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## County debates aggressive budget

**JOHN WATSON**  
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Budget season is coming to a head for Wheatland County, as it has come the time of year to complete their final budget.

This process follows their interim budget process which took place in the fall of 2025. At this point, administration looks back on the interim document, completes their audit, and finalizes completion numbers.

“We have a good idea about what our project year-end values are and that can better inform us of our reserve values going forward for the next year, and then also gives us an opportunity to ask managers what is the status of prior year projects and carry those forward,” said Joel Chiasson, interim general manager of community and development services. “Something else to note ... is the last few years, the county has made strides to maintain services and infrastructure while fostering economic growth and development and keeping property tax increases lower. The last few years has also increased the county’s use of the general surplus and reserves to offset the rising inflationary pressures.”

Chiasson pointed out that though this practice has largely been resident friendly, it is not sustainable long-term and has led to a reduction in available reserves to address revenue shortfalls.

According to the administrative report, by the end of 2026, combined reserves and surplus are projected to be approximately \$20 million. If the current trend continues, that will fall to a negative position in 2027.

The draft of the final operating budget is for \$56.2 million, which reflects a decrease from the interim budget. Additionally, the capital budget is suggested to be approved at \$36.0 million; a \$12.4 million reduction.

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## Sweet Easter tradition

Families gathered on April 4 for a long-standing community tradition as the annual Easter Egg Hunt returned, spearheaded by RE/MAX Key. The event, which has been running since 1992, distributed an impressive 100 pounds of chocolate across the hunt area, ensuring there were plenty of treats to be found. Nearly a dozen local businesses helped sponsor the event. See Page 8 for more coverage.

Joe Lepage Photo

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## Performers shine

The Strathmore Performing Arts Festival hosted the Woodcreek Lions Showcase Concert and Awards Night on April 1 at Hope Community Covenant Church. Twenty-two performances took the stage, that highlighted the incredible skill and dedication of Strathmore and area's rising stars. The 2027 Strathmore Performing Arts Festival is slated for April 7-21 of next year.

Joe Lepage Photos

## Hurry Hard brings laughs to Rosebud

MARIO PRUSINA  
Times Editor

People looking for a lighthearted escape this spring will find plenty to enjoy at Rosebud Theatre, where the fast-paced comedy *Hurry Hard* is set to take the stage from April 10 through May 23 at Rosebud Opera House.

The award-winning play by Canadian playwright Kristen Da Silva promises a mix of sharp humour, small-town charm, and heartfelt storytelling.

Set in a quirky local curling club facing demolition, the story centres on a divorced couple forced to confront their past when a last-minute crisis arises just before a major bonspiel. The situation escalates into a comedic showdown on the ice, complete with rival teams from Didsbury and Olds, adding an Alberta flavour to the production.

Directed by artistic director Craig

Hall, the cast features Brent Gill as Terry, Nathan Schmidt as Bill, Sarah Irwin as Sandy, Hayley Rosenau as Darlene, and Matthew Mooney as Johnny. Behind the scenes, the creative team includes scenic designer Dale Marushy, costume designer Amy Castro, lighting designer Becky Halterman, and sound designer and composer Joy Robinson.

In addition to standard theatre tickets, guests can choose the dinner-and-show packages featuring cuisine from Chef Mo, as well as a more affordable "Friday Night Lite" option, something new this season, with themed lighter fare.

With its mix of witty banter, awkward reunions, and spirited competition, *Hurry Hard* offers a comedic take on love, second chances, and the chaos of small-town life.

Tickets are available now at [www.RosebudTheatre.com](http://www.RosebudTheatre.com) or by calling the box office at 1-800-267-7553.

# Town moves forward with new development bylaws

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is moving forward with the Municipal Development Plan, and Land Use Bylaws required to progress a mixed-use development along Wheatland Trail.

During the April 1 council meeting, following public hearings for the MPD amending bylaw, and the LUB Amending Bylaw, discussion resulted in the passing of third reading for both.

The concurrent applications were submitted to the town by Green Maple Enterprises on behalf of the Strathmore Golf Course and the Turner Family.

“The lands are currently shown as open space, which is usually parks, pathways, schools, and the application proposes to change the MDP to show a mixture of residential and commercial,” said Chuck Proctor, manager of planning for the Town of Strathmore, during the public hearing. “The application proposes to change the MDP to show a mixture of residential and commercial ... they propose mixed use development consisting of duplexes, town homes, apartments, and neighborhood commercial uses including retail, restaurants, professional services, and health and wellness.”

Throughout the development plan, approximately 302 residential, and 25 commercial units were outlined.

According to town staff, the previous designation of the land parcel, being Urban Reserve, was deemed to be outdated, and served as a holding

zone similar to Agricultural General District – this being intended for change as the surrounding community develops.

Approximately 10 per cent of the subject parcel is being rezoned as municipal reserve, being a requirement at the subdivision stage in order to be later used for public green spaces and trails.

“Infrastructure for this parcel would all come primarily from the east. We have water and sewer near the Strathmore High School, and then with Grey Park, is actually what we would consider from our storm water system,” added Proctor. “Storm water would discharge that direction, it actually naturally flows there already, so ... servicing of this parcel is actually relatively easy.”

Coun. Matt Hyde spoke to the growing necessity for more housing options to be made available in Strathmore, particularly in the immediate future with greater developments soon to take place within Wheatland County.

“Looking at the present vacancy rate in Strathmore, it is paramount that we look at increasing the inventory that there is for our residents, for future residents, for our children,” he said. “Having more homes available within the Town of Strathmore is a positive thing. I also appreciate the way that this plan starts to tie Hillview a little bit ... knits it more closely with the rest of the existing town and being able to take advantage of our existing infrastructure.”

