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Provincial tax increase hits close to home

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has distributed notice that local property owners will see a significant increase in their property tax bills this year due to a provincial education property tax requisition.

The requisition was announced in Alberta's 2025 budget, which was released on Feb. 27. As a result, Strathmore's total school tax requisition is increased by 22 per cent from \$5,953,657 in 2024, to \$7,251,997.

"The Town of Strathmore, the CAO, the finance department, and council worked really hard in the fall of 2024 to put together what we thought was a really good property tax increase as far as our budget for 2025. We were really cognizant and aware of people in the economic situation that we have been in with the inflation rate being so high," said Mayor Pat Fule. "We all really worked to get the property tax rate as low as we could, and we came up with a 3.62 per cent rate for 2025. I know a lot of people are always concerned about tax increases, but it is really hard to do a zero per cent increase and take money from reserves. That is not really financially sustainable because inflation does not quit."

Fule emphasized the province's decision and budget occurred following the passing of the town's budget, must be followed, and is not within the town's control to abate.

He added he, and members of council are disappointed by the decision, citing that it undoes much of the work done by the town to keep tax increases as low as possible. He expressed further frustration due to the fact that much of the requisition funds will not be put back into assisting local schools.

Commercial property owners will also be affected by the province's requisition, as their education levies will be increased from \$1,195,802 in 2024 to \$1,403,028 in 2025.

For an average Strathmore residential property assessed at \$491,800, the provincial education property tax will equate to an increase of nearly \$275 this year.

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Somebunny hid the eggs!

The Easter Bunny made an appearance at the annual Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by REMAX Key at Kinsmen Park on April 19. See Page 8 for more coverage.

John Watson Photo

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Golden Hills students receive prestigious Honouring Spirit Award

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Two students from Golden Hills School Division have been awarded the Alberta School Board Association's (ASBA) Honouring Spirit Award for 2025.

This award recognized 12 students from across Alberta this year, out of over 300 who were nominated.

Caleb Sitting Eagle and Trinity Pretty Young-woman were selected as the Southern Alberta Grade 7-9 and Grade 10-12 winners, respectively.

The Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award recognizes First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in pursuit of their personal education, and who embrace their own gifts and potential while celebrating the ways of their people.

Criteria which is examined by a committee to determine the award winners includes perseverance and the pursuit of goals, dreams, school and beyond, healthy attitude in the pursuit of a personal path to educational fulfillment, embracing culture, promoting the strengths and beauty of their culture and the value to their community, modeling leadership through a cultural lens, respecting and honouring the autonomy, empowerment and agency of others, work ethic, attitude with others, honesty and honour.

A ceremony recognizing each of the award recipients was held at the Queen Elizabeth II building in Edmonton, April 14, at which the students were presented with their awards: individually unique handmade star blankets, and scholarships provided by Keyera.

"The ceremony started off with a speech by the Lieutenant Governor, speaking on behalf of the King as His representative in Alberta, and then greetings on behalf of the government

from the Minister, and then the presentation, and of course the President of the ASBA brings greetings as well," said Rob Pirie, a school board trustee for Golden Hills School Division representing Strathmore. "Each student is offered the option of speaking to the audiences there and some choose to. Trinity did; she is a very articulate young woman."

The \$2,500 scholarship awarded to students by Keyera is for the purposes of furthering their post-secondary education, whenever they are able to make use of it. Students are able to apply the scholarship to whichever program they so choose following their graduation from high school.

"I think that students were very impressed with the honour of the award itself and the ceremony was sort of the icing on the cake. They were reminded throughout the presentation by the Lieutenant Governor, by the Minister, by everyone what a prestigious award this was and how amazing it was what they have done already in their young lives," said Pirie.

Caleb is described by Golden Hills School Division as a student who proudly promotes his culture and advocates for Indigenous students. As a passionate advocate for traditional hand games, Caleb organized a school wide tournament. Caleb is an active member in the school's Niitsitapi club and is currently serving as the leader of Crowther Memorial's Student Chief and Council.

Trinity, a student at Strathmore High School, was described to exemplify the spirit of perseverance, leadership and cultural pride. She has been awarded a scholarship to Vancouver Film School where she will pursue a career in film and storytelling. Trinity also participates in the Blackfoot Youth Confederacy and works with the Calgary Flames on initiatives to revitalize Indigenous language.



Home opener

The Strathmore Venom U13C team held their home opener when they took on the Rockyview Rage on April 14 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Despite being tied 1-1 after the first, the Venom fell 6-1.

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Town votes to support commemorative Legion crosswalk development

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has voted to support the Strathmore Legion Branch 10 in its effort to establish a commemorative crosswalk prior to the 100th anniversary of the organization.

Discussion took place during the regular meeting of council, April 16, continuing from the presentation which was brought to the April 9 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Coun. Debbie Mitzner inquired as to whether the town could support one crosswalk instead of the two which were originally proposed. Administration clarified their recommendation was for the town to provide resources for road closure while the crosswalks are painted, as well as to give the Legion connections to source their own materials.

Financial costs to the town to support the project would be effectively negligible to support the project regardless of whether one or two crosswalks are painted.

The town does not complete commemorative or atypical crosswalks on behalf of community organizations. Costs for crosswalks currently in place, such as the pride crosswalk, were completed at the cost of the requesting organization.

The goal for this project would be to ultimately see its completion prior to the centennial celebration of the Legion. This project can likely see completion prior to July 1.

Coun. Jason Montgomery motioned that council defer the crosswalk agenda item until after a policy related to permanent/semi-permanent public displays is completed.

“This motion is not in any way a reflection of diminished respect ... rather it reflects a principled commitment to sound governance and procedural consistency,” he said. “When council was previously asked to consider a request for a symbolic crosswalk installation, a rainbow crosswalk in support of pride, I voted against it not because I oppose any messages related to that or inclusivity, but because we had no policy in place to guide our deliberations.”

