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## Area eyes new 911 dispatch

JOHN WATSON  
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore, Wheatland County, and Siksika Nation will be collaborating to decide how to proceed with 911 fire dispatch calls.

The review, which was brought before Strathmore's town council, April 15, was guided by the need to upgrade into Next-Gen 911 compliance.

NextGen 911 aims to provide emergency dispatch centers with significantly more information than its 30-year-old predecessor, including video, photo, voice; and text messages.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has mandated the current 911 networks in Alberta be entirely decommissioned by Mar. 31, 2027.

"The purpose of the review is to compare available providers and assess which model offers the strongest overall fit for the community in terms of firefighter safety, service reliability, operational readiness, resilience, interoperability, and long-term affordability," said Fire Chief, Dave Sturgeon. "This review looked at four providers using the population basis of 14,339 according to our census. It should be noted that with the federal census already mailed out, this will be changing in years to come."

Sturgeon suggested the sooner the town and by extension, neighbouring municipalities, lock into an agreement with a service provider, they will be able to do so before the population data updates into a larger bracket.

In the report provided to council, Sturgeon outlined four potential service providers, being: Red Deer 911, Foothills, Calgary 911, and Wheatland (WADEMESA).

Annual costs between the suggested providers ranged from \$43,000 to upwards of \$172,000, with WADEMESA being more than twice the cost of its nearest competitor. Sturgeon briefly outlined the pros and cons of each service provider during his presentation before council.

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## Three in one

Students at Strathmore High School brought a trio of one-act plays to the stage on April 22, showcasing a range of storytelling styles and themes. *Here We Are*, by Dorothy Parker and directed by Rowan Farries, followed a newly married couple navigating the early moments of their honeymoon aboard a 1930s train car. *Lifelines*, written and directed by Aley Kuenzl, offered a modern interpretation of the Fates from Greek mythology. The last play, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, based on the book by Kate DiCamillo and adapted by Dwayne Hartford, was co-directed by Kuenzl and drama teacher Mrs. Bertsch, telling the story of a toy rabbit whose travels reveal the impact of connection and loss. The school took the shows on the road when they competed at the Zones Festival on April 24.

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**Town passes updated  
cemetery bylaw**

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

Following several years of back-and-forth debates and revisions, the Town of Strathmore has passed its updated cemetery bylaw, coming into compliance with provincial language and legislation.

The current edition of the bylaw received all three readings during the April 15 meeting of council.

The latter two readings included a last-minute amendment brought forward by Coun. Richard Wegener, which details that the town is to maintain a field of honour section of the cemetery for the burial of veterans, Canadian Armed Forces members having served or retired, and members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"It is just actually getting that on the bylaw rather than somebody having to go back and check Veterans Affairs Canada to make sure that they are underneath that RCMP office," said Wegener. "Our RCMP staff are covered under Veterans Affairs Canada."

According to information made available through Veterans Affairs Canada, serving and retired members of the RCMP fall under their classifications in terms of burial rites.

The attention raised by Wegener was to add a layer of redundancy and have the town's bylaw reflect similar information. This will also provide more local clarity to the next of kin of officers who pass away instead of being required to navigate Veterans Affairs Canada.

Prior to this update, it has been 12 years since the document had last received attention by the town.

Municipal staff worked with the previous town council to develop a draft of the bylaw between October 2023 and September 2024, which due to a host of debates, complaints, and revisions, was never passed.

The new bylaw now incorporates several changes which were required in order to achieve compliance with the current edition of the Cemeteries Act and associated regulations.

Previously, language and regulations throughout the old cemetery bylaw provided several operational challenges to town staff in terms of upkeep and safety on the site.

These largely referred to instances of broken glass, unkept plots, insufficient room to work, and working around decorations left by members of the public.

In addition to amending policies for town staff, the bylaw also details rules and regulations regarding the decoration and maintenance of plots by members of the public for the deceased.

As of September 2024, when the bylaw was last discussed by the previous council, administration had noted at the time that maintenance and operations of the local cemetery lacked several points of efficiency, and was not financially sustainable.

It was noted during the April 8 meeting that 2,052 people are currently interred in Strathmore's local cemetery, with grounds maintenance costs averaging between \$40,000 and \$50,000 on any given year.



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COVID-19 is still leaving its mark on those who contracted the virus. Those suffering from long COVID-19, may start to experience new

asthma-like symptoms or sudden allergies to foods or the environment. This symptom can be added to other long Covid symptoms like extreme tiredness, brain fog, light-headedness and taste and smell problems.

Even though COVID-19 isn't a high profile news item currently, it is still around and people are still getting it. It is advisable to get a twice yearly booster shot of COVID-19 vaccine, especially if you are elderly or have a compromised immune system.

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# Town continues discussion for sports centre renovations

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore continues to explore the idea of establishing an additional multi-purpose sport court at the Motor Products Sports Center.

Lisa Montgomery, sports centre manager, spoke to the results of the original feasibility study requested by council in February.

"I was asked to look at why would we develop the concrete (pad) and it would be to increase facility utilization ... which would be rentals or competitive sport," said Montgomery. "Currently for 2026, we had eight Volleyball Alberta bookings. Of those eight, they cancelled seven. In 2025, we would have needed another for them, so their bookings vary based on registration numbers."

Sports Centre is rarely used for organized tournaments because it lacks enough space to accommodate the number of registrants.

The existing concrete pad is highly utilized by baseball groups, which make use of the batting cage. Currently, this is the sole place within Strathmore where the devices can be located.

Should the renovation proceed, the town would be looking at approximately 9,576 square feet of flooring, as well as a dividing curtain, and retractable basketball hoops, among other sporting paraphernalia.

The total cost of the project and associated equipment was estimated to be in the realm of \$385,000. Town administration projected that completion of the renovations has the potential to increase revenue from the facility by around \$34,000 a year.

The addition of more suitable facilities would also serve to prevent cancellations such as those observed from Volleyball Alberta, leading to further increases in annual revenue.

"Our current storage, which is at the back of the school gym, is full ... we would have to look at adding another type of storage to be able to fit all (the new) volleyball type equipment," said Montgomery. "Our turf is also almost at end of life. It is within the next two years we would be looking at moving to a turf which comes in squares so that you could then just lift it off and utilize the concrete so you could have trade shows there."

Switching to a removable turf would also compensate for the loss of the existing concrete pad, allowing for the retention of facilities suitable to indoor baseball and pickleball activities.

Following discussion, town administration was directed to bring the feasibility study back to the Committee of the Whole during a future meeting with the financial implications of the renovation.

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Unfortunately, speeding is a common habit among drivers. Last year, the Alberta RCMP issued 47,989 speeding tickets. In April alone, 4,949 speeding violations were given out.

According to Alberta Transportation, approximately one in four fatal collisions involve unsafe speed, with most of these collisions occurring in rural areas.

Help stay safe, and avoid a ticket, by following the below tips:

- Leave early. Give yourself extra time to reach your destination. Avoid using unsafe speeds – they increase the risk of collision and serious injury.
- Follow posted speed limits, especially in school, playground, and construction zones. These areas often have high pedestrian traffic – slow down to keep everyone safe.
- Remember, speeding isn't just surpassing legal speed limits, but also driving too fast for weather, road, and traffic conditions. Driving a safe speed allows you to stop quickly in the event of an unexpected traffic hazard.
- If you are a passenger in a speeding vehicle, speak up. Don't let speeding be the norm.