Second and third readings for both bylaws were ultimately passed unanimously by council members who had not recused themselves from the meeting.

# Town to borrow for sewage system upgrades

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Following the dictates of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), the Town of Strathmore is implementing a debt financing bylaw, this time aimed to improve local sewage systems.

Presented by Riley Brolly, manager of financial planning for the town, during the April 1 meeting, administration had recommended the passing of the bylaw, allowing the town to borrow nearly \$5 million to support the project.

The terms of the incurred debt annotate that the town will take no longer than 25 years to complete repayments, at a maximum rate of six per cent annual interest.

“Administration (recommended) passing one bylaw for all the budget and borrowings in one swing, with separate draws taken on the loan each year to match the budget council approved,” said Brolly. “As of today, the Alberta Capital Finance Authority borrowing rate on a 25-year loan is 4.36 per cent annually, which equals debt servicing on the 2026 portion of debt of \$154,000 annually, up to \$327,000 annually then all three draws are taken within the three-year period.”

The passing of second and third readings follows the introduction of the bylaw in January and is now scheduled to take approximately three years to complete.

Given the passing of the bylaw, town administration is now tasked with securing the financing for the first draw, which is anticipated for the fall

of this year.

Responding to an inquiry by Coun. Melissa Langmaid, Brolly confirmed that while interest rate increases between now and the end final financing draw are possible, they are not likely to be dramatic and will be capped at six per cent as per the financing agreement.

“We would bring that to council’s attention down the road; we could also potentially give council different options on changing the structure of the current financing as well, including possibly taking on more debt, using more off-site levies, reserves if it made sense at that time as well,” said Brolly. “If the rates change, we could provide alternatives to what council has previously approved through a budget amendment.”

The town’s central trunk sewer collects sewage from approximately 80 per cent of the current town. Additionally, developments north and west of the town connect to the trunk, further limiting its current service capacity.

Future and ongoing developments which will connect to the system include Lakewood, Westcreek, Wildflower, and Strathmore West.

The draws made by the town, sequentially, would consist of \$2.32 million, \$1.2 million, and \$1.39 million over the three-year period.

As it currently exists, the estimated total cost to the town for the project equates to \$7.64 million including accounting of debt repayments.

Council voted to pass both second and third readings of the borrowing bylaw unanimously.



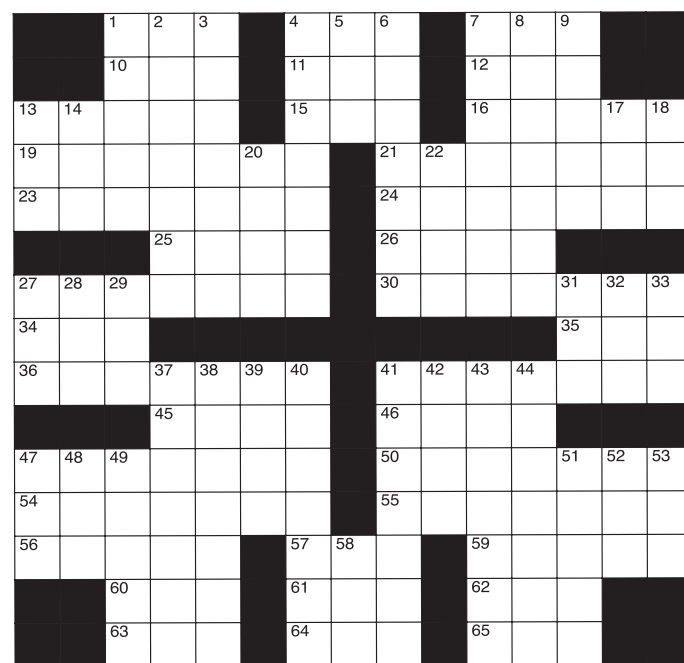
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- 11. Frozen water
- 12. Small constellation
- 13. Perennial mountain rice
- 15. Pick up
- 16. Japanese historical period
- 19. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 21. Unattached
- 23. Fishing port in SE France
- 24. Products for dogs
- 25. One point south of southeast
- 26. Having the skill or resources to do something
- 27. Involve oneself deeply
- 30. Immobile
- 34. \_\_\_ pai dong: Hong Kong food stall
- 35. Move quickly on foot
- 36. Gathered
- 41. A way through
- 45. Another name for Thor
- 46. Sharp dueling sword
- 47. The supreme commander of a fleet
- 50. Seasoned sausages
- 54. Path
- 55. Christian hermit
- 56. Ancient region of Asia Minor
- 57. Where wrestlers go to work
- 59. Roman statesman
- 60. Explosive
- 61. Licensed for Wall Street
- 62. Where golfers start
- 63. Grow old
- 64. Autonomic nervous system
- 65. No seats available

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. A legally binding command
- 2. General feeling of discomfort
- 3. Dribble
- 4. Soft touch
- 5. South American plant
- 6. Clouds of gas and dust in space
- 7. Warm-blooded vertebrates
- 8. Lines created by folding
- 9. Strong belief
- 13. Senior officer
- 14. Adult
- 17. Joint entrance examination in India
- 18. Passports and drivers’ licenses are two
- 20. Those who go against an accepted authority
- 22. One point east of northeast
- 27. Journalist Tarbell
- 28. One’s mother (British)
- 29. Nowhere to be found
- 31. A way to save for old age
- 32. Fall behind
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. The work of a sailor
- 38. Mark with striae
- 39. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 40. Sticky situation
- 41. Monetary units of Spain
- 42. Three-banded armadillo
- 43. Chooses
- 44. More disreputable
- 47. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 48. “The Partridge Family” actress Susan
- 49. Livestock owners assn. in Spain
- 51. Duplicating machine (abbr.)
- 52. OJ trial judge
- 53. Politician
- 58. Airborne (abbr.)

