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Suite petition

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A Strathmore resident concerned about the new garden suites bylaw in Strathmore has been running a petition aiming to see the bylaw repealed by council.

Bylaw 24-14, being the Garden Suites Bylaw, passed third reading in council, July 3, which allows for developments of garden and garage suites in an effort to increase the availability of affordable housing within the Town.

"The reason I decided to start my petition is because I felt that people did not really know that this had been passed, and I had a really strong feeling that not just my neighborhood, but the entirety of Strathmore was going to be densified, and it would actually transform this town quite drastically," said Claude Brown, who is spearheading the petition. "The conversation that I am having, they are quite open and I am not against people's opinions; some people are in favour of the bylaw ... but I have over 500 signatures and I would say that 85 to 90 per cent of the people who I have managed to speak with at their homes actually signed the petition."

Brown has been canvasing the town door to door since he was able to launch his current petition. Largely going by himself, he explained he has been able to cover an estimated less than 20 per cent of the town.

Similarly, he has also been experiencing difficulties catching people at their homes, as many will be away either at work or on vacations.

"Typically, I have been going out pretty much every evening after work until about 8 p.m. or so, and that is when I would quit because some people are tucking in for bed. On weekends, whenever I can, pretty much the whole day, so 10 a.m. until about 8 p.m. those days as well," said Brown.

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Bulls shine

It was a rough night at the office for riders during the Wheatland Charity Bullarama on Aug. 24 at the Wilson Rodeo Grounds. While most riders couldn't hold on for the full eight seconds, the real winner was Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation, who received money from the funds raised during the event's 50/50 raffle. See Page 9 for more bull riding coverage.

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Canadian culture

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The Strathmore Family Community Support Services hosted a Hockey and Canadian Culture Event on Aug. 23 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Eryn Wahl, from Rockyview Immigrant Services, facilitated a fun class on Canadian culture, while the Wheatland Kings taught the hockey portion of the event.

FCSS to host cultural fashion show

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) are hosting a cultural fashion show to showcase and highlight as many cultures as possible that are represented within Strathmore.

"What we are trying to do is promote to the community, cultural fashion with folks living in town who are representing their culture," said Budd Brazier, manager of the Strathmore FCSS. "We are going to have a little bit of Filipino culture, we are going to have Jamaican culture, we are hoping to have Indian culture, Indigenous culture, and so we have a few of those in the different traditional dresses around their

cultures. We are also trying to get some Ukrainian culture, as we have had a few newcomers from Ukraine."

As of Aug. 23, Strathmore FCSS had recruited representatives from a total of eight different cultures to participate in the fashion show.

The idea to host a fashion show came in the wake of a grant program operated through the FCSS called the Settlement Integration Language Project (SILP) with an operating theme being "Connected by Culture."

"We have done numerous events over the course of the last 10 months, everything from a cricket event, to promoting Indian culture, to a coffee event to represent Brazilians living in our community," said Brazier. "We are just trying to represent who is living in our community, and promote their food, promote their culture, promote their dress and just bring the community together - bring awareness around different cultures that are currently living in the Town of Strathmore."

Brazier explained the Connected by Culture theme is a first for hosting events within the town, based on the grant work that FCSS is conducting.

He added the team is currently able to flexibly work outside of their typical FCSS mandates that are provided to them by the provincial government.

"(Community support) has been a wide range, and everything from a couple of events where ... eight to 10 community members would come out to attend, up to we had a great one at the Legion that had close to 50 folks come out," said Brazier. "Depending on the level of interest and what we are trying to promote, it has been a little bit of a struggle for some Connected by Culture events, to others that have been well received and have had great attendance.'

The fashion show is scheduled to take place on Aug. 30, at the Civic Centre, running from 6 to 8 p.m. It is a ticketed event so as to cover the overhead expenses of paying models, and the production of a short video.

More information regarding the show, as well as tickets are available online or at the FCSS office within the municipal building.



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Lucky horseshoes

The Strathmore Horseshoe Club hosted their first sanctioned tournaments on Aug. 24 and 25. The provincial event consisted of two one-day tournaments, with roughly 20 competitors in attendance. The event also featured a silent auction with several

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Chamber of Commerce discusses local business promotions

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore & Wheatland County Chamber of Commerce presented before the Wheatland County Public Presentation Committee, during the Aug. 20 meeting, discussing avenues to promote local businesses.

"We are looking for ways to promote these local businesses through a variety of different events we host throughout the year, and through our social media engagement," said Michelle Bissett, chair of the Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce. "The funds we receive from Wheatland County goes towards helping to pay funds for any costs associated with the events, and to pay for our subscription costs for our social media."

Bissett explained the chamber is host to a variety of public events throughout a given year, now most recently having been the Strathmore Parade, which saw its largest ever vendor turnout.

The next upcoming event through the Chamber of Commerce is the trade show, scheduled to take place Sept. 14.

"Historically, we have had representation from Wheatland County businesses at this event, and we are expecting many to register again this year," said Bissett. "The business excellence awards will be taking place on Oct. 25. This event had previously been held in January over the previous years; however, we moved the date of the event this last year to better align with Small Business Week."

Bissett explained the chamber feels strongly that it is the opportune time to host the event in October, factoring in weather conditions, and to gain the support of the preestablished Small Business Week occasion.

Additionally detailed in Bissett's presentation to the committee, she described the Chamber of Commerce to release a monthly newsletter, distributed amongst chamber member businesses.

"This newsletter gives highlights of upcoming chamber-sponsored events, monthly marketing tips, member spotlights, and it links specifically to Wheatland County for updates including a business directory, the business and community profile link, and the Invest in Wheatland website link," said Bissett.

"Another event that we host is our monthly coffee connections. These are hosted at different businesses on the third Wednesday of every month. This event has been ongoing for the last year, and while each one over the last year has been a business in Strathmore, we do have one upcoming that will be a Wheatland County business."

