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Hockey gives back

Town continues budget deliberations

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council met again, Nov. 27, to continue ongoing budget discussions for the upcoming 2025 year.

Opening the discussion, Leana Ashbacher, senior manager of financial services, recapped some of the operating budget impacts previously voted on by council.

Previous amendments made by council included reductions of varying amounts to the financial stabilization reserve, Agricultural Society Celebration of Lights, library board, Happy Cat sanctuary, and the Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC).

Money for community groups that was added as amendments was designated for Communities in Bloom, the Strathmore Youth Theatre Company, the Mainsprings Pregnancy and Family Support Association, the Strathmore Performing Arts Festival, and the Agricultural Society.

The exact amounts for each community organization have been made available through the council meeting agenda, as well as the recorded meeting minutes.

Ashbacher recommended council move in camera to discuss their final decisions and new information to be presented to them regarding community group funding for the upcoming year.

Prior to the start of the Nov. 27 meeting, council had netted a reduction of \$50,000 to their proposed operating expenses, and approved an administrative amendment to transfer \$7,000 to reserves. Community group funding had seen a net decrease by \$15,100.

The net effect to the proposed 2025 budget had seen a reduction in tax impact from 4.50 per cent to a 4.15 per cent tax increase for the upcoming year.

Coun. Brent Wiley motioned for council to approve a balanced operating budget instead of with a surplus of \$148,000, which would serve to further reduce the tax per cent increase to local ratepayers.

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Perfect parade

Jolly ol' Saint Nick was the star of the annual Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 30 through downtown Strathmore. Many locals lined the streets to get a glimpse of the wonderful floats entered into this year's parade. See Page 3 for more coverage.

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Crowther Memorial Junior High School inaugurated their student chief and council, Nov. 28. Students who have a desire to participate are interviewed in the fall before the body is decided. Participating students are able to create opportunities to engage and impact their fellow student body, as well as organize and participate in school events.

John Watson Photos



Crowther Memorial inaugurates new student chief and council

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Crowther Memorial Junior High School inaugurated its new student chief and council, Nov. 28, bringing in the sixth year of the program at the school.

“We are very happy that we now have a student chief and council. We go through a process in the fall where we put up the application, students apply, we interview them and their job – the ones who are selected to be chief and council, is to bring their ideas, culture, language, and the Nitsitapi teachings into the school,” said Shirley Spotted Eagle, Indigenous liaison with Crowther Memorial. “The students are very active in whatever activities they want. The student chief and council can take leads ... volunteer to MC events; some of the students who dance are on chief and council, and our students attend meetings once a week.”

Spotted Eagle explained the idea to have a student chief and council operating at school is not a new one, as several other schools within the division also have similar clubs and student bodies operating.

She added it is an opportunity to bring First Nations teachings and culture into the student body, create learning opportunities and excitement about the topics.

“They have come up with a lot of great ideas of where they want the club to go and certain activities that they would like to do. A couple of them have really

taken charge of, for instance, fundraising and they have taken a lot of initiative,” said Wayne Hvingelby, a teacher at Crowther Memorial. “Our chief this year came up with the idea of having our own hand games tournament here and incorporating other schools to come in from elsewhere and also make sure we can teach the game to them so they can participate.”

Crowther Memorial has not put a cap on the number of students who are allowed or able to be a part of the chief and council at any given time. The idea being to encourage students who show an interest in developing leadership and associated skills.

Hvingelby added despite having a slow start to the program originally, it now sees both native and non-native students actively expressing interest in participating.

“We have Metis students showing up, we have Inuit showing up as well, and so this is where it is just really great to have the diverse Indigenous cultures all across coming out and being represented here,” he said. “There are a lot of Indigenous students who are bringing out their friends ... to come out and show up and participate and they are a big part of our club as well, which is really great.”

Ultimately it becomes up to the students themselves to set the direction and goals of the club, with assistance from their teachers in order to facilitate events and support their desired projects.