Coun. Montgomery emphasized a belief that council should not make ad hoc decisions based on the merits of individual applicants or the popularity of particular causes.

Coun. Mitzner expressed opposition to the motion citing that timing for the development of the project has been deemed of import in order for it to be completed in time for the centennial celebration.

“I would love to be able to honour our veterans, especially in terms of their 100-year anniversary and having a visual that speaks to our veterans’ sacrifice, especially at this incredible time, and be able to do it so we have a year-round demonstration of it; I certainly do not need to wait for any further information,” added Coun. Denise Peterson.

Coun. Montgomery’s motion was ultimately defeated in a vote of 6-1 against, allowing the conversation regarding the project to continue.

Coun. Peterson motioned that council direct administration to provide the necessary materials for road closure and assist the Legion in sourcing materials for the commemorative crosswalk.

Coun. Montgomery expressed opposition to the motion on similar grounds to his previous statements as the town has not established formal policies regarding this type of request and does not wish for the governing body to express what could be perceived as favouritism towards any specific organization.

Though Mayor Pat Fule agreed a policy does need to be in place to govern

similar requests, he agreed time is of the essence for this project to see completion.

Further, he added a belief in both the current council, as well as the next which will be elected in October, that either body would support this type of project and its merits.

Council ultimately voted 6-1 in favor of Coun. Peterson’s motion, with Coun. Montgomery being in sole opposition.

YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE
Gord Morck Pharmacist
Capsule Comments

Do you skip taking doses of medication because of cost of the drug? If you do, you are one out of twenty Canadians who do. A study involving 223,000 Canadians also found that women were 44% more likely to miss doses due to cost. This practice is called *non-adherence*. This practice was also 9 times more likely to occur in younger people (aged 18-34) than in those over 75. If you do this regularly, tell your doctor.

Less than 10% of lung cancer cases are caused by environmental or genetic factors. That leaves over 90% of lung cancers that are caused by cigarette smoking. It bears repeating...lung cancer is the most preventable form of all cancers. Quitting smoking is hard but if you do, you’ll add years to your life.

Many women quit smoking cigarettes and switch to e-cigarettes because it’s “safer”. However most e-cigarettes contain nicotine. When a woman becomes pregnant, both smoking and vaping should stop. Nicotine can permanently damage the baby’s developing brain and many other organs.


If you smoke or vape and are pregnant, quitting is the best way to give your baby a healthy start.

Should you retake an oral medication that has been vomited up? The answer is yes if the vomiting occurred within 15 minutes or so after the dose was taken. Often the dose will appear in the vomitus. But usually re-dosing isn’t needed if the dose was over an hour ago. If in doubt, call your doctor or pharmacist.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election issues

To the Editor

There is a suggestion to reduce the US tariff dilemma, job loss and market upheaval by cushioning the blow for Canadians.

US households are protected from some of the upheavals in ways Canadians are not. We up here are taxed as individuals only. They, by contrast, pay lower tax because they can declare the household as the tax base. What difference does that make?

A lot. Right now, nearly all households pay higher tax here than they would if they could income split. There is a history of trying to get income splitting here. It is already the policy in many countries. Pensioners got the right in 2006. It was recommended by royal commissions. When the Conservatives put it in place in 2007 for families with young kids, it was popular. The Liberals took it away in 2015.

I urge you to look into this proposal (www.incomesplitting.ca).

The key misunderstandings some might raise are:

- It is not good for women because they might then not get a paid job: In fact, it is good for women because it recognizes the role women have had for centuries in the home. The one with lower income would not be treated as lower but as equal, not as dependent but as interdependent regardless of gender. That is a huge advance for feminism.

- It can't be used for single parents: Yes, it can. In France the parent can declare that they share with the oldest child.

- It would not help most people: In fact, it would help any household where two adults have unequal incomes. Right now, they are not taxed on how much they earn total but on how much

each earns alone – and that is higher for nearly every household than they'd pay if they could say they share.

- It would cost government too much: Yes, government would lose some tax revenue, but it would also not then have to pay for other costly programs.

- It would only help the rich: Actually, the very rich already have perks like family trusts and money to give RRSP contributions to each other. The poor don't have those options so income splitting would help the poor.

- The poor can wait: They can share incomes when they retire, with pension splitting. Actually, the very poor often lack company pensions. It is a long time to wait for the Canada pension. This idea is not just timely and fair. It stares us in the face now as a key way to help us cope with the tariff and market upheavals.

Please have a reporter look at the issues and talk to the parties. Or you may just like to ask your public their views.

Beverley Smith,
Calgary

Provincial budget spikes education property taxes

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The town has indicated this is more than 2.3 times the expected increase of approximately \$120 for the municipal tax portion.

"It is just a huge increase. We are shocked by it. I am disappointed and I hope everyone in Strathmore understands that mayor and council also pay property taxes because we live in Strathmore, so we are getting the same hit as everybody else," said Fule. "It is just so disappointing because we worked so hard to get a 3.62 per cent increase, and the average of all municipalities in Alberta this coming year was 5.22 per cent. We are one of the very lowest in all the towns and municipalities around Calgary. We have one of the lowest increases,

but it is basically being undone by the provincial increase in education property taxes."

The Government of Alberta determines how much each municipality must collect from property owners for the public education system based on assessed property values each year.

Each respective municipality is responsible for collecting these taxes on behalf of the province but have no control or say over rates. This year's education property tax increase places Strathmore sixth among towns and 20th among all municipalities for the highest percentage increase.

