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Strathmore talks suite options

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore introduced discussions regarding legislation for garden and garage suites in town, during the Feb. 14, Committee of the Whole meeting.

Kate Bakun, planner with the Town of Strathmore, introduced the discussion before the committee. Should the town implement clear regulations for the construction and management of garden and garage suites, new types of housing may begin to be offered in the local community.

Administration suggested via the public meeting agenda, this type of legislation will allow for the support of a variety of housing needs, as well as to help combat the local lack of housing availability.

“Currently, our land use bylaw only regulates garden suites under section 3.25. These suites can be developed in the R2X district, but only on specific lots,” said Bakun. “One of our main challenges in this topic is the lack of a clear forecast for housing affordability nationwide. Prices and mortgages rise daily, contributing to a housing crisis.”

A garden suite refers to a structure separate from the primary dwelling on a property, in the rear yard, which includes barrier-free access, and seamless integration with an adjacent sidewalk, on-site surface parking, main and secondary dwelling entrances, garages, and other access points between both dwellings.

A garage suite may be located at either the front or rear of a property, and are not subject to the same access and separation restrictions placed on garden suites. The condition placed on a garage suite, is that it must be attached to a garage unit.

Bakun added a public engagement survey took place, Sept. 2022, with 257 individuals interviewed. The majority of responders were on board with the idea of either having garden suites on their properties, or seeing them developed in their neighborhoods.

Regulations in similar and surrounding municipalities commonly include land use regulations, requirements for landlords, and requirements for buildings.

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Aiming for the button

The Strathmore Curling Club hosted their annual Junior Bonspiel Feb. 23-25. The U15-U18 teams took part on the first two days of the tournament, while the U12 hit the ice on Sunday. Each 'spiel had 16 teams take part, with a waiting list for both bonspiels. See more coverage on Page 12.

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Playoffs begin

The Strathmore Storm U18T2 team lost a close series to Indus, including a 5-4 loss on home ice Feb. 23 at the Strathmore Family Centre. In Game 2, on Feb. 25, the Storm needed to win by two, but ultimately lost 3-1 on the road.

Joe Lepage Photos



Ready for playoffs

The Wheatland Warriors finished the regular season with a pair of home games, including a 2-2 draw versus the East Kootenay Avalanche on Feb. 23 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local U15AA team, who then beat Okotoks 2-1 on Feb. 25, finished the regular season with a league-leading 24-5-5 record. The Warriors will now travel to Medicine Hat to take part in the South Conference Championship tournament Feb. 29-March 2 for the right to play in the league championship.

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The Farmer Pesticide Certification Course is a tool intended to help farmers 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.

Engaging in online home study for the course would be beneficial. The online training is available at the following link, or you can simply search for "Farmer Pesticide Training" on the Alberta Agriculture & Forestry website. www.alberta.ca/farmer-pesticide-certificate.aspx

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

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Community Facilities Funding Grant Program

During the February 20, 2024 Council meeting, Wheatland County Council approved changes to the Recreation Policy 14.4 Community Facilities Funding Grant Program.

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

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

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Town passes first reading for highway commercial district amendment

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council approved first reading for Land Use Bylaw Amendment 24-01, during the Feb. 21 regular meeting of council.

The bylaw amendment is in regards to 1016 Westridge Road, which would allow for a potential child care service to open in the highway commercial district.

Staff believe childcare services are not currently a listed use in the highway commercial district because some industrial type land uses exist in the same land use designation.

Kate Bakun, planner with the Town of Strathmore, explained to council during her presentation of the proposed bylaw amendment that childcare service is not currently a listed use under the highway commercial district zone in Strathmore.

According to administration as was presented before council via the public agenda package, the establishment of childcare facilities may lead to a new business opening and increased economic activity in the local community.

“As 1016 Westridge Road is adjacent to a residential community with two low-density residential district, and three high density residential district land uses, we think the location is appropriate,” said Bakun. “The potential childcare service will feature a spacious open area, the land lot measures 0.4 hectares, with a portion of it available for the creation of a private playground.”

It was also indicated, should the childcare service be permitted to be developed, one parking space would be necessary to have available per staff member of the business, as per the land use bylaw.

Bakun added the provision of more options for childcare services may assist to meet the needs of more local families within the town.

Via the public agenda, town administration detailed the bylaw amendment would adhere to the town’s social sustain-

ability goals by providing a supportive environment for families, promoting equal opportunities for parents, and establishing foundations for early childhood development.

Environmentally, increased access to childcare options in Strathmore may allow for parents to commute shorter distances to access such services, leading to a reduction in overall traffic congestion, and associated environmental impacts.

A motion put forward by Coun. Denise Peterson to approve first reading of the proposed bylaw amendment was passed unanimously by council.

In accordance with Section 692(1) of the Municipal Government Act, prior to giving second and third readings to a proposed bylaw, council must hold a public hearing with respect to the proposed bylaw.

A public hearing to address Bylaw Amendment 24-01 has been scheduled by council to be held on March 20, in council chambers.

Town discusses garden and garage suites

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“The main principles we should consider when creating regulations are land use regulations, building codes and safety standards, parking, permit and application processes, property taxes, landscaping and tree protection, orientation, layout and privacy, sustainable building design, energy and material efficiency,” said Bakun.

She added some of the strengths or incentives for garage and garden suites for property owners would be a supplemented income, increase of property value, flexibility in use, and support for affordable housing.

Inversely, some of the weaknesses of the idea include legal and regulatory hurdles, initial investment costs, maintenance, privacy concerns, and potential tenant issues.

Following a question period and discussion, there was no indicated date set by the committee for a draft of regulations to appear before council.

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Town announces Link Care 55+ program

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has announced a new social prescribing program, Link Care 55+, to link residents with much needed supports.