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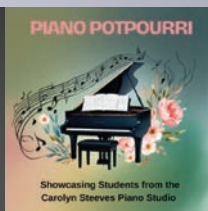
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# County to consider new local transport regulations

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County is debating the consolidation of a local policy into a revised bylaw in order to better enforce rules and regulations relating to local transport.

County administration was directed, March 16, by the Committee of the Whole, to prepare a draft of a consolidated Motor Transport Bylaw, as well as revisions to policy regarding non-agricultural hauling for council's later consideration.

"Currently, the motor transport bylaw only pertains to overweight and over dimensional vehicle permitting," said Cody Zimmerman, manager of operations. "We feel this would be the ideal place to consolidate everything related to commercial transport into one bylaw as opposed to having overlapping bylaws and avoiding any kinds of conflicts or contradictions."

Zimmerman explained what administration is aiming for is to add road use provisions into a functional bylaw, as there is currently no enforceable mechanism to govern those performing intensive hauling.

"When we get these companies coming in and they are destroying a road, if we do not have a development permit on them to force them into a road use agreement, we just say 'can you please stop hauling, you are destroying our road,'" he explained.

The county's current policies do not prevent any company from simply declining to follow the county's requests and regulations, nor can they be ticketed by the county for doing so.

Current documentation also does not clearly define what classifies as intensive hauling. Instead, the current policy uses a definition from an out-of-date dust control policy.

"We are also looking to add provisions related to the establishment and designation of truck routes and non-truck routes, and that is just with all the development we have going on in the county - looking at how these developments are going to impact residential areas around them," said Zimmerman. "We want traffic to be where we are spending the money and then not impacting the residents negatively as much as possible."

He added the new bylaw would also aim to establish gui-

delines regarding the prohibition of engine retarder brakes. These types of prohibitions are common in areas that fall close to residential areas due to the noise generated by vehicles equipped with engine brakes.

Reeve Scott Klassen noted his desire to see such updates implemented, having received many related complaints from ratepayers in his division.

"This is much needed. I have had lots of intensive hauling in my area with soils and stuff coming in ... landowners have phoned me and we (need) to update this," he said.

It was also clarified during the meeting that agricultural transport vehicles are often exempt from requiring permits regarding engine retarder brakes due to the time sensitive nature of their hauling.

## County taxation adjustments to stabilize reserves

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Administration has also identified approximately \$2.4 million in one-time operation costs and noted a temporary reduction in transfers to reserves to stabilize operations and improve clarity between the county's ongoing and one-time expenditures.

In order to prevent the county from falling into the red, it was suggested during the March 26 Committee of the Whole meeting that minimum tax increases align with the Municipal Price Index in order to better keep pace with inflation.

Chiasson suggested the county leverage strategic use of debt, internal borrowing, and revenue tools such as off-site levies as avenues to help stabilize their finances.

"We are around \$44 million to \$46 million in (debt) capacity that we still have, so there is quite a bit there, again, recognizing that some of these upcoming growth-related projects may also have substantial costs," he said. "It is just a matter of balancing and making a plan for how to utilize that capacity - unless you are federal, then it is unlimited."

Four tax revenue scenarios were presented before the committee to consider before the final budget returned before council.

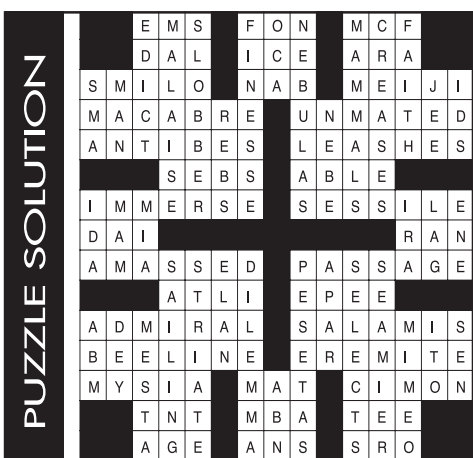
These included a 3.55 per cent increase, aligning with the municipal price index; 5.55 per cent, adding a dedicated two per cent infrastructure investment for reserves; 6.58 per cent, including the two previous notations, as well as an incremental step up for non-residential rates, aligning with the average of neighbouring municipalities; and an 8.58 per cent increase, being the most aggressive approach, maximizing revenue for reserve replenishment.

Among the county's greater considerations regarding expenditure are the ongoing discussions about bridge repair and replacement, boasting an anticipated replacement cost of \$181.5 million.

Though no voting took place on the budget during the meeting, as it was before the committee and not council, members leaned towards the more aggressive taxation approaches. The budget will return before council in a future meeting.