These coffee connection events are open to any business which desires to host, and any member of the public is also welcome to attend.

More information regarding Bissett's report to the Public Presentation Committee is available via the Wheatland County meeting minutes posted to their YouTube channel.





Looking for a healthy snack? Having a couple of ounces of nuts daily is a good choice. Nuts are high in calories due to their unsaturated fat content but which is good for the heart. And eating nuts will not gain weight. In fact, the protein, fibre and fat in the nuts can reduce appetite.

People who add weight-training (also called resistance exercise) to their exercise regimens can enjoy a reduction in their blood pressure. Those who used weight-training at least twice a week can see this result after at leasts 8 weeks. If you are new to weight-training, start with lighter weights and work up.

Those with constipation problems may remember their mother's remedy.... prunes. Prunes contain both soluble and insoluble fibre as well a the natural sugar, sorbitol which draws water into the colon. Soluble fibre forms a gel with that water making the stool softer and easier to pass. Prune juice doesn't contain any fibre so doesn't work as well as prunes.

Children's liquid medications doses are being changed to increase accuracy. It used to be that "teaspoonsful" was the measure used but teaspoon size varies with the design of the spoon. The metric system of dosing is much more accurate. Pharmacists have metric-calibrated measuring devices like oral syringes. If your child's liquid medication doesn't come with one, ask for it.







First sanctioned (Alberta Horseshoe Pitching Association- AHPA) horseshoe tournament hosted by the Strathmore Cottonwood Courts Horseshoe Pitching Club was held this past weekend (August 24 and 25). There were 20 participants from Central and Southern Alberta. Thanks to our generous sponsors, the weekend was a big success.



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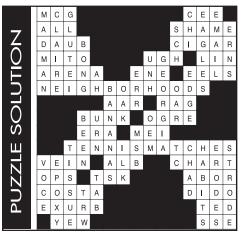
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Tough start

The Strathmore Spartans high school football team started the season on the wrong foot with a 35-0 loss at home to Central Catholic on Aug. 24. The Spartans will look for a win when they hit the road to take on Cardston on Aug. 31. Their next home game is Sept. 6 when they host Chestermere. Joe Lepage Photos

Police increase reward for information regarding Rocky View County murder suspect

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The RCMP has authorized a reward of up to \$10,000 for information which would help in leading to the arrest of Elijah Strawberry, who remains at large following the murder of Colin Hough on Aug. 6.

A reward of \$2,000 had previously been made available, which was disclosed by police, Aug. 16. This was updated as of Aug. 23.

Alberta RCMP are now in coordination with British Columbia and Saskatchewan RCMP, along with members of the Edmonton and Calgary Police Services, Lethbridge Police Service, Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams, and the provincial Sheriffs.

Upon Strawberry's arrest, the determination of the entitlement of the reward will be made by the RCMP commanding officer, in his sole discretion. The decision will be final, binding, and not reviewable by a Court of Law.

Only persons who come forward with information which

is received by the RCMP or other legitimate law enforcement agency involved in the investigation between Aug. 23 and 30 will be considered for a reward.

Crime Stoppers is still available for tips and is offering a \$2,000 reward.

Any person or persons who have information connected to Strawberry are being asked to communicate with Strathmore RCMP immediately.

To anyone who may observe Strawberry, he is considered to be armed and dangerous, and should not be approached. Instead, the public are advised to call 911 immediately if he is seen.

Strawberry is described as being 6-feet, 1-inch tall, approximately 169 pounds, has several arm and face tattoos, and brown hair.

More information regarding the investigation will be released at the discretion of the RCMP.

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Strathmore resident opens petition to repeal garden suite bylaw

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"You have 60 days from the time of the passing of the bylaw to start a petition and finish one. I do not know when I get to present to council, but I do know that my 60-day period will expire at the end of (August)."

Brown explained he will be wrapping up his petition and handing it in to town administration on Aug. 30, just before the final deadline in order to give himself as much time as possible to collect signatures and support.

As an alternative to the bylaw, Brown suggested the town look at developing a new neighborhood in an area that has yet to see such construction. This would allow for targeted developments, and tailored infrastructure instead of increasing density in existing neighborhoods.

"It could be a neighborhood with a couple of apartment buildings, it could be a neighborhood of a few townhomes, but designed so that it is not going to create congestion," he said.

Concerns stemming from increased density, Brown explained, range from a lack of fire hydrant water pressure, to limited access to parking and traffic congestion on ill-equipped roadways.

Cyanobacteria advisories in place over Eagle Lake and Severn Dam Reservoir

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Cyanobacteria advisories have been put in place for Eagle Lake and the Severn Dam Reservoir as of Aug. 21, and 22, respectively.

Those who live around the water bodies, as well as those who may be visiting, are advised to avoid all contact with the cyanobacterial blooms, to not swim or wade in the affected waters, to not allow pets to swim, and to avoid consuming fish or fish trimmings from the affected bodies.

Visitors and residents are advised to not drink or cook with affected water, as boiling will not purge cyanotoxins created by the cyanobacteria from the water.

When blue-green algae blooms are detected, either visibly or through water testing, it presents a risk to human health because of the release of toxins from the bacteria," said Joshua Jones, a senior public health resident physician with Alberta Health Services. "Cyanobacteria, otherwise known as blue-green algae, produces a toxin known as cyanotoxin, and the health risks it presents is that with contact either with people swimming or wading into it, they can develop skin irritation, rash, sore eyes, sore throat, swollen lips, and the risk of consuming it is that it can lead to nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever."

Cyanobacteria is naturally occurring and often develops when weather conditions are calm, with ample available light and heat over a water body. It can appear like scum, grass clippings, fuzz, or globs on the surface of a water body.

