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## Vault to host volunteer expo

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

The Vault Cultural Collective is hosting an expo to both celebrate and recruit volunteers within the local community during National Volunteer Week.

Every April, National Volunteer Week is recognized nationwide, and is an occasion led by Volunteer Canada. This year, it will take place from April 14 to 20.

“That is a focus week of celebrating volunteers, and so we are going to host a volunteer expo at the Travelodge (on Wednesday, April 19) from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.” said Donald Ledene, vice chair of the Vault Cultural Collective. “(We want) to give the community at large an opportunity to see where we need and can use volunteers, and what organizations in the community are already volunteer led, where volunteers are putting a lot of time in, and to let the community see what would be missing from our community if we didn’t have volunteers doing these jobs.”

Ledene added the Vault was able to secure a grant in order to aid in facilitating the event, which was created with the idea in mind to help reinforce existing volunteer numbers, as well as to replace those who are no longer interested, or no longer able to be of service.

Overall, she estimated a total of between 15 and 20 volunteer and nonprofit organizations will be present for the expo.

“We are aware of many organizations whose volunteers are getting older and their membership is declining, and there are not younger people picking up the opportunities to be involved in the clubs,” she said. “If volunteers are not there, these things are not going to get done ... we have reached out to all the nonprofit organizations and clubs in the community – people who operate fairly significant programs and services within the community.”

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## A fine arts evening

Holy Cross Collegiate held their fine arts night on March 27 to a packed gymnasium filled with families and classmates. The evening opened with the Art Gallery, before the spring concert, which featured students from Grades 6-12. As well, the HCC drumline and the world drumming ensemble performed several songs from their upcoming competitions. For more coverage see Page 5. **Joe Lepage Photo**

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# Town councillor launches charity challenge

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore's Coun. Richard Wegener is hosting his third annual charity challenge, this year being in support of the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society.

Similar to the previous two years of the challenge, Wegener has committed to matching the first \$1,000 of donations made to the subject nonprofit organization over the course of the month-long challenge.

"I feel like I am lucky to have my job on council and wanted to give back to the different charities around town," he said. "I figure if I host a charity challenge each year, I can bring awareness to these different charities and it is a way that I can give back to the community that has given me so much."

Coun. Wegener explained his reasons for selecting the Hospice Society are largely of a personal nature. He currently holds a seat as part of the Wheatland Housing Management Body, which is currently aiming to get a new lodge built in conjunction with the Hospice Society.

Additionally, he said his mother recently passed away while in palliative care at the Strathmore hospital.

"Knowing that and the care she got there, I wanted to relate that to the hospice care. They look after what they call (people's) end of life

journey," he said. "My mom was treated so well at the hospital in palliative care, and for me it is just a next step to hospice."

This year's challenge will run from April 1, until May 5, coinciding with the date of the Hospice Society's Hype for Hospice and Fire Truck Pull event.

Coun. Wegener said he has been excited and impressed by the response to the charity challenge from the local community over the past two years, both times during which, the \$1,000 goal was exceeded.

"The first year, I did it for the overnight shelter and I think along with my donation, we raised close to \$3,000 in the month. Last year was the food bank and we raised quite a bit of money – it was just hard to get an accurate tally on that because of the online donations and everything," he said. "I think the community is behind it; I always try to do something that is a worthwhile cause for both people in the town, but also in the county – people who need these services."

To donate online, those who are interested are able to do so at [www.wheatlandhospice.ca](http://www.wheatlandhospice.ca) through the GoFundMe link. Those who donate are asked to email or text Coun. Wegener (403-325-5080, [rwegener@telus.net](mailto:rwegener@telus.net)) to specify how much they donated for the final tally.

He added because the donations are going to a nonprofit organization, donors will be able to claim a receipt for the purposes of their taxes.

# Strathmore to host fifth annual festival

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

This year marks the fifth annual Strathmore Performing Arts Festival (SPAF) beginning April 10 and running steadily through to April 24.

Last year's festival had 141 participants with this year on track to be the biggest participant turn out yet.

Lorelee Laycock is the current president of the SPAF and she is excited about the upcoming festival.

"This year, we have a week and a half of classes being offered," said Laycock. "We have classes in string, choir, speech, contemporary and classical voice, and musical theatre and then we have six days of piano. In addition, we have instrumental and band running simultaneously. In other words, we have a lot going on and lots to see."

This year Laycock is excited about the number of entrants for the contemporary voice category, which is happening on the evening of April 11.

"That's kinda a fun category. People get to sing with a microphone ... they can use different types of accompaniments other than just piano," she said. "They sing popular music, country music, faith-based music and that's also the night of our family class, which is always a big hit too."

The fundamentals of the SPAF is to encourage the arts in and around Strathmore by providing a safe and positive environment for everyone involved – audience members, adjudicators and performers alike. The festival is primarily for elementary, junior high and high school students from the immediate area.

"We have so much community support," said Laycock of the tremendous sponsors who have generously donated to the festival. "We appreciate every dollar we receive that helps go towards running the festival. In addition to sponsors, other ways we see community support is through the volunteers that come to help run the festival. Our board is all run by volunteers, but additionally we require tones of people on the ground running each session."

Laycock said each session requires two volunteers. Last year there were upwards of 40 volunteers for the festival and this year they are looking for the same. If you would like to volunteer and be a part of the festival you can send an email ([volunteerspaf@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerspaf@gmail.com)).

The festival is capped off with the final concert on April 24, which is always a huge draw for people.

"Everyone wants to come to the final concert, see the outcome of everyone's hard work," she said.

This year's final concert is generously sponsored by Carey Rose, RE/MAX Key with an admission of \$5 per person or \$10 per family and can be purchased at the door.

"I would love to encourage more people to come to more of the (daily) sessions," said Laycock. "This year admission is by donation only."

Donations can be made at the door or e-transfer ([strathmorepaf@gmail.com](mailto:strathmorepaf@gmail.com)).

"We would really love to see more people attending the daily sessions. Having more people in the audience encourages the performers and helps them feel like they are performing to an audience," said Laycock. "This is a great way to support the community and support the young people who are trying to pursue their passion in music."