Link Care 55+ aims to connect residents within the region over the age of 55 to non-clinical services, and was made possible through a grant from Healthy Aging Alberta.

“It is a holistic approach to bridge the gaps between the medical services that are provided by AHS or anything like that over the province, and the social care systems,” said Mark Pretzlaff, director of community and protective services with the Town of Strathmore. “It connects the health care professionals to patients directly and tries to fill the gaps.”

Link Care 55+ enables health care professionals the ability to refer patients to community-based programs which may improve their quality of life.

If a health care professional notices a patient may benefit from improved social connection and support, they can write a social prescription to a link worker.

“Link workers are non-clinical professionals that help clients develop and achieve their goals by connecting them with community resources. We are very fortunate to have a great group of professionals running Link Care 55+,” said Budd Brazier, manager of community and social development with the Town of Strathmore. “Our team is passionate about helping our Senior residents through social prescribing, ensuring that our clients are getting the supports they need.”

Pretzlaff added the conversations which lead to the program being set up initiated through Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) staff noticing and recognizing gaps in services while working with Alberta Health Services (AHS).

FCSS partnered with United Way in order to acquire the funding to make the program local possible, under the assumption the program would be a good fit for the community.

“Primarily, this program is focused for older adults, so obviously we want to get them some improved mental and physical health and feeling better living at their own homes,” said Pretzlaff. “It is trying to help reduce that isolation and loneliness that can happen when people do not have those support networks around them.”

Once a link worker is hired and a client is identified by their primary health care provider, the connection is made so the link worker can help the client with referrals to activities, or putting them in touch with extended social and recreational communities.

More information regarding Link 55+ in Strathmore and the surrounding area is available through the program page on the Town of Strathmore website.

County approves recreation policy amendments

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council approved revisions to the Recreation Policy 14.4 Community Facilities Funding grant program, as well as approved the addition of \$100,000 to its budget.

During the July 4 regular meeting, council discussed the Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) grant funding program, and how funds are allocated to Wheatland County community organizations, versus Village community organizations.

Administration at the time was directed to bring the CERB funding policy to a Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion. That report was put forward Aug. 22, at which time, opportunities to strengthen recreation policies were discussed, and a revised draft was requested for consideration.

The revised draft, Recreation Policy 14.4, was presented before the Committee of the Whole, Dec. 12, 2023. Based on the Committee’s feedback, a final draft was prepared.

Recreation Policy 14.4 suggested adding funding support for an additional seven community facilities. County administration estimated funding eligibility to increase from six to 13 facilities.

The 2024 interim budget for the grant program was previously set at \$208,000. The additional \$100,000 approved to be allocated is to accommodate for anticipated increases in funding requests.

Coun. Glenn Koester asked during the discussion if there was a set application deadline from

community organizations in order to be able to benefit from the available funding.

“Currently ... we have had applications end at the end of March, and then we review them and bring them before council usually in April,” said Dave Rimes, community services coordinator with Wheatland County.

He added the application deadline has historically been based on when the policy receives approval by county council.

Further concerns expressed by Coun. Shannon Laprise and Coun. Tom Ikert were in regards to whether organizations applying for the Community Facilities Funding grant program would also be allowed to apply for additional CERB funding under different contexts.

Rimes explained CERB generally looks at grant funding to aid in the operating costs of community centres, and it would not be likely organizations would be able to benefit from grant funding in more than one circumstance.

Depending on application deadlines, organizations may submit more than one application, and staff overseeing the approval and distribution of CERB funding would consider applications on a case-by-case basis.

Coun. Scott Klassen motioned for council to approve the revised recreation policy 14.4 community facilities grant program, as well as to direct administration to amend the 2024 budget to accommodate the \$100,000 allocation.

Council voted unanimously to pass both motions without further discussion.

