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## Local economy scores

JOHN WATSON  
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With the hockey season slowly starting to wind down, the Town of Strathmore has scored two major wins off the ice.

Strathmore has been selected to host two provincial championship tournaments later next month. The Wheatland Wranglers will play host to the U18B Female Provincials from March 20-23, while the Wheatland Athletic Association will host the U11AA Provincials from March 27-30.

While the local teams look to eye a provincial championship, Mayor Pat Fule said the influx of people passing through town is a massive boon for Strathmore economy.

“If the motels (and hotels) get filled and if people are driving in and out, maybe from the city, they are going to get gasoline or they are going to buy something to eat or they might grab some groceries,” he said. “It is huge for Strathmore as a town and it is huge for our businesses – so we really welcome the hockey ... and we are really happy and very grateful that the volunteer coaches and managers and parents work so hard to bring these tournaments to Strathmore. It is really good for the whole town.”

Fule added Strathmore does not tend to see many travelers during the winter, thus being able to create impacts such as filling motels and hotels for a weekend has the potential to significantly impact a business’s bottom line.

Sports tourism also influences local restaurants, as many teams will come in for a social meal or families will patron while visiting.

Having previously been a high school basketball coach, Fule explained it is often beneficial to a tournament for organizers to block-book rooms at motels and hotels to help aid travelers, as well as to inform businesses such as local restaurants of the event so they may prepare for a sudden influx of people.

Strathmore Minor Hockey, which hosted their regularly scheduled U11 and U13 tournaments earlier this season, will be hosting their U7&U9 Jamboree tournament Feb. 15-17.

“Our community recognizes the economic benefit from so many people in town,” said Kendra Toovey, tournament coordinator for Strathmore Minor Hockey. “Whenever we host one of these things, when you drive around Strathmore, hotels, parking lots are full, restaurants are busy and it really is a ... big economic driver.”



## Spartans battle

The Strathmore High School Spartans JV boys basketball team hosted their home tournament Jan. 31 to Feb. 1. The Spartans defeated Horseshoe Crossing 79-30 to open the tournament, before falling 77-53 to the McCoy Colts on Saturday morning. The Spartans then faced Cochrane in the 3rd/4th place game later that day.

Joe Lepage Photo



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Strathmore High School hosted their annual Pillars of Strathmore High School Ceremony, Jan. 27, recognizing four alumni for their personal achievements. The goal of the program is for alumni to serve as ongoing examples for current and future students to pursue success and excellence in whichever field they choose.

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# SHS hosts ceremony to honour four alumni

**JOHN WATSON**  
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Four Strathmore High School alumni were recognized during the Pillars of Strathmore High School ceremony, hosted Jan. 27 at the school.

Doug Raycroft, principal of Strathmore High School, explained the practice of hosting Pillars of Strathmore High School ceremonies began in 2010 following the receipt of a donation from the Steve Rodehutskor family.

"Steve was a graduate of Strathmore High School and he was a football player with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and he tragically passed away a little bit early in life," said Raycroft. "That money from that donation from the family was used to get a scoreboard and score table for the gym and then also the money has been used to start this Pillars of

Strathmore High School ceremony."

Each year, the school typically adds two or three more alumni to the pillars to serve as examples to current and future students who pass through the halls.

A committee consisting of both current and retired staff meets multiple times per year in order to come up with names of possible future pillars.

The criteria used to decide which alumni to recognize is fluid, though each person selected has found some way to excel in their respective field.

"Obviously there are a lot of doctors, but we do not want it to just be about people who got medical degrees. There are also some lawyers and then there are some athletes," said Raycroft. "We try to not focus on one area, so we have had some people from different backgrounds, different sports, some, they have succeeded in movies ... there is a wide variety of different things."

The objective, he added, is to send a message to the student body that there are a wide variety of different ways to be successful in life.

This year's Pillars of Strathmore High School include Blaire Anderson, Timothy Steeves, Jim Stevens, and Niki Flundra.

Anderson currently works in Edmonton as an assistant professor at the University of Alberta working as a hepato-pancreo-biliary and transplant surgeon.

Timothy Steeves currently serves as the associate concertmaster of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Previously, he was a first violinist in the Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal.

Jim Stevens was honoured for his achievements in rodeo. During his tenure at Olds College, he captured two Canadian College Championship titles in steer wrestling then went on to spend a decade with the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association.

Flundra built her career as a Liberty Horse trainer, performer, professional stunt woman, and specialty horse provider for the film industry. She has also worked in event production and pyrotechnics.

"Our mission statement at our school is to inspire a community of accomplished and caring citizens ... I think the message there is that any student can reach what they would consider excellence while being a good citizen," said Raycroft. "I think most of the (award recipients) really hope that their message and what has happened to them can be inspiring in some way to other students and families."



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# Wheatland Kings Lucky Shot Lager on retail shelves for first time

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings and Origin Malting and Brewing have officially launched their Lucky Shot Lager at the Calgary Co-Op Edgefield liquor store.

Having been made available exclusively at the Strathmore Family Centre Arena for the last three years, this is the first time Lucky Shot Lager is being made available at a retail location.

“Origin Malting and Brewing has been a long-time sponsor of the team ... they have donated thousands of dollars directly to the club and now we are getting thousands of dollars indirectly through the sale of our partnership beer,” said Cody Holdaway, general manager of the Wheatland Kings. “The more eyes we can get on our brand and the more eyes Origin can get on their brand, the better. I think just getting it in the liquor store, it is also big for the community to be able to not only support our club, but also to be able to drink some amazing locally grown beer.”

Holdaway added in addition to the launch of the canned beer on shelves, the Kings are giving away a jersey to one person who purchases a pack prior to the conclusion of the playoff season. A draw for the prize will take place following the end of the season for the Kings.

This season has seen franchise records set for the Kings. As of Feb. 1, the Kings are ranked third in the league standings.

“It has been a franchise record setting season – something that this club has never done, obviously with the rebranding that happened at the beginning of the season, we are trying everything we can to get our brand out there and I think we are doing that, and the community support is at an all-time high,” said Holdaway. “Lucky Shot Lager has been for sale at the Family Centre Arena for about three years now. We went to retail this week so obviously it is selling now, so we will see how that keeps up and we have a lot of flats in inventory so you might see it sticking around.”