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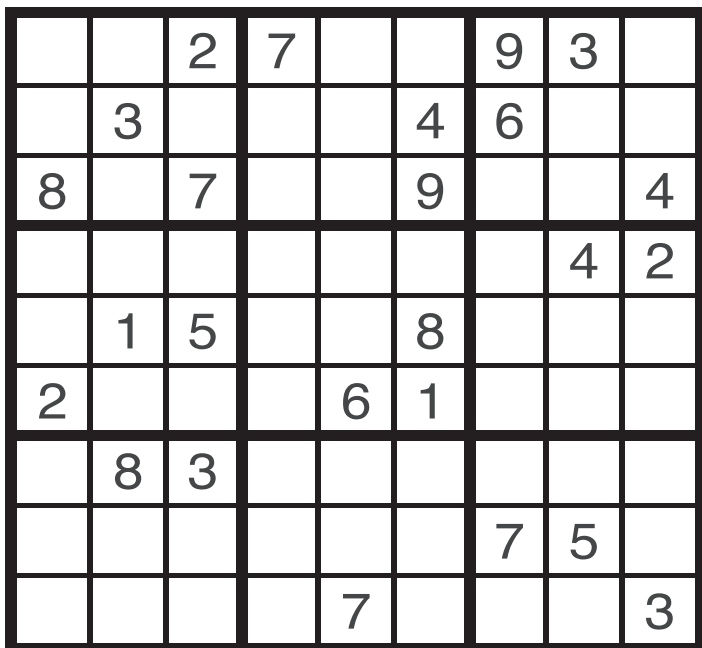


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# Robin Hood comes to stage

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

The Youth Theatre Company is preparing to take audiences on a playful and unconventional adventure with its upcoming production of *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*, a high-energy comedy filled with humour, familiar characters and unexpected twists sure to delight viewers of all ages.

Director Lynn Elkin said the group intentionally chose a show that would appeal to a wide audience, while offering something different from previous productions.

"We had just finished with *Willy Wonka*, and we're like, we want to do something that's fun, that's upbeat, that's a little different, and not a drama, but something that lets us be quite silly," said Elkin with a laugh. "One of the reviews I read said, 'Normally my wife doesn't like to come to the things that have younger people in them, but she laughed a lot.' And I thought, that's great, because that tells me that not just the younger folks would enjoy it, but all ages, and that's what we look for – is something that would really appeal to all ages and be fun for everybody."

While audiences may think they know the Robin Hood story, this version leans heavily into comedy and surprise.

"Oh, this is a slightly more farcical, a comedy, (with) lots of physical comedy in it. So that means big movements, big action," said Elkin.

She said the story gets a bit twisted, so things you might be expecting from other Robin Hood movies or books might not happen the way you think they will. Even the traditional archery contest gets a comedic makeover.

Elkin added that recognizable characters remain, but with playful spins.

"It's the cast of characters that people recognize, regardless of which version of Robin Hood they may have ever heard of. All those characters that you're expecting are there in their own unique way, but with a little bit of a fun twist that keeps things bopping along."

Rehearsals have focused heavily on movement and ensemble storytelling.

"Shows that don't have all the music and dance that come with the musical are quicker to rehearse. Our folks have been really good," said Elkin. "We rehearse 3 days a week now."

The production also includes a mix of returning performers and newcomers, something the company actively encourages.

"That's what we're really into, trying to grow all ages theatre in Strathmore. And that's sort of where we are going for the last few years."

Elkin said the returning cast members will often mentor the new actors which make the group really click and helps build lasting friendships.

Community support continues to play a major role in making productions possible.

"We have some great sponsors and if we go looking for something or ask for some help, we've got it," said Elkin. "People have been pretty good."

While the stage often draws the spotlight, Elkin noted the group is always looking for help behind the scenes.

"We're always a little short on backstage," she said, adding that if anyone is interested in getting involved, they can use the contact link on their website.

The show runs April 17-18, April 24-25 and May 1-2 with shows nightly at 7 p.m. Matinees are April 18-19, April 25-26 and May 2-3 at 2 p.m. at the Hope Community Covenant Church. Tickets can be purchased at the door but purchasing ahead is strongly recommended. More details can be

found on their website (youththeatre-company.ca).

The Youth Theatre Company is also preparing for future productions. *Shrek* is the next big performance with auditions finishing up at the end of June. Anyone interested in auditioning can find more information on their website.



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The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings celebrated the franchise's second most successful season with their annual banquet on April 2. Throughout the night, awards were distributed to players for outstanding performance both on and off the ice.

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# Kings celebrate franchise's second most successful season

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings capped off a successful season, April 2, celebrating their players and saying goodbye to those aging out with their annual awards banquet.

Cody Holdaway, the team's general manager, explained though they did not walk away with the championship this season, it was still among the best the team has ever had.

"There was still lots to celebrate. The team has had two of the best seasons in its franchise history back-to-back ... there were lots of milestones for our players, and we are always proud to celebrate another successful season of junior hockey," he said. "It was the second-best season in franchise history. Charlie Goll broke the franchise record for all time most assists, and he is committed to playing next year, so he has got a whole other season to pad that record."

Holdaway added for him, the other big takeaway is being able to make memories with the team being on the road travelling across the province together.

For two years in a row, the Kings have earned

themselves a first round bye come playoffs, and have been upset from that position, unable to proceed further.

"I think next year, we are going to be a force to be reckoned with. We have already started building for next year; we are back on the ice with our ID camp at the end of the month here," said Holdaway.

The ID skate will take place at the Chestermere Recreation Centre, scheduled for April 25-26, offering players a chance to showcase their skill and allow the Kings organization to begin evaluating potential new players for their roster.

On the flip side, the team is saying goodbye to four of its members who are aging out, including Josh Alberda, who accumulated five seasons with the Kings between playing as an underage, to his over-age season.

"It is pretty bittersweet – obviously it does not happen very often. We use the term 'ultra vet' because he is an ultra-veteran of our program and it is definitely special," said Holdaway. "When Josh came in, he was 16-17 years old, so in a sense we really watched Josh grow up and become a man in our organization, so that is pretty special."

He added for the players, the banquet was one last night to get together. Many of whom, he relayed, described the season as the most fun they had ever had playing hockey.

Never a moment to spare, Holdaway added several of the Kings roster have made mention of wanting to sign on for next year, confirmed the retention of their Head Coach, Doug Raycroft, as well as all of their assistant coaches.

