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Celebrating excellence

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) is excited to announce the return of their annual Business Excellence Awards (BEA), this time being hosted in person.

Strathmore's BEA is still a relatively young event, having only been created a few years ago, prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Like everybody, we had to revisit and figure out how to do it online for a couple of years, and so bringing it back so that we can have an audience ... and (have) the ability to be able to visit with one another and congratulate everyone for another successful year is so important," said Hayley Poirier, chair of the Strathmore FCSS.

She explained the idea behind creating the event was to celebrate the local business community for their achievements and standards of excellence.

The BEA consists of 13 categories for which a business can be nominated for. Anyone from Strathmore, Wheatland County or abroad can nominate a business they feel is deserving to be considered for recognition.

"We will have a panel of judges who will be given the categories and all of the nominees, and then they will get to work and decide who they feel is the most deserving to be winning the award for 2022," said Poirier. "We get hundreds of nominations coming in, in all 13 categories, (and) it is usually very diverse. Some categories get more nominations than others, but that is pretty typical."

Nominations for businesses must be submitted to the SWCC by Jan. 15 in order for them to be considered. This is possible through the SWCC website, where more information regarding nomination categories is also available.

Criteria for which nominated businesses will be evaluated are based on a 10-point system, and include customer service, advertising, and presentation, among others.

Poirier added even if a nominated business does not receive an award, simply being nominated goes to show an impression having been made for their patrons.

"Even a nomination is really a great recognition of how hard that business is working, because they are being nominated by somebody in the community, and that, in my mind, shows that you are being recognized as a business that is standing above the crowd," she said. "To win the award annually is quite spectacular. It puts you on a pedestal, it puts you out there as being one of the top-rated businesses in the area for that year, and it is pretty darn special."

More information regarding the event and associated details are available through the SWCC website. The BEA will be hosted Jan. 27 at the Strathmore Civic Centre.



A place to play!

Victoria Aleksic (5) plays at the Strathmore Municipal Library, Jan. 5 with one of the available games in the facility's collection.

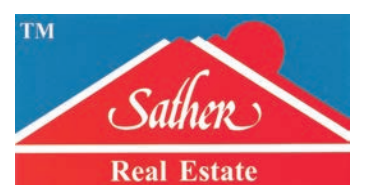
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Capsule Comments

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Short-term rental aimed at large groups

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town Councillor and local realtor, Debbie Mitzner has officially opened a property for short-term rental, aimed at serving large groups as well as being a gathering place for events.

The property, located at 300 1 Ave in Strathmore, has existed for nearly 100 years. Originally built by a local welder, a large portion of the town has effectively grown around the house.

“There is a shortage of accommodation for people coming into town. A lot of the hotels are full of crew people, so this gives people an opportunity to come as a family or as a group,” she said. “It sleeps 14, so you can eat here, you can have it catered to, there is lots of living space and it is affordable.”

According to Mitzner, the house had been renovated by the previous owners, having had an extension added on in the late 90’s, as well as modernizing the house since the early 2000’s.

Over the course of the two-day open house, she reported more than 130 people showed up to check the place out. By the conclusion of the first day, eight bookings had already been made to utilize the property.



Debbie Mitzner hosted an open house for her rental property, located at 300 1 Ave, in Strathmore, Dec. 4-5. The property is meant to be able to provide short-term lodging for large groups, or to be used as a space to host gatherings and events.

John Watson Photo

For those looking to stay at the house, she said there is a minimum two-day booking. The larger the group who would be using the space, the more affordable per person it becomes.

“Because we are from a big community, and a lot of people have a lot of siblings or a lot of family, their house might not be large enough to host something,” said Mitzner. “We as a family, we travel with 11 or 12 people, so we have always rented houses versus the hotels. Strathmore didn’t have that option, so I have this property and I thought it would be a good fix.”

Should the house be filled to capacity with 14 occupants, Mitzner said it would run each person \$40 per night to stay.

She added the space may also be used to host athletic groups, corporate retreats, birthday parties, funerals, weddings or family reunions.

“It’s a good give-back to the community and it allows people to celebrate or grieve under one roof as a family,” she said.

Mitzner said she acquired the property in early December, with only the logistics of operating the space as a rental to figure out prior to opening for public bookings.

County Council approves interim capital, operational budgets

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council has approved administration’s proposed interim capital and operating budgets for 2023-25, and 2027 as was presented during the most recent regular meeting.

The county had originally begun budget discussions, Nov. 15, 2022 at the scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The interim budget was once again brought forward at the Dec. 6, and Dec. 20 regular meetings of council. It was ultimately approved during the latter such meeting.

Based on the report and recommendations provided to council by County Administration, the capital budget will be \$25,389,248.