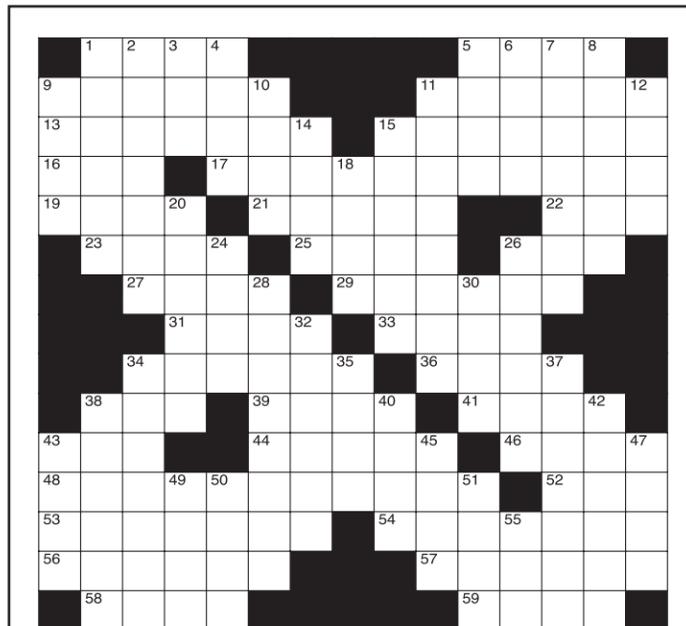


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- 13. European city
- 15. Implicitly
- 16. The side of something that is sheltered from the wind
- 17. The Mount Rushmore State
- 19. Gold or silver wire cord
- 21. Muscles along insects' diaphragm
- 22. Trent Reznor's band
- 23. Sweet juicy gritty-textured fruit
- 25. Broken branch
- 26. Indicates ten
- 27. Expression of annoyance
- 29. Brings together
- 31. Ancient city in Thrace
- 33. Sailors' spirit
- 34. Looked into
- 36. Muckraking woman journalist Rheta
- 38. A type of cast
- 39. One's responsibility
- 41. Where golfers begin
- 43. Make a mistake
- 44. Semitic Sun god
- 46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 48. Beheaded
- 52. A place to stay
- 53. Unwise
- 54. Most supernatural
- 56. "Dennis" is a famous one
- 57. Ointments
- 58. Exam
- 59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Baseball managers assemble it
- 2. Revised
- 3. Mountain is a popular kind
- 4. Takes to civil court
- 5. Pouches
- 6. A type of veil
- 7. Chants
- 8. Boston hoopster
- 9. Elongated appendage
- 10. Sailboat
- 11. 2017 Oscar-winning film
- 12. Actor Gosling
- 14. Monetary units
- 15. Assembly
- 18. Russian pop duo
- 20. Embellished with expressions
- 24. Infrequent
- 26. Temperature unit
- 28. Hydrophilic amino acid
- 30. Honk
- 32. Legislative body
- 34. Swinish
- 35. Russian assembly
- 37. Take over for
- 38. Put in advance
- 40. Satisfy
- 42. Felt
- 43. Dutch cheese
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- 47. Strong insects
- 49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 50. Ancient people of Scotland
- 51. Cheerless
- 55. Sick

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The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce unveiled their new brand, Feb. 21, during this month's edition of their Coffee Connections, hosted at ConnectFirst Credit Union. Kendra Milne was also presented with a \$1,000 prize for being the victor of the SWCC's logo design contest.

John Watson Photo

SWCC unveils new brand

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) unveiled their new brand, as well as the winner of their logo design contest, Feb. 21, during a coffee connection event at the ConnectFirst Credit Union in Strathmore.

"The chamber had a logo design contest running over the last few months, so we have selected a winner. She (was in attendance), we presented her with prize money and unveiled the chamber's new brand," said Cody Holdaway,

communications chair and director with the SWCC. "Internally at the chamber, we see this new brand as a new beginning for the organization. We have an entirely new board of directors, we are working on some really great benefits for our members, and overall, I think this new logo serves as a new face for the Strathmore and Wheatland County business community."

Holdaway added the chamber, prior to the new brand, had been receiving feedback from its members about some of its downfalls, thus sparking the conversation for an overhaul.

The SWCC launched their campaign

for a new logo in November 2023, opening submissions to the local community with a \$1,000 incentive on the line for the winner.

The submission window was open to anyone who wished to put forward an idea, being not exclusive to chamber members.

"The board received about 30-35 submissions in the contest and when we really sat down and went through them, the one that we selected was a unanimous vote," said Holdaway. "The logo we have selected is just everything we wanted. It really embodies the region and it is just a great new logo."

Kendra Milne ultimately submitted the logo which was adopted by the SWCC and took home the \$1,000 prize, with which she was presented during the brand unveiling.

Holdaway added the chamber internally is working on a new website and a new benefits package for member businesses in order to ensure they get the most out of their money investing in the chamber.

"The chamber is really there to advocate for and support our local business community, whether it be with government or with other local businesses," he said. "This new logo is really a fresh start for the organization, and we are really trying to continue to grow."

The coffee connection event was the first such event to have taken place for the chamber in 2024, which aims to take place monthly at a different local business.

If any business wishes to host a similar event, the chamber is able to be contacted for such through their website.

MINOR HOCKEY WEEK



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L to R Coaches: Brittany Eicher (M), Lance Gordon (AC), Garrett Stokes (AC), Darcy Koester (C), Jonathan Wheatley (C)
Middle: Linden Gordon, Logan Eicher, Isaac Koester, Atticus Stokes
Front: Weston Crozier, Liv Christensen, Augustus Stokes, Harper Dundas, Nathan Gregory, Tiley Gordon.
Absent: Lucas Blaskan
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Top Row Left: AC Mason Marlat, AC Brad Huxley, AC Mike Inglis, HC Reese St. Goddard, AC Randi Collins, Middle Row Left: Kade Huxley, Jackson Elliott, Beau Koester, Marcus Marlat, Kabe Baldwin, Kenzley Meguinis, Rhys Matheson, Waylon Head, Bottom Row Left: Calder St. Goddard, Emma Inglis, Dylan Toovey, Omar Morales, Kade Huxley, Dax Mezei, Benjamin Elliott
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Top Row Left: AC Lane Gordon, AC Hayden Warrack, HC Evan Barlow, AC Mike Periard, AC Tanner Stoodley, Middle Row Left: Cole Brandon, Benson Gordon, Cameron McAleer, Zach Barlow, Everson Calf Robe, Jake Soch, Sterling Langon, Liam Chevrier, Bottom Row Left: Cooper Warrack, Ladd Periard, Ryanson Montgard, Rhett Warrack, Caden Lancaster, Grayson Stoodley, Nixon Woodson.
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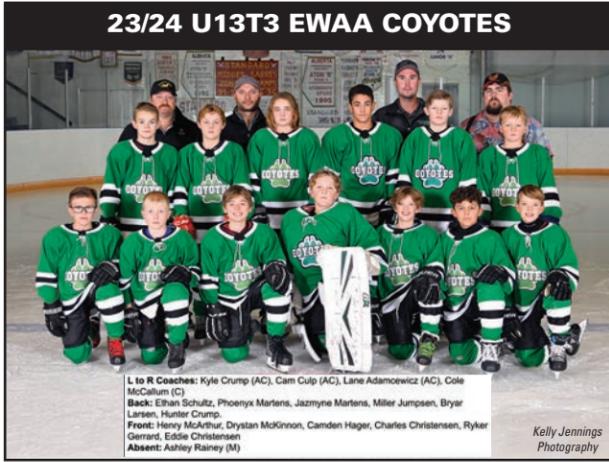
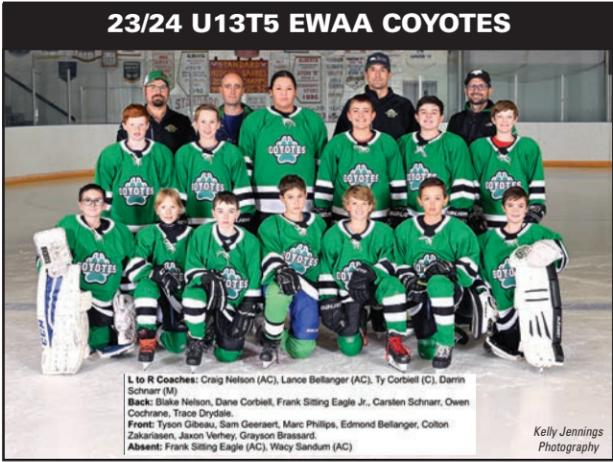