Holdaway added during the banquet, it was announced that KIDCO Construction has donated another \$10,000 to the team to assist with their expenses next season.

This follows the previous \$10,000 donated last year which was utilized to renovate the Kings dressing rooms.

The award winners were as follows: Top Forward, Charlie Goll; *Strathmore Times* Player of the Year, Connor White; Most Defensive, Trey Kam; Top Defenseman, Devon Barody; Top Scorer, Luke Nottveit; King of the Year, Connor White; Most Improved, Evan McNair; Most Valuable Player, Luke Nottveit; Most Dedicated, Evan Dean; Rookie of the Year: William Lapohn.



## 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 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | ASB Meeting
- April 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
- April 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting

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

### ROSEBUD COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Wheatland County is hosting an open house to share information about several projects planned in Rosebud this summer. Residents are invited to attend, learn more about the upcoming work, ask questions, and share their feedback.

**Date:** April 21  
**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
**Location:** Rosebud Memorial Hall

**Projects include:**

- New pathway construction
- Watermain looping (Railway Ave. to Main St.)
- Paving of Severn Ave. and Comstock St.
- Sidewalk improvements
- Upgraded washroom facilities

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### Public Hearings

**Wheatland County Council Chambers May 5, 2026 at 9 a.m.**

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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

**Bylaw #:** 2026-02 (LU2026-001)

**Legal Description:** Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1411122, within NE-21-24-20-W4M

**Proposal:** To redesignate Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1411122, from AG District to IG District, in order to facilitate the development of a solar facility and data processing facility.

More information is available on the County's website via the following web address: [wheatlandcounty.ca/projects-under-review/](http://wheatlandcounty.ca/projects-under-review/)



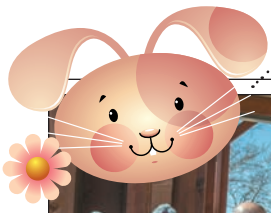
**Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1411122, within NE-21-24-20-W4M**

Proposal: To redesignate Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1411122, from Agricultural General (AG) District to Industrial General (IG) District, in order to facilitate the development of a solar facility and data processing facility.

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Land Use Redesignation File No.: LU2026-001  
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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 9 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.



## RCMP encourages seatbelt safety

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Last year, the Alberta RCMP issued 2,338 tickets due to seatbelt and restraint-related offences. The fine for not complying with occupant restraint laws was increased on March 13 from \$162 to \$211.

Follow these occupant restraint precautions to help stay safe on the road:

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- Ensure the lap belt is positioned low across your hips and the shoulder belt is always sitting across the centre

of your chest.

- Do not allow the seatbelt to become twisted. The width of the belt is required to spread the force from a collision across the body.

- Always use the seatbelts provided on off-road or recreational vehicles.

- Motorists are responsible for ensuring both themselves and passengers under the age of 16 years old are using proper occupant restraints.

“Buckling up, and ensuring other occupants are safely restrained, should be your first priority when entering your vehicle,” says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. “Breaking occupant restraint laws may not only cost a ticket but your life. While airbags offer protection in collisions, they are designed to supplement the safety features provided by seatbelts.”

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

## Easter hunt delights

The annual Easter Egg hunt, organized by RE/MAX Key and half a dozen local businesses, took place on April 4 in Kinsmen Park. To accommodate different age groups, the hunt was divided into two sections: one for children aged six and under, and another for those aged seven and up. The format allowed younger participants to search safely while older children enjoyed a more competitive experience. With more than three decades of history behind it, the Easter Egg Hunt continues to be a cherished community event, bringing together families each Easter weekend.

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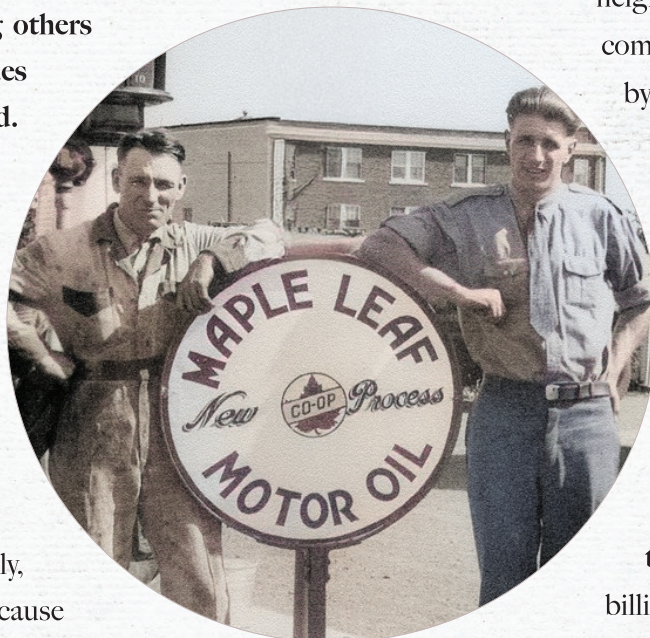
We aren't in the business of slushies and scratch tickets. What we do have is a network of petroleum agencies and cardlocks with a history that dates way back to the days of Charlie Chaplin and dancing the Charleston.



It was the roaring twenties and tractors were replacing horses on the farm. Fuel was in high demand, short supply and sold at an eye-watering premium by the Maple Leaf Oil and Refinery Company (which wasn't run by Canadians, by the way).

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the whole province. It was fuel for Canadian farmers, by Canadian farmers. And just in case anyone questioned that, we purchased Maple Leaf Petroleum, adopted its logo and flew the maple leaf eight years before Canada.