This includes accounting for a 2.5 per cent increase in taxation revenue for municipal purposes, and the utilization of approximately two per cent of prior year unallocated surplus acquired from previous years.

Administration is anticipating that taxation increases will be offset by non-residential growth within the county, which was indicated to have been an objective since 2018.

The operational and capital budgets have been in the works since August, 2022, beginning with reviews of work plans and requirements for 2023.

As presented to council on Dec. 20,

the interim capital budget put forward was based on scenario one, as presented at the Dec. 6 regular meeting, the details for which are available for public reading in Council’s meeting agenda, alongside the other three proposed scenarios.

A summary of each of the four scenarios originally presented to county council was also published in the Dec. 21 edition of *The Strathmore Times*.

Scenario One of the capital budget, as presented, approves all capital projects which were put forward in the planning process.

Alterations to the county’s operating budget since the original Nov. 15 presentation are also available for public reading in the Dec. 20 County council meeting agenda.

During the meeting discussion, council requested details regarding two paving projects which were noted as potentially deferrable to a future year.

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County approves joint QMP for local fire services

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council has approved a joint Quality Management Plan (QMP) between county fire services, and the Villages of Standard and Hussar.

Cindy Ramsay, fire prevention officer with the county's Fire and Emergency Services, presented to council, Dec. 20 to request the approval of the QMP, which also authorizes the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to sign the final document as presented.

"Wheatland County has been accredited in the fire discipline since 2017, giving the county the authority to administer the Safety Code Act, including the pursuant regulations, codes, and standards," she said. "It also includes any Alberta amendments that are enforced and applicable in all parts of the Alberta fire code, fire investigations, and public education."

Wheatland County Fire Services was approached by the Villages of Standard and Hussar in Septem-

ber 2021, requesting assistance in administering their fire services quality management plan.

At the time, the villages were not accredited in the fire discipline and depended solely on the office of the fire commissioner for inspections and investigations.

To remedy this, a sub-committee was established which included CAOs from the Villages of Rockyford, Standard and Hussar, Wheatland County Fire Services, and the Fire Safety Codes Officer.

The sub-committee met throughout the year, with meetings held in September 2021, May and June 2022.

It was established by the sub-committee that a joint QMP between the interested villages and Wheatland County Fire Services would benefit all parties which participated.

The joint QMP was developed by the sub-committee and was presented for approval by the safety codes council. Once the approval was obtained, the document was presented to the respective village councils for approval.

The Village of Standard approved and signed

July 1, 2022, with the Village of Hussar following suit on Aug. 11, 2022.

Rockyford accepted the QMP as information only, July 13, 2022. The village's council at the time stated they appreciated the offer of the county, but preferred to have their QMP administered by the office of the fire commissioner.

It is written into the QMP that should the Village of Rockyford have a change of heart, they may enter into the joint QMP at any time.

Wheatland County is providing the service to the villages at no cost to the operating body, and no additional costs are expected to be incurred following the signing of the final document.

The county motioned to and carried the approval of the joint QMP with no opposition following Ramsay's presentation.

Strathmore Fire Department talks year end

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Chief of Strathmore's local fire department, David Sturgeon, reflected on the past year as 2022 drew to a close.

He explained the fire department introduced a number of new things to their operations which aimed, and largely succeeded at improving their services.

"We went to a paperless inspection program, so we are able to do everything online, and we are able to send those results to business owners right away. It has been really nice for them to have accurate feedback on inspections," he said. "We implemented a pre-planning software, so ... (our) crews go to teach businesses and they go through a site, see where the hazards are and get familiar with the sites and the businesses, and any high hazard areas in town."

According to Sturgeon, the detachment's training program has also been revisited and now abides by a national standard, to which local personnel are rigorously trained in order to meet or exceed.

He added fire services have also been making active efforts to visit schools to speak with local youth, and meeting with seniors to do talks with them.

Regarding service expansion, the detachment has partnered with Wheatland County's, as well as the departments of smaller orbiting municipalities in order to collaborate on emergency capacity and planning.

Currently, the detachment operates with 45 trained firefighters, being a mix of full-time career, as well as volunteers.