In addition to avoiding direct contact with the cyanobacteria, residents and visitors are advised to not water edible plants with contaminated wa-

Waters of Eagle Lake and the Severn Dam Reservoir in which the cyanobacteria bloom is not visible may still be used for recreational purposes even while the health advisories are in place.

Residents and visitors are advised that weather and wind conditions may cause algae blooms to move from one location to another, thus the health advisories will be in place until further notice.

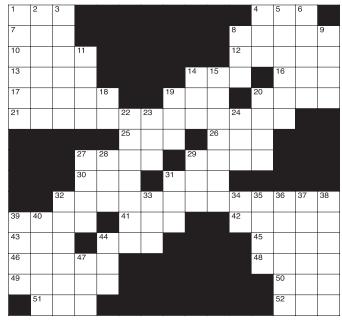
As weather conditions cool and darken, the algae will eventually die off and the advisories will be lifted.

For those who come into contact with cyanobacteria, Alberta Health Services advises to rinse skin with clean water as soon as possible.

Agricultural operators are also advised to not allow livestock to come into contact with or to consume contaminated water, as it could cause sickness or fatality to animals.

Those who suspect problems related to cyanobacteria or who are experiencing symptoms caused by the algae are advised to call Health Link immediately at 811. Additional information has also been made available online through the Alberta Health Services website.

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- 14. Yuck!
- 16. NBA sensation Jeremy
- 17. Where some rockers work
- 19. Midway between northeast and east
- 20. Snake-like fishes
- 21. Groups of homes
- 25. Swiss river 26. Useful towel
- 27. "The Wire" character "Moreland"

- 29. Oafish creature
- 30. A major division of geological
- 31. Bird-like Chinese dinosaur
- 32. Sporting events
- 39. Body part
- 41. Clerical vestment
- 42. Shows data
- 43. Some are "special"
- 44. Expression of disappointment 45. Students' rights document (abbr.)
- 46. Vacation locale Costa
- 48. Pop singer
- 49. Distract outside a city
- 50. Mark Wahlberg comedy
- 51. Coniferous tree
- 52. Midway between south and southeast

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- 4. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 5. Popular 70s rockers
- 6. Electronic communication
- 8. Trigraph
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- 14. Northeastern US university

11. Low-pitched, resonant sound

- 15. Home of the Bulldogs
- 18. Exclamation of surprise
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Advantage
- 22. Monkeys love them

- 23. Wood
- 24. Paddle
- 27. Past participle of be
- 28. Tall, rounded vase
- 29. Device manufacturers
- 31. Financial institution (abbr.)
- 32. Paper product
- 33. A type
- 34. Atomic #43
- 35. Red Hot Chili Peppers' drummer
- 36. Behaviors
- 37. Decays
- 38. Walked confidently 39. Voice (Italian)
- 40. Class of adhesives
- 44. Bar bill
- 47. One-time aerospace firm

Community Futures Wild Rose presents regional workforce development study

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Community Futures Wild Rose presented a regional workforce development study to the Wheatland County Public Presentation Committee during the Aug. 20 meeting.

The workforce development study was prepared for Community Futures Wild Rose in partnership with Wheatland County, the Town of Strathmore, Kneehill County, Prospect Human Services, and the Government of Alberta.

Chantale Sangster, executive director for Community Futures Wild Rose, presented the study before the committee.

"The Community Futures Wild Rose region's businesses are currently experiencing significant labour shortages, which is of critical concern for the regional economy and community well-being," she said. "Several substantial investments are on the horizon including projects by Phytokana (formerly Phyto Organics), CGC, and (the) De Haviland aircraft facility. These investments are expected to generate over 3,000 new jobs in the region, which, while promising for economic growth, will place additional strain on an already tight labour

market." Sangster explained in response to the ongoing labour challenges, Community Futures Wild Rose initiated a regional workforce development project.

The primary goals of the project being to evaluate the current labour dynamics within the region, to gain a comprehensive understanding of the challenges faced by employers and workers, and to develop strategies aimed at effectively meeting

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both current and future labour demands.

'This study was crucial for ensuring that our region can adapt to and thrive amidst these challenges by understanding the labour market dynamics and addressing the needs of both employers and workers," she said. "We aim to create a resilient and sustainable workforce that can support the region's economic growth."

Presented in the study, it was indicated that the labour market within the Community Futures Wild Rose region is struggling with many of the same challenges common across Canada, though there are some instances unique to the local region.

GDP growth in the region was shown to have been sluggish since 2015, as the local region struggled with the economic hardships which took place in 2015, and in 2020-2021.

Agriculture and oil and gas sectors are anticipated to see a decrease in labour demand in the coming years, while construction is expected to see significant increases in demand. "The economic growth in our region has been

significantly influenced by key sectors including agriculture, oil and gas, construction, and real estate," said Sangster. "These sectors are critical to our GDP, but they have faced various challenges that have slowed overall growth. One of the most pressing issues is the shortage of both skilled and general workers. This shortage is impacting the productivity and the ability to complete projects on time."

More information regarding the survey is publicly available through the Public Presentation Committee's Aug. 20 meeting agenda.

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FCSS to host barbeque fundraiser for United Way

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Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) will be hosting a family-friendly barbeque and movie night in September, also raising donations for United Way in the process.

Members of the community are invited to come out and enjoy a barbeque, leading up to a showing of Disney's Elemental in Kinsmen Park.

"We wanted to do a movie night and that was sort of the primary focus, and then as the ideas started coming from staff, we tagged on social agencies that would like to come out and provide their information as vendors to piggyback along with the barbeque," said Budd Brazier, manager of the Strathmore FCSS. "We will have some vendors in the immediate area promoting services such as mental health, Community Futures, True North, FCSS, and then of course, that could lead into a nice barbeque by donation and hopefully feed many families within town for a reasonable rate."