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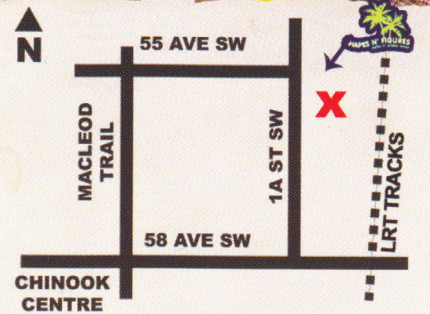


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Santa PARADE

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Cookie walk

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Cookie Walk throughout downtown Strathmore, Nov. 30, bringing out families to explore local businesses situated in the downtown area. Each participating business handed out cookies to passersby as they completed a mapped route through downtown.

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Market-mania

Main Street Market, the Strathmore Municipal Library, and the Strathmore Farmers Market all hosted Christmas markets throughout Strathmore, Nov. 29 and 30. The events took place at the Civic Centre, Library program room, and the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre respectively, hosting a variety of local vendors.

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County Committee of the Whole opens budget discussions

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland County Committee of the Whole discussed a draft of the 2025 interim capital and operating budgets during the Nov. 26 meeting.

Members of the committee had previously received packages detailing the drafted budgets, which were also included in the Nov. 26 meeting agenda both for committee and public information.

It was noted the 2025 drafted interim budget showed a decrease in total expenses, largely in part due to the completion of the broadband project. Budgeted expenses decreased from \$54.2 million to \$51.9 million.

Joel Chiasson, manager of financial services for Wheatland County, explained the goal of the meeting was largely to go over capital projects and the 2025 capital plan.

Budget items presented before the committee ranged from IT hardware and software maintenance or upgrades, to office supplies across the county, to fire services. Many of these items are standard, predictable expenses.

In the public works department, it was summarized that \$250,000 be allocated as the interim amount for sidewalk and concrete repairs and replacements within the various hamlets throughout the county. Work on such projects is to be determined by an annual inspection of assorted local infrastructures.

This includes addressing the sidewalk in front of the Cluny Community Hall and along the playground area for roughly a block.

In Gleichen, improvements are to be made to

highway crossings, wheelchair ramps, flashing light crosswalks, and other similar items of that nature which were brought up by the local community association.

Additionally, \$200,000 was suggested to be budgeted for the installation of Phase 3 of community entrance signs bordering the county.

Several bridges placed throughout the county are slated for repair or replacement through 2025, 2026, and 2027 with varying degrees of severity and budget. These range from adding fencing to replacing entire bridge structures.

Detailed in the committee's agenda package is each anticipated expenditure for each respective project, and whether the county is able to receive financial assistance from the province.

An assortment of road projects planned for repair, replacement or construction were outlined for the committee, as well as their respective estimated budgets.

Many of these projects which have already been identified as being necessary have been spread out over the next several years so as to not overload one given year with road project expenditures.

The full presentation of the drafted budget has been made publicly available via the county's YouTube channel. The document is viewable through the county's website.

As the presentations were made to the Committee of the Whole, no decisions have ultimately been finalized regarding the proposed interim budgets.

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Tough weekend

The Wheatland Wranglers U13A team is looking to rebound after a home loss to Red Deer on Nov. 24 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The team will hit the road for a trio of games, including a pair in Consort and Stettler Dec. 7-8. Their next home game is Dec. 15 (3:45 p.m.) when they host Olds.

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On a tear

The Wheatland Warriors improved to 11-4-3 on the season after a 3-0 win over the Taber Golden Suns on Dec. 1 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local U15AA will now hit the road for a trio of games between Dec. 7-15.

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Town approves balanced budget without surplus

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Tacked on to this, he motioned for the \$300,000 proposed for the spray park recirculation system also be removed from the budget.

He also added a motion for \$10,000 to be added to the SWCC specifically to support hosting the annual Stampede parade, the business awards night, and the annual trade show.

"I am looking forward to working with the chamber on these three events specially, and I think that it is a very good bang for our buck," said Wiley. "Any time we can have an army of volunteers do the work instead of administration putting on these types of events, I just think it is very, very worthwhile."

The latter motion for the \$10,000 to be added to the SWCC was passed 6-1 in favour, with Mayor Pat Fule in opposition.

Prior to the vote being cast, Wiley spoke to his motion regarding the drop from an operational surplus and financing the recirculation system, to operating a balanced budget.

