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## Town annexation

JOHN WATSON  
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is continuing their preparations to acquire additional land from Wheatland County in order to support future growth and development.

Council received a report from administration during the Feb. 4 meeting detailing the current status of the annexation negotiations, as well as the recommended next steps.

“Administration has been working with Wheatland County to successfully negotiate an annexation agreement and to prepare the annexation application for submission,” said Vicki Dodge, project manager with the Town of Strathmore. “A key component of that annexation application is the development of an application report and that report is being prepared for the town by ISL Engineering ... the annexation application report in essence, summarizes all of the technical analyses including transportation and utility servicing, population growth analysis, and fiscal impact assessment for an annexation.”

The town is proposing the annexation of over three quarter sections of land from the county which is targeted to support non-residential development as well as increased housing options.

An open house was hosted in the fall of last year to introduce the idea to local residents. It was previously estimated that the town would apply to take over 560 acres from the county.

The two locations are proposed on the west side of the town. The south region being immediately below Highway 1, and the north being effectively adjacent to Lakewood.

“The annexation application report also contains a summary of public and landowner engagement activities, and also a summary of the negotiations that have been undertaken with the county in order to reach a successful annexation agreement,” said Dodge. “Administration is striving to conclude those negotiations with Wheatland County and within the next month or so, we are hoping to have an application package ready to go to the land and property rights tribunal.”

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## Cardboard boats set to sail

Students from Crowther Memorial Junior High School tested the waters in their handmade cardboard boats on Feb. 6 as part of their school curriculum. Not all the boats survived their maiden voyage, but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits for this fun and creative workshop. See Page 2 for more coverage.

Melissa Piche Photo

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# Cardboard boats, big learning at Crowther Memorial Junior High School

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

The Strathmore Aquatic Centre was filled with excitement, creativity, and the occasional splash on Feb. 6, as Grade 8 students from Crowther Memorial Junior High School took part in the school's annual cardboard boat races.

The event, now a staple at Crowther, has been running since 2019 and was organized by teachers Scott Sackett, Tiffany Callaghan and Earl Sorensen. Sackett said the idea grew out of a smaller competition several years earlier.

"In 2018, we sent a small team of four kids to a contest put on by Skills Alberta," Sackett explained. "It was a really cool thing, and we thought, 'We should try and figure out a way to do this for all our Grade 8 kids.'"

Since then, the cardboard boat races have become a yearly program involving every Grade 8 student. Sackett described it as "a pretty fun day," noting how enthusiastic students are leading up to the event.

To improve student success, teachers added classroom preparation in the weeks before race day.

"The first year, we didn't have very many boats making it across at all," Sackett laughed. "So, we designed a couple of science labs to get them

thinking about how to make their boats stronger, watertight and able to float."

The preparation paid off.

"Now we get about half the boats to make it across," he said. "That's pretty good for a first try at a cardboard boat."

This year's races also featured strong community involvement. Judges included a local architect and an engineer, while the fire department attended for the second year in a row.

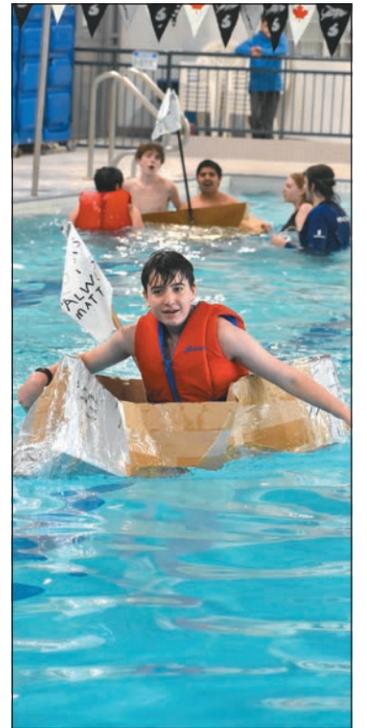
"We've always tried to get some career tie-ins for the kids," Sackett said. "It's a really cool way to make it not just a school thing, but a community thing."