The SPAF is very thankful for the use of the venues for the festival. Those venues are The Strathmore United Church, The Strathmore Alliance Church, Holy Cross Collegiate, the Strathmore High School and

Hope Community Covenant Church for the final concert on April 24. The festival wouldn't be able to run without the support of these generous local facilities.

The full festival schedule and adjudicators' bios can be viewed on the SPAF website ([www.strathmorepaf.com](http://www.strathmorepaf.com)).

The festival runs from April 10 to April 24, with the final festival showcase performance and awards night on Wednesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Strathmore Hope Community Covenant Church, located at 245 Brent Blvd Strathmore.



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# County committee opens final 2024 budgets discussions

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

An update regarding Wheatland County's operating and capital budgets was presented by administration to the Committee of the Whole, during the March 28 meeting.

The presentation included a summary of the changes that have been made to the 2024 interim operating and capital budgets, which are to be included in the draft of the final 2024 operating and capital budgets.

The final budgets were presented to council during the regular meeting, which took place April 2.

"What we typically do is, around August we start doing our plans for the next year with management and putting together capital and operating budgets ... and within our software, compiling all that together," said Joel Chiasson, manager of financial services with Wheatland County. "Then we usually have meetings with council around November (or) early December and deliberate, provide a lot of substantial details on specific capital projects and the operating budget, and that is the point then a lot of the operating plans and the capital plans for the upcoming year are put in place and approved by council."

Final capital and operating budgets are looked at and approved at the end of March and the beginning of April annually, in preparation for the

remainder of the capital year.

Also observed is the income from property taxes, which he explained accounts for roughly 70 per cent of the county's income.

"The main reasons or the focus of this period of time, is it gives an opportunity for any material changes to expenditures; anything that has maybe been approved by council in a resolution in that in-between term as an increase can be thrown into the budget, whether it is a capital or operating item," said Chiasson.

County council approved the 2024 interim operating and capital budgets on Dec. 19. The draft of the final 2024 budgets has been amended in order to reflect the 2023 property assessment values, final school requisition, and a host of other changes.

The drafted document suggests operating expenses for the county at \$54.13 million, being an increase of \$1.59 million from the 2023 budget.

Similarly, the drafted final capital budget reflects a \$1.91 million increase from the interim budget. Of this increase, \$0.95 million is accounted for via incomplete, but approved projects carried over from 2023 to finish in 2024. Another \$0.84 million is from an approved land purchase transaction that was completed in Q1 2024.

More information regarding the drafted final budget is available through the Committee of the Whole meeting recording, as well as via the public meeting agenda.



## One School, One Book

Trinity Christian Academy participated in One School, One Book during the month of March. The school read Little Pilgrim's Big Journey/ Little Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. The Grade 8/9 class created board games based on the book that other classes got to play on March 27.

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# County discusses new ward boundary

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County administration provided a report to the Committee of the Whole regarding their prior questions about the Electoral Boundaries Bylaw review.

The report was created based on previous discussion at the Feb. 13 committee meeting, as the committee's questions were noted and summarized.

During the Feb. 13 meeting, the committee was presented with four options for possible electoral boundary adjustments.

Population growth within the county warrants the occasional necessity to redraw the boundaries of electoral wards based on the number of people who live in each area.

This is to ensure population variances between any respective ward is less than 25 per cent, and that as many county residents as possible are accurately represented on council.

According to administration, redrawing boundaries can also reflect both current, as well as future population trends, while adhering to legislative requirements.

Desired outcomes for the redrawing of boundaries include equitable distribution of representation, boundaries that accommodate current growth and future development, and to establish a bylaw that is in line with the generally accepted rule of a roughly 25 per cent population variance.

Despite the redrawing of electoral boundaries being inherently a political process, the goal of the process is to ultimately be as impartial as possible and depoliticize the issue, maintaining paramount focus on the math.

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"It is ideal to have a balance between rural and urban sections in a division, but sometimes that just can't occur into that division, and that is something we would just need to take into consideration as it goes forward," said Brian Henderson, chief administrative officer for Wheatland County.

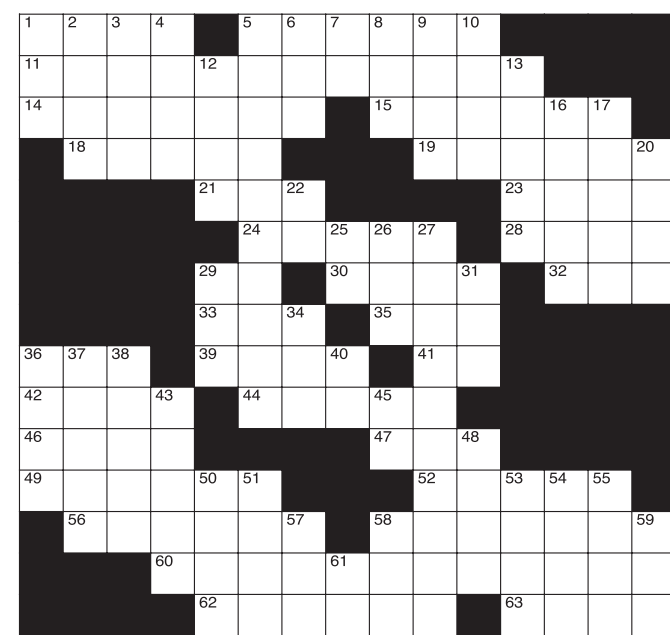
Legislative requirements of drawing ward boundaries are outlined within the Municipal Government Act, which governs much of the powers, regulations, and responsibilities held by the county.

A report previously provided by administration to the county indicated an average of 525 residences per division, with the greatest discrepancy being between Divisions 5 and 7 - which had 742 residences versus 387 residences, respectively.

As boundaries are being redrawn, ultimately the focus is less about the total land area which each ward occupies, and more so is focussed to reflect population numbers and density.

The last time ward boundaries were redrawn within the county was in 2001. The timing of the boundaries to be redrawn this year also takes importance with a county election scheduled to take place in 2025.

More information regarding the potential new ward boundaries, as well as how they were developed is available via the March 28 Committee of the Whole agenda package, as well as through the Wheatland County YouTube channel for those wishing to view the meeting minutes in their entirety.



