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**Town, County agree with CMRB removal**

**JOHN WATSON**  
*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

Wheatland County council along with the Town of Strathmore council have both officially signed off on a letter to Municipal Affairs Minister Rick McIver regarding their secession from the Calgary Municipal Region Board (CMRB).

Both signings occurred during the most recent regular council meetings, which also included discussions regarding what comes next for both municipalities.

“With the minister’s decision to remove us from the CMRB at the end of March, the mayor (Fule) and I met with (Reeve Link) and the CAO from Wheatland (County) to discuss what the next steps look like,” said Town of Strathmore CAO Kevin Scoble. “This is being proactive in addressing the next steps. When we were removed from the CMRB, we are now obligated to do an intermunicipal development plan (IDP) and intermunicipal collaboration framework (ICF) under the Municipal Government Act (MGA) with Wheatland County.”

The MGA states that any municipalities not members of a growth board must enter into an IDP and ICF.

The letter to Minister McIver proposes that both Wheatland County and the Town of Strathmore be allowed to begin the process in 2023, which would allow the respective municipalities to adequately budget for the expense to complete the required documents.

The 2023 timeline was reportedly a mutually agreed upon start date by both municipalities with proper budgeting for the process in mind.

The letter also thanks the minister for his involvement in releasing the Town and the County from the board.

“This is more a mutual commitment to the minister showing that we are both willing to collaborate on this in the future and to give him some idea (of timeline,)” said Wheatland County Reeve Amber Link. “(McIver) had indicated at the CMRB meeting where he announced our removal, that we would be required to do these documents ... he had indicated his preference if we could come to some sort of mutual agreement on what might be a reasonable timeline.”

McIver could overrule the suggestion in the letter and give a different timeline that he would establish, but according to Link, would prefer to let municipalities establish something collaboratively themselves.

In neither council meeting was it discussed how much it would cost either municipality to establish an IDP and ICF agreement, nor was a further timeline suggested other than mention of approximately when the process would begin.

In both council meetings, the motion to sign the letter to Minister McIver was passed unopposed.



**A fishy situation!**

The Town of Strathmore restocked Kinsmen Lake with over 1,700 trout on April 21 in an effort to bring more biodiversity to the lake. Fishing on the lake for the trout will be allowed for catch and release activities. Fishermen aged 16 and younger and also 65 and older can fish on Kinsmen Lake for free, however, those aged 17 to 64-years-old will need to purchase an Alberta Sportfishing License to utilize fishing on the lake. Additionally, if you catch a Prussian Carp, it is important to destroy and properly dispose of the fish as they are an invasive species.

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### Notice of Public Hearing **May 18, 2022 at 6 p.m.**

The Town of Strathmore is proposing to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 14-11 to clarify regulations, improve safety around sea cans, align the regulations with Provincial and Federal law, and to reduce red tape. Many of the proposed amendments are housekeeping amendments.

**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 18, 2022, commencing at 6:00pm with procedures in

accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #16-18 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 Johnathan Strathdee at [johnathan.strathdee@strathmore.ca](mailto:johnathan.strathdee@strathmore.ca) by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 11th, 2022 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 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 11th, 2022 as outlined in Bylaw #16-18 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.



# Town considers options for increasing and retaining local post-secondary options

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is considering its options to attract and retain a post-secondary education presence within the local region.

Geoff Person with Town of Strathmore Communications, presented to Town council on April 20 about the subject after following up on a motion made by Councillor Brent Wiley in February, talking about the different tactics that smaller communities can take to attract and retain post-secondary campuses in their communities.

“What we did is we took a really deep dive into Alberta 2030 – the province’s 10-year plan for post secondaries a couple years ago. We also went in and looked at all the different institutions around the province and what they’ve done around expanding, or reducing their number of satellites,” said Person. “There is no definitive list of the tactics that a community can take to attract a campus, especially right now. Timing is a really big piece of this and unfortunately, right now, we’re in a period where there isn’t a lot of investment in post secondaries expanding their brick-and-mortar campuses.”

Person identified to council that over the past three years, more post-secondary campuses in Alberta have declined or closed as opposed to experiencing expansion.

Based on Alberta 2030 and the new financial performance-based metrics that Alberta Advanced Education is fol-

lowing, Person said one of the primary goals is reducing the per-student cost of administration for post-secondary institutions.