Holdaway described getting Lucky Shot Lager onto shelves as a “spur of the moment” decision. He explained the team at Origin called him prior to the new year asking if the Kings would be okay with seeing the partnership beer retailed.

There are currently no plans to offer Lucky Shot Lager at any other locations other than the Strathmore Family Centre Arena and the Calgary Co-Op Edgefield Liquor Store.

Holdaway, as well as Adam Moore and Aiden Cockx were present at the Calgary Co-Op Edgefield location, Feb. 1, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. handing out samples to those of legal drinking age who dropped by.



## Chiefs split

The Wheatland Chiefs split a pair of home games, including a 2-0 loss on Jan. 31 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local U18AA team rebounded with a 3-1 home win over Airdrie in Hussar the following day. The Chiefs next home game is Feb. 9 (4 p.m.) when they host the Golden Suns.

Joe Lepage Photos

# Lakewood of Strathmore reflects on 2024, excited for prospects of 2025

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Describing it as a “monumental” year for the community of Lakewood, Scott Silva, director of sales and marketing for Lakewood of Strathmore, reflected on the results of 2024 within the community.

“It was one of the biggest years yet – we were able to not only give back to local and national campaigns, but we once again raised and donated over \$100,000 to local charities and national charities as well,” said Silva. “Organizations such as True North Society ... Strathmore Legion, and the Strathmore Overnight Shelter.”

Silva added the community was excited to partner with organizations such as the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society, Global Fest, The Cooperators, and Baldwin BBQ to host or be a part of a variety of public events throughout the year.

New builders have also begun to introduce themselves into the growing community, and Lakewood of Strathmore was able to move through its Phase 2A development, literally paving the way for the launch of Phase 2B.

“One of the things that we launched in Phase 2A, which ended in 2024, was our phased sponsorship of regional or national charities and organizations – nonprofits that give back to communities,” he said. “One thing that we are very proud of, we were able to do our cheque presentation with Paul Brandt, and #NotInMyCity.

“That was a monumental moment for us, not

only to be successful in that phase of development, but also to be able to give back to the community. This year, we are going to do that again with Phase 2B; we have 76 lots, so that is something we will announce later.”

Now that Brave Park has been completed and officially opened, events such as a pancake breakfast, car show, or the #NotInMyCity cheque presentation have been able to use the park as a venue, hosting upwards to 200 to 300 people at a time.

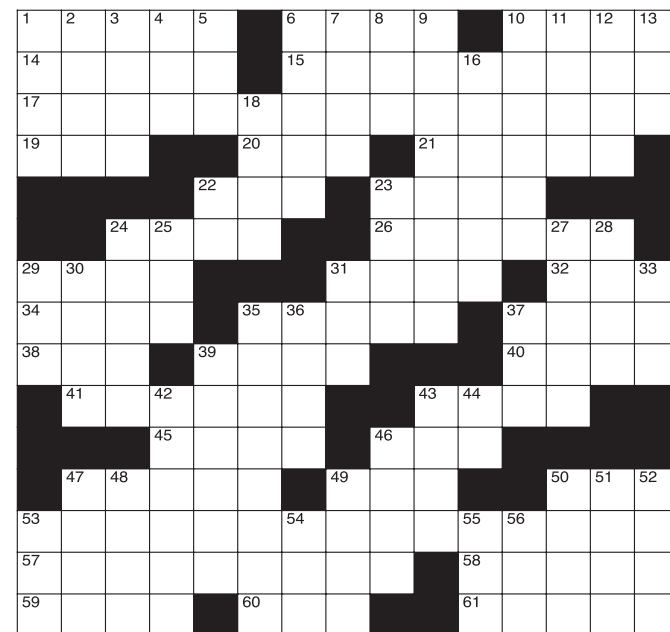
Also in 2024, Lakewood of Strathmore was proud to host a giveaway which provided \$50,000 to a new homeowner who will soon be moving into the community.

As 2025 kicks into gear, so too does Phase 2B of the community development, which consists of duplexes, fourplexes, and rear-lane detached garage homes.

This will also create infrastructure for carriage homes, being suites above garages that are separated from the primary dwelling on a property.

Medium density townhomes are on the horizon for Lakewood, which will help to further grow housing availability within the town and community, as well as the variety of housing options able to be found locally.

With construction ongoing for the manmade lake, development of the community prepares to boast the recreational waterfront upon its completion in roughly two years’ time.



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. “The Las Vegas of the East”
- 6. Cook
- 10. Manning and Wallach are two
- 14. Chameleon
- 15. A way to fill up
- 17. What MLBers hope to play in
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Indefinite period of time
- 21. Excites
- 22. Males
- 23. Mongol leader Genghis
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Soda comes in them
- 29. Not nice
- 31. Professional organization
- 32. Part of a play
- 34. Sea eagle
- 35. Emily Blunt’s character in “Sicario”
- 37. Beige
- 38. Mental sharpness
- 39. Valley
- 40. Alcyone’s husband
- 41. A place to gamble
- 43. Flightless Australian birds
- 45. Call out somebody’s name over a P.A. system
- 46. US spy group
- 47. Pancakes from buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Disfigure
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Early English council
- 59. Square measures
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Siskel and \_\_, critics

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mouths
- 2. Buffalo
- 3. You plug it in
- 4. Each
- 5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 6. King of Thebes
- 7. English name meaning “mythical hunter”
- 8. Indicates near
- 9. More herbaceous
- 10. Gas-powered cars need one
- 11. Dishonest individual
- 12. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 13. The woman
- 16. The whole of one’s holdings
- 18. Witnesses
- 22. Doctor
- 23. Paul \_\_, Swiss painter
- 24. Kids look for him on December 24
- 25. Single
- 27. Competitions
- 28. Predict the future
- 29. Cage for trained hawks
- 30. Musician Clapton
- 31. Frozen water
- 33. Semiformal men’s evening attire
- 35. Most worn
- 36. Common soap ingredient
- 37. Former EU monetary unit
- 39. Provisions
- 42. Book parts
- 43. Republic of Ireland
- 44. Partner to “Pa”
- 46. Sammy \_\_, songwriter
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Clare Booth \_\_, American writer
- 49. Solar disk in Egyptian mythology
- 50. Minute arachnid
- 51. From a distance
- 52. Monthly apartment cost
- 53. Young women’s association
- 54. Tourist destination
- 55. “Woman” in Ojibwe language
- 56. Pointed end of a pen

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# Revved up concert

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Music lovers in Strathmore are in for a treat as ReMix: Powered by Revv52 takes the stage at Strathmore United Church for the Arts on 817 concert on Feb. 8.