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- 1. A minute amount (British)
- 5. Mystical or magical
- 11. Shortening
- 14. More satisfying
- 15. Other side
- 18. Philippine island
- 19. More unnatural
- 21. Mutual savings bank
- 23. Famed designer Chanel
- 24. Makes less wild
- 28. At some prior time
- 29. The cops who investigate the cops
- 30. Immune system response
- 32. Distress signal
- 33. Engine additive
- 35. "No Scrubs" trio
- 36. Very fast airplane
- 39. A reward (archaic)
- 41. Commercial
- 42. Spots where golfers start
- 44. Polite form of address (Indian)
- 46. French river
- 47. Reduce the light
- 49. Blood-sucking fly
- 52. A way to categorize
- 56. Procrastinates
- 58. Tall slender tower
- 60. Where researchers work
- 62. Office of the Pope
- 63. Office furnishing

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Possesses
- 2. American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
- 3. Ancient Syrian city
- 4. Clip
- 5. In a way, misleads
- 6. Human gene
- 7. The Golden State (abbr.)
- 8. Lizard genus
- 9. Parasites that invade the skin
- 10. Took apart
- 12. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 13. S. California town
- 16. Suffix plural
- 17. Painting technique
- 20. Small Eurasian deer
- 22. Mr. T character
- 25. Microsoft
- 26. Shock therapy
- 27. Able to be sold
- 29. A doctrine
- 31. These three follow A
- 34. Pulse
- 36. Quantitative fact
- 37. Doctor \_\_\_: children's book author
- 38. Hebrew calendar month
- 40. Designated hitter
- 43. Northern Poland village
- 45. A passport is one form
- 48. Hand (Spanish)
- 50. Hit with the open hand
- 51. Actor Idris
- 53. Shakespeare's nickname "The \_\_\_"
- 54. Northern U.S. lake
- 55. Marvin and Horsley are two
- 57. Soak
- 58. Partner to cheese
- 59. Expression of disappointment
- 61. College dorm employee

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**Season wrap-up**

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Has "tolerance" today been used to call evil good and good evil?

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**Volunteers needed to keep vital events to continue**

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A separate entity, though also in the realm of supporting volunteers, is the virtual volunteer hub, launched in October 2022 as a partnership between the Town of Strathmore and VolunteerConnector.

The partnership offers access to a platform which is designed to actively engage and recruit local volunteers and connect them with opportunities to get involved.

Additionally, the Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) office is able to offer in-person support for both community members, as well as organizations.

"We would hope that any of the organizations that are a part of this (expo) will be able to attract interest in the community," said Ledene. "We are very varied. We have everything from the hospital auxiliary, to the Lions Club, to the Vault itself, which has 10 different organizations that are a part of it. I think the measure of success will be how many people are actually willing to step up and volunteer at any one of these organizations."

The expo will be free to attend for any who are curious and who are looking to gather information about local volunteer opportunities.

## Super spring concert

Holy Cross Collegiate hosted a wonderful fine arts night on March 27, captivating a full gymnasium. The evening showcased the remarkable talents of students spanning Grades 6 to 12.

Joe Lepage Photos



# Town authorizes conditional payment to WHMB for Wheatland Lodge

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore authorized the payment of \$463,389 for design work on the Wheatland Housing Management Body's (WHMB) proposed 120-unit Wheatland Lodge.

This payment is aimed to help get the project to a "shovel ready" status for application to a provincial granting program. The funds approved to finance the payment are to come from the town's financial stabilization fund.

It was specified that the transfer of those monies is contingent on all other funding partners for the project authorizing payment of their proportionate shares of the design work.

The request was clarified to council to not be for monies additional to the initial project budget, rather, it was a request for a portion of the initial project budget in order to complete design work, such that the project is shovel ready, prior to the province's affordable housing partnership program intake for capital funding requests this fall.

"The \$463,389 currently requested would be within the capital requisition of \$566,625, variance on which is only subject to the evaluation of the town-owned lands to be donated as the proposed lodge site as part of the town's contribution," said Kevin Scoble, chief administrative officer with the Town of Strathmore. "Typically, the province either requires or more highly prioritizes shovel-ready projects, and that is our understanding of the WHMB's request ... is to take that to that shovel ready, to improve the prioritization by the province in awarding money."

Mayor Pat Fule stressed the fact that the money being requested by the WHMB is strictly part of the \$566,625 previously approved by council for the project in April 2023, contingent on other factors, and is not an extra money.

Regarding the Provincial Partnership Program Grant, the WHMB is lobbying

the province for support, and a contribution in the amount of \$7,140,000. The awarding of this grant is one of the conditions set out by the town as a contingent of their support.

According to information presented to council by administration, provincial funding for seniors housing has become expected to increase significantly, though with an impetus on shovel-ready projects.

The WHMB is aiming to advance the hospice building from a Class B Budget to a Class A budget, for which they are requesting contributions from all of their funding partners, totaling \$1.4 million.

A Class B Budget is prepared when

a project is at a "detailed design" stage, which is defined as having a finalized space program, as well as having the drawings and specifications for all disciplines complete to 99 per cent. At this stage, addendums to clarify certain aspects of the project may still be issued.

A Class A Budget refers to an estimate attained when the bids for a project have been received, evaluated, verified, and the award of the development contract has been made.

More information about the project is available via the Town of Strathmore council's public meeting agenda for March 27, as well as via the public meeting posted to the town's YouTube channel.

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YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE

Gord Morck Pharmacist

Capsule Comments

The week of April 4-10 is *National Dental Hygienist Week* in Canada. The goal is to focus on the importance of maintaining good oral health practices and helping Canadians understand the role and importance of the dental hygiene profession. Taking care of our mouth, teeth and gums has a positive impact on many other aspects of life. Here's a good resolution to make for 2024... see a dental hygienist at least twice a year.

Back in 1897, *heroin* began to be marketed as a powerful painkiller. At that time, morphine, another narcotic from the opium, was already in use. Heroin was much stronger and found much use as a painkiller. It was also found to be a powerful *cough suppressant* as well to help those with chronic bronchitis, pneumonia and tuberculosis. It took about 20 years for its extremely strong addictive potential was discovered.