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Middle: Emmett Henke, Jorgia Gordon, Jonathan Schultz, Tyler Gregory, Piper Larsen, Hunter Christensen, Josie Bellinger, Clark Dundas, Kaleb Crouse
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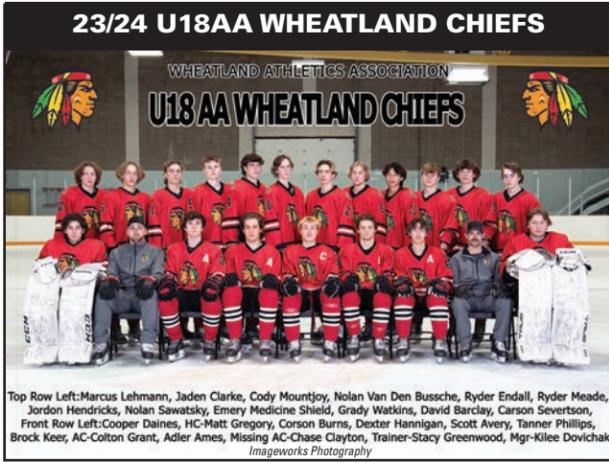
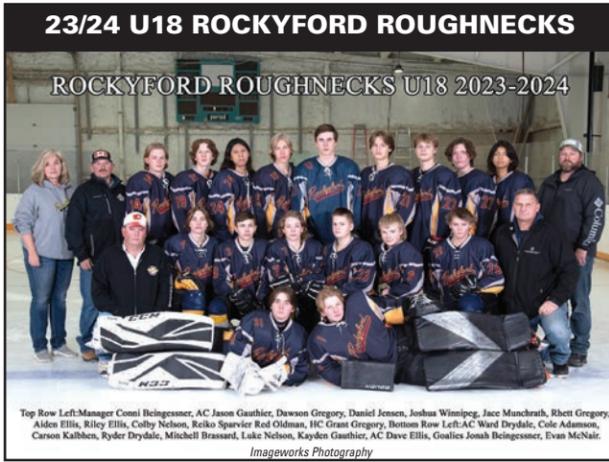
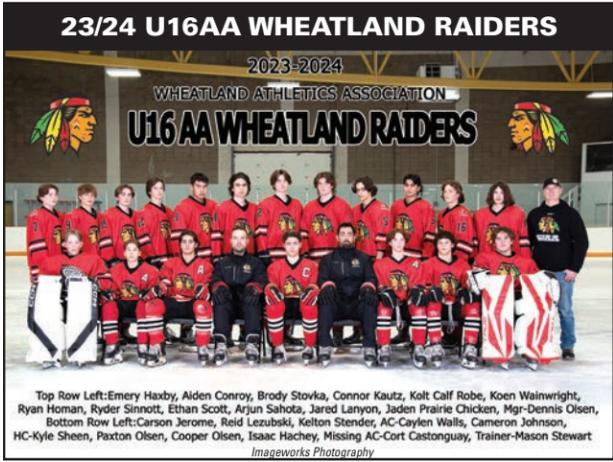
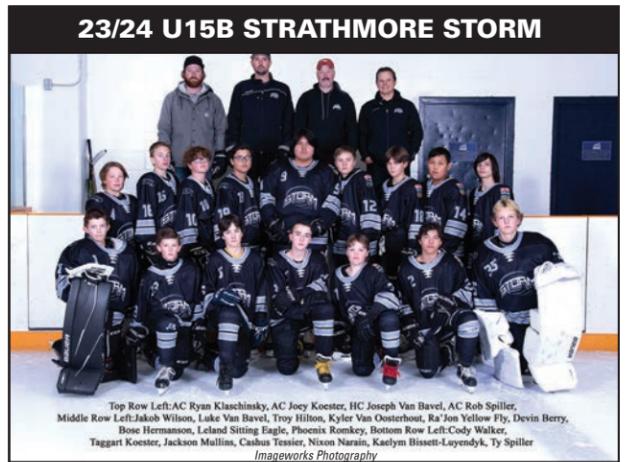
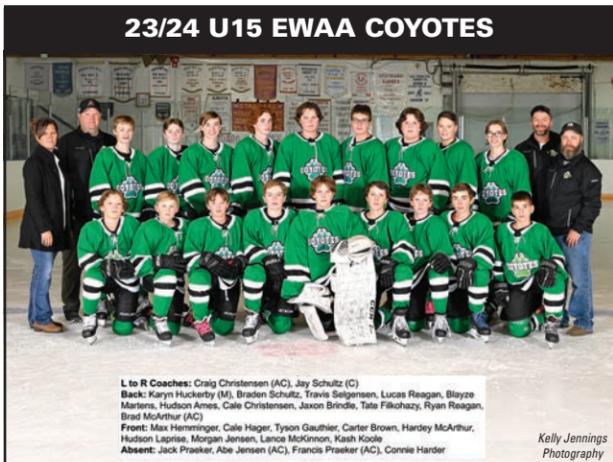
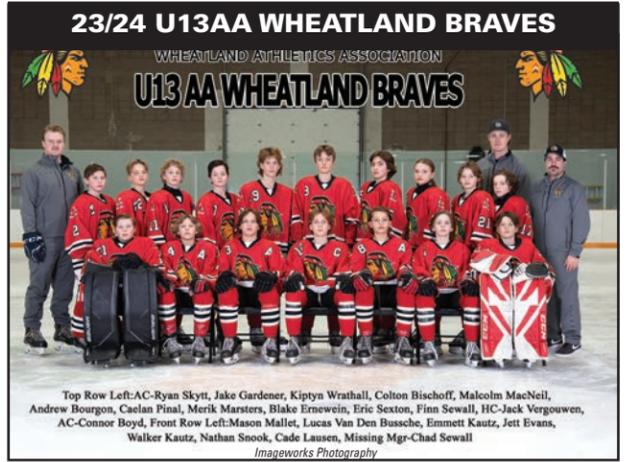