Students showed both creativity and competitiveness. One boat named George, earned the People's Choice Award for most impressive boat. While Georges' design wasn't the fastest, Sackett said the variety stood out.

"It's pretty cool to see all the different ideas they (the students) come up with and how many different looks there are," he said.

Sackett emphasized the teamwork behind the scenes.

"The teachers you see are just the tip of the iceberg," he said. "All the Grade 8 teachers pitch in. It's a big, coordinated effort, and it's fun to see everyone pull together to do something cool for kids."



Crowther Memorial Junior High School students put their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test on Feb. 6, launching handmade cardboard boats into the water as part of a hands-on classroom project.

Melissa Piche Photo

## Notice of Application Confined Feeding Operation

Olypork GP Inc. and Olymel have filed Application LA25082 with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to obtain an approval to expand an existing confined feeding operation (CFO) on the SE 6-24-21 W4M in Wheatland County, Alberta. The application is to convert from 3,000 swine farrow to wean to 10,000 swine feeders. No construction is proposed.

### Filing a response

Any person who is directly affected by the application may submit a written response to the NRCB. The response must be received by the NRCB on or before **4:30 pm on March 12, 2026**. Submissions should be made to the NRCB address provided below. All attachments sent electronically must be in a pdf format. A copy of the responses will be sent to the applicant for comment. Responses regarding the application may be posted on the NRCB's public website, as they are public records and are non-confidential.

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Failure to submit a written response affects your right to apply for an NRCB Board review.

### Viewing the application

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# County to seek new waste transfer station location

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After having received significant backlash from the local community, Wheatland County council is looking for a new location to establish a waste transfer station near the Hamlet of Lyalta.

Council previously directed administration to proceed with the redesignation of county-owned lands currently being utilized as a gravel stockpile site.

Adjacent landowners objected to the redesignation, citing risk of contamination, and deterioration of land value should it be used for waste management instead of accommodating future growth.

“It is a difficult area because there are a few large landowners that hold the majority of the lands, but it is still worth pursuing because of the operational pressures we have at Wheatland West,” said Cody Zimmerman, manager of operations for Wheatland County.

“The hamlet itself provides their own garbage collection services currently, but they are not required to, and if they ever chose to stop providing that collection service, that would be on the county to pick that up in some form or another.”

The search and debate to find and develop a suitable site for the wastewater transfer station has been ongoing since 2019.

Zimmerman added should the hamlet decide to

cease its localized collection services, the county would have to decide whether to have residents drive to Wheatland West to dispose of their waste or to take on collection services themselves.

Among the issues which aim to be mitigated by a waste transfer site, in addition to relieving pressure from Wheatland West, is to reduce or put a stop to illegal dumping; a problem noted to currently be quite prominent in the area.

Following council’s approval, administration is able to begin looking for alternative sites and highlighting areas which may be viable for the project, as well as meet setback requirements from nearby residences.

“We know that any new site is going to generate opposition, but this is a waste transfer site, not a landfill. I don’t know if people realize that this is not likely to contaminate anything and is not likely to smell,” said Coun. Shannon Laprise.

“This was going to cost us \$1.5 million. A new site, we will have to buy land for. This area is so tricky because there is so much opposition, but we are going to have to eventually move forward to something.”

Council estimated a future project on a different parcel of land may cost the county upwards of \$2 million to \$2.5 million.

During the Jan. 13 meeting, council directed administration to withdraw the ongoing redesignation application and report back with an alternative site for consideration within Division 5.

# Alberta looks to help teachers

CHANTELLE DE JONGE  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Alberta is a place where people value practical leadership. Whether it’s parents worried about their kids’ education, farmers protecting their land, or families planning for the future, Albertans expect their government to listen and act responsibly. By making decisions based on what’s best for our province, our government is delivering results people can see in their everyday lives.

Alberta has a strong education system but keeping it strong means making sure teachers have the support they need. That’s why our government has announced a new Teacher Advisory Council. This council will give teachers a direct voice in shaping education policy. Teachers know what’s happening in classrooms and where improvements are needed. By listening to their real-world experience, especially on issues like classroom size and complexity, we can make better decisions for students and families. To learn more or to apply, visit [alberta.ca/teacher-advisory-council](http://alberta.ca/teacher-advisory-council).