"Speeding is incredibly normalized, but it's important to prioritize your safety over saving a few minutes," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "Speeding remains one of the biggest threats to traffic safety and can have devastating consequences."

For more traffic safety tips and information, follow our Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and X @RCMPAlberta.

## Town begins consideration for new 911 fire dispatch system

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"Foothills is the lowest and Wheatland is the highest. Red Deer and Calgary have the fullest readiness profiles ... Foothills is the strongest on cost ... Wheatland has a records management integration, but it does not show the service standard agreement, quality assurance program, NextGen 911 compliance, backup center, or dispatch benchmarks."

He added Foothills is the standout for its affordability, Calgary and Red Deer appeal for their overall readiness, while WADEMESA carries the clearest service continuity.

"At its core, it is about making emergency communications remain dependable for residents, firefighters, and partner agencies when service is needed most."

Strathmore currently receives fire dispatch and 911 calls through WADEMESA. The current debate is to find a new provider which maintains current service quality, readiness, risk management, costs altogether, and supports the future growth of the municipality.

Council was presented with three proposals for moving forward to a new service provider. The first being to meet with Wheatland County administration to review services and return before council with a report recommending a new provider.

Alternatively, administration could be directed to cease participation with WADEMESA and secure an agreement with Calgary 911.

Finally, council may review an options report during the May 13 Committee of the Whole meeting for further review.

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# Town discussing new projects with WDHS

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council is considering potential additions to Grey and Kinsmen Parks at the suggestion of the Western District Historical Society (WDHS).

A delegation presented before council, April 15, to suggest the addition of a new bulletin board in Kinsmen Park, and two “Binzebos” in Grey Park.

The term Binzebo is used to describe a gazebo-like structure featuring the top of a grain silo to serve as its roof.

“We see the need for a new large, visibly located bulletin board near the town administration building. It would be easily accessible and useful for the many people who enjoy our lovely Kinsmen Park,” said Rhonda Stockwell president of the WDHS. “Since the town has become a busy center for so many artistic and culture events, they could be well advertised in this very central location.”

Their suggestion of Binebos situated along Grey

Park’s walking paths would aim to both enhance the natural space, as well as to be a reflection of Strathmore’s heritage in grain farming.

Council was presented with designs for the structures developed in collaboration between the WDHS, Tri-M Designs, and Gray’s Ltd.

Coun. Brent Wiley, though expressed interest in the construction of the Binzebos, questioned the redundancy of adding a bulletin board to Kinsmen Park, with the town building already being adjacent and utilizing its windows to display flyers and posters.

The WDHS was unable to provide cost estimates to council during their initial delegation, with projections still being compiled by Tri-M Designs at the time.

Should such projects be approved and go through to construction, the Town of Strathmore would provide the cement to serve as anchors and foundation.

In order to prevent litter and vandalism around the bulletin board, it is suggested that it feature a

glass front for adverts to sit behind and be under lock and key.

“This first project is covered by a casino we did. Originally, the funds were going to be done out at Legacy Farm, the Bruce Klaiber project, but since that is closed down, we had to scramble to think of what else we could do and we are just starting out with these Binzebos,” said Stockwell.

She added depending on the cost of such structures, the WDHS may consider bringing forward more plans to see them put up around Kinsmen Park to match those being discussed for Grey Park.

Council directed administration to return to a Committee of the Whole meeting in June with a report on financial, organizational, and timeline implications for the bulletin boards and Binzebos.

## Performing close to home

**MELISSA PICHE**  
Times Contributor

Rayanne Laycock is about to graduate university, start her first major post-secondary role, and step into a new chapter of her life – but first, she’s coming home to Strathmore.

On May 1, Laycock will perform in the inaugural Strathmore Performing Arts Festival (SPAF) alumni concert at the Strathmore United Church, something she admits even she didn’t quite realize was a “first” at the beginning. Now she says it feels significant.

“I’m so excited,” she said. “And I hope people who come to this alumni concert know that it’s happening because of the impact that SPAF has had on me. Lots of the people who come to see it (alumni concert) are a part of that, and I would like to express my gratitude.”

That sense of gratitude runs deep. Before heading to Brigham Young University for her Bachelor in Fine Arts (BFA) in Music Dance Theatre, Laycock credits festivals like SPAF with giving her the foundation she needed.

“It definitely was the thing that prepared me,” she said. “All the classes, performances, everything, it gave me the only experience I had before entering this (university).”

Five years later, she’s wrapping up her degree, something she describes less as school and more as a full life experience.

“It was a five-year life experience. I learned a ton,” she said. “I felt like it helped me learn a lot about myself and a lot about how I can learn quickly. I hadn’t taken very many dance classes before going there and was interested to see how heavy of a dance major it was. It was kind of a triple discipline, because it had all three.”

That challenge, and everything happening around it, Laycock said changed her.

“I would say tremendously,” she said. “More life experience helps you become a better artist and helps you become more sure of who you are. You can always draw from your own life experiences. I think I’m more drawn to songs or themes where characters are confident. I didn’t use to really like

doing those kinds of performances. I was always a little more drawn to shy ingénue characters.”

That shift didn’t happen overnight. In fact, she says a big part of it was learning how to perform something she didn’t always feel.

“I have learned to perform confidence, to find more confidence as a performer by performing this huge amount of confidence that I sometimes feel like I don’t necessarily have on my own. I think that’s really what fuelled me growing up. Doing things that were really outside of my personal comfort zone and realizing, ‘Oh, okay, this is just another experience where you can widen your range.’”

At the inaugural concert, audiences will get a glimpse of that range. Laycock plans to bring selections from her recent senior recital, leaning into contemporary musical theatre and some pop-influenced pieces.

“There’ll be lots of contemporary musical theatre songs (and) maybe songs that lend themselves to read a little more dramatically,” she said. “I’ll be singing and playing from the piano for some of it.”

She won’t be alone on stage either. Laycock welcome accompanist Terrah Harper and also notes that the concert will also feature some special guest performers from the 2026 SPAF.

“It’ll be fun to have some collaborators and visibility for them,” she said.