“Alberta has one of the highest per-student costs and a big factor in that is that Alberta also has the lowest post-secondary engagement in the country,” said Person who proposed two recommendations for council’s consideration in order to begin the process of establishing a plan for appealing to post-secondary institutions regarding a potential local satellite campus.

The first plan being to work with local school boards to find out what Grade 11 and 12 students want, what institutions and programs they are interested in, what a local option would do in terms of their preferences for enrolling locally.

The second is to carry on working with the Strathmore Municipal Library in order to evaluate the interests of potential adult students.

“We think that by doing some of the work with the library to really promote that hub, the news will also come back with some solid metrics around what potential enrollment would be for adult post-secondary (students) in Strathmore,” said Person. “In essence, what this would give us is a bit of a roadmap towards which institutions would provide the best bang for our buck in investing in Strathmore.”

Council motioned to direct administration to investigate a partnership with Golden Hills School Division #75 and Christ the Redeemer School Di-

vision to determine local demand for post-secondary education, directed administration to continue working with the Strathmore Municipal Library and to develop an advocacy plan for post-secondary in alignment with local demand research and report back to council no later than Oct. 5. The motion was carried unopposed.

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# Letter of Reprimand sent to Councillor Ikert by WHMB

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Wheatland County Division four Councillor Tom Ikert has received a letter of reprimand from the Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB) regarding a violation of board policies.

The letter accuses Ikert of recent actions falling below the standard of conduct and deserving of sanction.

The accusation details a failure to maintain confidentiality with respect to board operations and behaving in such a fashion which has apparently been deemed damaging to the WHMB board.

Within the letter, it is suggested that Ikert spoke to media personnel in December 2021, disclosing the board's deliberations regarding a mandatory vaccination policy for all board members and was apparently quoted as making negative comments about the policy, as well as about the board.

The letter cites Ikert as having been quoted in an article published by the *Strathmore Times* on Dec. 17, 2021, exhibiting such behaviour. However, upon a search by the *Strathmore Times* into their archives, no such article exists matching that given date.

Outlined in the Code of Conduct and Ethics for the board, the chairperson, being Councillor Glenn Koester, is the board's official spokesperson responsible for media inquiries.

Koester said the WHMB has chosen not to comment regarding the letter of reprimand, citing that it was a personal issue to be taken up with Ikert and the letter is his personal property.

Ikert did not respond to a request for information or clarification prior to publication.

"Your overall conduct has fallen well short of the standards expected of a Board member and has been damaging to the Board's operations," which is written in the letter. "You have

publicly made derisive remarks about the Board to the media and at Wheatland County Council meetings, which are clearly intended to paint the Board in a negative light."

The letter also cites an email apparently released to the entire board on Jan. 10, 2022 containing inflammatory statements deemed insulting and accusatory toward Wheatland Lodge staff.

Finally, Ikert is accused of releasing that the CAO of the WHMB had contracted COVID-19 despite being double vaccinated and receiving a booster vaccine.

The letter regards the comment as inappropriate to have disclosed such information and suggests the comments were made with the intention of "denigrating" the policies of the board.

As a condition of his continued service on the board, Ikert has been requested to issue a formal letter of apology to Wheatland Lodge staff for his comments, as well as to the CAO for publicly disclosing her personal medical information.

The letter concludes that further violations of board policies and conduct failing to meet behavioural standards will result in additional disciplinary actions up to and including removal from the board.

## Arrests made after attempted use of stolen credit cards

STRATHMORE RCMP

On April 21 at 11:57 a.m., a local business reported two individuals left after they attempted to use several credit cards which were declined. Strathmore RCMP members located the individuals in the parking lot getting into a vehicle. A traffic stop was initiated and the occupants were detained in relation to the misuse of credit cards. A search of the vehicle yielded several credit cards and identification not belonging to the three occupants of the vehicle.

As a result, a 29-year-old Calgary woman was released with a court date to face charges in relation to this matter. A 44-year-old Calgary man was taken into custody after being found to be wanted on 15 outstanding warrants from Calgary. The remaining occupant, a 34-year-old Calgary man was issued three traffic violations including operating a vehicle without valid insurance. This matter remains under investigation, further charges may be laid as a result.