"If we were to remove this, which would be almost half a million dollars ... from the budget, we are looking at roughly another two, maybe two and a half per cent tax off what would be getting us into the two per cent, two and a half per cent tax increase position," he said. "I think, as we have all stated at least at one point during our last budget deliberation meeting is just how important it is to make sure that what we are giving to Strathmore taxpayers is something that is affordable."

Ashbacher clarified following Wiley's comment that the \$300,000 slated to be used for the recirculation system was largely obtained through a grant and would not have a sub-

stantial impact on the overall tax rate increase to ratepayers.

Coun. Richard Wegener added to the discussion, as council had already approved the funding for the recirculation system in its prior budget discussion, as per the procedural bylaw, the discussion may not be brought up again before council for a period of six months unless it is brought forward by a councillor who was on the prevailing side of a given debate.

Wiley's motion was defeated by council in a vote of 5-2 against.

Following a recess to an in-camera session, Wiley motioned to direct administration to decrease the 2025 operating budget by \$148,100 for a balanced budget of \$39,221,400, with a reduction in the tax increase from 4.5 per cent to a 3.62 per cent.

The reduction in operating budget would put the Town of Strathmore to a balanced budget with no surplus being added.

"It is not even another one per cent tax decrease; it only brings it to a 3.62 (per cent) but let us not forget that those numbers matter and so this is just one last opportunity for us to make an effort to bring this tax increase down as much as possible," said Wiley.

Council voted unanimously in favour of the motion following discussion.

Coun. Jason Montgomery motioned for council to reduce the increase in utility fees from four per cent to three per cent.

"This is essentially going to affect money that is going into reserves. It will reduce by a bit, the amount going into utility reserves and it should keep a few more dollars in our residents' pockets as times are tough, and we recognize that," said Montgomery.

It was clarified to council that should Montgomery's motion be approved, it would also require an amendment to the current outstanding fees bylaw.

This prompted an amendment to Montgomery's motion to include a direction of administration to bring back the fees bylaw with the utilities rate increase reduced to three per cent.

Administration recommended not passing the motion, as it would put the increase to utilities rates as behind the rate of inflation and would cause future councils to play "catch up" in future years regarding their finances for facilities.

"I appreciate the sentiment behind this motion because I do understand how much people are struggling these days and I think we have done a good job at keeping the tax increase as it is, as low as possible," said Coun. Melissa Langmaid. "That being said, the infrastructure in our community is not getting younger over time. We are not looking at a reduced amount of money that we are going to have to invest into our infrastructure."

Following debate, Montgomery's motion was ultimately defeated by council in a vote of 4-3 against.

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County Committee of the Whole votes to approve draft of IDP

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

During the Nov. 26 Wheatland County Committee of the Whole meeting, information was presented about an update on the Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) with the Town of Strathmore.

Wheatland County held a public hearing, Oct. 1, regarding the IDP, at which time a number of amendments were proposed for the document.

Another public hearing was hosted in Strathmore, Oct. 2, during which the town's council approved first reading as originally presented. The town did not approve the document with the proposed amendments, as they did not feel they had adequate time to review them prior to the public hearing.

A memo which was provided to the county, Oct. 18, noted Strathmore agreed with the majority of the amendments, with one exception.

Policy 2.4.1 within the IDP was suggested by the county to read as: "Future commercial and industrial development on lands not within the Town's Municipal Boundary, should be directed to those areas identified as Future Business Area in the Future Development Scenario."

In this instance, the county suggested for the word "should" to replace "shall." The town disagreed with this amendment, suggesting it remain as originally worded.

The town also suggested the addition

of a Policy 2.4.2, being "Notwithstanding Policy 2.4.1, lands within existing approved Area Structure Plans shall be allowed to develop in accordance with those plans, as amended from time to time, so long as that development is consistent with the direction and intent of this IDP."

Throughout the document, "Shall" is defined as policies that are mandatory and must be complied with, while "Should" refers to policies being those that both municipalities encourage and compliance with the principle is required, but the method and level of compliance is subject to the discretion of the applicable approving authority.

The document contains several figures outlining future urban sprawl around Strathmore, as well as estimated growth numbers and use cases. Land use between Strathmore and Wheatland County is broken down throughout the policy.

Also presented are three different population growth scenarios and how those may influence future land use and expansion throughout the next 50 years.