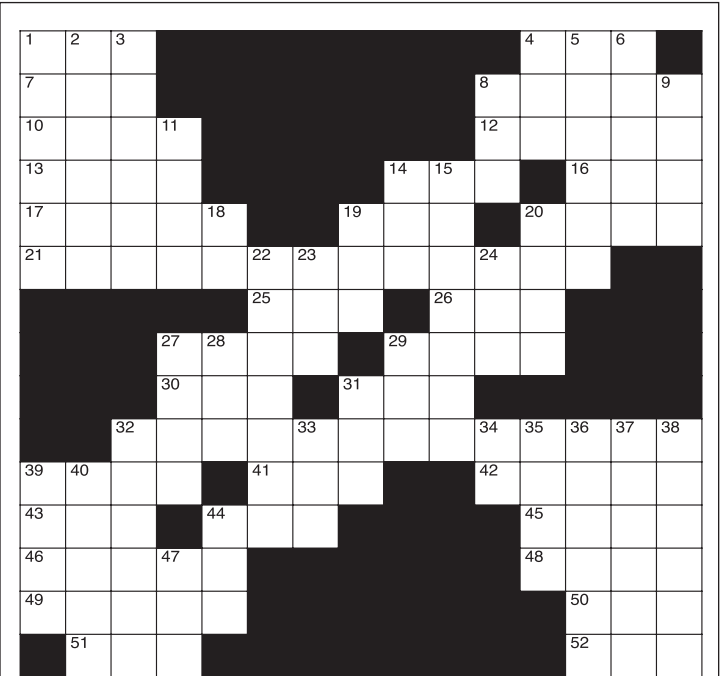
Not long after the concert, Laycock will head to Rosebud Dinner Theatre for the lead role, Anne, in *Anne of Green Gables*, marking her first major role after graduation, and one she can hardly wait to begin.

“I’m genuinely so, so over the moon about it,” she said.

For now, though, she’s focused on returning to Alberta, reconnecting, and figuring out what comes next.

“It will be kind of coming back, getting myself reoriented, settled, and then figuring out where I’m going from there.”

Tickets for the May 1 concert can be purchased ahead of time at The Vault Collective or online (thevaultonline.ca).



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- 21. A place to adopt pets
- 25. Swiss river
- 26. Young boy
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# Times reporter wins bronze at national event

MARIO PRUSINA  
Times Editor

Strathmore Times LJI Reporter John Watson claimed a bronze medal at the Maple Palette, a miniature painting national competition in London, Ont. on April 25.

Watson took bronze in the “Large Figures and Bust” category with a miniature based on real world frogs that he used to keep domestically – a fire belly toad and a Vietnamese mossy frog.

“I spent probably in the realm of 125 hours of active work on the project over four months preparing,” said the Times Local Journalism Reporter. “That doesn’t even account for drying and curing times due to the resin pours. Everything has to be as close to perfect and lifelike as possible. I spent several late nights with a jeweler’s visor over my eyes painting down to the capillaries and blood vessels on the little goblins.”

What began as a hobby over 13 years ago, Watson’s love for miniature painting grew to a point that he began competing a little over two years ago.

“I was introduced to it all by my uncle who basically spent most of his life obsessed with miniatures and making dioramas,” said Watson. “I’ve come to enjoy competing because it offers a unique sense of community that I don’t otherwise have, and it’s a chance to get targeted feedback that helps me continue to improve.”

“This was my fifth competition and my

third bronze medal. The other two were a first-place finish in Calgary and a second-place finish at a provincial contest in Blackfalds.”

According to Watson, the Maple Palette has expanded steadily since its inception and is already being recognized as one of the country’s premier competitions in the field. He estimated 100 to 150 people attended this year’s showcase – a turnout notably larger than similar events he’s seen in Alberta.

The competition attracts a diverse range of participants, from newcomers experimenting with their first painted figures to seasoned international veterans known for their highly refined work. Entries are divided into multiple categories based on scale, theme and presentation style.

Judging criteria is detailed and technical, reflecting the high level of craftsmanship on display. According to Watson, judges evaluate elements such as lighting, colour use, blending and brush control, along with advanced techniques like object source lighting or non-metallic metal.

The competition also highlights the evolution of miniature painting as an art form. While earlier styles in the 1980s and 1990s often leaned toward more cartoon-like, modern trends emphasize hyper-realism, with artists striving to create lifelike textures, lighting and depth in their pieces.



## Drumline provincials

Schools across Alberta performed during the provincial drumline competition hosted by the Canadian Drumline Association at Holy Cross Collegiate on April 24. The HCC gymnasium filled with powerful rhythms as teams from communities across Alberta showcased their precision and musical talents.

Joe Lepage Photos

## Upcoming Meetings

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

- May 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting
- May 12, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
- May 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m. | Public Presentation Committee | Committee of the Whole

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

### Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 9 a.m.  
Wheatland County will consider the following application(s) for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
The following public hearing(s) begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

**Bylaw #:** 2026-05 (LU2026-003)

**Legal Description:** NE-22-27-23-W4M and SE-22-27-23-W4M

**Proposal:** To redesignate the subject lands from AG District to DC-3 District, in order to facilitate the future development and expansion of the Hutterian Brethren Church of Springvale. The proposed district provides a mix of 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.



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 13(1) of Alberta’s Protection of Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the Protection of Privacy Act, Section 4(c) that information relates directly to and is necessary for an operating program or activity of the public body.



## GRAVEL SALES

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

- June 10–11
- July 8–9
- August 12–13

Crushed gravel and pit run will be available for purchase at designated County pits.

Tickets must be purchased in advance through the Wheatland County Administration Office, and materials are for personal use only.

View sale dates, locations, materials, and purchase details:



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Phone: 403-934-3321 [www.wheatlandcounty.ca](http://www.wheatlandcounty.ca)  
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# New adult day program set to open in Strathmore

**MARIO PRUSINA**  
Times Editor

A new Adult Day Program for seniors is set to open in Strathmore in May 2026, aiming to provide accessible, community-based recreation and support services for older adults.

The program is being led by recreation therapist Tanya Brauer, who brings more than 30 years of experience working in long-term care, dementia care, schools and community settings.

Brauer, who was born and raised in the County of Vulcan, said her early experiences helped her understanding of community care. She spent much of her teenage years helping seniors in her farming community.

“The biggest highlight of my career was working at the Peter Lougheed Hospital when they opened the ‘Transition’ units, due to the shortage of long-term care beds in the province,” she said. “These beds provided a safe place for seniors who could no longer care for themselves or live in their own homes. The placements would often be several hours from loved ones.”

After moving to the Strathmore area five years ago, she said she also became increasingly aware of systemic challenges in care settings.

“There has always been a common denominator in the facilities that I have worked at; that being a shortage of time, and lack of staff effort,” said Brauer.

In late 2024, Brauer made a shift in her career focus, deciding to build stronger community connections and work more directly with local clients and families. In early 2025, she launched her private mobile service, “Generations of Fun!” Mobile Recreation Therapy Services.

Over the past year, she has been delivering recreation therapy directly in clients’ homes, facilitating activities and outings to places such as the zoo, Pioneer Acres, the Military Museum and Saskatoon Farm. She has also been providing one-on-one exercise sessions in clients’ homes, following physiotherapy referrals.

With the community support of WF-CSS, Strathmore FCSS, the library and the hospice society Brauer said a shared concern emerged – while demand for senior services is growing, many residents cannot afford private care.

That led to the development of the new Adult Day Program, which began taking shape in January 2026. After challenges finding suitable space in Strathmore, local realtor Debbie Mitzner offered a location at “1st Place” (300, 2nd Ave), a fully furnished home with a deck, BBQ and large activity areas.

Each day will include a mix of physical, cognitive and social activities, along with coffee time and snacks. Monthly programming will feature music, gardening, baking, seasonal crafts, pet visits and walking activities.