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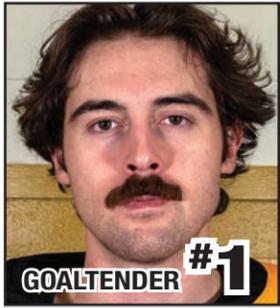
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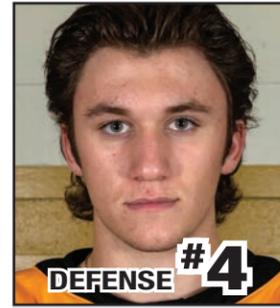
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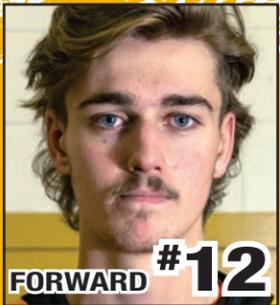
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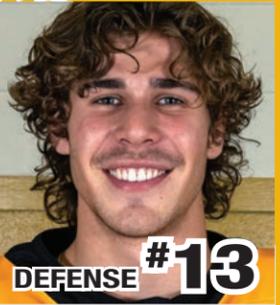
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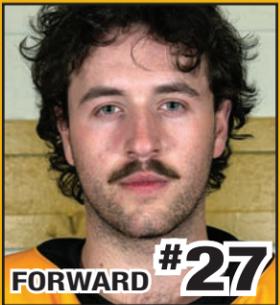
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County opens discussions for new division boundaries

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland County Committee of the Whole addressed the topic of its local electoral boundaries during the Feb. 13 meeting.

“This topic is kind of a unique topic that all municipalities do need to address from time to time. The last time Wheatland County, (our) current bylaw was put in place (was) in 2001, so given 23 years have passed and we are coming to a new election in 2025, this bylaw needs to be revised,” said Brian Henderson, with Wheatland County administration. “Upon reviewing the bylaw and just taking a look at the resident count and the number of residents per division, we did realize that just due to come growth on the west side of the county that there has been a bit of a shift per division.”

Henderson added there is also a deadline for the county to revise its electoral boundary bylaw by the end of this year.

Redrawing the electoral boundaries spreads constituents out among divisional councilors for equal representation needs. This process is a step in guaranteeing fair representation for Wheatland County’s residents and aligning with strategic growth plans.

A report presented by administration to county council indicates an average of 525 residences per division, with the greatest discrepancy being between Divisions 5 and 7 – which had 742 residences versus 387 residences, respectively.

The report also indicated the per cent difference from the average between each of the divisions. Division 5 sits 41.33 per cent above the average, and Division 7 sits 26.29 per cent below.

“Realistically, in the grand scheme of things, the overall changes proposed by administration, which there are options for council to consider, they are less sweeping than shrinking divisions,” said Henderson. “In the general context of this conversation and presentation, the west side divisions would most likely shrink if possible, and the ones on the east side would grow in land area.”

Henderson clarified the area of which each division occupies is less about the land, and more about the number of residences they encompass.

He added the boundary adjustment process should remain non-political and maintain a data-driven focus based on the most recent population census.

Administration aims to maintain a goal of no division maintaining a population difference greater or smaller than 25 per cent of the average throughout the boundary changes.

The Committee of the Whole accepted administration’s report and potential options for new division boundaries as information to return to council at a later date, which was not indicated during the committee meeting.



Super speaking

The Crowfoot Multi 4-H Club held their communications event on Feb. 11 at the Namaka Community Center. The members did a great job on their speeches and presentation, with the winners moving on to the district championship on March 9 at the Strathmore Civic Centre.

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YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE
Gord Morck Pharmacist
Capsule Comments

Optimism is better the pessimism. That certainly is true with people who have bypass surgery. Those who were naturally optimistic, who channeled their energy into things they could control and were accepting of things they couldn’t, recovered much better and had less return visits to the doctor.

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Canada continues to have one of the highest rates of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in the world with over 90,000 Canadians (1 in 400) living with the disease. The average age of diagnosis is 43 and 75% of them are women. Ninety percent are diagnosed with relapsing-remitting forms of MS while 10% are diagnosed with progressive forms of MS. Much information about this disease is available on the MS Canada website. (mscanada.ca)

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A sweeping success

Many stones were thrown during the annual Junior Bonspiel Feb. 23-25 at the Strathmore Curling Club. The next events hosted by the club will be the Stirling #2 on March 2 and the Men's Bonspiel slated for March 11-17. **Joe Lepage Photos**

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Rocky View Schools names new high school in Langdon

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Rocky View Schools board of trustees, on Feb. 15, approved Horseshoe Crossing High School as the name for Langdon's new school currently under construction.