As the Town of Strathmore's final public hearing of the year is scheduled for Dec. 4, an impetus was established to the committee to have the currently proposed edition of the draft to be ready for the town's review prior to that meeting.

The Committee of the Whole voted unanimously to accept the presented draft of the IDP as information.

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Christmas show to delight

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

With the holiday season right around the corner, a good festive music performance always hits the spot. The Arts on 817 is pleased to welcome the Heebie-jeebies, who are sure to deliver on all the Christmas feels on Dec. 7.

Chris Herard and Jonathan Love make up half of the Heebie-jeebies – who were happy to boast about their group.

“I think we can probably say it’s everybody’s favourite Christmas songs with probably all of the wrong lyrics,” said Love, who is the lead baritone with the group and also the head songwriter. “We have a good time with it.”

Herard is the high tenor, the ‘soundman’ and the recording engineer of the group.

“It’s super fun, and it’s for a lot of people – it becomes their kind of non-tradition tradition in terms of the facts that we are a little irreverent towards the standard Christmas carols, but in a very fun and clever way,” said Herard. “People seem to have a really good time, it’s very upbeat and people will laugh as much as they’ll want to sing along.”

The Heebie-jeebie are an award winning Canadian four-man comic a cappella quartet who formed the group in 1993. They have released nine recordings and they are internationally recognized for their unique style and harmony.

Herard and Love have known each other and performed together since the ripe old ages of six and nine.

“We just celebrated our 31st year ... we were in the Calgary Boys Choir together and we sort of adopted each other at that age,” said Love.

In University, the band was formed.

“(We) decided that the best way to get dates was to become a gigging musician because they tended to get more dates,” laughed Love. “So, we started a band.”



The Arts on 817 will host the Heebie-jeebies on Dec. 7 at the Strathmore United Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Photo Courtesy of Neil Zeller

The humour shines through Love’s laughter as he recounts the beginning of their careers.

Herard said the show is an all-ages show with “a lot of play on words.” One song they will be playing is called ‘Arrest This Bearded Gentleman,’ an obvious homage to God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.

“People will hear some of their favourites, but maybe not in the way that they’re used to and we hope that they will become their new favourite way of hearing their carols,” said Herard.

This isn’t the group’s first time to Strathmore. The group has performed with The Arts on 817 and also for the Strathmore Musical Arts Society in the past – they are welcome visitors by everyone.

“In some of these wonderful holiday situations we’ll strap on some instruments just to kind of appeal to a different demographic and see what they like of us as instrumentalist,” said Love. “It’s a family-friendly show – we are looking forward to audiences coming out, singing along (and) really having a good time. The more fun they have, the more fun we have and that’s what we’re aiming for.”

You can catch the Heebie-jeebies’ concert on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Strathmore United Church. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$10 for 17 and under. They can be purchased at The Vault or online (www.smoreuc.com).



Say it ain’t snow

Many residents were busy clearing snow multiple times over the course of the weekend as Strathmore and much of southern Alberta was blasted with a huge snowstorm Nov. 22-23.

Joe Lepage Photos

<p>Strathmore United Church: Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m. – Advent Music Dec. 24, 7 p.m. – Candlelight Service</p> <p>Strathmore Alliance Church: Dec. 24, 6 p.m. – Christmas Service</p> <p>Hope Community Covenant Church: Dec. 24, 5 p.m./7 p.m. – Christmas</p> <p>St. Michael and All Angels Anglican: Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Celebration</p> <p>Lord of All Lutheran: Dec. 24, 3 p.m. – Family Service Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. – Candles and Carols Dec. 25, 10:30 p.m. – Christmas Service</p> <p>RCCG Peculiar People Assembly: TBD – Christmas Service</p> <p>Harvest Healing: Dec. 24, 4 p.m. – Christmas Eve celebration</p> <p>C3 Strathmore: Dec. 22, 10:10 a.m. – Christmas Service 3812 Marbank Dr. NE, Calgary</p>	<p>Sacred Heart Parish (HCC Gym): Dec. 18, 7 p.m. – Penitential Service Dec. 24, 5 p.m./8 p.m. Christmas Eve Dec. 25, 12 a.m. (Midnight Mass)/10 a.m. – Christmas Day Jan. 1, 10 a.m. – New Year’s Day</p> <p>Bow River Alliance Church: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 10:30 a.m. – Advent Services Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m. – Christmas Carol Singing</p> <p>Nazareth Lutheran, Standard: Dec. 22, 7 p.m. – Blue Christmas Dec. 24, 4 p.m. – Christmas Service</p>
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Hockey for Hunger