“Recreation therapy is a way of using fun and enjoyable activities to help people improve clients health and well-being, said Brauer. “Instead of just focusing on traditional medical treatments, it’s about engaging in hobbies, games, outdoor activities, or creative arts to help people feel better physically and emotionally. It’s all about using recreation as a form of therapy.”

In addition to her recreation therapy background, Brauer is also an Equine Assisted Learning coach, a Red Cross First Aid instructor and is working toward Fitness Alberta certification this summer. She also produces “In the



Generations Of Fun will open new Adult Day Program for seniors in Strathmore in May 2026.

Photo Courtesy of Tanya Brauer

Loop! – Strathmore and Wheatland County 55+ Upcoming Events Newsletter/Calendar,” and its accompanying Facebook page.

According to Brauer the program is fully licensed, insured and operated by registered professionals, and is now accepting inquiries for registration and pricing.

The program will run Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch included.



## New season begins

The Strathmore Venom U9-1 team held their season opener on April 25 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Despite a valiant effort, the Venom fell 4-2 to the Rockyview Rage. The Venom then hosted the other Strathmore U9-2 team on April 28 (result not available as of press time).

Joe Lepage Photos

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**Upcoming Council Meetings**

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

Regular Meeting of Council  
 Committee of the Whole  
 Regular Meeting of Council

**Come Say Hi**

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



**Strathmore Pitches In.**

**Many hands make light work. Pitch-In Week.**

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

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

For registration and more information, visit our website, [Strathmore.ca/PitchInWeek2026](http://Strathmore.ca/PitchInWeek2026)

**From biweekly to weekly.**

**Green Cart/Organics Collection.**

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

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

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

**Tender and major project updates.**

**Municipal tenders.**

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

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

**Wildflower Reservoir Upgrade & Temporary Water Restrictions.**

Starting around May 4, the Town of Strathmore will be completing a planned upgrade to the Wildflower Reservoir. This important work is part of a long-term strategy to strengthen our water system and support future growth.

To complete the upgrades, the reservoir will be temporarily taken offline for approximately 10 days. During this time, Strathmore will continue to receive water through the East Calgary Regional Waterline (ECRWL) and the Brentwood Reservoir. While supply remains sufficient, temporary measures will be in place to help maintain stable system performance.

**Temporary Stage 3 Outdoor Water Restrictions**

Beginning May 4, restrictions such as the below will apply:

- Hand watering is permitted
- Water use for construction is permitted
- No watering with a sprinkler or hose
- No washing driveways or sidewalks
- No filling pools or hot tubs
- For full details on water restrictions, visit [Strathmore.ca/ConserveWater](http://Strathmore.ca/ConserveWater)

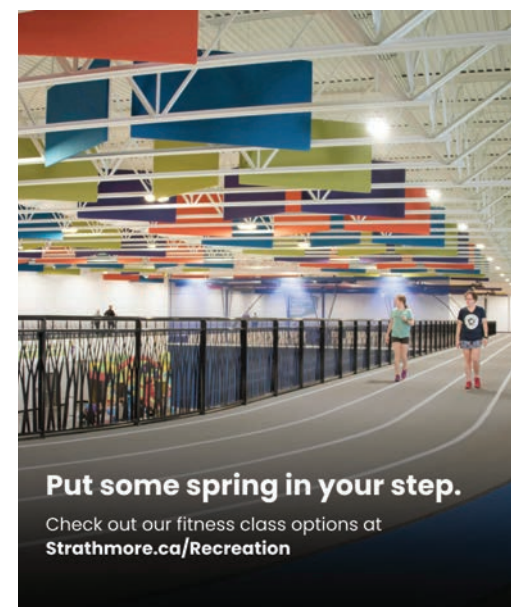
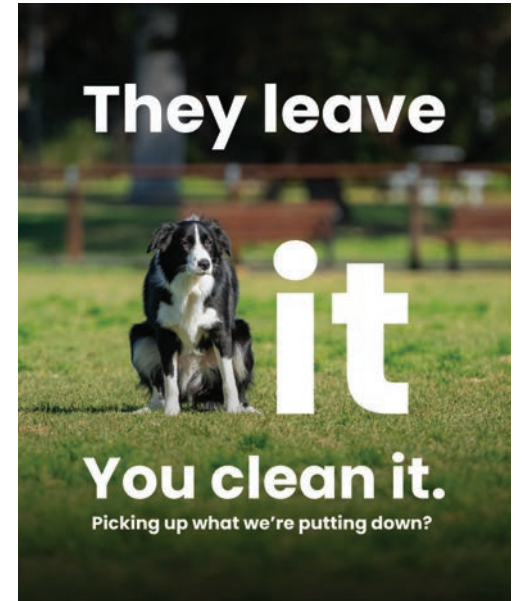
Residents are also encouraged to reduce indoor water use by taking shorter showers, running full loads in dishwashers and washing machines, and limiting unnecessary use wherever possible.

These measures are precautionary and temporary. They help ensure consistent water pressure and reliable service while construction is underway.

**Why this work matters**

The Wildflower Reservoir upgrade will expand storage and pumping capacity, improving reliability and allowing the system to better support Strathmore as it grows. This is a proactive investment in the Town's infrastructure to ensure dependable water service for years to come.

Questions? Give us a call at 403-361-2108 or email [infrastructure@strathmore.ca](mailto:infrastructure@strathmore.ca)



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

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

**Upcoming Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) events.**

Learn more about all of FCSS' events on our website, [Strathmore.ca/FCSSEvents](http://Strathmore.ca/FCSSEvents) or call 403-934-9090.

Event	About	Date	Time	Location
Youth Week	Youth Week runs May 1-8 in Strathmore, with a variety of free programs and activities for youth ages 11-25. Events are taking place at locations throughout the community and include art, sports, leadership, and social activities. All programs are free, with some requiring registration.	May 1 - 8, 2026	Times vary	Strathmore Civic Centre
Red Dress Day	A community event honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit people, featuring a blessing, speeches, a walk around Kinsmen Lake, dancers, and a free BBQ.	May 5, 2026	6 - 8 p.m.	Kinsmen Lake
Moose Hide Campaign	A community gathering to stand against violence and support reconciliation. Programming details to be announced.	May 15, 2026	5 - 8 p.m.	Strathmore Library
Emergency Preparedness Day	A free community event for all ages featuring bike safety, a fire extinguisher demonstration, an inflatable obstacle course, and a hot dog BBQ.	May 30, 2026	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Kinsmen Park & Pavilion



# Mothers' Day market and fundraiser to be hosted in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The grounds of the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society will soon be host to a Mothers' Day vendor market and fundraiser, gathering donations for several food banks.

Kim Cottrell, organizer of the market, explained this type of event is nothing new to her, however this time around she wanted to put a heavy emphasis on the attached fundraising aspect.

"It is something that my family is very dedicated to and we try our best to help people. We have been in a position of needing help in the past, and so that is the primary focus for me," she said. "I really wanted to do good and right now a lot of people are feeling (food pressures), especially these organizations."

Set to take place May 9, this market and fundraiser will be the first of its kind in this format to take

over the Ag Society grounds. The venue being chosen specifically to host a greater number of vendors than Cottrell is generally accustomed to.