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The high-energy ensemble, a smaller offshoot of Calgary's renowned Revv52, promises an unforgettable night filled with powerful vocals, intricate harmonies, and a set list spanning multiple genres.

John Morgan, Artistic Director of Revv52 shared his excitement about the upcoming performance.

"We're really looking forward to it," said Morgan. "We've put together a set list that's going to appeal to a broad audience."

Revv52, founded in 1952, is a dynamic performance group known for its 52-member ensemble and innovative vocal arrangements. Due to the logistical challenges of bringing such a large group to every venue, ReMix was formed about a decade ago to provide a more intimate, flexible experience, while maintaining the high-energy style of the full group.

"ReMix consists of about 13 to 14 of our members," said Morgan. "We have a book of about 100 songs we can pull from which allows us to tailor performances for different audiences."

The smaller group has performed at corporate events, charity functions, and even Carnegie Hall as part of Deke Sharon's Total Vocal showcase.

Theatre-goers at the Strathmore United Church can expect a mix of beloved classics and fresh arrangements that put a new spin on familiar songs.

"We take songs people know and love, but present them in a way they've never heard before," Morgan said. "For example, we've got a Johnny Cash medley, 'Bohemian Rhapsody,' and an acapella rendition of 'Smile' by Charlie Chaplin. We even include a little country with 'Wagon Wheel.'"

The performance will also feature a live band adding an extra layer of energy and musical depth to the show.

Like many musical ensembles, Revv52 had to pivot during the COVID-19 pandemic turning to virtual performances and music videos.

"We actually made over 30 videos during that time," Morgan noted. One of the most special projects was a version of 'O Canada' featuring Cree, French, and English, which got over half a million views.

In recent years Revv52 has been embracing new technology including individual handheld microphones for all members and video integration in performances. Their goal is to continue expanding collaborations with other performance groups and even work alongside top recording artists as a backing ensemble.

Beyond just another stop on their performance schedule, this show holds personal significance for ReMix.

"One of our members, Becca Peterson, is actually from the Strathmore area," Morgan revealed. "We love the opportunity to perform in different communities and having that local connection makes it even more special."

ReMix's performance promises to be a lively and engaging evening that will have audience members singing along to their favourite tunes.

"We're bringing our full band and it's going to be an amazing night," Morgan said.

For more information on ReMix people can visit their website where they can also find a link to their YouTube channel revv52.com.

Tickets can be purchased at The Vault Cultural Collective or online (www.smoreuc.com).

## Stay safe all year

### ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES

Alberta Health Services encourages Albertans to take steps to prevent falls and other injuries. About 180 children ages four and under and 11,000 adults ages 65 and older were hospitalized due to falls in Alberta in 2022. Here are some tips to avoid falls:

#### FOR CHILDREN

- Use sturdy, wall-mounted gates at the top of all stairs and a wall-mounted or pressure-mounted gate at the bottom.

- Install safety devices on windows that are higher than ground level, such as window guards or child-proof locks. Safety devices should be installed so they may be opened by an adult or older child without the use of any tools or special knowledge.

- Move furniture away from windows and balcony rails to prevent children from climbing.

- Secure furniture, such as dressers and bookcases, to the wall.

- Use the playground checklist for children to reduce the risk of injury.

- Always have your child wear a certified helmet while skiing, snowboarding, sledding, tobogganing or skating to lower the risk of head injuries.

#### FOR ADULTS

- Move your body. Regular physical activity builds balance, strength, and flexibility. Talk to your healthcare provider before beginning a new physical activity, and discuss strategies for staying active if you have limited mobility.

- Choose footwear that has low heels, fits well and has good grip. Join activities with friends or family to stay safe and connect with others. Take short, slow steps on slippery surfaces.

- Check your vision. Changes to your vision might increase your risk of falling. Alberta Health covers the cost of an annual eye exam for adults ages 65 and older.

- Regularly review your medications with your doctor or pharmacist, and ask questions about side effects, such as feeling dizzy or sleepy.

- Keep floors and pathways clutter-free and turn on lights on stairs.

If you fall or are seriously injured, get the appropriate care promptly. People with life-threatening emergencies should visit their nearest emergency department or call 911. If your condition is not life-threatening, call Health Link 811 for health advice or information.

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# Kings falter late in season

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings have dropped from second to third in the South Division after a pair of weekend losses.

The Kings dropped a 5-4 road decision to Okotoks, followed by 4-2 loss to Airdrie the following day at the Strathmore Family Centre.

Head coach Doug Raycroft said he is pleased with his team's performance against Okotoks, and they were in a position to win, however yielded goals at the wrong times.

Against Airdrie, the tale was very different. He explained the team ultimately did not play well, coupled with stresses inflicted by Airdrie's goaltenders. Of the 35 shots on net taken, only two were scored over the course of the game.

"I really felt like we dominated the play for a lot of the game and outshot them, but they had really good goaltending and unfortunately we could not find the net," he said. "It was a big game for Airdrie as well - it is a big playoff run for them; they are trying to get a spot up there in the north. It was a little disappointing, but you learn what you can and I think for our guys, it is just being ready to play against every kind of team."

Raycroft added the pressure is on for the Kings going into their final two games of the regular season in order to reclaim their second place in the division.

"We play Medicine Hat on Friday night (Feb. 7) in Strathmore. They have two games left and so do we and they are up one point on us. If we beat them on Friday, and then we win in Coaldale, we will be second place," he said. "Likewise, if they beat us, they will be second place. So, it is going to be a pretty big battle there. Both teams are pretty desperate for the win."