"That came from the work of an ad hoc naming committee that included members of the community; we included a student or two, as well as some staff from Rocky View Schools in the local area," said Fiona Gilbert, board chair for Rocky View Schools. "The committee got together and did some work and put forward two names for the consideration of the board, and the board made the final decision on Horseshoe Crossing High School."

The new high school was announced in 2019. Since then, the Government of Alberta has been working with the P3 consortium (Public Private Partnership) getting the facility ready to accept students.

Efforts to name the school began shortly before Christmas 2023, with the naming committee putting out a call to the local community for suggestions around names.

"I think it speaks to the area. The Langdon community has historically been known as the 'good luck town,' and we know a horseshoe is a symbol of good luck," said Gilbert. "It also speaks to the rural nature of the students and the community who will be

attending there ... and there is a lot of rich equestrian heritage there ... so it is pulling all of those themes together."

Upon its opening, Horseshoe Crossing school will be open to students from Grades 9-11, with Grade 12 students being welcomed in the following year.

This is done to give students an opportunity to settle into the new school prior to beginning their final year of public education.

Rocky View Schools is anticipating a student population of 350 attending Horseshoe Crossing High School later this year, growing to 450 next year as Grade 12 students join.

The service area of the school extends from Highway 566 west of Kathryn, south to the Bow River, including Delacour, as well as extending laterally from Janet to Inverlake and Dalemead.

"(Horseshoe Crossing High School) is relieving pressure from Chestermere High School. Chestermere is over capacity at this current time," said Gilbert.

She added Horseshoe Crossing has an anticipated initial capacity of roughly 1,000 students, with space available to potentially add modular classrooms to the building should it become necessary.

Horseshoe Crossing High School is aiming to begin accepting students for September this year. More information about the school is available through Rocky View Schools.

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CGC announces land acquisition for wallboard manufacturing plant

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

CGC Inc. announced the acquisition of the land which will be occupied by their wallboard manufacturing plant, Feb. 20 within Wheatland County.

The project was announced in July 2022, to be developed in Wheatland County, backed by a \$210 million investment.

In addition to the land acquisition, CGC has announced Ledor to be the contractor for construction of the plant, which anticipates creating 200 local jobs throughout the process; as well as having hired Duane Van Duuren as its plant manager.

“Our manufacturing site is going to be located on about 214 acres of land near Carseland, near Township Road 222. The site will contain about 220,000 square feet of facility and a solar field producing in the range of 15 megawatts,” said Van Duuren. “The solar field will be more than enough to support our energy needs with clean power, and so this is really exciting for our company. We know we want to bring the best products to Western Canada, to our customers in Western Canada, and we want to be a great community member both socially and environmentally.”

Van Duuren is assuming his role as plant manager of the Wheatland County facility with 25 years of experience

working for CGC and its parent company, USG.

He added he is excited to be showcasing a commitment to being a leader in the community, as well as to provide safe, reliable, meaningful career opportunities.

“Once we are fully operational, our manufacturing site will employ about 100 full-time employees,” Van Duuren said. “We certainly want to connect with the community and so, being in the location that we are, we are right in a great area of great communities around us so we are looking to attract some of the top talent to come in and be part of CGC.”

A date for official groundbreaking, as well as for the start of the building process is yet to be announced by CGC.

Van Duuren explained the organization is currently finalizing the design of the facility, as well as being in the last stages of securing the appropriate development permits necessary for construction.

“Once we are done that, then we will be excited to announce what our next steps are and when we will actually make the groundbreaking happen,” he said. “I am excited to see shovels in the ground and there certainly will be clear communication provided when we are ready to do so.”

More information regarding the project is available through the CGC website.

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Obituary



GARRIOTT, Alexandra (Allie) Elizabeth

Alexandra (Allie) Elizabeth Garriott of Strathmore, passed away of natural causes on February 24, 2024, at the age of 98 years. Allie will be lovingly remembered by her son Marshall (Jeanette) Garriott of Cold Lake, Kelly McKale of Calgary, Kevin (Carrie) Rest of Cold Lake; her daughter Marilyn (Brent) Ornburn of Strathmore, Aaron (Tracy) Ornburn of Strathmore; her daughter Janet Snider of High River, Brett Snider of Blackie; her son Sandy Garriott (Frances) of Rockyford, Julie (Spencer) Reagan of Standard, Lisa Garriott of Rockyford, Anthony (Tiffany) Garriott of Grand Prairie and of course by her many great and great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her parents William and Mabel Fraser of Port Alberni, her husband of 56 years Clifford (Buster) Garriott, her brother Bill Fraser, her grandson Kyle Garriott, and her son-in-law Jim (Janet) Snider. Allie was born in Calgary, Alberta but moved with her family to Port Alberni at a young age. She graduated from high school in Port Alberni and went on to work in a bank as a head ledger keeper. She met Buster while vacationing at her uncle's dairy farm near Eagle Lake and was persuaded to become a farmer. This was a role that she relished - driving combines, looking after hogs, sheep and much to Buster's chagrin, goats and of course, caring for her dogs. She was also a very active member of the United Church serving as a Sunday School teacher, CGIT leader and was an original member of the thrift sale committee. Allie was a phenomenal baker - who will ever forget those great pies, buns and of course, Grandma Allie's cookies? She was a fantastic mother who will be greatly missed by us all. A special thank you to the staff at the Strathmore hospital for the wonderful care that mom received.

A private funeral service will be held at the Wheatland Funeral Chapel in Strathmore, with an interment at the Burnsland Cemetery, Calgary, where she will be reunited with Buster.

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Preparing for the wildfire season

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

This past week, Forestry and Parks Minister Todd Loewen declared an early start to the 2024 wildfire season in a proactive approach and requested funding for 100 new wildland firefighters in Budget 2024. Alberta continues to experience warmer-than-normal temperatures and below-average precipitation in many areas of the province, increasing the risk of wildfire. This early start will be accompanied by additional regulations within the Forest Protection Areas to protect people, communities, wildlife, and forests.