"Thanks to the quick reporting by the store employee, Strathmore members were able to locate and apprehend those involved to prevent further offences," said Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz, Detachment Commander of the Strathmore RCMP.



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Thought for the Week  
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*It isn't hard to make a mountain out of a molehill. Just add a little dirt.*

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# Local actress details experience on set of Under the Banner of Heaven

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

With the official premier of Under the Banner of Heaven around the corner, Strathmore's Sophia Fabris (10) shared her experience working on set of the upcoming series.

"It was pretty exciting. The first day I went there I was kind of nervous because I didn't know what people were going to be like," said Sophia about her debut acting experience.

Under the Banner of Heaven is based on Jon Krakauer's true crime novel of the same name. The story chronicles the murders of a Mormon woman and her infant daughter in 1984.

Sophia plays one of the younger siblings of murder victim Brenda Wright Lafferty, played by Daisy Edgar-Jones.

"When I went into it and got on my sets, everyone on the show who I've met was very nice to me. It was the experience of a lifetime and I'm really happy I got to experience that," said Sophia.

Under the Banner of Heaven is Sophia's first credited acting role. According to her mother, Heather Fabris, it's an exciting first step into the industry.

"She's been taking acting lessons for almost two years. She signed on with an agent last April. This was actually her first audition - she had this audition in July," said Fabris. "She got a call back a couple days later and met through Zoom with the casting director and a couple others ... and then she was called a day or two later and was told that she got the role."

Fabris explained the entire process was extremely fast paced. It was apparently less than a week after getting the role that Sophia was scheduled for costume fitting and was on set less than two weeks after that.

Sophia is credited to be featured in three of the seven episodes of the season. Due to her age, Fabris was required to be on set with her whenever shooting was scheduled.

"It's kind of fun and exciting for the parents too. We get to know lots about the other parents of the kids," added Fabris.

"I auditioned for My Life with the Walter Boys and I got pinned, but then I did not get the part, but I'm still happy



Sophia Fabris (10) was cast in the upcoming Hulu series, Under the Banner of Heaven. Fabris is credited as being featured in three episodes of the seven which comprise the season. Under the Banner of Heaven is Fabris' first casted role in cinema and she hopes to continue pursuing a career in the business. Under the Banner of Heaven is scheduled to premiere on April 28

Photo Courtesy of Heather Fabris

that I got pinned," said Sophia who has been excited to continue auditioning for roles and showing the industry what she can do. "I like getting the experience and being on set and actually being in a movie. I just love it. I like to show what I can do and who I can be."

"Pinned" is apparently a

term used when a casting team has narrowed down the people under consideration for a role to a select few.

Sophia said some of her dream roles would be to eventually be cast in Heartland or The Flash.

Under the Banner of Heaven is scheduled to premiere on Hulu starting April 28.

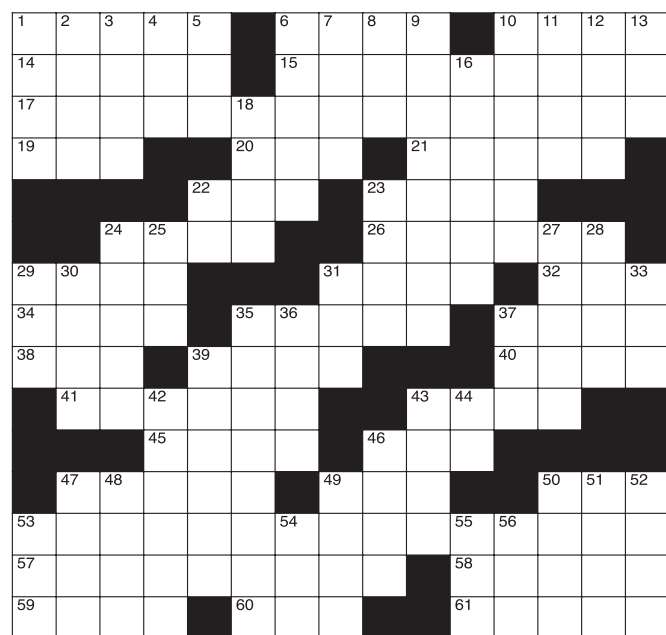
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- 1. North American people
- 6. Chinese surname
- 10. Fit in at the last minute
- 14. "Very" in musical terminology
- 15. Underwater displays
- 17. Crosby's bandmates
- 19. Belong to he
- 20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
- 21. Sequences of alternating turns
- 22. Genus of grasses
- 23. Satisfy
- 24. Petty quarrel
- 26. Made level
- 29. Ruler of Iran
- 31. Historical region of Syria
- 32. Food suitable for babies
- 34. Something to lend
- 35. Zone of oceanic trenches
- 37. Philippine island
- 38. Domesticated animal
- 39. Plant of the lily family
- 40. Bluish green
- 41. \_\_\_ Tomei, actress
- 43. Without (French)
- 45. Lilly and Manning are two
- 46. Apply pressure to
- 47. Divide in half
- 49. Bad deed
- 50. Don't know when yet
- 53. Hollywood's greatest honor
- 57. Aiming to exhort
- 58. Faked
- 59. A way to pierce
- 60. Midway between northeast and east
- 61. Points