Raycroft acknowledged the skill and quality of the rival team, adding the Kings will have to work hard to not give them any opportunities to eke out an advantage.

Competing for second is critical, as the team that finishes in higher will earn a first-round bye in the playoffs.

"We will definitely need to win both games this weekend to get second, and the same goes for them," said Raycroft. "They will have to win both, but it is a pretty close battle right to the end."



The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings slide hit three games after a 4-2 loss to Airdrie on Feb. 1 at the Strathmore Family Centre. With just two regular season games remaining, the local Junior B team is hosting a massive game versus Medicine Hat on Feb. 7, which will likely determine who takes second place in the Southern Division and earn a first-round bye in the playoffs.

Joe Lepage Photos

## NEXT GAMES

Friday, February 7  
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The company that makes one of the original drugs for erectile dysfunction have now released a tablet for that quickly dissolves in the mouth with or without water. The onset of action still is between 30-60 minutes. This tablet has been available in Asia and the Middle East since 2014 but just recently been OK'd by Health Canada.

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*Chestermere-Strathmore MLA*

In 1976, Premier Peter Lougheed established our province's sovereign wealth fund—the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund (AHSTF) aimed to save for the future, strengthen our economy, and improve the quality of life for Albertans. Since then, Alberta's government has embraced that mandate to provide prudent stewardship of the savings from Alberta's natural resources.

Alberta's government aims to reinforce and bring our sovereign wealth fund up to a level shared by other jurisdictions and have met with the owners of some of the largest and most successful sovereign wealth funds in the world. Engaging in this outreach is critical to gathering the expertise necessary to deploy a modern, sophisticated approach to the building of the AHSTF.

With the planning stage completed, our government has a comprehensive plan in place centered around leaving the bulk of the funds inside the AHSTF and allowing them to grow. If properly managed, this sovereign wealth fund can mitigate, reduce, or even eliminate our economic reliance on the energy sector. Given the current geopolitical climate, and the uncertainty of trade beyond our jurisdiction, any force which may lessen the effects of slowdowns, or difficulties in the oil sector can only benefit Alberta's economy.

Deposits made to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund will consist of a portion of money earned from the oil and gas sector. Having this type of foundational wealth in our province will provide Albertans with the flexibility to

not just survive but thrive through any conceivable situation that may unfold in the province, our country or globally.

Alberta's plan to grow the Heritage Fund to \$250 billion by 2050 is a bold and necessary step toward securing long-term financial stability for our province. By establishing the Heritage Fund Opportunities Corporation, Alberta is creating a world-class governance structure that will operate independently from government, ensuring high returns and strategic reinvestment. This approach will allow Alberta to access top-tier investment opportunities, following the lead of successful sovereign wealth funds around the world. Most importantly, it will help reduce our reliance on volatile resource revenues and build a sustainable financial legacy for generations to come.

Alberta's government is taking decisive action to restore the Heritage Fund to its intended vision—saving prosperity today to ensure a thriving Alberta tomorrow. With an initial \$2 billion deposit and a clear roadmap for growth, we are securing Alberta's financial future while maintaining a strong, responsible approach to economic management. This plan is about more than just numbers; it's about ensuring that Alberta remains resilient, prosperous, and prepared for whatever challenges and opportunities lie ahead.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with your feedback and concerns at [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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### Upcoming Meetings

- February 11, 2025 | 9 a.m. Municipal Planning Commission
- February 11, 2025 | 9 a.m. Public Presentation Committee
- February 18, 2025 | 9 a.m. Council Meeting

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

The hearing will be held at the Wheatland County Council Chambers: 242006 Range Road 243 (East of Strathmore off Hwy 1) (mail: 242006 Rge Rd 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4) on Thursday, February 6, 2025, commencing at 9 a.m. regarding the following:

SDAB File: DPA 2024-078  
 Re: Refusal of Development Permit 2024-078 for an Abattoir (On-Farm Slaughter)  
 Legal Description: SE 01-24-26W4; Plan 1811393, Block 6, Lot 1  
 Permit Refused – November 19, 2024 - Municipal Planning Commission

At the hearing(s) the SDAB will hear from the appellant(s) and/or the agent; from any person who claims to be affected by the proposal; and from any other person who wishes to make representation AND whom the SDAB agrees to hear. Comments may be made verbally at the hearing, OR if you wish to present a written submission, you must have copies of the same to be distributed at the commencement of the hearing. Any submissions you make are collected under the authority of subsection 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purposes set out in sections 678 and 686 of the Municipal Government Act. Submissions will form part of a report available to the public and may be referenced in the Board's public written decision. If you have any questions regarding the collection or retention of this information, contact the Wheatland County FOIP Coordinator at (403) 934-3321.

A time limit may be imposed on verbal submissions, at the discretion of the Chairperson. We would appreciate receiving your written comments by end of day Thursday, January 30, 2025, regarding this matter; emails can be sent to [sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca).

The complete file for this application may be inspected in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information regarding the appeal will be posted on the Wheatland County website for public to view prior to the Hearing date.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Van Haarlem at the Wheatland County Administration Office (403) 361-2000 or email [sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca).

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Here's your invitation to come learn more about our initiatives and have a chat with your County Councillors! The goal is to create a welcoming and informal way for individuals to learn more, ask questions, and get a feel for what's happening in the County.

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# Strathmore cadets host marksmanship activity

**CAPTAIN FRANCES OGILVIE**  
Public Affairs Officer, Regional Cadet Support Unit

Cadet Flight Sergeant Brett Young and Cadet Warrant Officer Second Class Joscelin Burgos provided coaching to fellow cadets during a marksmanship activity conducted by 903 Strathmore, Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS) at the Strathmore Ag Grounds on Jan. 18.

Cadet Flight Sergeant Coutu, a fourth-year cadet, shared his passion for marksmanship.

“I really like doing this because it’s not something my family does. It’s unique and something I would only get to do because of cadets,” said Coutu. “I joined cadets because my parents recommended it and I thought it would be an interesting opportunity to learn some new skills. I live in a really small town of 150 people, so this is a fun way to meet other teens.”

Captain Robbie Nauffts, Commanding Officer of 903 RCACS, described how the squadron offers registered cadets a very dynamic and engaging marksmanship program.