And that's not the only time we thought outside the fence line. We brought cardlock technology to Western Canada and today operate one of the largest networks in the region, all available 24/7/365 (we'd run 25/8/366 if they'd let us). We expanded into BC, and then into Saskatchewan. We're also the exclusive sellers of DieseleX® Gold, arguably one of the best straight-no-chaser diesel fuels around, helping producers run longer, stronger and over time, cheaper. And you can take that to the bank.

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# Improving Alberta's education system

CHANTELLE DE JONGE  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Our government is taking action to strengthen Alberta's education system, support local industries, and ensure our province continues to have strong, accountable systems in place. From keeping politics out of the classroom and preparing our province's future workforce, to backing Alberta-made products and improving management of immigration and housing, we are focused on what matters to families, workers, and communities across the province.

Education remains a top priority for our government, and we are taking steps to ensure classrooms are safe and focused on learning – not partisan politics. New legislation will make it clear that schools must be safe and respectful places where kids are taught how to think, not what to think. These changes strengthen accountability for school boards and make sure students are exposed to a wide range of views so they can form their own opinions. This legislation also helps protect teachers by addressing violence or aggression in schools and improving overall school safety.

Our government is also investing in the next generation of Alberta's workforce by preparing young people for careers in the skilled trades. A \$6 million investment over three years will support the launch of the Alberta Trades Discovery Centre, a first-of-its-kind initiative that gives junior high and high school students hands-on experience in trades before

they graduate. Opening in Calgary in fall 2026, the centre will help students explore career paths, build practical skills, and make informed decisions about their future. With more than 59,000 skilled trades workers needed in the coming decade, this investment helps make sure Alberta has the workforce required to grow our economy.

Support for Alberta businesses and agriculture also includes giving Alberta whisky the recognition it deserves on the world stage. New legislation defines what qualifies as "Alberta Whisky," ensuring it is made with Alberta water and locally sourced grains. This will help strengthen the province's agri-food sector, support distillers and farmers, and build a globally recognized brand that drives tourism, investment, and local economic growth.

As Alberta continues to grow, it is important people can trust how immigration is managed. New legislation will improve our province's control by requiring employers to register before using foreign worker programs and by strengthening rules for recruiters and immigration consultants. These changes will crack down on fraud and exploitation, protect vulnerable workers, and make sure immigration supports Alberta's workforce needs in a fair and transparent way.

Alberta's government is taking action to build more homes, strengthen local government, and

ensure accountability in communities across our province. New legislation will cut red tape, so housing approvals move faster, and municipal decisions are clearer and more transparent. These changes support fair property taxes, strengthen accountability for municipal leaders, and help communities deliver reliable local services. By simplifying rules and speeding up approvals, we are helping get more homes built and building greater trust in local government.

Building Alberta's future requires practical solutions and real results. And that's exactly what Alberta's government is delivering – for students, workers, and communities right across the province.

That commitment is delivering supports where it matters. I am pleased to share that the Rocky View Chestermere Agricultural Society has received \$64,973 through Alberta's Community Facility Enhancement Program to purchase bleachers for their events. This investment will support their outdoor community events while celebrating agricultural traditions.

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

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

## Town adjusts bylaw to adhere to province

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is implementing clerical changes to better align with current provincial legislation.

During the April 1 council meeting, all three readings of the new Designated Officer Bylaw were passed unanimously.

"On June 11 of last year, the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) was replaced with the Access to Information Act and administration has been updating bylaws to reflect this new ATIA language," said Veronica Anderson, legislative services officer. "The updated Designated Officer Bylaw does two things. It updates the definition section for ATIA, and it also incorporates the ATIA bylaw."

The adoption of the new bylaw repeals the previous iteration, which was passed May 21, 2025, as well as the previous ATIA bylaw, also passed last year.

With the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) repealed by the province as of June 11, 2025, the previous designated officer bylaw was no longer in alignment with current provincial legislation.

The repeal came shortly following a report by Alberta's Information and Privacy Commissioner, Diane McLeod, released a report alleging the province refused to process dozens of access requests by Alberta government public bodies.

McLeod, in the wake of the report, made several recommendations for the province to resolve the issues found and highlighted, expecting them to be taken into ac-

count in the passing of new legislation.

The province simultaneously introduced the new separated ATIA, and the Protection of Privacy Act (POPA), replacing FOIP in governing privacy standards within Alberta.

Clerically, references to FOIP have been removed throughout the town's new bylaw where applicable and have been replaced with the new ATIA language.

The Designated Officer Bylaw serves as a document establishing the position and functions of the position bearing the same title.

A Designated Officer for a given municipality is defined by several positions, including the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and aligns with the CAO Bylaw.

Additionally, the Director of Strategic, Administrative and Financial Services for the town is appointed as "Head" for the purpose of ATIA and POPA.

Other Designated Officer positions include the Community Protection Officer, and the Director of Community and Protective Services. The latter being directly supporting the duties and functions of the former.

Following Anderson's presentation, the town moved to passing the three readings of the new bylaw as presented by administration without further discussion or debate.

Bylaw updates such as these tend to be common in order for the town to be in compliance with contemporary provincial legislation, as governed by the Municipal Government Act.

The Previous FOIP Act had been in effect in Alberta since October 1995 and was the first access and privacy law to be initiated in Alberta.

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**“30 days or free” guarantee for passport processing**

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The “30 days or free” guarantee provides a clear and consistent standard for applicants, no matter how they apply. Most passport applications are processed within service standards, but applicants should be compensated when the government does not meet them.

This initiative is part of ongoing efforts to improve passport and travel document services and provide a more consistent and predictable experience for applicants.

rience for applicants.