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Chop up
- 2. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 3. Egyptian goddess
- 4. Split pulses
- 5. Afflict
- 6. Type of area rug
- 7. Tide
- 8. Affirmative
- 9. Sudden change
- 10. One picked
- 11. Debauched man
- 12. Stiff bristles
- 13. Famous arena
- 16. Established rules and methods
- 18. Injection
- 22. Father
- 23. Protein-rich liquids
- 24. He delivers gifts
- 25. Advanced degree
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Chinese mountain range
- 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 30. Precursor to hemoglobin
- 31. Much \_\_\_ about nothing
- 33. Compound fabric (abbr.)
- 35. A way to act slowly on
- 36. Ottoman military commanders
- 37. Popular kids' network
- 39. Hard compound
- 42. Sympathize with
- 43. Northeast college
- 44. Blood group
- 46. Frosted
- 47. Turn away
- 48. Benefit
- 49. Dry or withered
- 50. Bangladeshi monetary unit
- 51. Reproduced
- 52. Contributes
- 53. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- 54. Wear
- 55. Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
- 56. Very small

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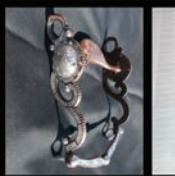

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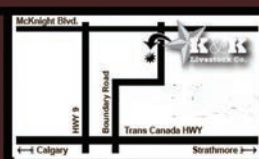
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## Understanding smart farm automation

Modern agriculture looks little like the early days of farming. All aspects of farming have been modified by the access farmers now have to technologies to meet the demands of their work and the pressure a growing population places on farmers to produce quality food.

Farm automation, precision farming and smart farming are strategies utilized by today's farmers. These technologies have become important ways for farmers to optimize the production of food and improve its quality. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, agricultural production must increase by 70 percent in order to meet global food demand by 2050, by which time the population could be 9.7 billion persons.

Smart farming can make raising livestock more accurate and controlled. While farm automation is a broad term, precision smart farming zeroes in on exact measurements between variations in land conditions and livestock, according to Techie Loops, a technology information website. Examples of farming automation technology include:

- autonomous vehicles and machines
- drones
- robotics
- GPS guidance
- micro-forecasting and weather forecasting
- soil sampling
- yield mapping
- use of artificial intelligence
- geomatics
- statistical processes, and more.

Farmers can employ these technologies to save time and also manage labor shortages. Robot-assisted irrigation systems, for example, can maximize efficiency of water distribution where it is needed the most. Weeding robots can use artificial intelligence and computer vision to target field areas and reduce use of pesticides. Driverless tractors can make labor cheaper for farmers by plotting the machine's route and letting it run the course automatically. Harvest robots also exist to grab crops gently (some with vacuum technology) and reduce reliance on field workers. Some harvesters can determine ripeness of fruit via AI technology, according to Eastern Peak, a provider of custom hardware and software solutions for businesses.

Technology is changing farming in many ways. Innovations in automation can make operations more efficient and less costly.