Province-wide, education property tax increases are rising from \$2.7 billion seen in 2024-25 to \$3.1 billion in 2025-26. Further increases are anticipated in future years.

"There has been a problem as far as not enough money going into education in our province, and now the property taxes have gone up. I hope they use it for things that are really going to benefit the students in the classroom," said Fule. "The thing I hope for, if they get all these increases coming to them, will (be that) they consult teachers and administrators to best use the money so that students can be helped the most."

Alberta Finance Minister Nate Horner, and Chestermere-Strathmore MLA Chantelle de Jonge did not respond to requests for comment prior to the publication of this article.

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Senior Power returning to Strathmore prior to Senior's Week

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Wheatland Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) are hosting their biannual Senior Power event, May 30, which will kick off Senior's Week this year.

Hosted every two years, alternating with FCSS's women's conference, the Senior Power event aims to showcase resources available and current information relevant to local seniors which may be of interest.

"Senior Power is hosted in Strathmore by various partner agencies, usually such as Bridging the Gap, Alberta Health Services, Addictions and Mental Health, Strathmore and Wheatland FCSS, and it is a conference that has been held for many years designed for our 55+ population," said Crystal Gaudet, CAO for Wheatland FCSS. "The Senior Power event allows the seniors to get together and network. We provide them with speakers who come in and talk to them and provide them information about topics directly related to their lifestyle."

Topics which will be discussed at this year's conference include natural remedies, advocacy, and healthy maturing from an Indigenous perspective.

The Hope Community Covenant Church will also be utilized as a host space for local vendors providing information on senior-specific topics and services, or selling goods directly related to seniors.

Though an exact date was not provided, Gaudet said the senior's conference has been a bi-annual

event in Strathmore since the early 1990s.

"Our planning committee gets together and we reach out to local community partners so that we can try to stay as local as possible. Our seniors have told us they want to see people who know their situations, who understand where they live because it is so rural out here," said Gaudet. "Our keynote speaker, Julie Matthews, this year actually reached out to me looking to provide information to local teens and seniors regarding fraud prevention and she just emailed me at the right time; we were looking for some speakers for this conference."

Gaudet added seniors are currently a vulnerable demographic when it comes to online scams, thus it is important to increase awareness about how to identify fraud and prevent it.

This year, there is no particular theme associated with the event, rather it is simply a conglomeration of information to be made available to local seniors.

The one-day event will be operating from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with tickets being available online, at the Wheatland FCSS office, or at the Vault Cultural Collective.

FCSS is also currently still seeking both sponsors and vendors to be a part of the event. Information about how to participate is available through the in-person office as well as online through the FCSS website.

The Senior Power event is not technically part of or associated with efforts related to Senior's Week, however being similarly relevant, the event was decidedly scheduled at a similar time.



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County approves purchase and implementation of new First Responders Radio Communications

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council voted to approve the purchase and implementation of a new Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System (AFRRCS), allocating funds from the Fire Capital Reserve Fund.

Additionally, county administration was directed to prepare recommendations for the decommissioning of the existing radio communication system.

The discussion took place during the April 15, regular meeting of council, during which, two options were presented for improving the county's radio communication system.

In May 2024, the county transitioned to the Motorola Linked Capacity Plus program to enhance its two-way radio communications system. Ongoing issues with this system have led to significant safety concerns.

County Fire Halls and Fire Associations have reported persistent gaps in radio coverage, system instability, and challenges with short distance communication. Because of this, the county has temporarily reverted to its previous radio configuration.

Options presented before council included an upgrade to the existing Very High Frequency (VHF) radio system, which was estimated to cost approximately \$1.1 million in the first year, with annual operating costs of around \$82,000, and a total annual expenditure of \$200,000.

Despite the greater options available with this type of system for customization, administration noted it would come with higher costs due to aging infrastructure and limited coverage capabilities.

Key issues which were identified in the current system included outdated radios, repeaters nearing the end of their service lives, infrastructure vulnerabilities, slow network speeds, and signal coverage limitations.

Construction of a new tower to improve system coverage was estimated to require over a year due to regulatory challenges.

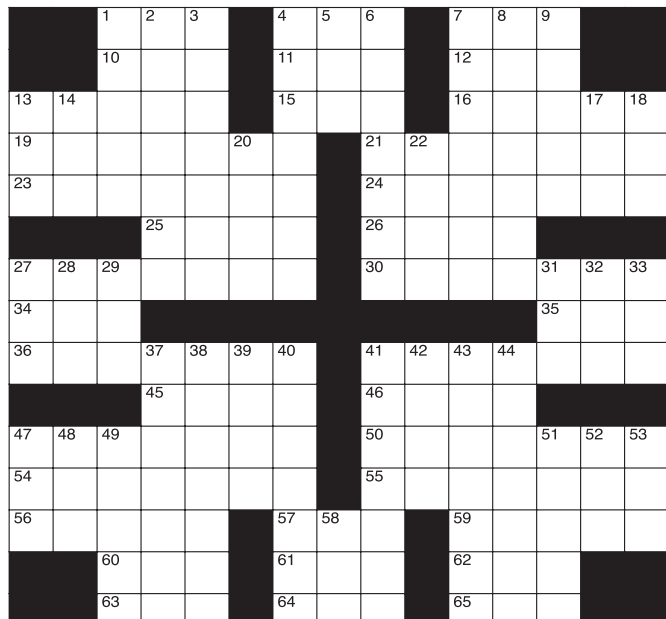
The second option was to transition to an AFRRCS system, which offers reportedly superior building penetration and county-wide coverage without the need to maintain a local tower network.

Estimated initial costs are approximately \$798,000, with annual operating costs of roughly \$9,450, and an annual cost of \$80,000 when amortizing equipment replacement.