For the majority of the event, venue space was donated as a contribution to their cause. As of April 22, approximately 50 vendors and several food trucks had been registered to participate.

"We have a few service providers, we have someone coming to do mini massages, and we have someone coming to do mini tarot readings, and they will be donating a portion of the readings and the massages to the fundraiser," said Cottrell. "One of the things that I do at my market is I try to keep the table costs as low as possible for the vendors, and I also ask them for an item donation to go towards the fundraising."

Donations raised through this Mothers' Day Market will be split between the Wheatland County Food Bank in Strathmore, as well as the food banks in Beiseker and Acme.

For every canned or dry good raised, a raffle ticket will be handed out for prizes during the event.

"I approached the food banks before I started organizing to make sure this was something that we could do for them ... I got lists of what they need most and what they use on a regular basis – toiletries, essentials, that kind of thing," said Cottrell. "As big as we can get, I'm going for it. It's not about profit making for me – it is really about just getting the word out there, getting as many people as we can to come and to support and to give."

Moving forward, she has already initiated the planning process for another similar event to take place during the summer, though no date or venue has yet been announced.

The Mothers' Day Market and Fundraiser will operate from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Ag grounds. Information regarding suggested items often needed at food banks is available online.

# Golden Hills student recognized by Alberta Schools Boards Association

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Several Indigenous students from across Alberta were recognized, April 20, by the Alberta School Boards Association for merits both in and out of their respective schools.

Among the dozen award recipients was eight-year-old Luke Katona, a Westmount Elementary School student, who was selected representing the Golden Hills School Division.

"We choose one student from each of the grades, one to 12, from all across the province. There were over 300 applicants and students can get nominated by their peers, their teachers, their community," said Shali Baziuk, president of the Alberta School Boards Association. "The awards are because they have demonstrated great leadership, academics, and pride in their cultural identity and the ability to share that."

Each student was presented with a \$2,500 scho-

larship to be set aside for when they are to begin their journeys through post-secondary education, as well as a blanket.

Baziuk explained the awards were in part made possible through donated funds from Keyera, as well as sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Childcare.

Since its inception in 2018, the awards have grown from an approximate 200 students nominated annually, to this year being over 300 suggested for recognition.

"It is getting harder and harder to choose because these kids are all so incredible. They, at every age, demonstrate leadership and commitment and share their culture while keeping up their academics," said Baziuk. "The mood in the room today was immense pride ... this was started through our Indigenous advisory committee and them wanting to honour students in some way."

The ceremony itself featured a smudging, musicians, and a procession lead by the students about to

receive their awards.

Students, should they have chosen to do so, were allowed respective opportunities to give speeches of their own upon receipt of their recognitions.

Lisa Katona, Luke's mother, explained he had been nominated to receive an award by the Golden Hills School Division Indigenous Liaison, Megan Big Snake.

"He is a role model for his culture, showing his powwow dancing, hoop dancing, and his extracurriculars in school and within the nation," said Lisa.

"He is part of the Book Eggs club, and he is the Westmount Warrior for the Westmount School, and he is a hoop dancer and a fancy dancer."

Katona joked that despite not immediately knowing what will be done with the scholarship to preserve it for future schooling, she was exposing Luke to the idea of becoming a doctor.

Luke is the only student this year from the Wheatland County region, including Siksika Nation, to be recognized.