The event is being hosted as regular FCSS business as opposed to through any specific grant. Brazier explained one of the goals of such events is to raise awareness within the community about what services are available to residents, both through the FCSS, as well as other resources.

Hosting a barbeque and movie night was an idea to have a very family-friendly opportunity for folks within the community to come out, enjoy an evening in the park, and have an opportunity to be exposed to available services within the town.

"We are hoping for about 500 folks in total ... it is all free, and if you choose to donate for your food, those donations will be applied to United Way," Brazier added. "This would be a great annual event, especially what we are thinking in terms of time. September is usually quite nice, it gets dark a little earlier so we could start the movie a little earlier than in the summer months."

The Town of Strathmore maintains an agreement with United Way in Calgary to receive donations equating to approximately \$44,000 annually, according to Brazier, and part of the agreement is to host a fundraiser to give back to United Way once a year.

"They trust us to provide funds to social agencies through an application process ... so we are just trying to honour our agreement with the United Way ... and also to promote that application process to our social agencies," said Brazier.

More information about the barbeque and movie night is available online at the Town of Strathmore website, as well as in person at the FCSS office in the municipal building.





Upcoming Meetings

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

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Wheatland County invites applications for membership on the Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) with appointment to commence November 01, 2024. One representative from each of Electoral Division will be appointed. The Community Enhancement Regional Board consists of two members from each Electoral Division, appointed by Wheatland County Council. Membership on the CERB is appointed for a two-year term with alternating expiry dates. The Community Enhancement Regional Board meets three times every spring to evaluate applications and decide on the allocation of Community Enhancement Funding to Wheatland County community groups.

Application Deadline: September 30

For more information, or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Jessica Salmon at 403-361-2021 or via email at

jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca.





Upcoming Council Meetings

September 4, 2024 | 6 p.m. September 11, 2024 | 6 p.m. September 18, 2024 | 6 p.m.

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.

Aquatic Centre Update

Annual Maintenance Shut Down

Every fall, the Strathmore Aquatic Centre shuts down for a few weeks to perform annual maintenance. During the water restrictions this past summer, the Town was able to complete some high-priority repairs and shaved two weeks off our anticipated pool closure this fall. The Aquatic Centre will be closed August 31st to the end of September for the following maintenance:

- Tile and grout repair.
- Pipe replacement and repair.
- Drain grate replacement.
- Cleaning.

Lots goes into making the pool a safe and clean place. Keep an eye out for progress updates throughout the closure!



Calgary Watermain Repair

Water Restrictions *Update*



The City of Calgary announced plans to undertake urgent short-term repairs on the Bearspaw South feeder main starting August 26. These repairs are essential to maintain the stability of Calgary's and our water supply and mitigate the risk of unexpected failures, particularly as winter approaches. To facilitate this, the South Bearspaw South Feeder Main will need to be shut down. The repairs will take place between August 26 until approximately the end of September. During that time, Calgary will be returning to Stage 4 Outdoor Water Restrictions.

What does this mean for us?

As Strathmore's water supply comes from Calgary, the Town is doing the same as Calgary. Strathmore is currently at Stage 1 Water Restrictions. Starting August 26, Strathmore will be moving to Stage 4 Water Restrictions.

For more information on how water restrictions impact you, please visit **Strathmore.ca/Water.**

Celebrate Alberta Day

Sunday, September 1, 2024

- Kids Train with Lil' Toots
- Free Ice Cream (with Foothills Creamery)
- Small Blue Pickup Photo Booth
- Newspaper Handouts from Heritage Park
- Lake Fishing (with Ducks Unlimited)
- Petting Zoo
- Vendors
- Food Trucks
- Yard Games
- Live Music

Learn more at Strathmore.ca/AlbertaDay



Have a say in new landscaping.

Maplewood Utility Project.

In May, we bid a fond farewell to the aging trees alongside Maplewood Drive, as they had reached the end of their lifespan. This was necessary to prepare for critical infrastructure work set to take place in 2025. As part of the Town's Master Water Servicing Study and the upcoming closure of the Brentwood Resevoir, the Town will be connecting new watermains along Centennial Drive and upgrading the existing watermain on Maplewood Drive. These improvements are designed to increase waterline capacity, ensure that we maintain our current service levels and provide adequate fire flows.

As we move forward, we're excited to begin planning new greenery and residents will soon have the opportunity to actively participate in the landscape design process. Keep your eyes on the Town's Facebook page or Strathmore Times ad for more information coming soon.



September 16 to 20, 2024.

Heavy Item Garbage (HIG) is coming.

HIG collection offers residents the opportunity to dispose of large residential waste. Occuring the 3rd week of April and September, HIG is a service 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. There is no fee associated with the tags and households are limited to 5 items per collection.

Trash to Treasure: September 12 to 15, 2024

Heavy Item Garbage: September 16 to 20, 2024

(last day to pickup HIG tags is September 13, 2024. All items must be placed out by 7 a.m. on September 16 to ensure pick-up.)

For more information on HIG or trash to treasure, visit **Strathmore.ca/HIG.**

Join the conversation.

Recreation and Culture Needs Assessment.

The Town is launching a Recreation and Culture Needs Assessment to update our understanding of community needs. This assessment will support the 2019 Recreation and Culture Master Plan by engaging the public and key stakeholders, comparing similar communities and analyzing current recreation trends in the Province and Canada.

This will help prioritize Strathmore's present and future recreation and cultural needs, ensuring resources are properly allocated based on factors like accessibility, social inclusion, financial impacts, and economic benefics. We'll soon seek your input to balance the passion of organized user grounds with the broader community sentiments, as recreation and culture services benefit everyone. Stay tuned for more information on how you can help.

Volunteer on a Town board or committee.

Bored? Join a board.

Applications are now open for public positions on the Town's boards and committees. These groups play an important role in our Town's decision-making, offering essential perspecties and recommendations on civic issues that matter to all Strathmore residents. From the Culture and Wellbeing Task Force to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, these roles offer a unique opportunity to contribute to your community.