During the April 2, Fire Association meeting, Fire Chiefs and the Fire Capital Committee reviewed both the existing radio system upgrade, as well as the transition to an AFRRCS system. One issue which was raised was regarding how the AFRRCS radio system would be funded.

The Fire Association Funding Policy splits costs 60/40 with the county. The potential financial burden on the association was a major concern raised during the meeting.

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STRATHMORE WHEATLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Upcoming Council Meetings

May 7, 2025 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council
May 14, 2025 | 6 p.m. Committee of the Whole
May 21, 2025 | 6 p.m. 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.

It's property assessment season.

Property Assessment Appeal Period.

Property Assessment Notices are mailed each year in February. In Alberta, property assessments are governed by regulations outlined in the Municipal Government Act, ensuring a fair system that promotes an equitable distribution of municipal taxes. Property assessments in Strathmore are based on the market value of each property as of **July 1, 2024**, and the property's physical condition as of **December 31, 2024**.

The Customer Review Period is an important time for property owners to check, compare and review their assessment for accuracy, fairness and equity. If you believe there is an error in your assessment, you have the right to appeal. If you have any questions or concerns about your assessment, let us know! You can contact our Taxation Department at tax@strathmore.ca. If you'd like to appeal your assessment you have until **April 28, 2025** to do so. All complaints must be submitted using the Assessment Review Board Complaint form, available on our website. Detailed instructions on how to file an appeal will be included in your letter and you can find more information about the appeal process on our website, Strathmore.ca/Assessment

Land Use Bylaw No. 25-07.

Notice of Public Hearing.

May 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
WestCreek Area Structure Plan Amendment
Bylaw No. 25-07

Development Services received an application for a WestCreek Area Structure Plan Amendment (Bylaw No. 25-07), the legal land description is Lot 1, Block A, Plan 941 0061 and 4;25;24;15;NW. The amendment suggests modifications to the existing WestCreek Area Structure Plan Bylaw 08-22, which was adopted on August 18, 2010. The key changes include a revised configuration of residential districts, the introduction of multiple landscaped areas to enhance the public realm, the inclusion of an artificial storm pond to support stormwater management and community aesthetics, and the designation of land for emergency services.

Public Hearing Process

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

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on **Wednesday, May 07, 2025**, commencing at **6:00pm** with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Legislative Services at lsadmin@strathmore.ca by 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**, in order to register to present.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Planning and Development Department prior to noon on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**, as outlined in Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

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

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



Ready to vote?

2025 Municipal Election.

Municipal elections are where the decisions that impact your daily life are made—choices about the roads you drive on, the parks where your kids play, and the services that keep our community strong.

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Over the years, council chambers have welcomed grandfathers and their granddaughters, fathers and their sons, husbands and wives—all brought together by a shared commitment: helping Strathmore thrive.

There are four key ways you can be part of this election, and we'll be sharing more information as we get closer to election day:

- **Register to Vote** – Make sure you're ready to have your say when election day comes.
- **Nominate for Council** – If you're passionate about making a difference, consider running for office. You don't need to be a politician—just someone who wants to see our town flourish.
- **Work the election** – Elections don't run themselves. Join the team that helps make democracy happen by signing up for an election worker role.
- **Vote** – Every vote matters. Help choose the leaders who will represent your voice at the council table.

Here are a few dates you should keep on the calendar:

- **Nomination Day Deadline:** September 22, 2025 at noon
- **Election Day:** October 20, 2025

Stay informed and be part of the process. You can learn more by visiting Strathmore.ca/Election.

We all need a little help sometimes.

Seniors & Residents Tax Support.

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

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

From biweekly to weekly.

Green Cart/Organics Collection.

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

Starting April 29, 2025, 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

Thanks for pitching in, Strathmore.



Community Futures Wild Rose approved for workforce development grant

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Community Futures Wild Rose has announced the approval of a grant awarded for its “Advancing Workforce Development through Apprenticeship/ Trades and Engagement” project.

The two-year initiative aims to address labour gaps and enhance business support in the Community Futures Wild Rose region.

Focus of the project will largely be on skilled trades, local healthcare, and in business engagement.

“This was a strategic initiative to address business support and workforce development challenges in our region. Our staff have been collaborating with different entrepreneurs and businesses in the area and have identified that ... there are some critical labour gaps in some skilled trades, and so they were looking for a creative way to address that,” said Amber Link, board chair for Community Futures Wild Rose. “There was an application process through Alberta Jobs, Economy and Trade ministry for the Northern Regional Economic Development grant (NRED) and so it was a competitive process. They always receive significantly more applications than they have funds available to allocate.”

The project will consist of three key items which will be hosted throughout 2025 and 2026. These will include Try a Trade events in September 2025 and 2026, Healthcare Trade information days in June 2025 and 2026, and HR training sessions focused on effective recruitment strategies.

During the Try a Trade days, Community Futures Wild Rose will be showcasing trade schools and entrepreneurs in the trades, while offering hands-on demonstrations to participants.

The events will also feature interactive activities which will be designed to raise awareness for trade careers among high school students, as well as for adults exploring new career paths.

In total, the NRED announcement was for \$9.8 million to be divided among 81 projects. Community Futures Wild Rose was recipient of \$132,000 towards its project.

“That will be spread throughout the entire program. There are those other objectives with the trades and healthcare, so we are planning to hold those in May of this year and next year, where we are going to be showcasing high-demand healthcare trades and careers, and promoting the business growth in healthcare and looking at some of those labour gaps,” said Link. “There will be one in the Strathmore, Wheatland County, Chestermere, Rocky View County region, and the second one (will be) in that more northern part of the Community Futures Wild Rose region, encompassing that Three Hills, Trochu, Kneehill County area.”

At these events, the idea is to feature healthcare professionals as guest speakers, vendor-style booths, and a host of presentations.