Standing up for Alberta also means speaking out when federal decisions don’t work for our province. Recently, the federal government denied Alberta the use of Strychnine to manage Richardson’s ground squirrels. For many farmers and ranchers, this tool is important for protecting crops, land, and livestock. Alberta’s government has been clear: this decision ignores local knowledge and puts rural producers at risk. Our government will continue to push for practical, science-based solutions that support Alberta’s agricultural communities.

Our government has also raised concerns about the appointment of federal judges in Alberta. We’re calling on Ottawa to be more open and to give our province a stronger role in this process. This includes asking them to rethink strict bilingualism rules that don’t reflect how people live and work in Western Canada, and that can block qua-

lified candidates from being considered. This is about giving Albertans a real voice, building trust in the justice system, and ensuring judges reflect the values of the communities they serve.

Alberta’s 2026 budget will be released on Feb. 26. Budget Day is about priorities, but it will also require some tough choices. We’re making responsible decisions now to protect our province’s financial future, stay focused on what matters, and ensure Alberta remains strong for our children and grandchildren. With economic uncertainty around the world, careful planning matters more than ever.

Good government means listening, standing up for our province, and planning ahead. By working with teachers, supporting rural Alberta, protecting the fairness of our justice system, and preparing a responsible budget, our government is focused on what matters most. That’s how we keep Alberta strong today and ready for the future.

We are also proud to support our Olympic and Paralympic athletes competing at the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Games, taking place Feb. 6–22 and March 6–15. As home to many dedicated, high-achieving athletes, Alberta looks forward to cheering our Olympians as they bring their commitment and excellence to the world stage.

Brett Gallant, Ben Hebert, and Jocelyn Peterman of Chestermere are members of Canada’s Olympic Curling Team. Seeing athletes from our own community compete on the world stage is something special, and their success reflects years of hard work supported by local curling clubs, volunteers, families, and fans. They represent the best of what community sport can produce. We wish them the best of luck on their Olympic journey!

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions ([Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca](mailto: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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### Local teams shine

The Strathmore Curling Club hosted its annual Ladies Bonspiel from Feb. 5-8, welcoming teams from near and far for four days of competitive curling. Local team, Game of Stones, featuring Darlene Reynolds, Shauna Munchrath, Micayla Kooistra, and Angie Kinsman, made it to the A Final. Local team Shack a Hack, featuring Cindy Shackleton, Debbie Campbell, Lynette Aschenbrenner, and Traci Riess, made it to the B Final.

Joe Lepage Photo



### Great season

The Strathmore Storm U13T4 team claimed first place in the Yellow Division after a trio of wins to close out the regular season Feb. 6-8, including a 3-2 win over Vulcan on Feb. 6 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Storm finished the regular season with a 13-1-2 record.

Joe Lepage Photo



### Cougars host tourney

The Crowther Memorial Junior High School (CMJHS) girls team hosted their annual tournament Feb. 6-7. Four local teams – CMJHS, Siksika, George Freeman and Holy Cross Collegiate – took part in the weekend event.

Joe Lepage Photos

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## Town to prep land annexation application

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The objective is to submit the application by the conclusion of the first quarter of this year at the latest. Once the town submits their annexation application to the province, the land and property rights tribunal undertakes their own review process, which can include a hearing.

Following the hearing, or if the tribunal determines a hearing is not necessary, a recommending report is submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The final annexation decision is made by the province's cabinet.

The town has no control over the amount of time it will take for the application to move from the tribunal to the province, and ultimately to approval.

Council voted to accept the administrative report and directed administration to take further necessary actions to prepare the annexation application to submit to the land and property rights tribunal.

# Town renews Youth Hub lease agreement with school division

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore and Golden Hills School Division are renewing the lease agreement over the Youth Hub for another five years.