Are you a *cyberchondriac*? This term refers to people who excessively use the internet to research symptoms and health conditions resulting in stress and anxiety about the multitude of diagnoses they may read about. Cyberchondriacs may feel a compulsive need to check their symptoms multiple times a day.

Here's another reason why men might want to consider stopping smoking. Smokers are more likely to develop male-pattern hair loss. Researchers reviewed the data from observational studies of 4462 men and found that compared to men who had never smoked, smokers were 82% more likely to develop hair loss.

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## Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference.

For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

**April 2: Council Meeting**

**April 3: Agricultural Service Board**

**April 9: Municipal Planning Commission**

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted.

Agenda packages can be found on our website.

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**Public Information Session:**  
 TWP 250 Reconstruction & Paving

Join Wheatland County at our upcoming information session at 7 PM on April 11, 2024, at the Lyalta Community Club.

This information session will detail the plans to reconstruct and pave a portion of TWP 250 between RR 264 and Highway 817. The Wheatland County Reeve and Division Councillor will be in attendance with Wheatland County staff to discuss the project and address any questions or concerns the public may have about it.

**Community Facilities Funding Grant Program**

The Community Facilities Funding Grant Program offers financial aid to non-profit groups operating community facilities in Wheatland County's hamlets and residential areas.

Grant applications are currently being accepted until April 8, 2024.

**For more information, visit our website and APPLY TODAY!**

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**Safety Codes Coffee & Chat**

Join us for coffee and a chat with staff from Wheatland County and The Inspections Group Inc. We'll be discussing the updated National Building Code – 2023 Alberta Edition, which will be in effect starting May 1, 2024.

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Wheatland County Administration Building  
 242006 Range Road 243, ECC Room

**Date:** Wednesday, April 10  
**Time:** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

For more information please email [safetycodes@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:safetycodes@wheatlandcounty.ca) or call 403-361-2010

**2024 ASB Bursary Application Period Now Open!**

The Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) recognizes the importance of youth within the agricultural industry and rural communities in Wheatland County.

To aid students wishing to pursue a career in an agricultural or environmental related field, the ASB offers annual bursaries of up to \$10,000, with a minimum award of \$500 and a maximum award of \$2,500.

**Application Deadline: September 15, 2024**

For more information about submitting your application, visit our website at <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/documents/asb-bursary/>

**Address:** 242006 Range Rd 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4  
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**Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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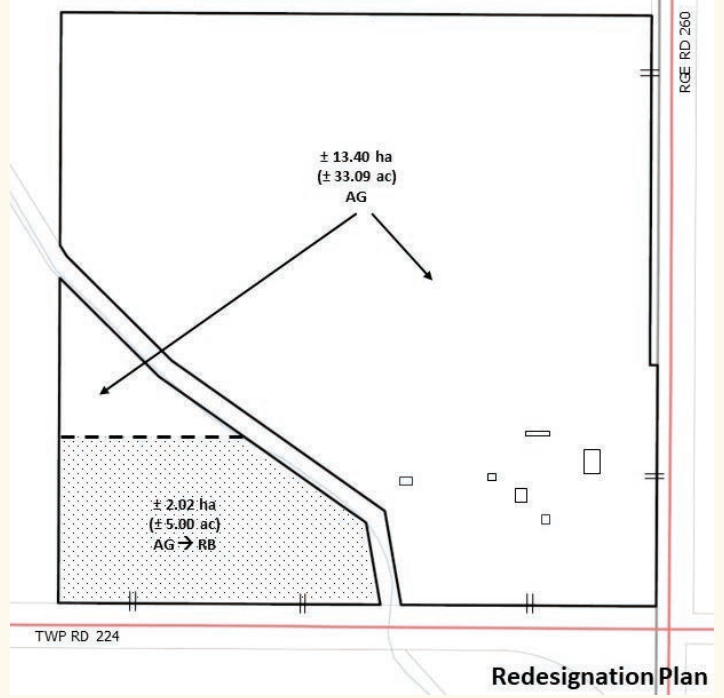
Wheatland County Council Chambers April 16th, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, April 16th, 2024.

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

**Bylaw #: 2023-30**  
**Legal Description:** LSD 1 within SE-25-22-26-W4M  
**Proposal:** To redesignate a ± 2.02 hectare (± 5.00 acre) portion of LSD 1 within SE-25-22-26-W4M from Agriculture General (AG) District to Rural Business (RB) District to facilitate the development of a distillery operation and restaurant business.

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





### Easter Egg Hunt postponed

Mother Nature decided to provide a dump of snow on the evening of Good Friday, causing the postponement of the annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 31 at Kinsmen Park. The event will now be held on Saturday, April 6 at 11 a.m. Despite organizers trying to get the word out the best they could the night before, some people attended the event only to find out it was postponed. Our own photographer Joe Lepage attended and provided some Easter treats to Christian (10), Alleigh (7) and Adiele (3). **Joe Lepage Photo**



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# 2024 Community Presentations

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	April 10	Hussar			
	April 12	Strathmore			
	April 15	Gleichen			
	April 16	Standard			
	April 17	Cheadle			
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	April 24	Lyalta			

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**Dress-up Day**

Mrs. Neufeld's Grade 1 class at Trinity Christian Academy took part in the school's annual Character Day dress up on March 28.

Photo Courtesy of Brittany Smith

# Strathmore Soccer aims to launch adaptive needs program

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Soccer Association (SSA) recently hosted an event at Crowther Memorial Junior High in order to train more local coaches.

"Over the past two years or so, Strathmore Soccer and myself have been working on developing an adaptive needs program, as per the directive set forth by Canada Soccer," said Ryan Parkin, technical director with the SSA. "There is not a whole lot of tangible resources in place yet, so what we have done is we have worked with partners at Soccability Canada, and they were able to deliver a training program for us that will help us develop what we are hoping to deliver as a pilot, starting hopefully in May."

Parkin described it as being effectively a program dedicated to defining how Strathmore Soccer would run a program.