Crowther Memorial Junior High School hosted their annual Hockey for Hunger game on Nov. 28 at the Strathmore Family Centre, featuring Grade 8-9 students in the school's hockey program. Student spectators brought in nonperishable food donations for the Strathmore and Wheatland County Christmas Hamper Society. Wheatland EMS was on hand to collect the food donations which were collected by the leadership students from Crowther. Top notch goaltending resulted in a low scoring 1-0 win for Team Red. **Melissa Piche Photos**

Change for victim services

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Southern Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society (SARVSS) has taken over operations for Strathmore Regional Victim Services as part of the Government of Alberta's Victim Services Regional Model.

Jerry Cook, chief executive officer of the SARVSS, explained the goal of this, as well as similar changes being made to service across the province, is to improve stability, consistency, and the sustainability of victim services.

"The general consensus was when you had 60-plus victim service units throughout Alberta, there was just inconsistencies. They came up with a report suggesting a redesign, and based off that redesign is ... what the Government of Alberta did, going from the 60+, to four regional victim serving societies," he said. "Of course, we are the SARVSS, and we are aligned with the RCMP Southern Alberta District. We specialize in court and support navigators."

The change in services was placed into effect across the province as of Oct. 1.

SARVSS currently boasts approximately 35 Court Support Navigators, who are tasked with reaching out to victims of crimes or tragic circumstances in order to aid them through the court system.

Also provided to victims is information regarding what support agencies are available to them

based on their circumstances.

"I do not know if the Strathmore region (will) see any differences whatsoever. The people who worked at Strathmore Regional Victim Services came on with SARVSS, so it is going to be the exact same people," said Cook. "In some regions, we are seeing absolutely no difference (in services) whatsoever, and of course some, we do see some minor differences."

One notable change to services is SARVSS has been dictated to no longer provide transportation for victims due to safety and liability reasons.

Additionally, SARVSS will not be providing dog support, though will be partnering with organizations which will.

"I hope the citizens of Strathmore really have not seen a difference because not only do we have the same people, but we have ultimately, the same service delivery model between what Strathmore Regional Victim Services was providing," said Cook. "(Our navigators) are working in the RCMP detachment, just like they did before ... typically when you call the detachment you can get a hold of victim services right away. As far as a local (resident) needing someone, that is what I would recommend."

More information regarding the SARVSS and the service changeover is available online.

"Victim services are still going on. We have a phenomenal team in place doing fantastic work in partnership with the RCMP, which is exactly how it was done in the past," said Cook.

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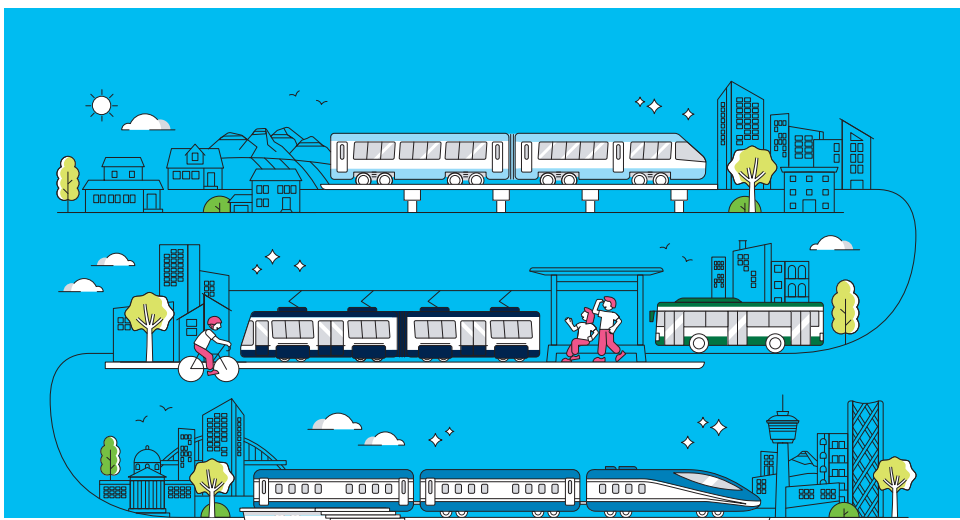
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CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

We've had a busy week in the Alberta Legislature. On Nov. 26, our government introduced a motion under the Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act. If passed, it will allow us to take a variety of measures to shield our oil and gas industry from Justin Trudeau's job-killing production cap.