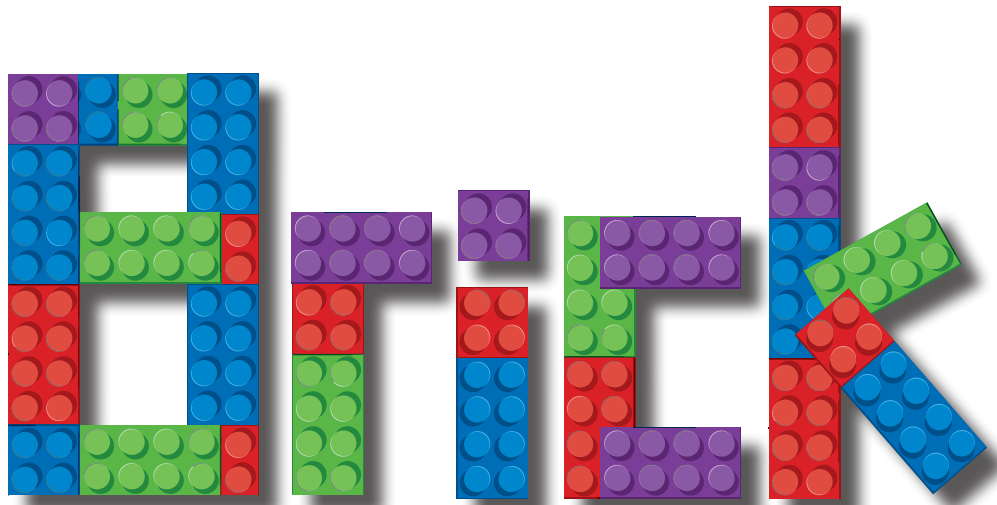
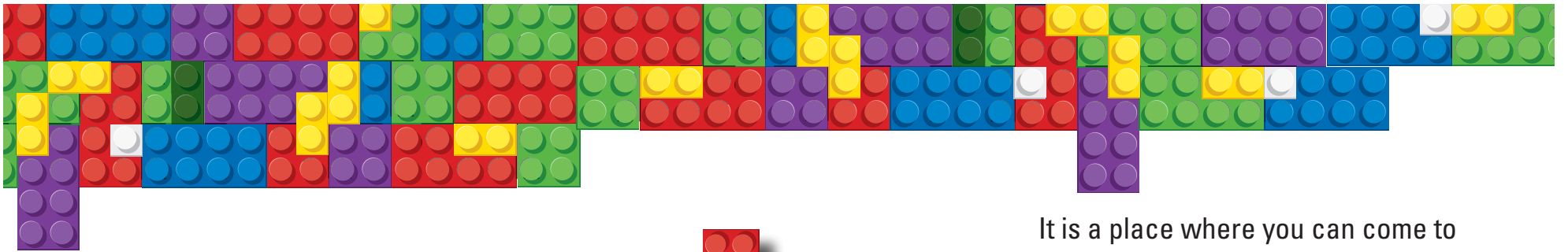
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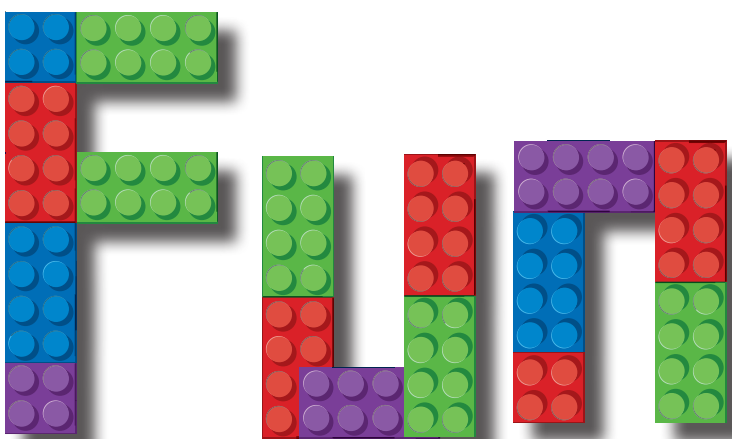
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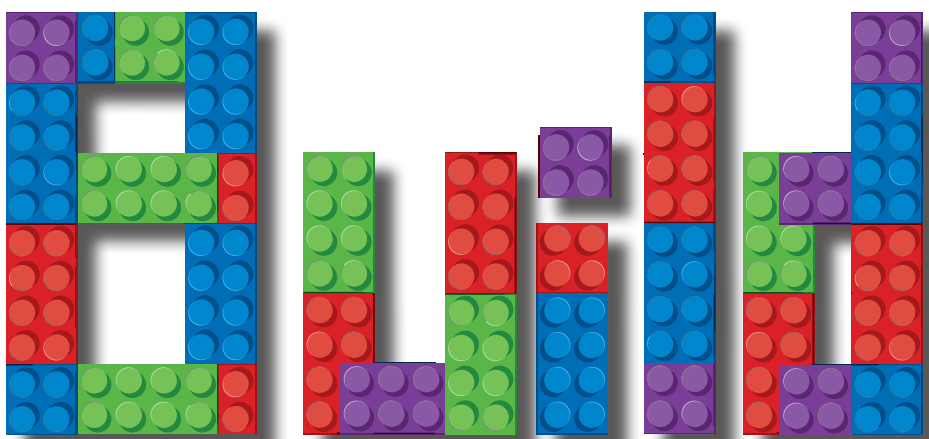
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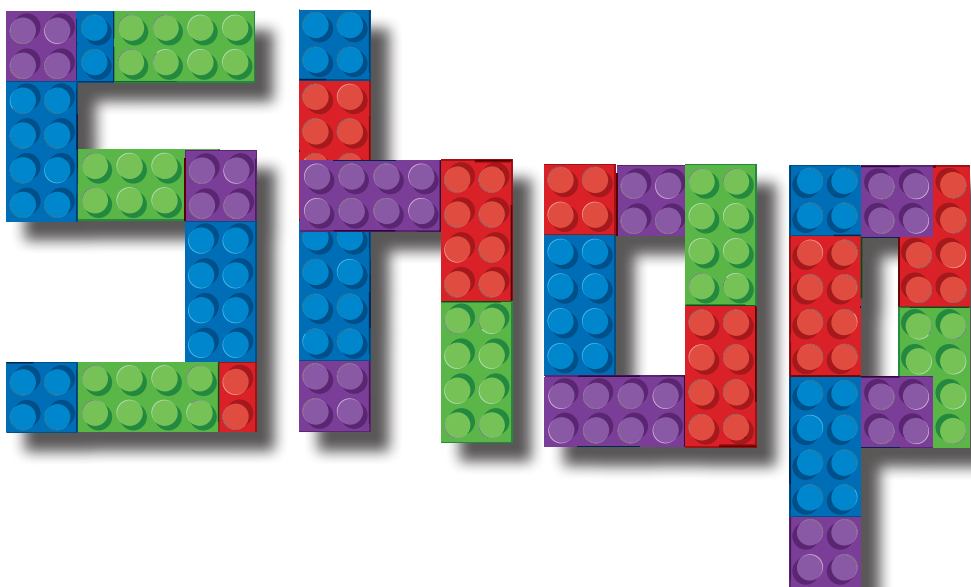
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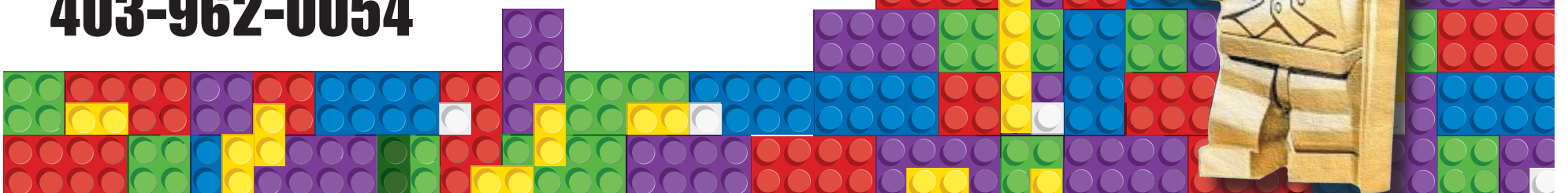


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## What is equalization in the constitution?

To the Editor

Did you know that Canada's equalization started with the confederation agreement? It states in part ... "to provide reasonably comparable levels of public services, at reasonably comparable levels of taxation" ... another misunderstood perception is how it's paid out. As reported, the Federal government payment is to three program areas: Canada Health, Canada Social, and Equalization, which has no strings attached for provinces to spend how they like. Provinces do not pay into equalization; these payments come from individuals and businesses across our collective diverse nation. Currently, four provinces are net contributors BC, AB, SK and NL – that's calculated from a national baseline amount. Many Canadians from all over the country have and continue to work in different provinces that pay into the tax system even though their primary residence is in another province. Therefore, it's not only one province or worker of that province that contributes. This Canadian support system is what makes Canada, Canada – a place most of the world admires. Why is this worth mentioning? It appears to be the common reason people signed up for separation. It's been stated that up to 70 per cent of Alberta businesses are feeling a negative effect with this separation question and which our Premier did not run on for election. Thomas Lukaszuk, the organizer of Forever Canadian, whose petition with over 438,000 signatures last year and validated in December along with others, are stating that Smith is doing everything she can to

support the separatists by dragging her feet on the petition review. The first one hour meeting was this past week to review this petition, which has more UCP members. They didn't allow Lukaszuk, the organizer of the petition, to speak there. According to Lukaszuk, our Premier states she doesn't understand the question, which is: Do you agree that Alberta should remain in Canada? So how did over 438,000 Albertans understand? Lukaszuk states it is a delay tactic to push this question into the fall session after the referendum voting date. Also to avoid having this question asked in today's legislation where the MLA's would have to vote, therefore avoiding exposure to their beliefs. Wouldn't you want to know what your MLA believes in? I would. According to Lukaszuk, it's the UCP law if you put forward a successful petition and meet the requirements, which he states they've done, then the question should go to the legislation for the MLA's to vote on. So how does a reported \$36.7 million referendum by a government that states we have to deal with a deficit because of spending, while Albertans have affordability issues, make sense? She was asked what happens if the vote doesn't go the way the government wants? Her reported response: "will judge it at that time." So why have a vote if you're going to reassess a voting outcome? What can you do? Sign up at Forever-Canadian.ca and they will guide you. If you believe in being Canadian and don't want to leave Canada, then it's also up to you, not someone else, to put in the effort.

Dennis Bigras,  
Wheatland County



### Uplifting performance

Uplift Dance hosted their fourth annual recital at the Strathmore High School theatre on April 25. Dancers from the various genres such as hip hop, jazz, adult dance, musical theatre, contemporary and ballet performed in front of a packed theatre. Joe Lepage Photos



## Proposed Wellings Carefree 55 Plus Community Strathmore, Alberta

# OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, May 6th 5pm - 7:30 pm  
in the upstairs community room  
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# Moments that shape a province

CHANTELLE DE JONGE  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

There are moments that shape a province, not only in headlines, but in the impact it has on people's lives. Moments when a diagnosis changes everything, when an opportunity opens a new door, or when a simple act of service brings a community closer together. Our government is taking actions in those moments, strengthening health care when it matters most, building global partnerships that create good-paying jobs, and celebrating the people who make Alberta stronger every day.