This would include coverage surrounding how other similar programs are operated, key terminology, and other particulars associated with running an adapted program.

The second half of the day, he explained, would be dedicated towards practical exercises where community kids will be brought in who might fit the adapted program.

SSA and Soccability Canada are working towards creating and the eventual launch of a soccer program in Strath-

more focusing on developing an avenue to play for people with disabilities and/ or special needs.

"We as an organization have a mandate of trying to make this as accessible as possible to all members of the community," said Parkin. "What this enables us to do is obviously provide quality programming for individuals that our current programs just don't facilitate the needs for."

The event which took place at Crowther Memorial, Parkin explained, was an amalgamation of the coaches within the SSA who will potentially be running the new adaptive needs program upon launch.

Members of the local community who aided the SSA in connecting with kids who may be able to benefit from adaptive needs programming also participated in the training session.

Parkin estimated a minimum of six coaches will be required to run the initial pilot of the adaptive needs program, with more or less demand which will be dictated by community interest.

"So far, the response has been very positive," said Parkin. "Obviously, it is still very new, so people are still trying to understand what we are trying to offer, as well as what they can expect ongoing from delivery."

More information about the program is available through the Strathmore Soccer Association website. The adaptive needs program is estimated to be able to launch this coming spring.



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# Chariots of Fire to open Rosebud Theatre season

LAUREEN F. GUENTHER  
Times Contributor

Rosebud Theatre opens its 2024 season, April 5 to May 25, with *Chariots of Fire*, the story of two runners who competed in the 1924 Paris Olympics.

Eric Liddell, a devout Christian, is the son of Scottish missionaries. Harold Abrahams is the son of a Jewish immigrant father. Each man runs with unique passion and purpose.

“Eric Liddell ... is traversing the landscapes of university as well as gaining notoriety as an athlete and a religious speaker,” said Joe Perry, the actor who plays Eric Liddell in Rosebud’s production, in an email interview. “There is a lot expected of this young man and *Chariots of Fire* is a story of how Eric chooses to follow his own moral path despite others’ expectations.”

Harold Abrahams is driven by his father’s influence.

“He is driven to win,” said Aaron Krogman, who plays Abrahams, in an email. Abrahams’ older brothers are Olympians, and their entire family is driven to achieve, pushed by their immigrant Jewish father who suffered great antisemitism.

“Harold badly wants to win his father’s love and interest, and also to get even with everyone for years of discrimination,” he said. “Harold comes to believe that the only way to succeed is to beat Eric Liddell, but he is wrong. Over the course of generosity from Eric, from his romantic interest, Sybil, and from the care and investment of his coach, Sam, Harold learns to run for different reasons. Rather than running to make up for what has been missing in his life, he learns to run for and because of the good things already in his life.”

Now, 100 years after Liddell and Abrahams ran against each other, their lives still speak to the actors who portray them.

“What I learn from Eric is that it is possible to hold strong to what you believe in a kind and gentle way,” Perry said. “There is capacity to hold convictions and still have room for nuance, empathy and genuine care for all we encounter, and even to hold an equal respect and admiration for others and their convictions.”

“A question that Eric asks of Harold and of himself is ‘why do you run?’” Perry

added. “This has inspired me to ask that question of myself about all aspects of my life. Finding and knowing why we do the things that we do, what and who we do them for can give such a drive and freedom to pursue goals with a focus and clarity that opens up the possibility for greater fulfillment.

“Eric’s legacy is one that shows that we can meet adversity with grace and tenacity. That generosity of spirit and the spirit of competition are not mutually exclusive.”

“I feel compassion for Harold,” said Krogman. “He believes that if he can just win in a big enough way, then he’ll be worthy of the love of his father ... that is such a sad thing for a kid to learn from their parent, that love is conditional, as long as the child performs. I love that Harold gets to let go of that curse over the course of the play.”

“Harold thinks that Eric is his enemy, his target, his obstacle, but in fact Eric proves to be a true brother by inviting him into a much lighter, happier way of being. I wonder how often we wrongly classify the people in our lives.”

“This year marks 100 years from the Olympics in which Eric won his gold and set the record in the 400m race,” Perry noted. “The Olympics this year will be held in Paris once again. For me this play is a great reminder of the value of community, grace, understanding and conviction in a time of such turmoil and uncertainty.”

*Chariots of Fire* opens in the Rosebud Theatre Opera House, April 5 and runs until May 25. Tickets include a buffet meal, though may also be purchased without. For more information and tickets, call 1-800-267-7553 or visit their website (rosebudtheatre.com).



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# Made-in-Alberta learning pathway

CHANTELLE DE JONGE  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

I hope that everyone had a Happy Easter with family and friends!

Last week the Alberta Government announced changes to the Class 1 driver training and licencing by implementing a made-in-Alberta learning pathway for commercial drivers. This learning pathway was developed with input from the commercial driving industry and is designed to increase driver skills, improve safety, and enhance on-the-job training for current and prospective Class 1 drivers. This is a proactive approach to ensure commercial drivers in Alberta develop competency throughout their career. The apprenticeship-style model offers a learning pathway for Albertans to develop the skills to succeed and advance in their career as a professional driver, with the goal of seeking a Red Seal designation and the recognition as a professional trade. These changes will be implemented by March 1, 2025.

Additionally, Alberta's government is responding to the unique needs of Alberta farmers by exempting them and their immediate family from the requirement for pre-licence training and providing them a farm-restricted Class 1 driver's licence. This will allow farmers and their immediate families to operate Class 1 vehicles within Alberta only, and for authorized farm purposes only. Farmers who are eligible for the new farm restricted Class 1 driver's licence must still complete a knowledge test, road test, vision screening and submit a driver medical assessment. This new farm restricted Class 1 driver's licence will take effect on April 1, 2024.

Continuing with our updates, Alberta's government is fulfilling its promise to provide seniors with a 25 per cent discount on personal registry services to help keep life affordable, benefitting more than 725,000 Alberta seniors starting April 1, 2024. This will help provide some relief to seniors, many of whom are on a fixed income. When seniors visit their preferred registry office, they will be eligible for the discount on services including vehicle and driver-related services like vehicle registration renewals, driver's licences, standard licence plates, and vital statistics products like marriage licences. The date of purchase must be made April 1, 2024, or later, the senior must be 65 or older on the date of purchase, and no retroactive discounts will be offered. The discount is estimated to have a financial benefit to seniors of \$16.5 million to \$20 million annually.