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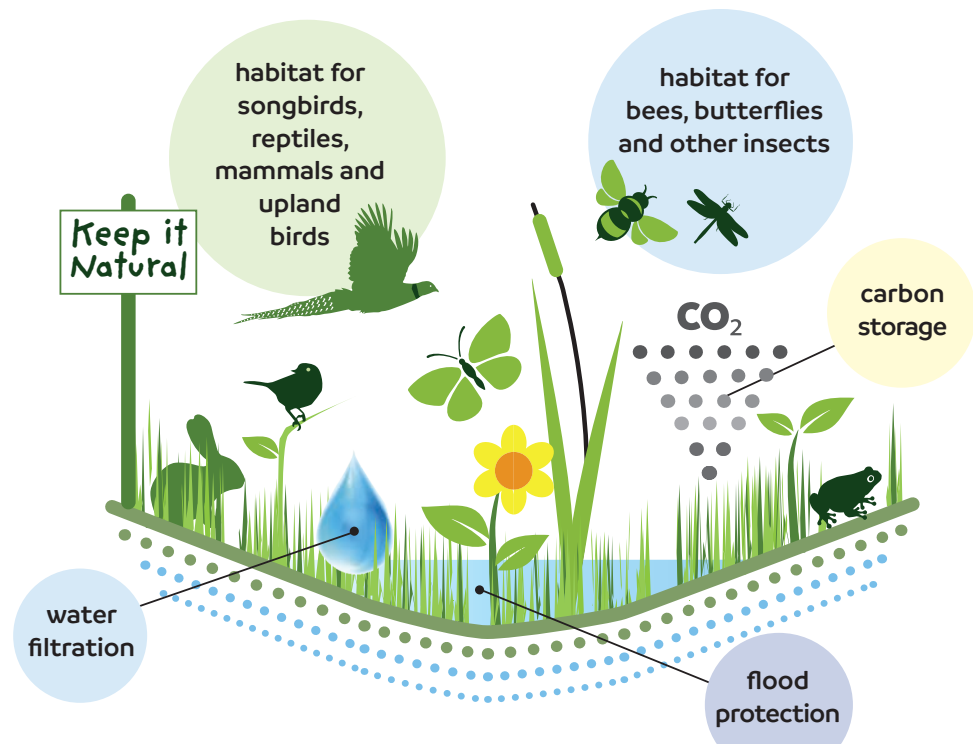
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## How to involve more young people in agriculture

The agricultural industry will undergo exciting changes as it looks to overcome developing challenges in the decades ahead. Technology will continue to play a pivotal role in the agricultural sector, making agriculture an evolving and exciting career path for young professionals.

Much has been made of projections that suggest the world population is increasingly looking to urban areas to call home. Though data from the United Nations indicates urban areas could grow by 2.5 billion people by 2050, more recent UN data indicates that 90 percent of that increase will take place in Asia and Africa. All told, estimates indicate that rural areas will remain home to 3.1 billion people by 2050.

A sizable rural population and the challenges climate change and population growth will present underscores how important the agricultural sector will be in the coming decades. That means there should be plenty of opportunities for young people to make an impact, especially if more efforts are made to encourage them to consider careers in agriculture.

• Encourage agriculture-based curriculum. After recognizing that the majority of Kenyan students had no access to farming training and education, the organization Farm Africa initiated a program to make agriculture more ac-

cessible to students. Students who participated learned about everything from keeping livestock to marketing produce for global markets. Similar programs can be encouraged in developed countries where opportunities in the field of agriculture figure to increase in the years to come.

• Emphasize technological advancements in the field. Modern young people are growing up with technology all around them, but few may be aware of the vital role technology plays in the agricultural sector. Young people's ears may perk up upon hearing terms like "robotics" technologies are now a big part of life on the farm. Recognition of that may compel more young people to pursue careers in agriculture.

• Highlight the challenges ahead and how agricultural professionals can help overcome them. UN projections indicate the global population will grow by more than two billion people by 2050. Finding a way to feed all of those people in the face of climate change will be no small task, but it's a task that will require dedicated agricultural professionals. Educators and parents can emphasize these challenges when speaking to young people about a career in the agricultural sector, noting that such careers will present real opportunities to make a difference.

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- November 22 – Market Mall**
- December 6 – Sunridge Mall**

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

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

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### Attention Wheatland County Property Owners



The 2022 Tax and Assessment notices were mailed April 21st. If you do not receive your notice by mid May, please contact the County office.

A reminder that taxes are due June 30th and complaints related to your assessment are due June 28th.

If your address has changed, please call the County office or visit our website for instructions on how to change your address.