Learn more at Strathmore.ca/Boards

Citizen Satisfaction Survey

We want to hear from you

Available until September 6, 2024 https://strathmore.ca/spcs2024/









Please Join Us For This Sanctuary Series
Begins: Wednesday, September 11th @ 7:00 pm
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CTR Schools welcome students back for academic year

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Classes have officially resumed for the academic year at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools (CTR), as students were welcomed back as of Aug. 28 in the majority of division schools.

Christ the Redeemer announced that this is the final academic year of their currently operating Four-Year Educational Plan, which aims to enhance the educational experience for their stu-

The plan was explained to maintain a focus on academic excellence, healthy schools, and on the Catholic faith.

"We really are focusing on student success - obviously, that is our mandate, but within Christ the Redeemer schools, we have such a strong academic focus and results. We are above provincial in all of our assurance areas that are required by the government, and we really do put all of our resources to the greatest extent back into classrooms," said Andrea Holowka, superintendent of schools for Christ the Redeemer.

As their mandate states, the "faith" aspect of the plan is entering the second of three planned years in the theme of "Faith Seeking Understanding," and schools are aligning their faith plans with a focus on strengthening family-school-parish connections.

Maintaining their priorities towards academic excellence, Christ the Redeemer schools will be conducting their annual data reviews in November,

during which school administrations will dive into school results. Teachers also continue to be observed and supported through Teacher Growth Supervision and Evaluation.

"Healthy Schools" refers to what is being described as serving the holistic needs of students and staff. The division plans to implement recommendations from recent reviews in career and technology counselling.

"When we think about our school communities, we really have continued to focus on the needs of our students both academically, socially and spiritually, and then making sure that our teachers are well equipped to support that," said Holowka. "Some of what that looks like in our Strathmore schools is a real focus on early literacy and numeracy at the elementary level."

In Strathmore, Sacred Heart Academy Scheduled a Meet your Teacher day, Aug. 30, and an opening mass to be held on Sept. 6 at the newly completed Sacred Heart Parish.

Holy Cross Collegiate scheduled an opening mass on Sept. 12 with both parents of students and the public being welcome to attend.

Parents and students within the Christ the Redeemer division are invited to stay connected through the division's website and social media channels.

Registration has not yet closed for any families who may still be interested in having their child attend a Christ the Redeemer school. More information is available online via the school division's website.



Notice of hearing Nova Solar Power Connection Project

Nova Solar G.P. Inc. has filed an application for transmission development in Wheatland County

Proceeding 28876 Application 28876-A001

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the application and submissions received to consider the electric transmission development application in Proceeding 28876.

Initial participation submissions are due September 13, 2024. Written evidence is due on October 18, 2024.

Nova Solar G.P. Inc. has applied to construct and temporarily operate a new eightkilometre-long, 240-kilovolt transmission line, to be designated as Transmission Line 927AL, near the town of Carseland. The new transmission line would connect the approved Nova Solar Power Plant to the Alberta Interconnected Electric System through Nova Solar's approved Nova 1005S Substation.

The map included with this notice identifies the applied-for routes by Nova Solar, which include a preferred route, a preferred-variant route and an alternate route, all of which will be considered in this proceeding. The Commission may approve any of

Additional information about the application

The application and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website www.auc.ab.ca. Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application, please contact:

Nova Solar G.P. Inc. Matt Whiteman Phone: 438-266-1934

Email: matt.whiteman@res-group.com

Participant information session

The AUC holds information sessions to provide information about how to have your say and become involved in its proceedings. The AUC is prepared to provide a telephone or virtual session about options for participating in this proceeding and the local intervener funding that may be available to you to support your participation, if required by individuals or groups interested in this proceeding. Please contact the lead application officer, Mohib Khan at 403-592-4416 or email mohib.khan@auc.ab.ca by **September 10, 2024**, if you want to participate in an information session.

For more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under "Get involved.

Statements of intent to participate

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 28876, and register to participate under the "registered parties" tab. For guidance on how to use the eFiling System, please visit www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling. Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or info@auc.ab.ca for more information or assistance with filing your submission. Statements of intent to participate are due by **September 13, 2024**

The AUC may make its decision without further notice or process if no written

Privacy

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available to anyone registered in this proceeding. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.

Further information about the hearing will be announced through the AUC's eFiling System and website.

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by October 18, 2024, and be present at the commencement of the hearing.



Participating in the hearing

If you intend to present evidence at the hearing, you must submit your written evidence by October 18, 2024, and be present at the commencement of the hearing. Your written evidence should include your statement about your intended level of participation, including whether you or your representative will:

- Attend the hearing.
- Cross-examine any of the applicant's witness panels.

Written evidence can be reports prepared by experts or written information (including maps, charts, photographs and narrative statements) prepared by an intervener personally, and clearly identified as such. Any report that was prepared by an expert, and which is being filed in support of an intervener's position, must clearly state the qualifications of the expert and the name of the intervener who directed that the report was to be prepared. Please be aware that the author of any report or other written evidence that an intervener expects the Commission to rely upon must be available to be cross-examined at the hearing

Summarized process schedule

The Commission has established the following process to consider the application:

Process step	Date		
Participation submissions	September 13, 2024		
Information requests (questions) to applicant by interveners (persons granted standing by the AUC)	September 27, 2024		
Applicant's deadline to respond to information requests	October 4, 2024		
Interveners' written evidence deadline	October 18, 2024		
Information requests to interveners about intervener evidence			
Interveners' deadline to respond to information requests	To be determined		
Applicant's reply evidence deadline			
Commencement of hearing			





Chantelle de Jonge, MLA Chestermere-Strathmore 403-962-0126 129 2nd Avenue Strathmore, AB T1P1K1 Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca

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Faire weekend

The second annual Strathmore Renaissance Faire was hosted at the Strathmore Ag Grounds, Aug. 23-25. Expanding upon last year, the event featured a Viking village, jousting, armoured combat, a magic show, and vendor's market, amongst a host of other family-friendly activities.