“It’s a big part of what we do,” said Nauffts. “The cadets really enjoy marksmanship because it gives them a chance to work with each other to develop their skills. It also allows them to build on leadership and coaching skills they have attained by developing new cadets.”

903 RCACS has many exciting activities planned for the spring, including the squadron’s 25th Anniversary celebration that will include a formal dinner and the attendance of squadron alumni, familiarization flying in a glider, and a formal cooking class.

“Familiarization flying is always a big hit because the cadets go up in small planes, like the Cessna

172 Skyhawk and fly around the Rocky Mountain Foothills,” said Nauffts.

The Air Cadet Program provides many youths with their first experience in a plane and annual chances to experience gliding.

Coutu shared that local youth who are considering joining the Cadet Program should join because “it’s a great opportunity to make new friends, socialize, and have fun.” Coutu elaborated that the overnight activities “are the most fun. I really enjoy camping and being outdoors.”

The Cadet Program is open to all youth between the ages of 12 to 18 and provides them opportunities to develop skills that will last a lifetime, including teamwork and communication. 903 RCACS offers local youth training opportunities on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. at the Strathmore Ag Grounds. Youth who are interested in joining the Cadet Program can do so by visiting [Join the Cadet Program \(Canada.ca\)](http://Join the Cadet Program (Canada.ca)).

“The squadron is currently looking for additional adult staff to enroll as Cadet Instructor Cadre officers. We also gladly accept volunteers who just want to help to ensure the program continues to be a success in Strathmore,” said Nauffts. “It is a very rewarding experience to see these young people achieve their goals.”

Becoming part of the Cadet Program as an adult leader is a choice to serve both your country and your local community. It is easier than you may think and is filled with rewarding opportunities to gain new skills valued not only within the Canadian Armed Forces, but within your existing workplace. No previous military or cadet experience is required. Adults looking to get involved are encouraged to email Nauffts ([903air@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:903air@cadets.gc.ca)).



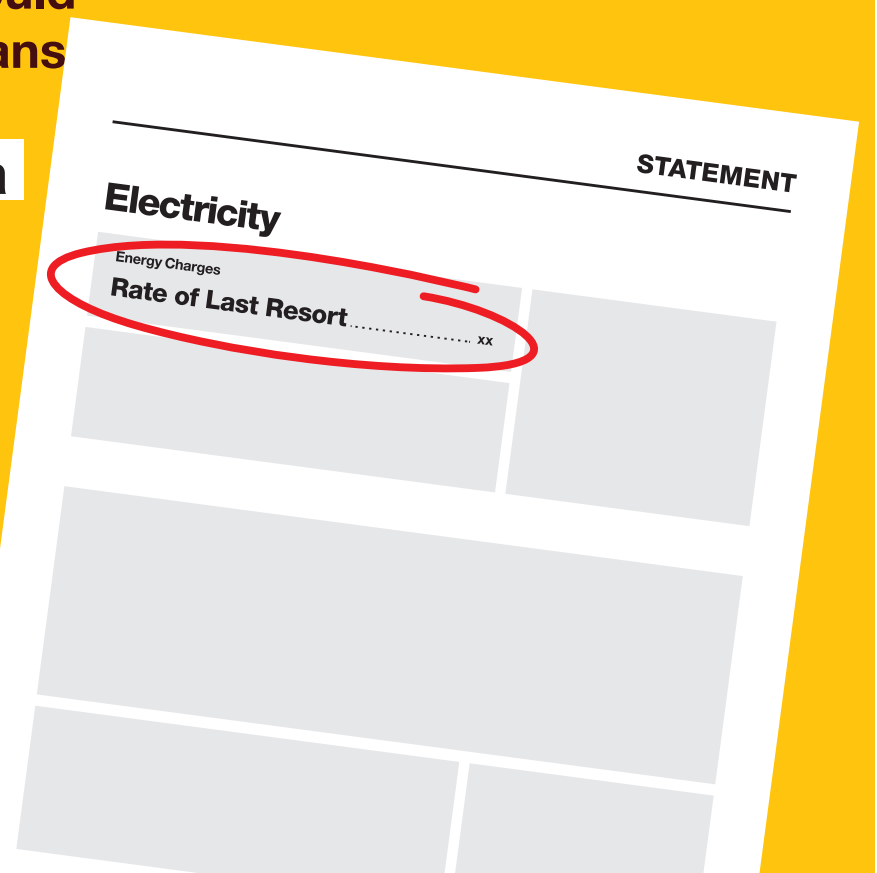
The 903 Strathmore, Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS) held a marksmanship activity hosted by Cadet Flight Sergeant Brett Young and Cadet Warrant Officer Second Class Joscelin Burgos on Jan. 18.

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# RCMP urge drivers to lock their vehicles

**ALBERTA RCMP**

As the temperature drops and the snow starts to fall, the Alberta RCMP partnered with law enforcement partners across the province for Operation Cold Start late last month.

Operation Cold Start is designed to work with the public to reduce the theft of idling vehicles during the winter months.

Law enforcement agencies across the province will be performed a variety of tasks to help keep vehicles safe. They will be checked on unattended, idling vehicles to see if the keys are in them, and whether or not they were properly secured. Officers also participated in educational efforts to teach the public ways to keep their property safe.

“Leaving your vehicle running to keep it warm for you seems convenient and it is – not just for you, but also for opportunistic thieves who are looking for vehicles to steal for transportation and to commit additional crimes,” says Cpl. Mike Black of the Alberta RCMP’s Auto Theft Unit. “Operation Cold Start aims to reduce auto theft by educating Albertans on steps they can take to help keep their vehicle safe.”

Vehicle theft doesn’t only affect vehicle owners; it has an impact on the greater community. Not only do thefts increase the cost of insurance across the province, but stolen vehicles can also be used for further crime or even be put back on the market and sold to unsuspecting Albertans.