Additionally, targeted resources will be made available in order to welcome diverse audiences in trades and healthcare industries.

These events will be open both to

youth who may be coming out of high school looking to choose their career paths, or to adults already advancing through their careers.

“We are hoping that at least 30 new jobs will be created or filled in the trades and healthcare sector, and we are going to be tracking that through collaborating with the employers that attend those trade days and the Try a Trade days,” said Link. “We will also partner

with the educational institutions to track participants that are transitioning directly from the trade schools into apprenticeships or job placements. We are also going to train and support 70 businesses through those HR sessions and the breakfast and share events.”

More information as well as exact event dates are made available through the Community Futures Wild Rose website.

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| JULY 18 | FUN RUNNERS PARADE & CAR TOUR Downtown Strathmore 2nd Avenue Starts at 6pm |
| JULY 19 | FUN RUNNERS CAR SHOW Kinsmen Lake, Strathmore Starts at 10am |
| AUGUST 1-2 | STRATHMORE STAMPEDE Strathmore Stampede Grounds Grounds Open at 12pm |
| AUGUST 2 | LAKEWOOD PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH THE COOPERATORS Brave park in the community of Lakewood 10am to 12pm |
| AUGUST 3-4 | STRATHMORE STAMPEDE Strathmore Stampede Grounds Grounds Open at 12pm |
| AUGUST 14 | GLOBALFEST "USA" Elliston Park, Calgary Gates open at 6pm |
| AUGUST 16 | GLOBALFEST "MALAYSIA" Elliston Park, Calgary Gates open at 6pm |
| AUGUST 19 | GLOBALFEST "PHILLIPPINES" Elliston Park, Calgary Gates open at 6pm |
| AUGUST 21 | GLOBALFEST "CHINA" Elliston Park, Calgary Gates open at 6pm |
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Easter EGG HUNT

RE/MAX Key hosted the annual Easter egg hunt in Kinsmen Park on April 19, encouraging kids to come out and scour the park for chocolate and prizes. The event also featured an Easter bonnet contest, judged by Chestermere-Strathmore MLA, Chantelle de Jonge.

John Watson Photos





Great start

The Strathmore Spartans high school boys' rugby team was in mid-season form after a 15-0 home win over the W.H. Croxford Cavaliers on April 12.

Joe Lepage Photos

Local cosplayer to feature as an invited guest at upcoming comic and entertainment expo

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Autumn Desjardins, a cosplayer who hails from Strathmore, is being featured as an invited guest at the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo, which runs from April 24-27.

Having now been featured at conventions all over Canada, Desjardins began attendances as a guest with regularity in 2021.

Depending on the show, some such as Fan Expo, held in Toronto, have an application process for its guests, while others will invite prominent members of the cosplay and media communities to participate.

"A lot of times when I'm guesting, I get flown in because I judge (competitions) as well because I have a good resume for competition history and I am considered a well-rounded judge. A lot of people focus on one area of techniques and I do not do that – I learn a little bit of everything," said Desjardins. "I can help fill in the gaps on a judging panel quite easily. It is quite fun – I like guesting because I get to sit and talk to people about their costumes and what they did. Now, I am at a central spot and people can come and see me ... my job for the weekend is to talk to people."

Through her career so far, Desjardins has amassed over two dozen awards under her belt and has represented Team Canada five times in international competitions – most recently at Mega-Con in Orlando where she claimed a second-place finish.

She describes herself as a generalist when it comes to her craftsmanship, of-

ten fixating on learning new things to incorporate into costume designs and expanding her toolbox.

"Every year I find that I pick a costume that has a technique (and) I have no idea on how to do it, and that becomes my obsession for a year. Back-to-back, it was embroidery, then leatherwork, then LEDs and electronics – last year it was wig styling, this year it is casting, molding and a new CAD software," she said. "I touch on every realm of technique that I can and learn from it and put it in a little bookshelf in my brain and use it down the road again."

The term "cosplay" stems from costuming and role-play, a term coined in 1984 which has seen rapid growth as a profession since the 1990s.

Originally a notable aspect of popular culture in Japan and East Asia, cosplay as a practice and profession saw popularity surge in North America in and following 2010.

Desjardins has been an active cosplayer for over a decade, launching into competition initially at the age of 14, and beginning to go head-to-head with professional costumers and cosplayers two years later at 16.

"When I was 12, (Calgary) was my first comic book convention ever and it has been the show that I have been at every single year, so it is really rewarding being able to be a part of the show now and be highlighted and featured as a guest," she said.

Desjardins added she has been known to spend upwards of 800 hours on a feature costume for a convention, working on a piece for over a year prior to showcasing as a guest or a competitor.

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Barn burner

The Strathmore Venom U15C team and the Rockyview Rage went toe-to-toe in a good ol' barn burner on April 14 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Venom used a seven goal first period to lead them to a 10-9 win.

Joe Lepage Photos

Town returns debate over garden and garage suites

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore Committee of the Whole reviewed and discussed the Land Use Amending Bylaw 24-14, being the Garden and Garage Suites bylaw during the April 9 meeting in council chambers.

Though no decision was made, as the matter will have to be brought before council, town staff will prepare a land use bylaw amendment following the processes outlined in the Municipal Government Act.

Council will be required to hold a public hearing with respect to the proposed bylaw prior to giving second and third readings.

Coun. Denise Peterson expressed concerns regarding the existing bylaw and requested a confirmation that proposals for shifts and changes would not represent a blanket rezoning similar to instances of such occurring in Calgary.

Chuck Proctor, manager of development services for the Town of Strathmore, confirmed during the discussion this would not be the case.

Currently, members of the public are able to apply for a discretionary use development permit for garden and garage suites through the town.