“For years, the town has leased buildings to several organizations that have provided public service programs and services. The Youth Club lease agreement with Golden Hills has been in place since February 2022 following the decision of council to cease operations of the youth club program,” said Mark Pretzlaff, director of community and protective services for the town. “This lease agreement has enabled Golden Hills School Division through Crowther Memorial Junior High to operate the Anchors II Outreach program. This program is an alternative education initiative designed to support students that may not thrive in a traditional school setting by providing specialized, flexible learning environments.”

Should the lease agreement cease, Golden Hills operations would vacate the building, and maintenance responsibilities would once again fall to the town.

The previous lease agreement, and subsequently the new document the town has agreed to sign, allows the use of the facility for one dollar per year for the school division.

From a financial perspective, though the lease agreement is for an effectively negligible amount, the town does not spend resources maintaining the building.

“There is probably no way to generate revenue with a building like this other than us putting forward a massive investment to get it up to the quality that somebody would actually want to rent,” said Coun. Brent Wiley. “In the meantime, we are holding on to it, but we are also having the maintenance covered ... it is a win for us because it costs us nothing, but in the meantime, it serves the community, it serves Golden Hills with this excellent school program.”

The new agreement backdates the lease period to have effectively commenced as of Feb. 1 and will be in place until Dec. 31, 2030. At which point, the school division will once again be given the option to renew.

Going forward, Town CAO Kevin Scoble added the town will be working with both local school divisions to implement a Joint Use and Planning Agreement (JUPA) by June 1, which is noted under provincial legislation.

“It is not just planning for schools, but it is also how all three parties can optimize the use of all the assets that we have in sharing arrangements. This would become part of that JUPA,” said Scoble.

The new lease agreement was approved unanimously by council following discussion.

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The World Health Organization (WHO), recommends exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months of a baby's life. However, many women can't do this. One of the reasons is that 35% of women stop early due to insufficient milk production. Remember, it's no crime if you can't breast-feed for six months but simply trying is important.

The mRNA vaccines that worked so well during the COVID-19 epidemic, have undergone large studies regarding their use in pregnancy. These studies concluded that the mRNA vaccines during the first trimester of pregnancy did not result in any increased risk of congenital fetal malformations. In fact, getting COVID-19 itself is a greater risk.

And speaking of mRNA vaccines, they have been very successful in preventing serious outcomes of COVID-19. They are easy to make and less expensive than other vaccines. They also show real promise in the treatment of other diseases. Research is currently being done to design an mRNA vaccine to shrink cancer tumours.

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# Community set for Hockey Day in G.A.

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Registrations are now open for one of winter's most anticipated community events as the Gleichen Gunners annual pond hockey event, Hockey Day in G.A., returns on Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hosted by the Gleichen and District Minor Hockey Association, the family-friendly celebration invites young players from across Alberta to come together for a day centered on fun, friendship and the true spirit of Canada's game.

“This event really captures who we are as a hockey family,” said Melissa Piche, Vice President of the Gleichen and District Minor Hockey Association. “It's about bringing kids together, letting them play and reminding everyone that hockey should always be fun, welcoming and built on respect.”

The non-contact, 4-on-4 shinny-style event is open to individual players aged 4 to 17, male or female. Players will be placed into teams, and they will enjoy three games played on two indoor ice surfaces, making it an accessible and inclusive experience for participants of all skill levels.

“Our philosophy is focused on development and enjoy-

ment, not pressure,” Piche explained. “Whether a player is brand new to the game or has years of experience, this day is about confidence, teamwork and loving the sport.”

A \$10 registration fee per participant includes three games, lunch and an event souvenir package, offering families an affordable way to celebrate Hockey Day in G.A. Full equipment is required and players do not need to be currently registered with an association to take part.

“We want barriers removed,” said Piche. “Hockey belongs to everyone. Events like this show kids that effort, sportsmanship and being part of a team matter far more than the final score.”

Registration information can be found on their Facebook page or their website [www.gleichenpondhockey.ca](http://www.gleichenpondhockey.ca), with payment accepted via e-transfer to [gleichenph.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:gleichenph.treasurer@gmail.com).