The Alberta RCMP offers the following tips for vehicle safety:

- If you can’t park in a garage or driveway, ensure that you’re parking in a visible, well-lit area.
- Visible anti-theft devices, like steering wheel locks, can help mitigate vehicle thefts and break-ins.
- If possible, look into automatic car starters as an option to warm your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle unattended if the keys are in it.
- Always lock your vehicle’s doors even if you’re parked in a driveway or garage.
- Never leave valuable items like wallets, keys, purses, or even change visible in an unoccupied vehicle.
- Most modern engines do not require a ‘warm-up’ period. If your vehicle does need to warm-up, do not leave it unattended.

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### Wranglers on a roll

The Wheatland Wranglers U18 Tier 2 team were riding an eight-game winning streak heading into a pivotal match versus Olds on Jan. 31 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Wranglers went back and forth with the league's best, earning a 4-4 draw. The team went to split the remaining weekend games, bringing their record to 10-3-1 on the season.

Joe Lepage Photos

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## CBC continues to waste money

To the Editor

Last week, Brodie Fenlon, general manager and editor-in-chief of CBC News, announced that his organization plans to hire up to 30 local journalists in “underserved communities” with the \$7 million in new funding it will receive from Google due to the Online News Act.

With newsrooms stretched and strained and others shuttered forever, we should celebrate when new journalism jobs are created. But Fenlon’s announcement raises three problems.

First, the math simply doesn’t make sense. Anyone who knows how to use a basic calculator can see how: if you take the \$7 million the CBC is entitled to, (and you are left with \$3,430,000 after fees taken by the Canadian Journalism Collective. If you divide that number by 30 journalists, you get \$114,333 per new journalist). When I saw that, I said to myself, “Shut the front door, Mr. Fenlon.”

The median salary for a journalist in Canada is about \$62,000 per year, according to Talent.com. So, why is CBC offering three-and-a-half times the market rate? Either those journalists are way overpaid, or that money is going somewhere else. Sounds like “fuzzy math,” as George W. Bush once said of Al Gore’s economic figures.

Second, Fenlon’s list of “underserved communities” includes markets that are already getting coverage from long-existing local media. They are not all news deserts.

Plenty of examples can be found in Alberta. Banff and Canmore, where the CBC now plans to open a bureau, have been served for years with award-winning journalism by the Rocky Mountain Outlook. Jasper, where the CBC wants to make its temporary bureau permanent, has two local news outlets including Jasper Fitzhugh. There are dailies in Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, and despite this, the CBC hopes to branch out there, too. The Red Deer Advocate has circulated in that city for more than 100 years, and the Lloydminster Source is published by a second-generation publisher; the CBC hopes to enter both of these markets. I could go on.

Why is the public broadcaster suddenly in expansion mode when the private sector has been serving these markets for generations? Local media is already struggling to compete with Google and Meta for advertising dollars – I literally walk up and down the streets of Blairmore, Alta., and knock on doors selling ads – and now we have to compete with the CBC?

Third, the CBC’s \$6,860,000 from Google

would be better invested by the private sector. I pulled out my trusty Texas Instruments calculator that my mom bought for me when I was in high school to figure this one out: for local community newspapers, that amount of money would allow us to hire more than 150 journalists. This shows how the private sector is much more efficient than the CBC.

For context, the CBC paid bonuses to 1,194 employees in the 2023-34 fiscal year, including over \$3.3 million to 45 executives – averaging more than \$73,000 per executive. Those bonuses alone are more than what many of my hardworking readers would earn after an entire year of work. Yes, we need more journalists in Canada, and we need to plug news deserts, but it needs to be done efficiently.

My message to Pierre Poilievre and whoever wins the Liberal leadership is this: the Online News Act is desperately needed. It will make a big difference to community newspaper publishers like me, who have been devastated by Google and Meta. Like omnivores, these companies have been gorging on every Canadian advertising dollar they can find, leaving us with little.

But the Online News Act can be made even better by removing the \$7 million earmarked to the CBC and redirecting those funds to private-sector news publishers and broadcasters, which would create even more jobs.

Federal leaders need to tell the CBC that it’s up Schitt’s Creek now.

Lisa Sygutek

Crowsnest Pass Herald

President of the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association

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## Obituary



**DOUGAN, Ron**

June 30, 1942 - January 14, 2025

RONALD HENRY CLARENCE DOUGAN was born in Calgary to Donald & May Dougan. He was raised on the family farm outside of Strathmore, AB along with his two brothers, Bryce & Harvey. Left to mourn his loss are his daughters Jana (Conrad), Heather (Stephen) and Alexandra, stepsons Kirk and Tristan, his brother Bryce, grandsons Bodhi and Cedar, numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by both parents and his brother Harvey.

At the age of 10, Ron was stricken with polio as so many other children were at that time. It was an event that was to dominate his life from then on. Spending a year of recovery in the Alberta Children’s Hospital in Calgary and having to face several surgeries on his legs helped him to develop the persistence and resilience that marked his whole life. Following in his mother’s footsteps, Ron became a teacher with a focus on Mathematics. Many students remember him as a gentle, patient teacher who took the time to help them understand difficult concepts. After a year of working in the UK and travelling throughout Europe with his wife Maggie, he came to Canmore in 1972 to teach high school and retired in 1997. Even more than teaching, being a Dad was one of the highlights of his life. Ron took great pride in his daughters and was always there for them. Unfortunately, post-polio syndrome became a reality later in life and brought on pain and mobility issues.

Ron spent the last few years of his life in the Sagewood Care Home in Strathmore, AB close to family and old friends. He passed away quietly in his sleep on January 14.

A private Celebration of Life for Ron is planned.

In remembrance of Ron, donations can be made in his name to [marchofdimes.ca](http://marchofdimes.ca).