Last year, over 60 per cent of the wildfires Alberta experienced were human caused which means they were preventable. This year, to reduce the risk of wildfires, Albertans must obtain a permit for any burning planned within the Forest Protection Area. Alberta Wildfire will also use the fire ban and restriction system to help reduce human-caused wildfires. Further, Alberta will employ enhanced nighttime wildfire operations, including using ground suppression efforts and night-vision equipped helicopters and nighttime heli-tanking.

Currently, Alberta has 196 government wildland firefighters and support staff that provide adequate staffing for the current wildfire activity and risk levels. There are currently over 50 active wildfires burning in Alberta, which includes a few carry-over fires from 2023, and some new wildfires since the beginning of 2024. These additional firefighters will be an invaluable asset to the Alberta Wildfire team as the wildfire season progresses. Going forward, we urge Albertans to exercise extreme caution in forested areas and to avoid burning under warm, dry, and windy conditions. Albertans are well known for rising to the occasion whenever duty calls. As we progress into the warmer months, we must all work together to avoid preventable fires. By doing so, we will keep people, communities, wildlife, and forests safe.

In another development, the Alberta Government announced that Medical First Responder (MFR) agencies across the province will receive targeted funding to support the highest quality of emergency care in Alberta communities. This support will increase the funding by \$3.75 million this year and will expand the program to include medium and large MFR agencies across Alberta, including fire departments, ur-

ban, remote, and rural municipalities and Indigenous communities participating in the MFR Program. More than 200 MFR partner agencies across Alberta will receive targeted funding for emergency medical services. This investment will move forward efforts to enhance health care services for Albertans and will help address the diverse needs and challenges of Alberta's remote, rural, and Indigenous communities.

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

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HARMS, Fred

With great sadness we would like to give respects to our most dear husband, father and grandfather, Fred Harms.

Born in Medicine Hat in Alberta on January 30th, 1941 to Mary and Elmer Harms. He was their first child and had a brother Gerry.

He passed away on February 23, 2024 at the Foothills Hospital due to a stroke at the age of 83.

His journey of farming started early as he quit school and started farming with his dad in Manyberries, Alberta, before moving in 1960 to a farm in the Hussar area. He married the love of his life, Gay Millman soon after in 1967 in Calgary, they were married for a wonderful 56 years. His children Shane (Deanna) and Charlene (Shawn) as well as his grandchildren Zac, Ethan, Mikayla, Mathen and Brynn will all truly miss his wit and many stories.

He had a penchant for farming and loved every aspect of it, his favourite days were always ones that he spent repairing and fixing any and all sorts of machinery.

He was an active member of Our Saviours Lutheran Church and Hussar Seniors Centre and enjoyed the many get togethers with the community.

All who wish to make a donation in honour of Fred can contribute to STARS Air Ambulance or Our Saviours Lutheran Church.

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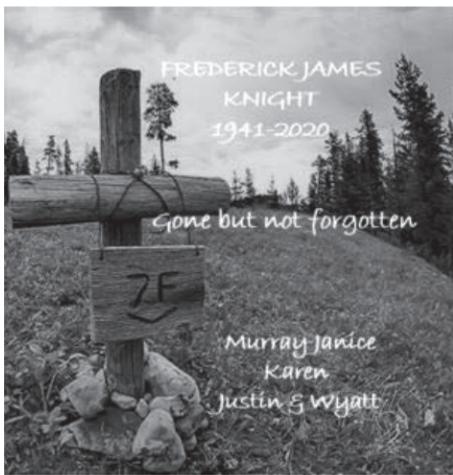
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NOTICES



NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

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

Western Irrigation District in the Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that nominations are open from the date of this publication until 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, for the election of candidates for the following offices and will be received at the location of the office of the Western Irrigation District set out below:

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Division Number
Director	1	3

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

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

DATED at the Town of Strathmore in the Province of Alberta, this 1st day of February 2024.

Troy Tangedal
General Manager
Returning Officer

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NOTICES



FORM 1

Irrigation Districts Act (Section 45(2) (b))

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTE that the annual meeting of the irrigators of the Western Irrigation District will be held at the WID/MLS Community Room, 1000 Pine Street, Strathmore, Alberta, on the 10th day of April 2024, beginning at 1:30pm.

- (a) present annual reports of:
 - (i) the chair on behalf of the Board,
 - (ii) the manager,
 - (iii) the auditor of the district, and
 - (iv) the maintenance of irrigation works of the district, and
- (b) conduct any other business.

Dated at the Town of Strathmore, this 17th day of January 2024

Troy Tangedal,
General Manager
Returning Officer

PLEASE BRING YOUR ANNUAL REPORT WITH YOU TO THE MEETING.

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, please take notice of the following proposed bylaw:

BYLAW NO. 2024-001 MUNICIPAL BORROWING BYLAW

A bylaw of the Village of Rockyford, in the province of Alberta, to authorize the Council of the Village of Rockyford to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the purpose of servicing the new 2nd Ave. W. subdivision with sewer and water.

1. The borrowing bylaw is available for viewing at the Village office located at 110 Main Street, Rockyford, AB.
2. The borrowing bylaw received first reading at the February 21, 2024 Special Council Meeting.
3. Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act allows the public to submit petitions for a vote on whether the borrowing bylaw should be passed. Petitions against the borrowing bylaw must fulfill the requirements of the Municipal Government Act and be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer at the village office no later than 15 days after the second advertisement runs in the local newspaper. Information regarding petitioning requirements can be found at alberta.ca/petition-information-for-electors.