“Canadians expect reliable services from their government,” The Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. “While most passports are processed within our service standards, our new refund policy reflects our commitment to maintaining excellence in our passport delivery system. As with all our services and programs, we’re focused on maximizing efficiency and making improvements that make a positive difference for people.”

Service standards for passport applications vary between 10 and 20 business days plus mailing time, depending on the type of Service Canada Centre they apply at, or if they apply at an embassy or consulate, or through the mail.

This policy does not apply to:

- some administrative services, such as replacement, transfer, or true certified copy fees, or to child refugee travel documents and child certificates of identity, as these are considered low in value under the Service Fees Act.
- urgent and express services, which have separate, shorter timelines; if those timelines are not met, fees are refunded under existing authorities.
- applications processed in exceptional circumstances that may impact operations.

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*Obituary*



**KENNEY, David Lucian**

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of David Lucian Kenney, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, and farmer, whose life was defined by a deep commitment to his family, hard work, love for the land, and joy in the simple pleasures of country life. David passed away peacefully on March 31st, 2026, at the age of 93.

David devoted his life to his large and loving family. He married Doris Dahm on March 26, 1971, becoming a father to six children. To complete their family, the seventh child, Sean, was born in 1972. David is survived by Doris, his wife of 55 years, his brother William (Billy), and seven children: Dale (Linda), Shelley (Rob), Tim (Launa), Rob, Patti (Dan), Lori (Brad), and Sean (Jacqueline).

His legacy continues to shine in the lives of his grandchildren, whose strength and character are a living reflection of the grandfather he was Owen (Kayla), Jared, Leah, Nathan (Brooke), Kurtis, Reece, Hailey (Spencer), Teia (Eric), Joely, Kaliana, Lucia, Jayla, Chloe, Kaden, and Spencer.

Born on December 18, 1932, in Calgary, Alberta, to Lucian and Luella Kenney, David grew up on the family farm in the Redland Valley with his older brother Billy. He attended Redland School until grade nine and finished high school in Rosebud.

In 1967, in celebration of Canada’s centennial, David rebuilt the historic Wishart cabin using logs from the original homestead of James and Eliza Wishart, the first settlers of the Rosebud Valley. The cabin still stands on the Kenney homestead and has been preserved in honour of the project so close to his heart.

David had a passion for the purebred cattle industry, beginning with Shorthorns and later developing a Limousin herd. He took pride in his cattle and in his Barbox cattle brand, which has become the namesake of the family farm. He spent many years participating in the Calgary Bull Sale and attending the Old Time Rangemen’s Dinner.

David was a lover of all things historical and was a natural storyteller. It was well known by family and community members that if you needed to know any fact, date, trivia, family tree, or historical event, he was the one to ask. He was also known for his jokes, witty comments, poems, puns, and words of wisdom.

David was committed to his community. He served as a councilor for Wheatland County, sat on the school board, and was a Freemason. He was also a supporter of 4-H and a charter member of the Rosebud Lions Club. He enjoyed curling for many years in Rockyford, and he also found great joy in snowmobiling, golfing, hunting, and fishing.

In 2003, David and Doris left the family farmhouse and moved into Rockyford, where he discovered new hobbies such as woodworking and gardening. He and Doris enjoyed many winters in Arizona, a time they looked forward to each year. Though no longer living on the farm, David was actively involved for many years, remaining hands-on with operations. He took his final ride in the combine on September 30th, 2025, the last day of a successful harvest.

David was deeply proud and grateful for the family he and Doris raised. Known as a man of honour and integrity, a true pioneer with a kind soul, he will be dearly missed. Goodbye, Grandpa. As you would say, “it’s time to hit the trail!”

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Drumheller Hospital and the Acute Care wing. We are grateful for the care and compassion shown toward David.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

**Wheatland Funeral Home**  
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*Obituary*



**STRAUB, Linda Darlene**

Linda Darlene Straub, known to family and friends as Linda, passed away in Calgary, Alberta, leaving behind a life marked by love, kindness, laughter, and devotion to the people and places she cherished most.

Born on January 26, 1948, in Olds, Alberta, Linda carried the values of hard work, family, and community throughout her life. She was a woman who met each season of life with grace and warmth, and she will be remembered for the gentle way she cared for others and the steady presence she brought to every room she entered.

Linda shared a lifetime of love with her husband, Clinton Straub. Together, they built a family and a life rooted in commitment, shared memories, and the comfort of being surrounded by those they loved. She was a proud mother to her daughter Denise Straub, and to her daughter Shauna Muenchrath and husband Rodney Muenchrath. She was a devoted grandmother to Charly Doyle and husband Andrew Doyle, and to Cooper Muenchrath and grand cat pumpkin. She also held close to her, sister Patricia Toone and family, her brother Jim Rankin and family, her sister-in-law Gale Straub, and brother-in-law Clifford Straub and family. Her family was the center of her world, and she found great joy in the bonds they shared.

Linda was a hardworking and valued part of the family business as Joint Owner and Bookkeeper for Rota Mach Specialties. She approached her work with dedication and responsibility, contributing her time and talents with quiet strength. She was also deeply connected to the family-owned alpaca farm, Windy Ridge Alpacas, where her care and involvement reflected the same love and attention she gave to all parts of her life. The farm was more than a place of work. It was a place of family, pride, and cherished memories. In her younger years, Linda loved spending time at the Stoney Creek fishing with her parents. Those early days helped shape her appreciation for simple pleasures and peaceful moments. Throughout her life, she continued to enjoy camping, gardening, and visiting with friends and family. She especially loved spending time at the family cabin in Montana, where she could relax and enjoy the beauty of the surroundings. She also treasured her time at the family farm, where she delighted in the birds, squirrels, and other wildlife that shared the land with her. These moments brought her joy and reflected her deep appreciation for the natural world.