These measures highlight our continuous effort to deliver meaningful results for Albertans.

Please feel free to contact me with your feedback or concerns via email (Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

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

## TIMES CLASSIFIEDS

### Obituary



#### HEER, Allan Ross

Allan Ross Heer passed away March 30, 2024 at the Strathmore Hospital after a brief battle with cancer. He was born on March 19, 1948 in Trochu, Alberta to parents Edwin and Louise Heer. He and his brother Gary were raised on a farm just west of Huxley. He attended school in Huxley and graduated from TroVal High School. In Al's teenage years he was active in highschool basketball and then his greatest love was playing baseball. He pitched many games playing both in Trochu and in the Sedgwick area. At the age of 21 Al started an apprenticeship with A.G.T which turned into a 34 year career with Telus. On January 27, 1979 Al married Jolene Schramm, his loving wife of 45 years. Together they raised their two children Jaclyn and Jonathan. Al was a dedicated father to his children, he was always very involved with Jonathan's baseball and hockey. He enjoyed curling in the winter, but when spring arrived he couldn't wait to get on the golf course. On one of the first Mothers Day's he bought Jolene golf clubs so she could join him. That led to many friendships and golf trips over the years. It was a happy day when Jonathan was able to beat him. Al also loved to camp and as a family they spent many weekends enjoying the outdoors.

After retiring, Al and Jolene spent several years travelling to Arizona. So many friendships were formed on the golf course or at happy hours. He loved his men's groups and toonie golf.

The best years of Al's life were when he became a Poppa to his four grandchildren. They brought him so much joy right to his last days. He loved them all so much. Al was predeceased by his mother Louise in 1983, his father Eddie in 2002, his brother Gary in 2020, father-in-law Eugene Schramm in 1990, and brother-in-law Reg Nelson in 2010.

He is survived by his wife Jolene, daughter Jaclyn (Cam) Mackenzie and Scarlet, and son Jonathan (Carena) Braydee and Boston. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 2:30 pm at Hope Community Covenant Church in Strathmore, Alberta.

The family would like to thank you for your attendance and ask that you join them for a lunch afterwards.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Al's name to The Canadian Cancer Society. To send condolences, please visit Allan's obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca).

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### Obituary



#### DROOG, Johannes Theodorus

April 5, 1939 - November 2, 2023

On Thursday, November 2, 2023 Mr. Johannes Droog of Calgary, Alberta, formerly of Strathmore, Alberta passed away at the age of 84 years.

Johannes (John) Theodorus Droog was born April 5, 1939 in de Beemster, Netherlands. He is survived by his sister Nel, and brothers Wil, Luuk, Tom, Cor and Pim. Also cherishing his memory are numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister Sjaan.

John went to agricultural school in Hoorn, Holland. When he was 18, John trained in the Dutch army for two years. After that, he immigrated to Australia in 1959. John worked at a Nunnery, working on their farm. While in Australia, John started working at Franki Pile Construction. This career brought him all over the world. He moved from Australia to Africa, but was not there long. In 1968 John returned to Holland continuing to work construction with heavy machinery. In 1978 John's brother Tom sponsored him to come to Canada.

John settled in Strathmore, Alberta. As a lifelong bachelor, he loved his farm and took pride in planting trees there and was a very hard worker. In retirement, John lived for enjoying coffee with his friends every morning where they talked about the weather, the price of coffee, current events and the latest gossip. He loved playing crib. John was very active and walked daily. He never cooked a meal a day in his life. John was a world traveler and loved taking cruises. He marched to the beat of his own drum, coming and going like the wind. Make no mistake, John quietly enjoyed his life but was not boastful.

John enjoyed spending time with his only Canadian family at holidays, driving in his red VW Golf bearing a whip cream cake from the Dutch Bakery to share with Tom and his family.

John lived a quiet and unassuming life. He enjoyed his family gatherings in Holland and had friends to visit no matter where he stayed. John spent many weeks with Tom and his niece Christy fundraising and building orphanages in Guatemala and Peru over a number of years. John worked hard no matter the task at hand. He liked to laugh. John was humble, kind, loving, and of course, stubborn too.

The last five years of John's life were spent living at Sagewood in Strathmore and Bethany Riverview in Calgary. John's family would like to express gratitude for all of the caregivers involved in his late years of his life, providing exemplary care and warmth. During visits to his "home" John was happy to see Tom and Christy, even when he failed to remember them, but always asked them to come back soon. It was during this time of uncertainty in his life, John allowed himself vulnerability as he held the hand of whomever was willing to walk with him in the last two years. His days, though quiet, echoed with the fullness of contentment, teaching us that a life need not be loud to be profoundly filled with rich experiences. Rest in peace John.

A Celebration of Life will be held for John at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #10, 230 - 2 Avenue, Strathmore, Alberta on Friday, April 5, 2024 beginning at 11:30am. Cremation has taken place at the Foothills Crematorium.

Messages of condolence may be forwarded to the family at [www.piersons.ca](http://www.piersons.ca).

### Obituary



#### KAYFISH, Cheryl Louise

May 30, 1949 - March 25, 2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Cheryl Louise Kayfish (nee Creasey). She is survived by her adoring husband Danny; sons Derek (Bridget) and Jeff (Kirsten); and her three grandkids whom she loved to the moon, Madeline, Olivia, and Drake. Cheryl's courage, fortitude, and positivity over the past 14 months in her valiant battle with leukemia inspired all who knew her. She passed peacefully on March 25, 2024, surrounded by her family. Cheryl was a country girl at heart and loved her dogs, cats, and horses. She took lots of time to make sure her yard and house were perfect, and she made everything more beautiful with her crafty ideas and contagious smile. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Cheryl's name directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada (online at [www.bloodcancers.ca](http://www.bloodcancers.ca)). To send condolences, please visit Cheryl's obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca).