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IRRIGATION ACRES

The Western Irrigation District currently accepting applications for Irrigation Acres. Current Distribution available is: 3,810 Acres.

The following factors apply:

- Limit of 150 acres per application(s). Multiple Applications may be submitted for future consideration/distribution rounds.
- A single application fee of \$400.00 will apply for the primary application(s) (additional applications will be taken for tracking purposes at the same time as the primary application).
- A 10% deposit of the total acre purchase due at the time of primary application(s) as a refundable deposit.
- The Capital Assets fee for the 2024 year is \$1,450.00 per acre and is due 60 days prior to irrigating, with a maximum deadline of March 31, 2025
- Members of an economic unit will be considered as a single application.
- All applications must meet the requirements of the Irrigation Districts Act and WID Bylaws.

We encourage all Irrigators who are expanding or planning to expand to apply to indicate your needs, so we can adequately plan for future demand.

Deadline for all applications to be received by is March 11th at 4:30pm.

Please go to our website www.wid.net or stop by the office for an application form. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact us at 403-934-3542.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

March 1, 2024 | 6 P.M.
March 8, 2024 | 6 P.M.
March 15, 2024 | 6 P.M.

Regular Meeting of Council
 Committee of the Whole
 Regular Meeting of Council

Come Say Hi

Hearing from the community is really important to us, so you're welcome at any Council or Committee of the Whole meeting. You do not need to call ahead or register to observe Strathmore Council in action. There is ample public seating and additional standing room if needed. You can also watch livestreamed meetings online as they happen, or catch up later on YouTube.

2023/2024

Property Assessments

On February 15, The Town of Strathmore distributed more than 6,400 annual property assessment notices, signaling the start of the 2024 Customer Inquiry Period, which will extend until April 23, 2024.

In Alberta, property assessments are governed by regulations outlined in the *Municipal Government Act*, ensuring a fair system that promotes an equitable distribution of municipal taxes.

Property assessments in Strathmore are based on the market value of each property as of July 1, 2023, and the condition of the property as of December 31, 2023.

Market value assessments are conducted using mass appraisal. For residential properties, third-party assessors gather, review, and analyze data from all arm's-length real estate sales transactions that occurred over a 12-month period. Factors such as the quality, size, features, and age of the property contribute to determining its final assessed value.

Since property assessment relies on market value, it is influenced by market changes driven by supply and demand dynamics. Additionally, any improvements or modifications made to a property can impact its assessment.

When property assessments arrive, most residents will notice that their property's value has increased from last year due to high market demand in the region. Strathmore's housing market remains strong with robust sales indicating continued strength and real estate market confidence throughout the community.

Customer Inquiry Period

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:

1. **Review** the details on your assessment notice.
2. **Check** what makes up your property's assessment value and compare it with similar properties in your neighbourhood using Strathmore.ca/PropertySearch
3. **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 valuation group information ready.
4. **If you still disagree with your property's assessment**, you can file a formal complaint with the Assessment Review Board by the deadline stated on your latest property assessment notice. You can find information on this process by visiting Strathmore.ca/Assessment

Important dates

Notices mailed: February 15, 2024
7-days for receipt: February 21, 2024
Appeal deadline: April 23, 2024 (60-days after receipt)

Contact
 Wildrose Assessment Services: 403-343-3357

For more information visit Strathmore.ca/Assessment

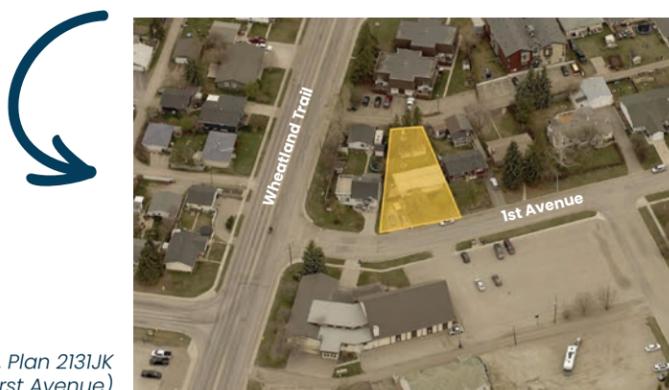
Land Use Ammendments

Upcoming Public Hearings

1. Purpose: to permit a secondary suite within a specific dwellings basement

Bylaw #24-02

The Town of Strathmore is proposing to amend *Land Use By-law #14-11* to permit a Secondary Suite as an accessory use within the basement of the existing single-detached dwelling on lands described legally as being Lot 5, Block 31, Plan 2131JK, known municipally as 318 First Avenue, Strathmore.



Lot 5, Block 31, Plan 2131JK
 (318 First Avenue)

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed bylaw can be found on the Town's website at Strathmore.ca/PublicHearing or may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Strathmore Municipal Building (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB).

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers at the Strathmore Municipal Building on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**, commencing at **6 p.m.** with procedures in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act, Section 199* and the *Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #23-17* and amendments thereto.

Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any or all of the proposed by-law, may present their concerns and/or suggestions by making a submission at the public hearing. Please contact Legislative Services by email at lsadmin@strathmore.ca no later than **noon on Wednesday, March 13, 2024**, in order to register to speak at the public hearing.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Planning and Development Department prior to **noon on Wednesday, March 13, 2024** as outlined in *Bylaw #23-17* and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

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

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

2. Purpose: to include childcare services as a site-specific use

Bylaw #24-01

The Town of Strathmore is proposing to amend *Land Use Bylaw No. 14-11* to redesignate Lot 9, Block 1, Plan 961 1453 (1016 Westridge Road) from "CHWY" Highway Commercial District to CHWY - Highway Commercial District Direct Control District Overlay, to include childcare services as a use. Bylaw #24-01 is a site-specific redesignation and would only apply to the lands at 1016 Westridge Road.



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