Council's ongoing discussion is whether to remove that annotation from the bylaws and have decisions fall before council on a site-by-site basis whether to approve development permits for these types of accessory dwellings.

"I would be comfortable with discretionary use regarding this issue; my feeling is with the land availability that we have and

the subdivisions that are coming on stream and the multi-unit housing that is also coming on stream, and with the number of people who have applied for these and been interested in these being solo, to me it seems to lend itself to more of a site-specific approval with council being more involved as far as how neighbourhoods go," said Mayor Pat Fule.

Coun. Melissa Langmaid iterated she has heard concerns from residents largely surrounding parking and potential overcrowding in neighbourhoods, however, argued against removing the annotation as a discretionary use from the bylaw due to the low number of applications received by the town to develop garden and garage suites.

In town, locations where garden and garage suites would be allowed to be developed are the same places where secondary suites are allowed.

"Removing garden and garage suites does not entirely resolve this apparent issue of increasing population and increasing the density of our communities, it just removes a housing option is all we are doing," said Langmaid. "I also hear the discussion about additional housing units coming into the community, particularly multi-family units such as apartment buildings, but what that does not address for me is that garden and garage suites fill a specific niche and a specific housing need in our community that a multi-unit housing option does not necessarily include."

The debate will return before the town prior to being voted on as to whether annotation allowing for Garden and Garage suite applications will remain part of the bylaw.

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Keeping Albertans safe

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Copper wire theft is rising across Alberta and disrupting critical services, delaying construction projects, and creating hazardous conditions. Between 2021 and 2024, copper wire theft increased by an alarming 93 per cent. To help stop this problem, we are introducing amendments to the Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act. If passed, these changes will strengthen sale reporting requirements, streamline the administration of justice, and allow peace officers to issue tickets rather than court summonses where appropriate. These practical tools will support law enforcement and deter would-be offenders – ensuring safer communities and fewer delays for essential projects.

At the same time, Alberta's government is taking bold steps to meet the province's evolving public safety needs by enhancing and expanding local policing options. In spring 2024, the Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act passed, setting the stage for the creation of a new, independent agency police service. This new agency will assume police-like functions currently overseen by Alberta Sheriffs and increase law enforcement capacity across the province – particularly in rural and underserved areas. It will complement our existing policing framework, which includes the RCMP, Indigenous police services, and municipal police forces. By giving municipalities another option for their local policing provider, we are recognizing the unique challenges faced by different communities and empowering local governments to choose the service that best meets their needs and budgets. Importantly, the RCMP will remain Alberta's official provincial police service. Municipalities with populations over 5,000 already have the option to establish a stand-alone police service – and this new agency will serve as an additional choice for those seeking alternative models.

If passed, Bill 49 will help implement this new service by establishing it as a Crown corporation, overseen by an independent corporate board. The legislation will also create a clear and accountable governance structure, ensuring defined roles for government, civilian oversight bodies, and police leadership. This structure promotes transparency, independence, and good governance.

Just as Alberta's government is taking action to strengthen public safety and better support communities, we are also advancing improvements in another critical area – the health care system. Albertans deserve not only safe communities, but also timely access to high-quality medical care, especially when it comes to surgical services. Currently, the health care system is primarily funded by a single grant made to Alberta Health Services to deliver health care across the province. This grant has grown by \$3.4 billion since 2018-19, and although Alberta performed about 20,000 more surgeries this past year than at that time, this is not good enough. Albertans deserve surgical wait times that don't just marginally improve but meet the medically recommended wait times for every single patient. With Acute Care Alberta now fully operational, Alberta's government is implementing reforms to acute care funding through a patient-focused funding (PFF) model, also known as activity-based funding, which pays hospitals based on the services they provide.

These combined efforts reflect our commitment to building a stronger, safer, and healthier Alberta, one that delivers real results for individuals, families, and communities across the province.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions (Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

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



A helping hand

RCL Branch 10 Strathmore member Major Ron Urbaniak (ret'd) was recently on hand to present a cheque to student representative, Ellie Brough in support of the upcoming Grade 9 trip to Ontario and Quebec in June 2025. Students, teachers and chaperones will visit the federal Parliament Building in Ottawa, the Legislature in Quebec, important historical sites in both locations, the City of Kingston, named the first capital of the United Province of Canada on Feb. 10, 1841 until 1844 and Niagara Falls, which is recognized as having the greatest flow rate of any waterfall throughout the world – a natural wonder.

"To really appreciate and understand your Canadian roots you must visit the important historical sites of Canada despite the large geographical barriers and our Legion is thrilled to be supporting the school's initiative," said Legion President Donovan Arnaud. "Our young people need to be inspired to appreciate their rich history and become good Canadian citizens."

Photo Courtesy of the RCL Branch 10 Strathmore

The Strathmore Men's Curling League would like to express our sincere THANK YOU to the following Sponsors who supported our 2025 Men's Bonspiel in March. Without their tremendous support we would not be able to have one of the most successful Men's Bonspiels in Southern Alberta.

We also would like to Thank our Ice and Lounge Staff for the work they did to help us make this event a success. Also Thank You to Baldwin BBQ for the great meal they supplied on Saturday night. Congratulation to all the Draws and Event Winners.

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Award winners honoured

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Strathmore and the surrounding area have three more community members awarded the prestigious King Charles the III Coronation Medal recognizing each of these individuals for their work and dedication in their perspective field.

Strathmore High School's very own Deanne Bertsch, an educator, theatre director, and advocate for reconciliation through the arts, has been awarded the prestigious King Charles III Coronation Medal in recognition of her work on the ground-breaking theatre production *New Blood*.