As part of the association's broader commitment to youth development, the event reflects the values of fair play, cooperation and personal growth that guide the Gleichen and District Minor Hockey program throughout the season.

“Hockey teaches life lessons that go well beyond the rink,” Piche said. “When kids leave the ice smiling, feeling supported and proud of their effort, that's a win for everyone.”

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# Town implements supplementary assessment bylaw

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is imposing taxes on partially constructed, as well as entirely new builds going forward throughout the year.

Council voted unanimously to pass the 2026 supplementary assessment bylaw during the Jan. 21 meeting. This followed up the presentation of the bylaw which took place the previous week before the Committee of the Whole.

“This is a municipal government act required bylaw that we have in place that allows us to tax any improvement to a property during the 2026 year. If we didn’t have it in place, if a house were to get completed, renovations, we wouldn’t be able to assess and tax those and earn revenue on them,” said Riley Brolly, manager of financial planning, budgeting and reporting for the Town of Strathmore. “That assessment is based on a market value as of June 30, 2025, and the condition of the property at Dec. 31, 2025. Any additions, any improvements, for example a new home gets built, it was a piece of land at Dec. 31, but then the building is completed ... we can tax that because of this supplemental assessment bylaw.”

Council needed to pass the bylaw following the Dec. 31 condition date, and before May 1 of the current tax year in order for it to be immediately applicable. This bylaw is specifically noted to

not apply to linear property.

Strathmore’s tax assessor must determine the value of new improvements added to properties since Dec. 31 and collect property taxes for the remaining portion of the tax year.

The Municipal Government Act requires the passing of a new Supplementary Assessment Bylaw every year prior to May 1, which is also to automatically repeal the previous year’s bylaw.

“The tax bylaw that goes out in May is for 2026. Council passed the 2026 budget in late November which included the property taxes we needed to raise to provide services to residents and businesses,” said Brolly. “The bylaw that goes out June 30 is for the 2026 tax year. If you pay June 30, they are paying for what has already happened in 2026 and what will happen the rest of 2026.”

Without passing this type of bylaw, the town becomes unable to prepare supplementary assessments during the taxation year for improvements and new construction.

Under the bylaw, supplementary assessments which are prepared are prorated in order to reflect only months during which improvements to properties are complete, occupied, located within the town, or are in operation, including the whole of the first month of completion or appearance.

The new edition of the bylaw came into effect immediately upon the passing of its third reading by council.

## 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.

**February 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting**

**March 3, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting**

**March 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission**

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



### 2026 Farmer Pesticide Certificate Course

Wheatland County Administration Office

- When:** March 11, 2026, 8:30am - 5:30pm
- Where:** Wheatland County Administration Office: 242006 HWY #1 & RR 243
- Cost:** \$100 + tax (lunch included)
- Instructors:** Dr. Bill Hamman & Erin McIlwraith
- Register before March 2 at:** 2026 Alberta Farmer Pesticide Applicator Certificate Course Tickets, Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite
- For more information contact:** Albert.Anderson@wheatlandcounty.ca Ph: 403-934-4949

Note: Recertification is no longer an option, the course must be re-taken every 5 years.

The Farmer Pesticide Certification course is a tool intended to help farmers to reduce risks associated with pesticide use. This course is recommended under the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan, but is also mandatory for farmers who wish to use restricted pesticides that require certification such as Aluminum phosphide.

Online home study of the course would be beneficial. The online training is located at the following link or simply search Farmer Pesticide Training on the Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation website <http://open.alberta.ca/dataset/farmer-pesticide-training-certificate-course>

The Certificate will be sent to you by Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation after successfully passing a closed book exam at end of day.

Dr. Bill Hamman and Erin McIlwraith are certified trainers who have been teaching pesticide application legislation, applicator and environmental safety for many years.

