, or register in all the weeks for a fun-filled summer!

For more information, visit our website Strathmore.ca/Recreation. For registration, you can register for camps through your PerfectMind account. Got questions? Give us a call at **403-361-2121**.

| Theme | Date |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Water Fun | June 29 to 3, 2026 |
| Splash and Play (Swim Lessons) | July 6 to 10, 2026 |
| Sport and Explore | July 13 to 17, 2026 |
| Multi-Sport Adventure | July 20 to 24, 2026 |
| Splash and Dash (Swim Lessons) | July 27 to 31, 2026 |
| Neon Days | August 4 to 7, 2026 |
| Balls and More | August 10 to 14, 2026 |
| Olympic Days | August 17 to 21, 2026 |
| Let's Celebrate | August 24 to 28, 2026 |