As part of a national initiative to celebrate Canadians making significant contributions in their communities 30,000 medals were distributed across the country with 4,000 awarded to members of the Canadian Air Force. The rest were granted to citizens from various walks of life – nominated for their meaningful impact. For Bertsch, the nomination came from MP Martin Shields.

"A package just showed up at the front desk of our school," Bertsch recalled of receiving the medal and giggled as she thought it was Martin Shields' monthly newsletter. "I opened it up and it was a beautiful certificate and the medal and it said it was in recognition of your work telling stories from your community, because I've done a lot of devised pieces, mostly with my students, about people's stories around our area, and of course *New Blood*, and how we've toured it (*New Blood*) which we've taken all over the place."

Though the medal bears her name, Bertsch is quick to highlight the collective effort behind her work.

"This is not just a medal for me," she said. "It's a medal for all the people, who've especially been involved in

New Blood – the students who stuck with it, the adults from Siksika and Rosebud," said Bertsch. "It recognizes Strathmore High School and Golden Hills and their support. I feel like it should be for everyone connected to the work we've done."

New Blood tells a powerful story of reconciliation, blending Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives through dance, music, and storytelling. Over the years it has resonated deeply with audiences and earned national attention – even drawing a personal message from legendary musician Peter Gabriel, whose music is featured in the show.

"I never thought it would grow this big," said Bertsch. "When we first started, we didn't know what we were doing or what it was about. We didn't even know if it was the right thing. I thought it would live its little three-day life and be done. It's surprised me over and over again."

Bertsch believes the medal not only recognizes the work of *New Blood* but signals a broader shift in the way Canada values the arts and storytelling – particularly when it comes to Indigenous history and reconciliation.

Siksika Nation is celebrating Jack Royal, a respected Indigenous leader and community builder, who has been awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal, marking the third time he has received a medal from the crown in the past two decades. His extensive work in community development, cultural preservation and relationship-building across Alberta and beyond continues to leave a lasting legacy.

"This is my third medal in the last 20 years," said Royal. "I received the Queen's Golden Jubilee, the Diamond Jubilee and now the King's Coronation Medal. A lot of it was for work that I've done in community, in my own community of Siksika, in the larger communities surrounding Siksika working

with relationship building, not only build, but maintain them."

Royal's career has spanned a wide range of leadership roles. He served as Chief Executive Officer of Siksika Nation, overseeing vital services including health, housing, education, and economic development. In this role he worked closely with elected officials and surrounding municipalities to foster unity and collective progress.

His second honour was tied to his work as the founding president and general manager of Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park, a world-renowned cultural destination dedicated to the rich history of the Blackfoot people. Under his leadership the park earned national recognition for a top tourist destination in Alberta.

Royal's most recent recognition, the King Charles III Medal, acknowledges his work in founding the Blackfoot Confederacy Tribal Council and the Blackfoot Confederacy Chiefs Association, which united four Blackfoot nations across southern Alberta and Montana. As inaugural CEO, he focused on diplomacy, collaboration, and reconciliation.

Royal's approach to leadership has always been rooted in fostering relationships and moving forward in unity.

Royal also has a personal connection to *New Blood*. His niece whom he helped raise "like a daughter," was in the original cast of the play.

"*New Blood's* not just a play, it's opened an understanding and again fostering these relationships," said Royal. "We have a saying from our elders, in order to know where we're going we have to know where we've been."

Rosebud's very own LaVerne Erickson, founder of Rosebud School of the Arts, Badlands Passion Plays, Canadian Badlands Performing Arts Summer School and Chemainus Theatre Festival on Vancouver Island, was also recently recognized for his decades-long contributions to arts, education and cultural leadership in Canada.

"I was grateful. Thankful it's a complementary recognition over a lifetime of work," said the 82-year-old.

Erickson is no stranger to accolades. Over his years he has been the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal, a Western Legacy award from the Calgary Stampede and was recognized among Alberta's 100 Outstanding Citizens. Yet he remains humble, frequently redirecting recognition towards the many people and artists who've walked alongside him in his journey.

"My nature is visionary, so I see things that don't yet exist but I speak about them as though they do," he said. "And it's having a vivid imagination of what happens in a little valley like this when the railway gets torn up, what's going to happen to everything on the rail line?"

Through his leadership, Rosebud transformed into a cultural destination, home to a professional theatre company, an arts education institution and a vibrant community that continues to draw visitors from across the world. The Rosebud Theatre is now a cornerstone of Canadian rural arts programming with alumni performing globally in film, theatre, and opera.



But Erickson's contributions extend beyond Rosebud. He was instrumental in founding the Canadian Badlands tourism initiative, now recognized as Canada's largest municipal tourism corporation. He has served as a key speaker at teacher conventions, taught economic development strategies across Alberta, and was deeply involved with the Alberta Teachers' Association, editing journals on religious and moral education.

Even in retirement, Erickson remains active. He's currently collaborating on a new opera initiative – Amolite Opera – alongside Canadian artists continuing to support the next generation of creators through mentorship and shared resources.

For Erickson, the award is not a final chapter but another moment in an ongoing story – a legacy deeply rooted in community and shared purpose.

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As a part of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, the Alberta RCMP is happy to announce that individuals in Alberta will now be able to make non-emergency police reports by calling 310-RCMP, or 310-7267. The new function is designed to streamline the reporting process, optimize early stages of investigations, and reduce unnecessary calls to 911.

"310-RCMP was created to help eliminate confusion about which detachment someone should call if they experience a non-emergency that doesn't require police attendance," says Chris Spence, director of the Operational Communications Centre in Alberta. "We encourage people to report non-emergencies as this helps us focus frontline efforts on high-priority calls and deploy resources in areas that need it most."