John Watson Photos

















Empowering students

CHANTELLE DE JONGE Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

With back-to-school shopping and preparations in full swing, I thought it timely to share some updates on edu-

Alongside our education partners, Alberta's government is continuing to modernize the education system and improve student success by developing and piloting a curriculum that will drive a passion for learning. After nine months of consultation with education partners, teachers, parents and Albertans, the new draft K-6 social studies curriculum is ready to build students' critical thinking skills and empower them to be engaged citizens.

Since the new draft K-6 social stu-

dies curriculum was released in April 2024, more than 1,700 teachers across 429 schools have signed up to pilot the curriculum during the 2024-25 school year. We will carefully consider feedback from all engagement activities and classroom piloting to finalize the new K-6 social studies curriculum prior to implementation. I am confident that together with specialists, parents, and

teachers, we will build a comprehensive curriculum that sets up our students for lifelong learning and success.

Students play an invaluable role in Alberta's education system and will have their voices heard on the Minister's Youth Council during the 2024-25 school year. About 40 student leaders from urban and rural communities will provide first-hand experiences and unique perspectives to the Minister of Education to help improve Alberta's world-class education system. Students will have the opportunity to engage directly with the Minister and other government officials to share their perspectives.

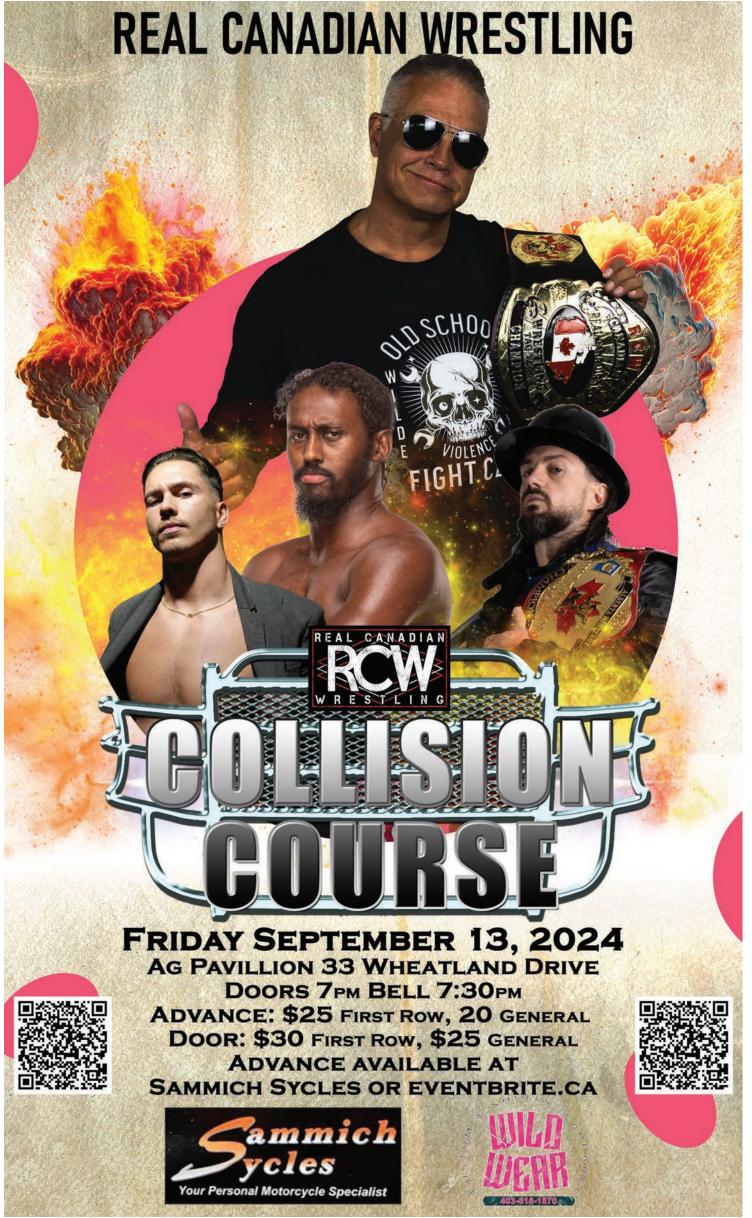
Over a 10-month term aligned with the 2024-25 school year, these young leaders of tomorrow will attend meetings to provide valuable input on various education topics, build positive relationships, and participate in various leadership development opportunities. Last year's council offered input on issues such as artificial intelligence, career pathways, bullying and harassment, cellphone use in schools and more. I look forward to learning more about the council members' ideas and input on education topics that matter to them and their communities.

A great opportunity to give students a head start in Alberta's job market is dual credit programs. Alberta's government is strengthening dual credit programming by advancing the recommendations of the Career Education Task Force to establish a new Dual Credit Review Advisory group. The advisory group will review dual credit programming and identify opportunities for enhancement to ensure that students are equipped with the skills and opportunities they need to pursue post-secondary education and careers after high school.

As we embark on a new school year, I wish all parents, students, and teachers the very best in their back-to-school preparations. Together, let's continue to build on Alberta's world-class education system, with these exciting announcements to support and inspire every learner.

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

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



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Plan your back-toschool shopping

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

As the back-to-school season approaches, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) reminds parents and students to plan for their annual shopping spree. Whether shopping in person or online, staying informed can make the process more manageable and cost-effective. BBB offers essential tips to help families navigate this busy time, ensuring they are prepared and protected.

"Back-to-school shopping can be a significant expense for families each year," says Mary O'Sullivan-Andersen, President & CEO BBB Serving Southern Alberta and East Kootenay. "Our goal is to help families make informed decisions, save money, and avoid potential scams."