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**(Section 12)**  
**Notice of Public Meeting**  
**Western Irrigation District**  
**Change to the Expansion Limit**

TAKE NOTICE that a public meeting will be held at Western Irrigation District's main office at A-1000 Pine Street, Strathmore, Alberta, on the 2nd day of March 2026, beginning at 1:00 o'clock in the PM to discuss a proposed change to the expansion limit of the Western Irrigation District from the existing limit of 110,000 acres to 140,000 acres.

Additional information regarding this proposed change is available to the public at the office of the District.

Dated at Strathmore, Alberta, this 4th day of February 2026.

Troy Tangedal  
Chief Executive Officer  
Western Irrigation District

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**Upcoming Council Meetings**

February 11, 2026 | 6 p.m.  
 February 18, 2026 | 6 p.m.  
 March 4, 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.

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**Heart Month in Strathmore.**

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Learn more about how to get active with the Strathmore recreation team at [Strathmore.ca/StrathmoreHeartMonth](http://Strathmore.ca/StrathmoreHeartMonth).

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Boards and committees have always played an important role in our community. If you're looking for a way to make an impact, this is your chance to get involved. The Town is currently accepting applications for multiple boards or committees.

For questions about Volunteer Boards and Committees, please email [LSAdmin@strathmore.ca](mailto:LSAdmin@strathmore.ca) or call **403-934-3133**.

**Notices coming out in February.**

**Property assessment notices.**

On February 17, 2026, more than 6,400 annual property assessment notices will be mailed out, signaling the start of the 2025 Customer Inquiry Period, which wraps up in April.

The Customer Inquiry Period is an important time for property owners to check, compare, and review their assessment for accuracy, fairness, and equity.

When you receive your notice, there's a few things you should do.

- Review the details on your assessment notice.
- Check what makes up your property's assessment value and compare it with similar properties in your neighbourhood using our property search function, found at [Strathmore.ca/Assessment](http://Strathmore.ca/Assessment)
- Contact the Town's assessor, Wildrose Assessment Services, for one-on-one support by calling 403-343-3357. Their property assessment experts can answer most assessment related questions with no formal complaint fees required. To help address concerns, please have your latest assessment notice in front of you with the account number and validation group information ready.
- If you disagree with your property's assessment, you can file a formal appeal with the Assessment Review Board by the deadline stated on your latest property assessment notice. You can find information on this process at [Strathmore.ca/Assessment](http://Strathmore.ca/Assessment)

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**Public notice to electors.**

**Borrowing Bylaw.**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to borrowing By-law No. 26-02 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said Town to borrow monies from a Canadian Chartered Bank or the Government of Alberta on the general credit and security of the municipality, to pay for upgrades to the Central Trunk Sewer located in Strathmore, Alberta.

The total borrowing required for the aforementioned project is \$4,927,000. The borrowing is to be repayable in monthly, semi-annual, or annual equal payments of combined principal and interest installments not to exceed a repayment period of twenty-five (25) years, at an interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Canadian Chartered Bank or other financial institution. The annual rate of interest is not to exceed six percent per annum (6.0%).

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Strathmore that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on By-law No. 26-02 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing by-law.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly. The Bylaw can be viewed online at [Strathmore.ca](http://Strathmore.ca) or at the Strathmore Municipal Building between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

DATED at the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta this 21st day of January 2026.

Per: Riley Brolly, CPA  
 Manager, Financial Planning, Budgeting & Reporting

**Information for Electors**

Persuant to Section 1(o) of the Municipal Government Act an "elector" means: A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a Councillor under the Local Authorities Election Act.

Persuant to section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act a person is eligible to vote in an election if they are:

- at least 18 years old;
- a Canadian citizen and;
- has resided in Alberta for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding election day and is resident in the area on election day.

A poll may be demanded in the Town of Strathmore by electors equal in number to at least:

- in the case of a municipality other than a summer village, by electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 10% of the population and
- in the case of a summer village, by 10% of the electors of the summer village

In accordance with the provisions of section 223 of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with the provisions of section 251 of the Municipal Government Act.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of this notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition".

(Further requirements of the petition are provided in section 224 of the Municipal Government Act.)

Date of the last publication of this notice is 18th day of February 2026.



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