RCMP Police Dispatchers determine when a non-emergency call should be

dispatched to a detachment directly or to the Alberta RCMP's Call Back Unit (CBU). The CBU is a unit made up of police officers whose primary duty is to respond to and investigate files that do not require scene attendance by police officers. CBU officers will contact complainants and investigate the occurrence. If, during the investigation, there is need for further investigation they will contact detachments or specialized units.

Long-distance charges do not apply, and no area code prefix required. The number is accessible to all Albertans within the province with a phone line or an active mobile phone with a cellular signal.

Non-emergencies:

- Do not pose an immediate or potential threat to life or public safety.
 - Include crimes that have already taken place prior to being discovered.
 - Often do not require police attendance, but do require police response.
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 - Scams in which money or personal information was not transferred or provided.
 - Lost property.
 - Property damage under \$5,000.
 - Theft under \$5,000.

While these types of reports are important, they are not an emergency. To report a non-emergency, call 310-RCMP (7267) or report online, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play. Alternatively, visit www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ab and select Online Crime Reporting under quick links.

For more information on how to report both emergencies and non-emergencies, please visit the Alberta RCMP website.

Communication upgrade

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The Association voted unanimously to recommend the initial AFRRCs purchase, should that proceed, be funded through the county's unallocated funding reserves, and supported further discussions with funding partners on how future costs should be shared.

Concerns were raised about drawing from the fire capital reserve fund, as it could impact funding availability for future apparatus replacements.

Coun. Scott Klassen motioned that council allocate the \$920,000 recommended by administration in council's agenda from the Fire Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase and implementation of the AFRRCs system.

Coun. Glenn Koester motioned to amend Klassen's motion to instead allocate the funds from the Unrestricted Reserves. This motion was defeated 5-2 against.

Klassen's motion as presented was voted in favour by council, recorded 6-1. Coun. Rick Laursen was the sole vote against.

Further information regarding the new system implementation is available in the county's April 15 meeting agenda. Exact dates regarding when the system will be operational were not indicated, however the intent is to see it online as soon as possible following the procurement of necessary equipment.

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Obituary



GORDON, Donna Marie (née McKay)

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Donna Marie Gordon (née McKay) announces her peaceful passing in Strathmore, Alberta on April 18, 2025, at the age of 77.

Born on July 23, 1947, to Walter and Pauline McKay, Donna grew up in Acme, Alberta. Her early years were filled with music and community, singing in the Acme United Church choir and participating in the Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT). These formative experiences laid the foundation for a life rooted in love, service, and song.

Donna met the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Gordon, while in high school. Bob and Donna were married 58 years, raising three daughters together: Vicky (Mike) Smith, Cheryl (Guy) Kerr, and Jodi (Mike) Saad. She was a devoted and proud grandmother to six grandchildren - Gregor, Ethan, Reece, Avery, Mason, and Evan, who were the light of her life. From baking and decorating sugar cookies, to singing lullabies and sharing stories, Donna's love for her family was boundless.

A gifted musician, Donna had a beautiful singing voice and was equally talented on the piano, accordion, and bass guitar. Even as her memories faded through the years, her joy of music always stayed with her. Her grandchildren have many fond memories of Grandma singing to them.

Donna had a generous and caring heart. She was known for her yearly tradition of donating warm snowsuits and accessories for the babies of teenage mothers - each one lovingly chosen with thought and tenderness.

Though dementia dimmed some parts of her life, it never took away her warmth or her spirit. Donna was always ready with a wink, a kiss and a smile. On special days, she'd surprise her loved ones with a rare, but very cherished gift of saying, "I love you".

Donna passed away in Strathmore, AB after a long struggle with Alzheimers. The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the staff at Sage-wood in Strathmore for their compassionate care and support throughout Donna's final years.

Donna will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and forever held close in the hearts of those who knew her.

A celebration of life will be held at the Acme United Church, 413 Bennett Ave, Acme, AB, on Saturday May 10, 2025 at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wheatland & Area Hospice Society.

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- May 6, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting
- May 13, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
- May 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. | Public Presentation Committee
- May 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. | Committee of the Whole

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Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers May 20th, 2025, at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, May 20th, 2025.

The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

Bylaw #: 2025-11 (LU2025-001)

Legal Description: Plan 8911972; Lot 1 within SE-5-25-24-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate a ± 1.21 hectares (± 3.00 acres) portion of Lot 1, Plan 8911972 from Agriculture General (AG) to Country Residential District to allow for a proposed subdivision to create a ± 1.21 hectare (± 3.00 acre) parcel and a ± 9.71 hectare (± 24.02 acre) remainder parcel.



Bylaw#: 2025-08 (LU2025-004 and SD2025-005)

Legal Description: Plan 9811676; Block 1 & A Portion of NW-34-24-25-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate Block 1, Plan 9811676 from CR District to AG District, in order to allow for a boundary adjustment resulting in a ± 5.67 hectare (± 14.00 acre) parcel and a ± 58.63 hectare (± 145.01 acre) remainder.



Bylaw #: 2025-12 (LU2025-003)

Legal Description: A portion of NE-28-22-20-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate a ± 63.60 hectares (± 157.42 acres) portion of NE-28-22-20-W4M from Agriculture General (AG) to Direct Control District (DC-3) in order to facilitate the future expansion of the Green Acres Hutterian Brethren. The proposed district provides a mix of land uses including multi-unit dwellings, schools, churches, agricultural operations, abattoirs, farm and accessory buildings, market gardens and farm markets, communal childcare facilities, and other compatible uses.



Bylaw #: 2025-005 (PL2025-001)

Legal Description: County-Wide (Land Use Bylaw Amendments)

Proposal: To amend the Land Use Bylaw to update Definitions, General Regulations, Specific Use Regulations, and Land Use Districts.

Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 40 (1) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 33 (c) and subsequent versions of the Act.

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