Few moments in life are more overwhelming than a cancer diagnosis, and in those moments, what matters most is having options, support, and hope. That's why our government is strengthening cancer care by expanding breast cancer screening and introducing a new oncofertility program to help patients preserve their ability to build a family after treatment. Earlier screening will allow more than 193,000 additional women to access life-saving detection sooner,

when treatment is most effective. At the same time, this new program will ensure that patients do not have to choose between fighting cancer and protecting their future to start a family. It means Albertans can focus on treatment today, while still holding onto the life they have always imagined for tomorrow.

At the same time, our government is building strong relationships beyond our borders to secure long-term opportunity here at home. This week, our government signed a new memorandum of understanding with South Korea's Hanwha Group, creating a pathway for investment across key sectors like energy, advanced manufacturing, and defence. Building on this momentum, Alberta also secured an agreement to eliminate a three per cent tariff on crude exports to South Korea, improving market access and strengthening demand for Alberta energy. Partnerships like this help position Alberta as a reliable global partner, while supporting good-paying jobs, strengthening supply chains, and opening new markets for Alberta industries. This action is about turning global interest into investment that benefits communities across the province.

We are also taking a forward-looking approach to Alberta's energy future by releasing the Nuclear Energy Engagement and Advisory Panel's report, which will help guide next steps for nuclear development in the province. As Chair of the Panel, I heard from thousands of Albertans through in-person engagement sessions, webinars, panel discussions, and surveys. This report reflects our extensive engagement with Albertans, Indigenous communities, municipalities and industry, highlighting strong interest in nuclear energy as a safe, reliable, and emissions-free power source.

As electricity demand continues to grow, nuclear energy presents an opportunity to strengthen grid reliability while attracting investment, creating good-paying jobs, and expanding Alberta's energy mix. By taking a transparent and informed approach, our government is ensuring that any future development is shaped by Albertans and built on safety, accountability, and long-term economic opportunity.

The strength of Alberta has always come back to its people. In cities, towns, and rural communities alike, volunteers are stepping up every day, supporting neighbours, building connections, and making a lasting difference in the lives of others. That's why nominations are now open for the 2026 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards, recognizing the individuals who go above and beyond to strengthen their communities. With more than 145 million volunteer hours contributed across the province, these everyday acts of service continue to shape a stronger and more connected Alberta.

Building Alberta's future means showing up in life's most important moments, with care, with opportunity, and with community. Through these actions, we are delivering meaningful support for Albertans today, while helping build a stronger and more competitive province for the years ahead.

As always, please 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)

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“The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre recently reported that Canadians were defrauded out of more than \$704 million in 2025,” says Mary O’Sullivan-Ander- sen, President and CEO of BBB Alber- ta and East Kootenay. “This is up from the previous year. We also know that only about five per cent of Canadians who are defrauded report it. Combat- ing scams is something we all must be attentive to every day.”

Follow these 10 tips and you will avoid most scams.

1. Never send money via gift card or wire transfer to someone you have never met face-to-face. Seriously, just don’t ever do it. If they ask you to use a wire transfer, a prepaid debit card, or a gift card; those cannot be traced and are as good as cash.

2. Avoid clicking on links or open- ing attachments in unsolicited emails. Links, if clicked, will download mal- ware onto your computer, smartphone, tablet, or whatever electronic device you’re using at the time, allowing cyber thieves to steal your identity. Be cau- tious even with an email that looks fam- ilar; it could be fake. Instead, delete it if it looks unfamiliar and block the sender.

3. Don’t believe everything you see. Scammers are great at mimicking offi- cial seals, fonts, and other details. Just because a website or email looks offi- cial does not mean that it is. Caller ID is commonly faked.

4. Double-check that your online purchase is secure before checking out. Look for the “HTTPS” in the URL (the extra s is for “secure”) and a small lock icon on the address bar. Better yet, before shopping on the website, make certain you are on the site you intended to visit. Check out the company first at BBB.org. Read reviews about the qual- ity of the merchandise and make sure you are not buying cheap and/or coun- terfeit goods. Look for a brick-and-mor- tar address listing on the website itself and a working phone number. Take an extra step and call the number if it is a business you are not familiar with.

5. Use extreme caution when dealing with anyone you’ve met online. Scam-

mers use dating websites, Craigslist, social media, and many other sites to reach potential targets. They can quick- ly feel like a friend or even a romantic partner, but that is part of the con for you to trust them.

6. Never share personally identifi- able information with someone who has contacted you unsolicited, whether it’s over the phone, by email, on social media, or even at your front door. This includes banking and credit card infor- mation, your birthdate, and Social Insur- ance number.

7. Resist the pressure to act imme- diately. Shady actors typically try to make you think something is scarce or a limited-time offer. They want to push victims to make a decision right now before even thinking through it, ask- ing family members, friends, or finan- cial advisors. Sometimes, they’ll advise against contacting anyone and just trust- ing them. While high-pressure sales tactics are also used by some legitimate businesses, it typically isn’t a good idea to make an important decision quickly.

8. Use secure and traceable transac- tions. Do not pay by wire transfer, pre- paid money card, gift card, or another non-traditional payment method (see number one above). Say no to cash-on- ly deals, high-pressure sales tactics, high upfront payments, overpayments, and handshake deals without a con- tract. Read all of the small print on the contract and make sure to understand what the terms are.

9. Whenever possible, work with lo- cal businesses. Ask that they have pro- per identification, licensing, and insur- ance, especially contractors who will be coming into your home or anyone dealing with your money or sensitive information. Review Business Profiles at BBB.org to see what other people have experienced.

10. Be cautious about what you share on social media. Consider only con- necting with people you already know. Check the privacy settings on all social media and online accounts. Impos- ters often get information about their targets from their online interactions and can make themselves sound like a friend or a family member because they know so much about you. Then, update and change passwords to pas- s- phrases on a regular basis on all onli- ne accounts.

# RCMP warning residents about paving scams

STRATHMORE RCMP

Strathmore RCMP is warning residents about companies operating asphalt pa- ving scams in the area.

These companies typically approach homeowners through door-to-door con- tact, offering paving services at what ap- pear to be low or discounted rates. In many cases, they request payment up- front. After work begins, or sometimes before it is completed, property owners may be asked to pay more than the ori- ginal quoted price.

Individuals involved in these scams often provide little verifiable infor- mation about their identity and may op- erate unmarked or nondescript vehicles. In some instances, the companies may appear legitimate, using professio- nal-looking logos or branding.

A common tactic involves contractors claiming they have leftover asphalt from previous jobs and offering a reduced price to use the excess material. However, the product used is often substandard, believed to be recycled asphalt or a gra- vel-oil mixture that lacks durability. As a result, the work may deteriorate quick- ly once driven on or remain incomplete if additional payment demands are not met.