BBB recommends the following tips when looking for school-related items, either in person or online:

- 1 Create a Shopping List: Before heading to the store, make a list of necessary items. This helps avoid impulse purchases and stay within budget.
- 2 Shop Early: Start shopping early to beat the crowds and secure the best deals.
- 3 Compare Prices: When choosing where to shop, review both prices and quality of product. Look for offers and discounts.
- 4 Check Store Policies: Be aware of return policies, especially for electronics and clothing, in case exchanges or returns are needed.
- 5 Online Shopping: When shopping online, look for secure payment methods, product specifications, and always best to go directly to the site as opposed to clicking on links that you may receive unsolicited.

Research Big-Ticket Items:

- Read Reviews: Research from credible sources to understand the pros and cons of different models.
- Check Specifications: Ensure any technology purchases meet the school's technical requirements. Also, look up the retailer's reputation online (www.bbb.org).
- · Look for Discounts: Many tech companies offer student discounts, verify eligibility and take advantage of these offers.

Smart Shopping During Sales

- Plan Ahead: Mark your calendar for sales to purchase school supplies, clothing, and electronics.
- Prioritize Purchases: Make a list of essential items to buy during these sales to maximize savings.
- Combine Discounts: Look for opportunities to combine store sales with manufacturer rebates or coupons. Stay Safe When Shopping Online:
- Avoid Clickbait Ads: Be cautious of ads designed to steal personal information. Always go directly to the store's website by typing the URL into the search bar.
- Shop on Reputable Websites: Ensure you are purchasing from trusted websites with HTTPS in the URL.
- Use Secure Payment Methods: Use credit cards or payment services that offer buyer protection.

BBB encourages families to consider BBB ratings and customer reviews when choosing where to shop, especially for big-ticket items. BBB ratings reflect the business's ability to interact with customers and resolve complaints effectively.

For more tips and more information, please visit our web-

Badgers are back

The Strathmore Community Football Association is back for another year of Badgers football action. The peewee and bantam teams were practicing Aug. 20 as they prepare for their 2024 season to begin. The peewee team will play their first home game on Sept. 14 (11 a.m.), while the bantam team will play on Sept. 7 (1 p.m.) at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School field.

Joe Lepage Photos



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<u>Obituary</u>



NOY, Vivian Ruth September 29, 1941- August 21, 2024

Viv passed away peacefully on August 21st surrounded by her lov-

She spent her early years on the farm in Semans, Saskatchewan and moved to Regina for high school. She received her nursing diploma from the University of Saskatchewan where she met the love of her life, Bill. After getting married in 1963, she moved to the family farm at Rosebud, Alberta which is where they had their four children. Viv worked hard - raising children, supporting the activities of the farm and participating in numerous community events. Viv was an exceptional nurse, enjoying a 30-year career at the Drumheller Hospital. Her caring and kind-hearted nature touched lives everywhere she lived, including Strathmore and Okotoks in her retirement years.

There was nothing more important to her than family and keeping these bonds strong. She had unconditional love for all of us, watching her grandchildren's events and supporting them in pursuing post-secondary education. Viv highly valued education, leading by example and completing her Degree in Nursing when she was

Lot of laughs were shared over the years during skiing and camping trips. She was fortunate to experience many travels around the world with family and friends. She loved drinking tea, playing games and became an avid Blue Jays fan in later years. Viv was an excellent mom and grandma, instilling values of honesty, integrity and selflessness. Viv felt most fulfilled when she was serving others, and this remained important to her until her final day.

She is survived by her children Darryl (Sue), Bev (Cal), Janet (Scott) and Shelley (Paul). Viv took particular joy in her grandchildren Brittany (Josh), Lauren (James), Toby, Samantha, Adelle, Calvin and her great granddaughter Cammie; her siblings Wally, Marvis, James (Dolores) and Brian (Bernice) and sisters- in laws Mary, Helen, Jean and Ann (John). She was predeceased by her husband Bill, sister Eleanor, brothers and sisters in law.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Viv and her family thank the Medical Assistance in Dying program for their compassionate care.

To send condolences to Viv's family, please visit www.wheatlandfunralhome.ca If desired, you can honor Viv by donating to the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society - Box 2154, Strathmore T1P 1K2 or the charity of your choice.

₩ Wheatland Funeral Home

<u>Obituary</u>



NICHOLS, Spencer Tracy

Dr. Spencer Tracy Nichols, known affectionately as Spence, passed away peacefully on August 25, 2024, at the age of 86. Born on November 29, 1937, in Medicine Hat, Spence was a man of remarkable intellect and kindness, whose presence was a blessing to all

who knew him. He departed from this world in Strathmore, after a valiant battle with illness.

Spence's life was extraordinary and full of love for his family, academic achievement, and a passion for the great outdoors. Spencer is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Nichols, with whom he shared a long and loving marriage; his four children: Stacy, Stewart and his wife Anita Nichols, Scott, Hayes and his wife, Keri de Mille and 5 grandchildren.

A man of profound knowledge and wisdom, Spence dedicated his life to education, obtaining his Ph.D. and serving as a Professor Emeritus at the University of Calgary. His contributions to academia were significant, and his influence on students spanned generations. His work extended beyond the classroom, as he was actively involved in various associations, where his insights and leadership were

Spence's passion for the outdoors was as boundless as the skies over Alberta. He was a continual source of wonder, excitement, and adventure with many family trips hunting, fishing, and camping in the wilderness. A detailed craftsman, Spence spent much time in his workshop using his skilled hands to produce complex and challenging woodworking projects. His mind was always active, often solving puzzles or besting his opponents in a game of chess or cards. These interests were not merely hobbies but extensions of his character, embodying his love for life's simple pleasures and the challenges they presented.