Phone: 403-361-2029

Website: [www.wheatlandcounty.ca](http://www.wheatlandcounty.ca)

### Change of Mailing Address

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

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

We are preparing to send 2022 tax notices shortly, and it's important to have the correct address on file, as non-receipt of the tax notice doesn't exempt you from late penalties.

#### To change your address:

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- **Email us at** [tax@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:tax@wheatlandcounty.ca).
- **Call the County Office** 403-361-2029.
- **Visit the County Office** at 242006 Range Road 243.

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

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

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

Note: Under the Municipal Government Act, Section 337, a tax notice is deemed to have been received seven days after it is sent. Non-receipt of your property tax bill does not exempt you from late payment penalties.



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# Complaint against councillor kept confidential

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Wheatland County Councillor Glenn Koester continues to debate with his fellow councillors about how details regarding a formal complaint filed against him should be made public.

During the April 5 regular council meeting, Koester gave council notice that he would present a formal motion regarding the matter at the April 19 regular council meeting.

A previous motion from March 1 moved that council direct administration to hire an independent investigation team for the official complaint filed against Koester.

The complaint was in camera, therefore making it impossible for ratepayers to inform themselves of the issues of the complaint, however, Koester's name regarding the complaint was made public.

As per the Municipal Government Act (MGA), councillors are forbidden from publicly discussing matters that are brought forward in camera. Issues discussed in camera are confidential until otherwise formally released.

Koester moved that council bring the official complaint against him out of camera, thereby fulfilling council's pledge to be more transparent and divulge the full details of the complaint and all relevant accusations.

"I'd like to thank everyone who showed up here today. I'd like to thank the people of Wheatland County for your trust in me, for your phone calls, for your letters, for your visits and for showing up here today, even though no one knows what is hidden from (their) eyes and from the public and what is in camera," said Koester who included some of the letters he received in support of his motion in the agenda package for council's consideration, which were read allowed in council.

"I'm quite aware of the bylaw, but it's been contravened by releasing my name. I think those are circumstances that warrant the total release of ... what I requested," said Koester. "My name (is being defamed) and I can't defend it. I've got people here who trust me. I'm sure there are people wondering and then there are people on the other side who totally believe it."

Koester has also been removed from all committees he was appointed to.

During the debate, Councillor Scott Klassen reminded council of their duty to uphold their own bylaws.

"We are bound by bylaw ... it lays out the whole process, we are very diligent ... to follow this bylaw because it is sensitive in nature. I do understand the public will have questions, but these things are very much similar to an HR issue and we treat it as such," said Klassen.

Council debated amending the code of conduct bylaw in order to disclose information regarding complaints and investigations if future cases arise.

Reeve Link cited previous instances when the bylaw was enforced, most recently being the previous term of County Council, in which case there was a code of conduct complaint against several councillors.

That complaint was kept confidential as per the bylaw. Both councillors and the complainant were restricted from sharing details about the complaint publicly.

Link also expressed the potential hazards for the County that may be associated with making code of con-

duct complaints public and how such action may diminish ratepayers' confidence in council to keep complaints discreet and private.

"I have concerns that by making a code of conduct complaint public, it would permit the complainant to discuss the complaint publicly as well, which could open up a whole can of worms that could bring further embarrassment to the County and further challenges," said Link.

Council defeated a motion to release to the public information regarding the code of conduct complaint 4-3.

Ratepayer Sharon Skibsted spoke out against council's decision, lik-

ening it to the behaviour of entitled teenagers.

"What if it was your name that was released to the public? How would you feel? Your name, your division asking you and you being handcuffed and not being able to (answer)," said Skibsted. "Shame on you ... what if it was your name, your family, your children coming home to you and saying 'why is my dad, my mom being removed from this council?' I'm embarrassed by your actions today. Who do you think you are?"

Council also defeated a motion to make the findings at the conclusion of the investigation public, 4-3.

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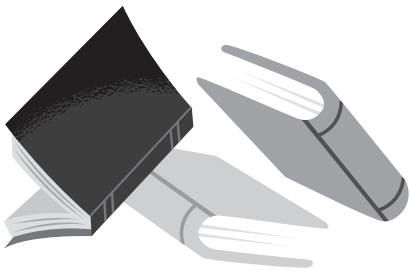
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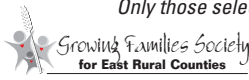

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