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**CURRIE, Joanne Elizabeth (nee Richardson)**  
September 19, 1959  
– January 29, 2025

Joanne Elizabeth Currie, affectionately known as Jo, passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 29, 2025, in Strathmore. Born on September 19, 1959, in High River, Jo's life was a tapestry of love, selflessness and creativity that touched all who knew her. Jo's journey began as the daughter of Bud (deceased) and Ruth Richardson (Weisenburger), and she grew up alongside her siblings Doug, Deb (Frank) and Kirk (Kim). She was married to (S.E.) Ted Currie for over 42 years. From the beginning, Jo was thrilled to be 'Mom #2' to Kevin and Jodi. Jo was a cherished member of a large, loving family that included Ted's siblings Judi (deceased), Sandi, and Rob as well as numerous nieces and nephews – Nathan, Val, Derrick (DJ), Chad, Dax, Keisha, and Ted's nieces Leah and Dani. She also had a special place in her heart for her great-nephew and nieces, Lennox, Cheyenne, and Breezy. She thoroughly enjoyed time with her very special heart-sister friend, Robbie; and treasured the many close friends who she held dear in her life. Jo's compassionate heart extended to her beloved dog, Gibson, who was a constant and loyal companion. Jo's passion for nurturing extended beyond her family. She returned to school as an adult and proudly attained her Level 2 Early Childhood Services certificate from Mount Royal University in Calgary. With this knowledge, she operated her own home-based daycare, focusing on the care of babies under two years old. Her generosity and love for children were evident in the way she embraced this role, providing a warm and loving environment for the little ones she cared for. Jo was the absolute 'Best Auntie' to many! She helped Deb to raise Chad and Dax with her loving guidance and inherent knowledge. Auntie Jo was so very proud of the men they are. Traveling and camping in their RV to many places in Canada and the United States, with a 4-legged family member, was thoroughly enjoyed together with Ted. They went to Hawaii with Kevin and Jodi in the early 1990's celebrating New Year's Eve all together ~ it was a memorable trip for them. Jo traveled to China (on her own) for their 20th wedding anniversary to be with Ted (who was working there). Creativity was one of Jo's most remarkable attributes. She was extremely proficient at making a wide variety of crafts, particularly anything Christmas themed which included stockings, decorations, and ornaments, which she lovingly gifted to family and friends near and far. These creations, given with love, were a testament to her artistic spirit and generous nature. Jo also found pleasure in the pages of a good book, the serenity of walking through open fields ~ a favorite activity since she was a young girl, and in the simple joy of her favorite song, 'Bridle Hanging on the Wall'. Joanne enjoyed singing (and giggling) with the Airdrie Ladies choir group for many years. After Jo and Ted moved from Airdrie, she enjoyed the annual Christmas reunion lunch where she would gift everyone with one of her handmade creations, marking the occasion. Purple Lilacs held a special place in Jo's heart as her favorite flower, reflecting her love for the colour purple. She found happiness in the 'new baby smell', the festive spirit of Christmas (such that she'd announce with a chuckle in early January just how many days until Christmas), the beauty of Fall, and the comforting ritual and routine of coffee time. Her giving spirit was exemplified when she and Ted came home early from a cruise to help Kirk, Kim and baby Keisha during a time of need. Keisha always remained 'Jo's girl'. Selfless, generous and creative are words that best describe Jo. She lived by the principle that 'The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others', a sentiment famously expressed by Mahatma Gandhi. This philosophy was evident in every aspect of her life, from her devotion to family to her care for the children she looked after and the crafts she shared. A not-so-famous sentiment shared by Robbie about Jo follows: '... she knew when to speak up/for you but mostly to listen and just love you'. Joanne Elizabeth Currie's legacy is one of unwavering kindness and selfless service. Her memory will be cherished, and her spirit will continue to inspire those who were fortunate to have felt the warmth (but not too warm ... IYKYK) of her presence. As we say farewell to Jo, we celebrate a life beautifully lived and a heart generously shared. Her spirit will continue to inspire and comfort those who were fortunate enough to have known her. Joanne's memory will be cherished and kept alive through those she touched with her extraordinary compassion and grace. In the event you would like to contribute to an organization on behalf of Jo; please consider donating to: Turtle Valley Donkey Refuge Society, 7877 Skimikin Road, Chase, B.C. V0E 1M1. Website: [turtlevalleydonkeyrefuge.com](http://turtlevalleydonkeyrefuge.com)

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*Obituary*



**HOFF, Beverly Gail**  
July 16, 1937  
– January 26, 2025

It's with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Beverly Gail Hoff, of Strathmore, Alberta, on January 26, 2025, at the age of 87. Bev was born July 16, 1937, in Fort St. John, British Columbia, to Jack and Dolly Parker. Raised on a farm in Montney, BC, alongside her four sisters, from a young age she learned the values of hard work, and resiliency. She attended boarding school in Fort St. John before working in town. She married her first husband, Victor Aalhus, in 1960; a farmer who was also raised in the region. They built a life in the community of Baldonnel, farming and raising their children, Nikolena, John, and Bruce. They had an active life of attending community dances, baseball games and curling events. With a vast group of friends and family, Bev never left the house without encountering someone she knew. Bev was a pillar of her community and church, always offering a warm smile and a fresh pot of coffee to anyone who dropped by. After Victor's sudden passing in 1984, Bev demonstrated remarkable strength, continuing to run the farm with her son John. Fate smiled upon her when she met Ed Hoff, a kind and caring man with whom she started a new chapter on their farm near Gleichen, AB. Bev and Ed thrived together, managing their Evertight Fence Anchor business and traveling the world—their favorite spot being the island of Kauai. Throughout her life, Bev found solace, joy, and lasting friendships in her faith community at the Lutheran church. Her strength was exemplified as she cared for Ed in his final years until his passing in 2024. Bev was known for her generosity, and deep devotion to her family. She was immensely proud of all of her and Ed's grandchildren, celebrating their achievements and milestones. Her home was a source of pride, adorned with stunning flower gardens. Bev always dressed with flair, no matter the occasion. She cherished history, meaningful conversations over meals with family and friends, and creating a warm and welcoming home. Bev's enduring strength, practicality, and spirit were remarkable, and she will be remembered for her unwavering devotion to her family. Her legacy of kindness and resilience will live on through the many lives she touched. Bev is survived by her three children, Nikolena (David), John (Joan), Bruce (Marilyne); her step-children Christine (Kent), Peter (Cynthia), Richard (Lisa); her grandchildren Melissa, Jill, Lauren, Todd, Curtis, Brielle and Kaleb; her step-grand children Mackenzie (Asha), Jamie (Jason), Kaela (Andrew), Bergen, Regina (Seth), Naomi, Cole, Phoebe and Sara; as well as her step great-grandchildren Oliver, Wesley, Eleanor, Elliot, Joy and Henley. She is also survived by her sisters, Joyce, Edith and Mary Rose. She was predeceased by her first husband, Victor, her second husband, Edward, and her sister June. Bev's funeral will be held Saturday, February 8th, 2025, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hussar at 11:00 am with lunch to follow. To send condolences, please visit Bev's obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca).