Dr. Spencer Tracy Nichols led a full life rich in experiences and relationships. He was a beacon of inspiration, a devoted family man, a respected educator, and a true friend to many. His departure leaves behind a void that cannot be filled, but his spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of those who loved him. Spence's legacy is one of love, knowledge, and the joy of life's adventures, and it will be cherished forever. A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 30, 2024, at Wheatland Funeral Home (Strathmore) at 11:00 am.

To send condolences, please visit Spencer's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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Notice to Creditors and Claimants

Estate of VIOLET GENEVIEVE PEOPLES who died on the October 14, 2023.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by September 30, 2024.

with STRATHMORE LAW, ATTN: Daman K. Gill 101, 318-3rd Ave., Strathmore, AB T1P 1V9

If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

Creditors: you must include a full description and value of the debt you allege the deceased owes you and a full description and value of any of the deceased's property that you hold as security for the debt.

Claimants: you must include a full description of your claim and why you have a right to make such a claim.

Notice to Creditors and Claimants

Estate of ARTHUR MICHAEL POLANKSI who died on the April 23, 2024.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by September 30, 2024.

with STRATHMORE LAW, ATTN: Daman K. Gill 101, 318-3rd Ave., Strathmore, AB T1P 1V9

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Notice to Creditors and Claimants

Estate of EDNA MAE MEDGYESI who died on the July 4, 2024.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by September 30,, 2024.

with STRATHMORE LAW, ATTN: Daman K. Gill 101, 318-3rd Ave., Strathmore, AB T1P 1V9

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- 1. SE;34;24;26;W4M (160 acres more or less)
- 2. SW;34;24;26;W4M (160 acres more or less)
- SW;16;24;26;W4M (145.53 acres more or less) Hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Lands".

1) Parcel 1 - SE;34;24;26;W4M – 2 Active Surface Leases

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- Parcel 2 SW;34;24;26;W4M 1 Active Surface Lease at \$5,025.00 per year.
- 3) Parcel 3 SW;16;24;26;W4M 1 Active Surface Lease at \$6,000.00 per year.

The Lands are rented for the 2024 crop year.

All offers must be firm and unconditional to be considered. Separate offers on each parcel are requested even if bidding on more than one.

Written offers must be received by 12 noon, September 30, 2024 with sale closing date later in 2024.

Offers to:

Getz Collins & Associates 225A Wheatland Trail Strathmore, AB T1P 1T5 Attention: John Getz / Micah Boyes Email: jgetz@getzcollins.com

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NOTICE



Seepage Control Plan 2025 - 2029

The Western Irrigation District has prepared a Seepage Control Plan for the years 2025 through 2029 in accordance with Section 164(1) of the Irrigation Districts Act.

The Plan addresses seepage in these areas:

- 1.) Section 84 (Secondary C-Canal) Sections 18,19 T26-R24-W4M Section 24, 25, 26, 27, 34 T26-R25-W4M
- 2.) Section 84 (Secondary C Canal) Sections 33, 28, 29, 32, 30 T26-R25-W4M Section 25, 36, 26 T26-R26-W4M
- 3.) Section 84R1 (Reicheneder Ditch) Sections 20, 17, 16, 9 T26 R26 W4M
- 4.) Section 81D4 (Cairnhill) Sections 20, 21, 16, 15, 10 T23 R25 W4
- 5.) Section 81D4 (Cairnhill) Sections 14, 11, 02, 01, 12 T23 R25 W4

Copies of the Plan may be viewed at the District's office during regular business hours. Any comments on the Draft Seepage Control Plan must be received before office closing on September 13th, 2024. The District intends to file the Plan with Irrigation Secretariat no later than September 27th, 2024.

Any owner of land which seepage damage may have occurred may appeal the subsequent Plan to the Irrigation Council by filing a notice of appeal within 30 days of the date specified for filling of the plan with the Irrigation Secretariat if:

- 1. The land on which seepage damage may have occurred is not included in the subsequent plan, or
- 2. In the opinion of the owner, the plan does not contain adequate measures to control seepage

Please address comments to: Troy Tangedal General Manager Western Irrigation District A-1000 Pine Street Strathmore, AB T1P1C1

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PUBLIC NOTICE

2150038 Alberta Inc.

WATER ACT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is given that 2150038 Alberta Inc. has

filed an application under the provisions of the

Water Act for the development of De Havilland

Field which will permanently disturb wetlands

and ephemeral waterbodies located at portions

of sections 05, 08, 09, and 17-024-26-W4M. The

Area to be

2.86

7.60

54.60

17.50

Permanently

Impacted (ha)

Relative

Wetland

Value

С

D

Ephemeral

Wetland replacement compensation will be made

The purposed project includes retaining 7.09 ha of

in accordance with the Alberta Wetland Policy.

Any person who is directly affected by this application may submit a Statement of Concern

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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

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DRAS webpage - https://www.alberta.ca/

digital-regulatory-assurance-system.aspx

the above DRAS webpage.

Alternatively, you may submit a written Statement

of Concern to Environment and Protected Areas,

Approvals Unit, 5th Floor, South Petroleum Plaza,

The written statement of concern should include

· Describe concerns that are relevant to matters

Explain how the filer of the concern will be

directly affected by the activity and/or diversion

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

Environment and Protected Areas will review

each written Statement of Concern, seek more

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

Copies of the application and additional information

Appeals Board.

can be obtained from:

Marilyn Germaine

Ph.: 403-863-5101

Trace Associates Inc.

300, 37 Richard Way SW

Calgary, Alberta, T3E 7M8

Email: mgermaine@traceassociates.ca

information if needed, and notify each filer by letter

telephone number and email address for ease of

9915 108 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2G8.

• Quote the Case number: DAPP0093901

of water proposed in the application Provide the legal land location of the land

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the following:

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project consists of the following:

Number of

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Waterbodies

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