Linda was loving, kind, and funny. She had a way of making others feel welcome and at ease, and her sense of humor added light to the lives of those around her. She was the kind of person whose presence could be felt in the warmth of a conversation, the comfort of a shared meal, or the laughter that followed a fond memory. Her family and friends will remember her for the love she gave so freely and for the many ways she made life brighter.

Those who knew Linda will remember her as a woman of strength and tenderness, someone who gave generously of herself and who valued the people in her life above all else. Her legacy lives on in the family she loved, the memories she created, and the example she set through a life lived with care, devotion, and heart.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

As per her wishes there will be no funeral to follow only a private family celebration of life. In lieu of flowers please send a donation to your favourite charity in her honour.

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**Upcoming Council Meetings**

April 8, 2026 | 6 p.m.  
 April 15, 2026 | 6 p.m.  
 May 6, 2026 | 6 p.m.

Committee of the Whole  
 Regular Meeting of Council  
 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.

**Heavy trash? We got ya covered.**

**Heavy Item Garbage Returning.**

Heavy Item Garbage (HIG) collection returns the week of April 13 to 17. 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 13 and affix with an HIG sticker. Stickers are available for free at the Strathmore Municipal Building but must be picked up prior to April 13th. HIG stickers will not be handed out the week of HIG.

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

**Many hands make light work.**

**Pitch-In Week**

Pitch-In week returns April 28 - May 4, kicking off with one big Community Cleanup on April 30, 2026. This is an excellent opportunity for residents, students, and community groups to come together and beautify our community. Coffee and donuts will be provided to volunteers.

Sign-up individually, with your family, or clean-up group. For registration and more information, check out our website, [Strathmore.ca/PitchInWeek2026](http://Strathmore.ca/PitchInWeek2026)

**Enjoy our storm ponds safely.**

**Storm pond safety.**

Storm ponds play an important role in protecting our homes and neighbourhoods. They help prevent flooding by managing heavy rainfall and slowly releasing water back into the environment. As water moves across streets and properties, it collects sediment, pollutants, and debris — storm ponds help filter this before it reaches our rivers and streams.

While Strathmore is home to many storm ponds, only Kinsmen Lake and Strathmore Lakes permit recreational use such as fishing, canoeing, or skating. For your safety, please avoid any activity on or near other storm ponds. These ponds can be deeper than they appear, with water levels that rise and move quickly — and they often contain contaminants like fertilizers, pesticides, and animal waste.

Visit our website, [Strathmore.ca/StormWater](http://Strathmore.ca/StormWater), for more information.

**Your trash, someone's treasure.**

**Trash to Treasure Returning.**

Trash to Treasure (TTT) Days is back for April 9 to 12. This is a great time to let your unwanted items become someone else's beloved items prior to the Heavy Item Garbage collection.

**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.

For more information, visit [Strathmore.ca/WasteCollection](http://Strathmore.ca/WasteCollection)

**We all need a little help sometimes.**

**Seniors & Residents Tax Support.**

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

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

**Join the team.**

**We're hiring!**

Are you looking for a new opportunity? The Town of Strathmore is hiring! We're on the lookout for multiple Seasonal Parks Operators.

If you have a passion for hands-on work and enjoy being outside, consider joining the team this summer. Your efforts will help maintain outdoor amenities across the community and make Strathmore a beautiful and enjoyable place for all who live and visit.

Check out [Strathmore.ca/Careers](http://Strathmore.ca/Careers) for more information and discover your bright future with the Town of Strathmore.



**Notice of Public Hearing.**

**April 15, 2026 at 6 p.m.**

**Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 25-27 Lakewood Phase 2**

Please be advised that the Town of Strathmore has received a Land Use Bylaw Amendment application impacting Phase 2 of the Lakewood Community. The Developer has indicated to the Planning Department that there is demand for secondary suites, garage suites, and 1.2 m side yard setbacks in Lakewood.

The three proposed amendments include:

- **Adding "Secondary Suite" as a permitted use** for 42 serviced, but undeveloped lots, located in Phase 2B. The 42 lots are currently designated R2X - Medium Density Attached Residential District (R2X). (Applicable to the lands legally known as: Lots 49-92 inclusive, Block 4, Plan 251 1341.)
- **Adding "Garage Suite" as a permitted use** for 34 laned lots located in Phase 2B and 6 laned lots located in Phase 2A (totaling 40 lots). The lots are currently designated R2 - Low Density Residential District (R2) and R1N - Single Detached Residential (Narrow Lot) District (R1N). (Applicable to the lands legally known as: Lots 1-17 inclusive, Block 8, Plan 251 1341, Lots 19- 35 inclusive, Block 8, Plan 251 1341, and Lots 24-29 inclusive, Block 2, Plan 231 1718.)
- **Reducing the side yard setback requirement from 1.5m to 1.2m** for 33 future R1N lots in Phase 2C. (The legal addresses impacted are: Portion of NW 22-25-25 W4M.)

**Public Hearing Process**

A copy of the proposed Bylaw may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB), or can be found on the Town website, [Strathmore.ca/PublicHearings](http://Strathmore.ca/PublicHearings) Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**, commencing at 7:00 p.m. with procedures in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw No. 23-17 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Legislative Services at [LSAdmin@strathmore.ca](mailto:LSAdmin@strathmore.ca) by **12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 25, 2026**, in order to register to present.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Planning and Development Department prior to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, as outlined in Bylaw No. 23-17 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within five minutes.

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

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

**Stage 4 water restrictions lifted.**

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