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### Obituary

#### MAIN, Rodney Robert (Rod)

April 10, 1945 - March 28, 2024

Rod Main, beloved husband of Karen Main, of Strathmore, AB, passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at the age of 78 years. Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Rod's family at [www.MHFFH.com](http://www.MHFFH.com).

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### COMING EVENTS

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There will be a **Celebration of Life** for **Gordon Kroon** at the Standard Community Hall **Saturday April 6th** at 2 PM. *Everyone is welcome.*

### Obituary



#### GARRETT, Phyllis

Phyllis Gwen Garrett died peacefully in her sleep on March 26, 2024, in Strathmore, Alberta, at the age of 88. She is survived by her loving children

Rick Garrett Burely of Idaho, Pam Sheane of Okotoks, Mike (Heather) Garrett of Calgary, Linda (Bob) Grove of Strathmore, and Nancy (Howard) Smith of Strathmore. She is also missed by numerous Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren and one Great-Great-Grandchild. She is predeceased by her husband John Garrett; parents Livona and Patrick King; her 4 sisters, Nova, Nona, Nina, and Patricia; and daughter-in-law Faith Garrett.

Phyllis was born in Lamar, Colorado, on April 14, 1935. She moved to Vale, Oregon at the age of six where she met and married her husband John Garrett on June 10, 1952. Phyllis was involved in baton twirling, gymnastics, and was a drum majorette in high school and later taught her children and numerous other girls. Phyllis was also involved in teaching sewing in 4H as she was an excellent seamstress and quilter. Phyllis and John owned a cattle ranch in eastern Oregon where they lived and raised their family until August 1969 when the lure of Canada became too great. The family lived in Alberta, B.C., and Saskatchewan. Upon retirement they moved to Redcliff, Alberta until John's death in 2007. Phyllis moved to Strathmore to be closer to her family in 2009.

A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at Wheatland Funeral Home (202 Lakeside Blvd, Strathmore) at 11:00 a.m. The interment was held later on the same day at Saamis Prairie View Cemetery (5160 Gershaw Dr SW, Medicine Hat, AB).

The family would like to thank Kindred Companions and the staff members at Sagewood (Eagle Lake and Namaka Lake) for the wonderful care of Phyllis. In lieu of flowers donations can be made directly to The Alzheimer Society of Canada (Alzheimer.ca) or the Sagewood Resident Council-Healing Garden Fund (140 Cambridge Glen Dr., Strathmore, AB, T1P 0E2).

To send condolences, please visit Phyllis' obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca).

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**WATER ACT**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Notice is given that CGC Inc. has filed an application under the provisions of the Water Act to permanently disturb twelve (12) wetlands, fifteen (15) ephemeral waterbodies, and six (6) overland drainages for the purpose of constructing an industrial wallboard manufacturing facility within portions of the E 1/2 10-022-26-W4, as per the following:

Wetland ID	Wetland Class	Wetland Value	Wetland Area Lost (ha)
W10	Temporary graminoid marsh	C	0.14
W15	Seasonal graminoid marsh	C	0.15
W17	Semi-permanent graminoid marsh	B	0
W18	Seasonal graminoid marsh	C	0.16
W20	Temporary graminoid marsh	D	0.14
W21	Temporary graminoid marsh	C	0.10
W22	Seasonal graminoid marsh	C	1.05
W29	Temporary graminoid marsh	C	0.24
W30	Seasonal graminoid marsh	B	1.96
W32	Seasonal graminoid marsh	D	0.71
W36	Temporary graminoid marsh	D	0.29
W37	Temporary graminoid marsh	C	0.32
W38	Temporary graminoid marsh	C	0.17

Any person who is directly affected by this application may submit a Statement of Concern within **seven (7)** days of the date of this notice.

To submit a Statement of Concern, sign in to the Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS) using a MyAlberta Digital ID (MADI) or MyAlberta Digital ID for Business (MADI-B) account.

- DRAS webpage - <https://www.alberta.ca/digital-regulatory-assurance-system.aspx>
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Alternatively, you may submit a written Statement of Concern to Environment and Protected Areas, Approvals Unit, 5th Floor, South Petroleum Plaza, 9915 108 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5K.

The written statement of concern should include the following:

- Quote the Case number: **DAPP0052744**
- Describe concerns that are relevant to matters regulated by the Water Act
- Explain how the filer of the concern will be directly affected by the activity and/or diversion of water proposed in the application
- Provide the legal land location of the land owned or used by the filer where the concerns described are believed to be applicable
- 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 the telephone number and email address for ease of contact.

Environment and Protected Areas will review each written Statement of Concern, seek more information if needed, and notify each filer by letter of the decision to accept or reject their written submission as a valid Statement of Concern.

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:

WSP Canada Inc.  
 c/o Jennifer Lange  
 Phone: 780-401-8281  
 Email: [jennifer.lange@wsp.com](mailto:jennifer.lange@wsp.com)

**NOTICE**



**NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS**

Irrigation Districts Act (Sections 54, 58, 59)  
 Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

**Western Irrigation District**  
**in the Province of Alberta**

Notice is hereby given that nominations are open from the date of this publication until 4:00 pm on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024, for the election of candidates for the following offices and will be received at the location of the office of the Western Irrigation District set out below:

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Division Number
<b>Director</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

Electoral Division 3 comprises Townships 21, 22 and 23 in Ranges 25, 26, 27 and 28 and Township 23 in Range 29.

Nominations must be in the form prescribed by the Irrigation Districts Act and can be obtained from the Western Irrigation District; location being A-1000 Pine Street, Strathmore.

DATED at the Town of Strathmore in the Province of Alberta, this 1st day of February 2024, and amended on this 26th day of March, 2024.

**Troy Tangedal**  
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**Upcoming Council Meetings**

April 3, 2024 | 6 P.M.  
 April 10, 2024 | 6 P.M.  
 April 17, 2024 | 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.



**Trash to Treasure**

April 11 to 15, 2024

Trash to Treasure (TTT) Days encourage residents to put any usable items out prior to the Heavy Item Garbage collection so others can pick them up and give them a new home. This is a great opportunity to give unwanted items a new life while keeping them out of landfills.