We would be prepared, if and when the regulations become law, to immediately proceed with a court challenge. We could prohibit provincial entities from enforcing the cap. We could declare oil and gas production facilities to be critical infrastructure and prevent people – including federal agents – from entering those properties without permission.

We will make it a condition of the licenses we grant to have greenhouse gas emissions reported to us, and we – as the owner of the resource – will take responsibility for reporting this information publicly.

And we will use our royalty-in-kind programs and our Alberta Petroleum Marketing Agency to market our products directly so that consumers around the world – like Japan and Germany and maybe even the US Department of Defense – can benefit from our lower emissions and ethically produced oil and gas products. Alberta can and must help ensure global energy security and this would help us be part of that solution.

And while we'd rather not go to these lengths, we'll do what needs to be done to counter Ottawa's job-killing emissions and production cap.

This is more important than ever before – given the very serious threat of tariffs potentially being imposed by the incoming U.S. administration.

Although Alberta's government opposes any tariffs on Canadian or U.S. products, it is our view that President-Elect Donald Trump, and the tens of millions of Americans who voted for him, have valid concerns related to illegal migrants and drug smuggling at our shared border.

The federal government and every province bordering the United States must take immediate steps to crack down heavily on these illegal border activities.

Doing so is good for both the United States and Canada.

We should not discount the incoming administration's commitment to energy security, and we must recognize that Alberta is uniquely positioned in all of the world as the perfect partner to the United States in achieving that objective.

We want to be part of Team Canada as we navigate these decisions and policies with the U.S. – but we need Team Canada to also be Team Alberta – and that means scrapping the damaging energy production cap immediately – as a show of commitment to North American energy security and partnership.

As always, please reach out with your questions or feedback 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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Obituary



GARNEAU-WONG, Joanne Madeleine

Joanne Madeleine Garneau-Wong, known affectionately to friends and family as Jo, passed away on November 28, 2024, at the Foothills Hospital. Born on March 26, 1958, in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, Joanne's life was a tapestry of love, creativity, and kindness that touched everyone she knew.

As an employee of the Royal Bank, Joanne was more than just a member of the workforce; she was a friend, a confidante, and a beacon of support to her colleagues.

Beyond her professional life, Joanne's passions were manifold. A great lover of animals, she found joy in the companionship of her pets.

But it was her role as a grandmother that brought Joanne the most profound happiness. She took immense delight in her grandchildren, Emerson, Hayes, Leo, and Onna, whose visits would light up her world. Joanne's love for them was boundless, and she poured her creativity into crafting memorable experiences and imparting the values of kindness and love that she held so dear.

Those who knew Joanne would attest to her loving nature. She was the kind of person who would welcome you with a hug and a warm smile. Her kindness extended beyond her immediate circle, touching the lives of many within her community. Joanne's creative spirit was evident in everything she did, from her beautifully tended garden to the thoughtful gifts she would make for her loved ones.

Joanne's memory will be cherished and kept alive by her beloved husband, Jim Wong; her dear sons, Jesse Wong (Amanda), Jamie Wong (Renee), James Halliday (Lisa), Zach MacDonald (Jahara). She was a guiding star in their lives, and her lessons of love and compassion will continue to resonate with them.

As the sun sets on Joanne's earthly chapter, we remember a woman whose life was a testament to the power of love. She was a beacon of kindness that shone brightly, illuminating the lives of those around her. Joanne Madeleine Garneau-Wong's legacy is one of love, and it is this legacy that will endure in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know her.