Strathmore RCMP recommends exer- cising caution when retaining contrac- tor services. Keep the following tips in mind to avoid falling victim to a scam:

- Ask for names of previous custo- mers and verify that they were satisfied with the work.

- Research the company through the Better Business Bureau in Alberta, the Consumer Investigations Unit, your local Rural Crime Watch, or on social media.

- Obtain a written quote that includes the full business name, address, phone number, GST number, as well as provin- cial and municipal license numbers, if applicable.

- Quotes should specify the quantity and quality of materials being offered. Be skeptical if contractors decline to provide this information.

- Seek estimates from reputable com- panies to compare costs.

- Do not agree to a contract if you feel pressured or if the contractor refuses to take ‘no’ for an answer.

- Be leery of unsolicited offers. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

- Do not pay for services upfront, be- fore the work is done.

“Paving scams such as this are not common in Strathmore or the surround- ing areas, but they do still occur. Please use due diligence when selecting con- tractors, especially if the deal seems too good to be true,” said Staff Sergeant Mark WIELGOSZ – Detachment Com- mander, Strathmore RCMP

If you, or anyone you know, suspect a paving-contractor scam, please contact your local RCMP detachment at 310-RCMP (7267) or make a report to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre by calling 1-888-495-8501. For more safety tips fol- low us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Atland Tech Solution Ltd. (Atland) has applied to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) to amend the Wheatland Power Plant design under approval number 501036-00-00. The amendment will include new reciprocating engines with a small change in the capacity of the plant. The current capacity of the plant is 9.97 Megawatt (MW). The new capacity will be 9.804 MW, which will include six (6) new 1.484 MW and a new 0.90 MW natural gas generators. There are no additional changes to the plant layout or design.

The Power Plant is located on private land within 14-26-024-26 W4M, NW of Strathmore Alberta, along RR 262 and Township Road 250.

A directly affected person may provide input into certain regulatory decisions, as allowed by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (section 73). Specifically, any person who is directly affected by this application may submit a written statement of concern within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

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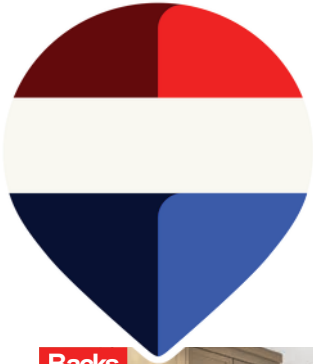
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- Describe concerns that are relevant to matters regulated by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.
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- State the distance between the land owned or used by the filer and the site in the application.
- Contact information including the full name and mailing address of the filer. Please provide a telephone number and/or email address for ease of contact.

Environment and Protected Areas will review each written statement of concern, seek more information if needed, and concerns that are relevant to the application and for which the Director has delegated authority to address in the decision on the application, will be considered in the technical review of the application. The Public Notice of this application will also be posted on the Department’s website at <https://avw.alberta.ca/PublicNoticesViewer.aspx>.

Statements of concern submitted regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public and the applicant. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board.

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

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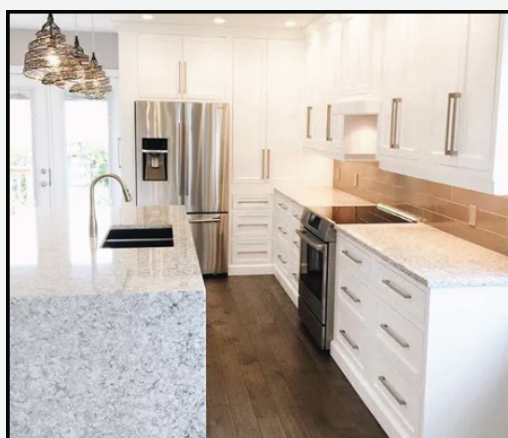
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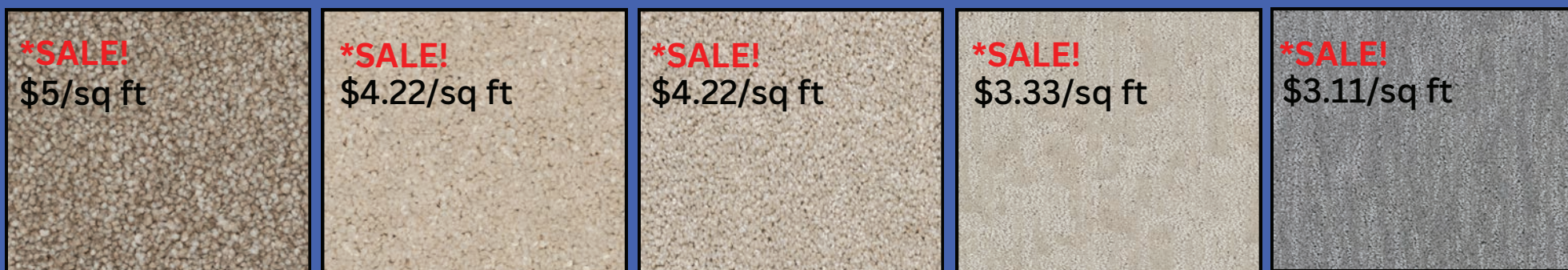
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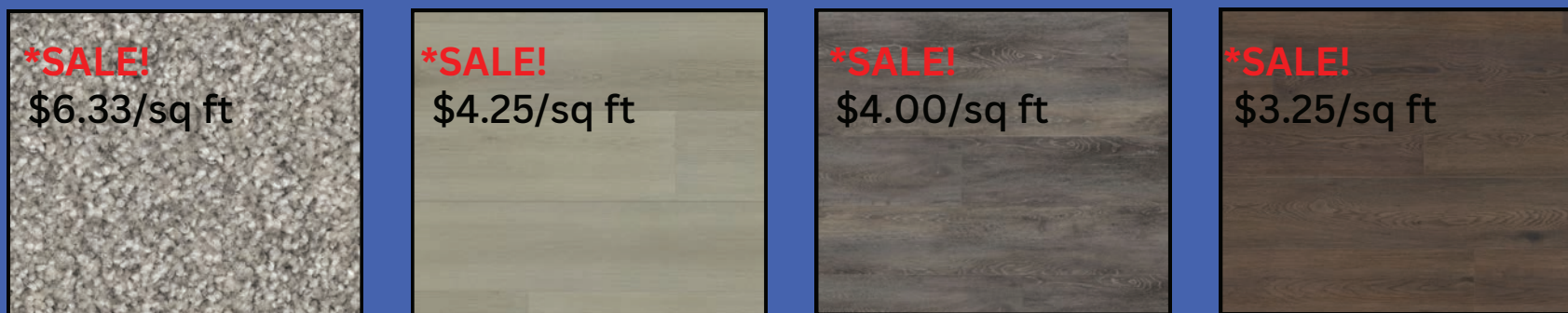
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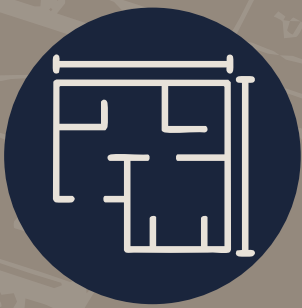
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