**Donators:**

- Mark your unwanted but reusable items with an HIG tag and place at same location you would place items for HIG collection.
- At the end of the Trash to Treasure Days remove any items you want to keep.
- Leave items out that you want collected during HIG week.

**Collectors:**

- Take only items marked with a HIG tag.
- Respect others' properties.
- Do not discard unwanted items on another resident's lawn.

**Heavy Item Garbage**

April 15 to 19, 2024

Heavy Item Garbage (HIG) collection returns the week of April 15. HIG offers residents the opportunity to dispose of large residential waste, and is provided in conjunction with your curbside waste collection service. If you pay the residential garbage charge on your Town of Strathmore utility bill the HIG service is available to you.

Place all items at your regular garbage pickup location by 7 a.m. on April 15 and affix with an HIG sticker. Stickers are available for free at the Strathmore Municipal Building but must be picked up prior to April 15. HIG stickers will not be handed out the week of HIG.

- Washers, dryers, dishwashers, and stoves;
- Furniture (sofas, love seats, tables, chairs, dressers etc.;
- Mattresses, bed frames, and box springs;
- Carpet (must be rolled and no longer than 4ft);
- Separated/salvageable metal materials (small quantity);
- Small amounts of lumber (4ft length, bundled and tied);
- BBQs (propane removed).

Learn more about HIG or TTT at [Strathmore.ca/HIG](http://Strathmore.ca/HIG)

**Public Notice**  
 Town of Strathmore



**Water Act**

Notice of Application for a  
 Transfer of Water Allocation  
 Ferus Inc – Bow River

Notice is given that the Town of Strathmore has filed an application to permanently transfer 66,000 cubic metres of water under a licence issued to divert water from Bow River through the works of Western Irrigation District at SE 13-024-01-W5M to SE 04-025-02-W5M on Bow River. The proposed transfer is an upstream transfer of allocation. The allocation of water to be transferred was licensed to Ferus Inc with a priority number 2004-03-12-001. The Commercial (cooling) purpose of the water use will be changed to Municipal (water supply). Under Section 83 of the Water Act, the Director may withhold up to 6,600 cubic metres (10%) of the allocation of water being transferred. Any water withheld may be licensed to the provincial Government for protection of the aquatic environment or implementation of a water conservation objective.

Any person who is directly affected by this application may submit a Statement of Concern within 30 days of the date of this notice.

To submit a Statement of Concern, sign in to the Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS) using a MyAlberta Digital ID (MADI) or MyAlberta Digital ID for Business (MADI-B) account.

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Alternatively, you may submit a written Statement of Concern to Environment and Protected Areas, Approvals Unit, 5th Floor, South Petroleum Plaza, 9915 108 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2G8 or by email to: [aep.waapplications@gov.ab.ca](mailto:aep.waapplications@gov.ab.ca)

The written statement of concern should include the following:

- Quote the Case number: **DAPP0051749**;
- Describe concerns that are relevant to matters regulated by the Water Act;
- Explain how the filer of the concern will be directly affected by the activity and/or diversion of water proposed in the application;
- Provide the legal land location of the land owned or used by the filer where the concerns described are believed to be applicable;
- 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 the telephone number and email address for ease of contact.

Environment and Protected Areas will review each written Statement of Concern, seek more information if needed, and notify each filer by letter of the decision to accept or reject their written submission as a valid Statement of Concern.

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.

In addition, Section 81 (6) of the Water Act requires a public review of this application. Any person wishing to attend a public review of this application is asked to call or write to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas at the address noted above, to register for a public review, within 14 days of this notice. Dates and places where a public review would be held will be set based on responses requesting attendance for public review.

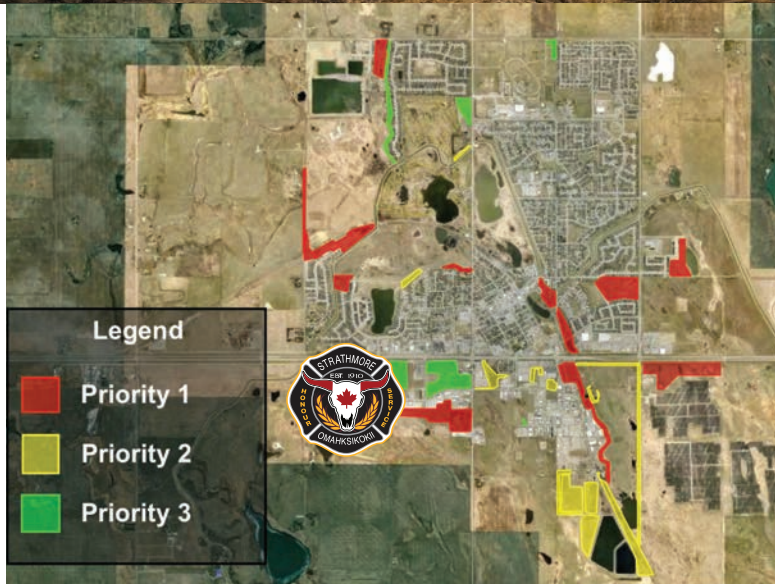
Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

**Town of Strathmore**  
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We've recently finalized Strathmore's Hazard Reduction Burn Plan. This plan aims to assess grassland fuels on the landscape within the community, identify locations of high fire risk based on predicted fire behaviour, and prioritize and prescribe these areas for hazard reduction burning. Through this process, selected regions within town will undergo hazard-reduction burning treatment in March. This process will reduce the risk of wildfire, reduce the number of nuisance fires, and better prepare the community in the event of an approaching wildfire on the landscape.

Learn more about the plan at [Strathmore.ca/HazardReduction](http://Strathmore.ca/HazardReduction)



**On March 20th we celebrated Strathmore Day!**

In 1905 the Hamlet of Strathmore moved from its original location at Eagle Lake, 4 miles North to be near the developing irrigation system. The Hamlet of Strathmore attracted settlers quickly and on March 20, 1908, it was incorporated as the Village of Strathmore.

Celebrating the anniversary of Strathmore's incorporation honours past generations who have built our community. It's also a great way for us to celebrate what Strathmore is today and the things that make our town so... well, great!