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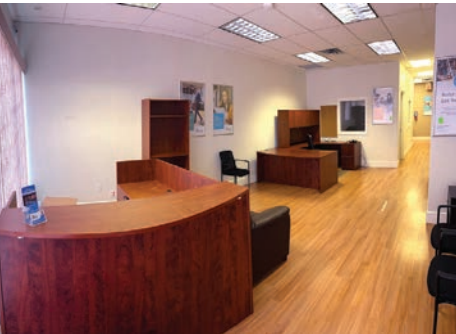
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December 11, 2024 | 6 p.m. Committee of the Whole
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Come Say Hi

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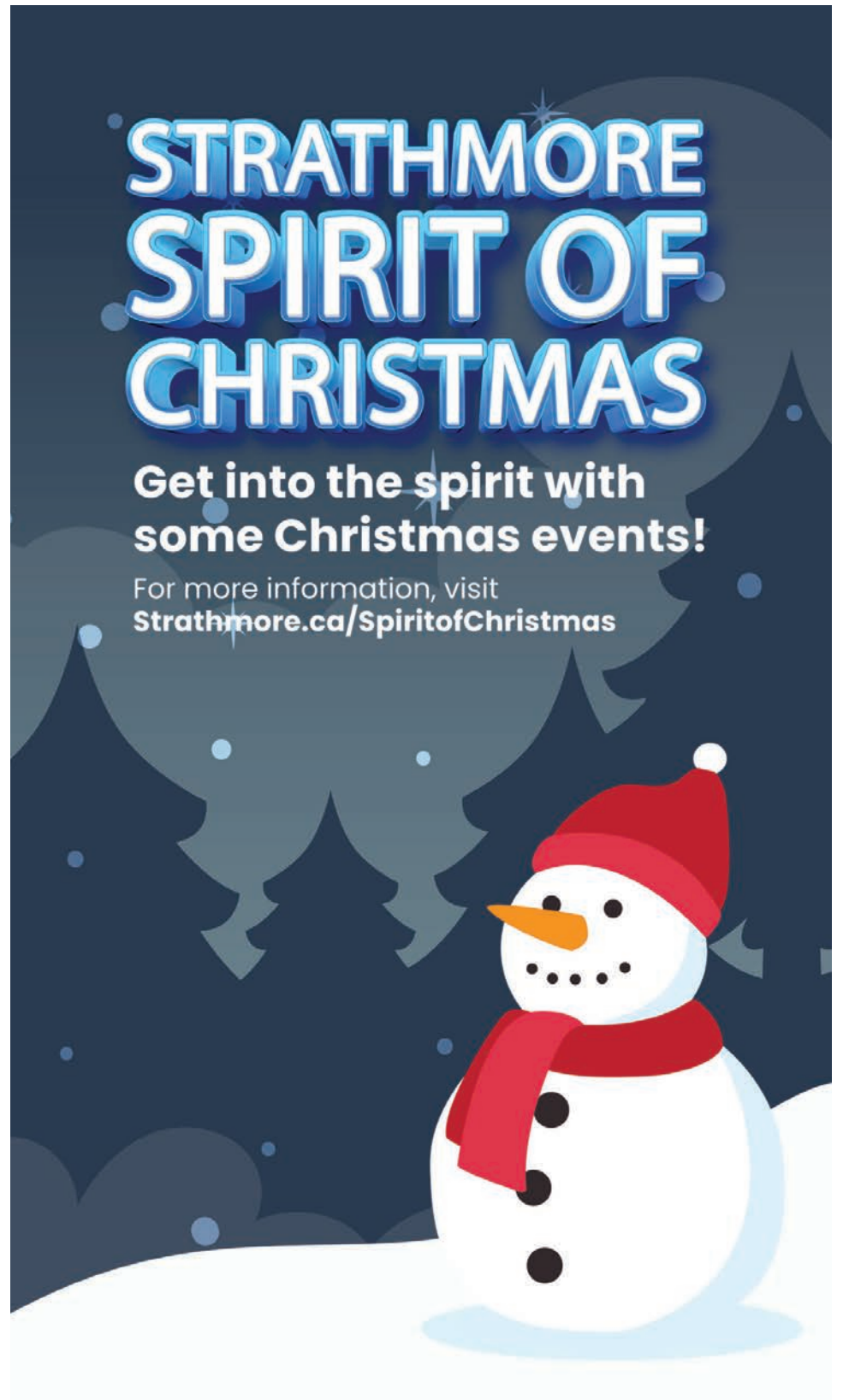
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