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*Obituary*



**METHOT, Dennis**

Dennis Methot, a devoted husband, father, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2025, at the age of 79.

He is survived by his loving wife, Doreen Methot, and their three children: Darren, Deena, and Danielle. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren: Leila, Angelo, Franquie, and Connor, as well as his beloved great-grandchild, Christine. Born on December 8, 1945, in Thunder Bay, Dennis was the beloved son of Della and Edmond. He had a passion for hobby farming, taking great pride in caring for his cow, Peanuts, his chickens, and maintaining their small family garden. He also loved fishing, with pickerel being his favorite catch. These simple joys brought him peace. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

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*Obituary*



**FARRIS, Linda Dianne (Nee Warrack)**  
January 12, 1946  
– January 20, 2025

We are sad to announce the passing of Linda Dianne Farris on January 20, 2025 in Vancouver B.C. Linda was born at the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary on January 12, 1946 and lived with her parents Edna and Jack Warrack, along with older brothers Melvin, Robert and Bruce near the hamlet of Cheadle, Alberta. Linda very much enjoyed living on the family farm and attended Samuel Crowther school at Strathmore, Alberta for grades 1-12, graduating in 1964. Linda then enrolled in the University of Calgary and graduated in 1967 with a B.A. in economics, a subject she thoroughly enjoyed. After graduation, Linda worked for the federal government, using her knowledge in economic forecasting for the department of Manpower and Immigration. Linda's employment for the federal government resulted in placements in Halifax, Calgary and Vancouver. Linda was predeceased by her parents, Edna and Jack and her brothers Melvin, Robert and Bruce along with sister-in-law Margaret (Melvin). She is lovingly remembered by her son, James Farris who attended to her needs in her later years. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Gwen Warrack (Bruce) and numerous nieces and nephews and their families in and around Strathmore. James will be announcing a celebration of Linda's life that will hopefully be held in the Cheadle Hall later this year.

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February 5, 2025 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council  
 February 12, 2025 | 6 p.m. Committee of the Whole  
 February 22, 2025 | 6 p.m. 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.

**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. 25-03 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 Wildflower Reservoir located in Strathmore, Alberta.

The total borrowing required for the aforementioned project is \$5,450,000. 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 five and a half percent per annum (5.5%).

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. 25-03 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.

DATED at the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta this 22nd day of January 2025.

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

**February is Heart Month.**

In North America and elsewhere, February is marked as 'Heart Month' - a time to bring attention to the importance of cardiovascular health, and what we can do to reduce our risk of cardiovascular disease.

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Although rates of heart disease in Canada have been declining, largely due to advances in research, drug therapies and prevention efforts, there are many risk factors that still contribute to heart disease.

Prevention plays an important role when it comes to heart and cardiovascular disease, and Heart Month is an excellent time to reflect and take steps to making positive and healthy choices for today and yourself in the future.

Lifestyle changes, big and small, can help reduce your risk. These include things such as eating healthier, getting proper sleep, being physically active, managing your stress, and limiting your alcohol intake. We may not be able to help with all these things, but there are plenty of ways to get get active with the Recreation Team.

**We have a challenge for you.**

Join us for the third annual Heart Month Challenge and make moving a priority this February. Here's what to do:

- Walk or swim as much as you can throughout the month.
- Track your distance with us.
- Beat last year's distance of 3,262.31 km.

There will be prizes for the top participant and you can try your luck for a prize draw with bonus entries.

**Ready to vote?**

**2025 Municipal Election.**

Every Canadian citizen has the right to vote. It is how Canadians choose which leaders represent them. Your community is shaped by the outcome of an election. When you take part in an election and express your view, you make democracy work.

Every four years Strathmore holds a Municipal Election where residents elect a Mayor and six Councillors. In Strathmore, Council members are elected at-large, which means the Mayor and Councillors represent the entire population. Strathmore does not have wards, voters in the town may choose up to six candidates for Council, and one candidate for Mayor.

The next general election will be Monday, October 20, 2025.

- Nomination Period: January 1, 2025 – September 22, 2025
- Nomination Day Deadline: September 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
- Election Day: October 20, 2025, polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

For more information about the upcoming election, please visit our website, [Strathmore.ca/Election](http://Strathmore.ca/Election).

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**Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre**

**Heart Month Exclusive Class Showcase Event**

Join us on Friday, February 21 as we showcase a free sampling of classes in support of Heart Month. \*Please note that all events are free with a non-perishable food bank donation.

Event (Feb 21, 2025)	Time
Free access to walking track	All day
Sports Sampler for ages 2-7	4:30 p.m.
Paddle Stack Pickleball	5 - 9 p.m.
Family Games in Gym	5 - 6 p.m.
TRX Conditioning (registration required)	5:30 p.m.
Heart Opening Yoga (registration required)	6:15 p.m.

**Heart Month Exclusive Bonus Entry Opportunities**

Increase your odds to win a prize with our bonus entry opportunities. If you attend one of the below classes, your name will be put into a draw for a prize.

- Entry Opportunities**
- Attend a drop-in public skate
  - Attend one of our fitness classes (pre-registration required)
    - Cardio & Strength Conditioning Intermediate (Mon/Wed, 5:30 p.m.)
    - Cardio & Strength Conditioning Fundamentals (Tue/Thu, 11:45 a.m.)
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  - Book a TRX & Keiser Bike Demo
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**Aquatic Centre**

**Drop In Activities**

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- Activities**
- Aquasize
  - Deep Water Aquasize
  - Lane Swim
  - Public Swim
  - Family Swim

**Family Centre Arena**

**Drop In Activities**

Grab your skates and slide over to the Arena. To see the full arena schedule visit our website, [Strathmore.ca/recreation](http://Strathmore.ca/recreation)

- Activities**
- Public Skating
  - Adult Shinny
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