"We transitioned from a solely volunteer service to a composite service where we have full-time and volunteer crews. We are really just trying to make sure that we are always ready and available to respond in a timely manner," said Sturgeon. "The feedback this year from the public is our response has been really good. We have been quick out the door and we, that I can remem-

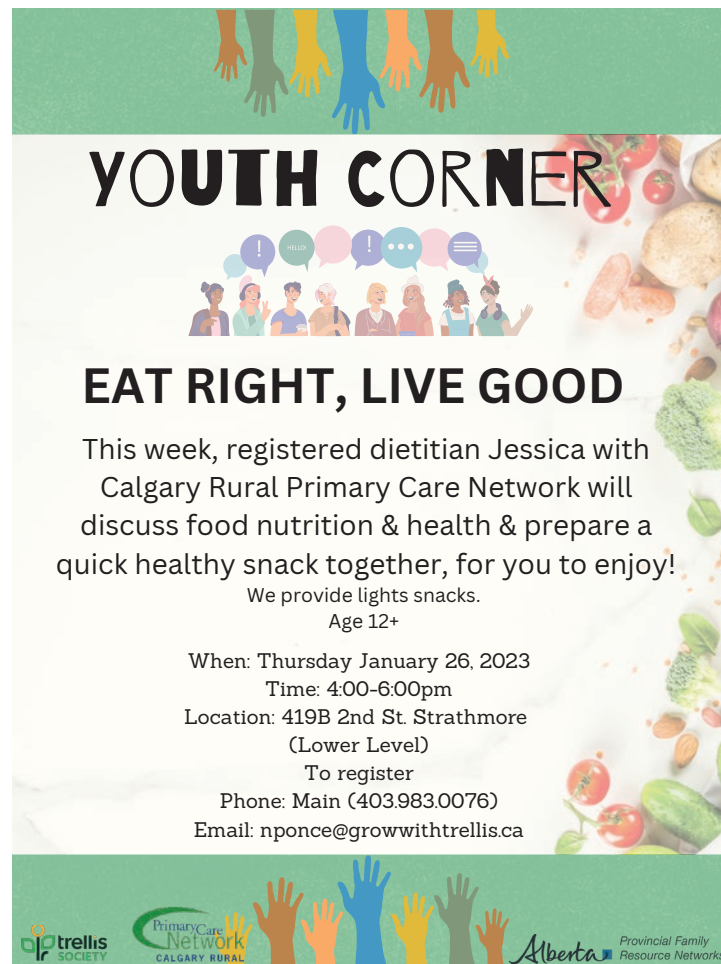
ber, had four really good saves where we basically got to the fire earlier and were able to extinguish it without completely destroying the homes."

Sturgeon remarked the year has not been without its challenges, particularly in regards to putting a larger focus on internal training for the detachment's members.

He estimated the number of responses from the fire department went up between 10 and 15 per cent from the previous year. Medical responses were up by an estimated 20 per cent.

Visibility, public presence and education also being among the fire department's priorities, the team has also been conducting youth talks throughout the year to engage with the potential next generation of firefighters.

Sturgeon also made a point to thank the local community for their support and cooperation. He wished to encourage anyone, if they have questions or concerns, not hesitate to reach out and get in touch with the detachment.



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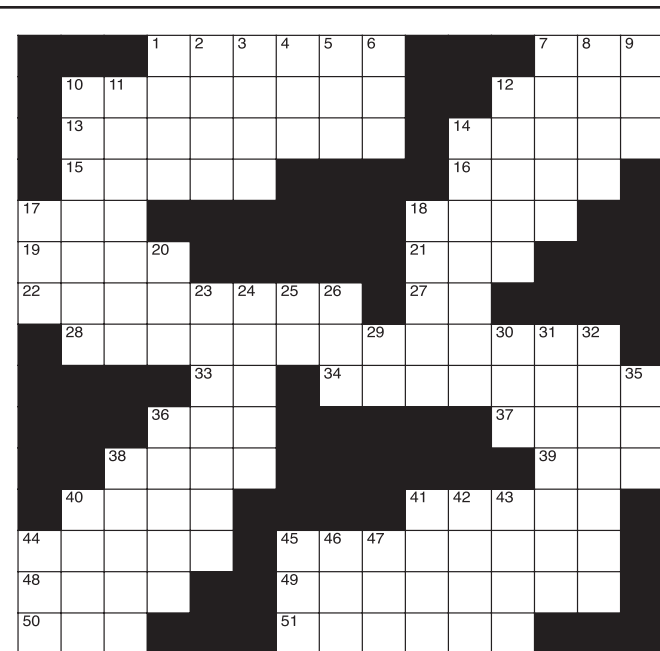
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| 13. Amazes | 37. Egyptian Sun god |
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| 15. Perlman and Seehorn are two | 39. Egyptian unit of weight |
| 16. Early medieval alphabet | 40. Be the source of pain |
| 17. Legislator (slang) | 41. Esteemed award __ d'Or |
| 18. Tasty crustacean | 44. Partner to pains |
| 19. Course of action | 45. Deep blue |
| 21. Airborne (abbr.) | 48. No longer living |
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CLUES DOWN

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| 7. Dish with food on a stick | 35. We all have our own |
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| 11. Henry Clay estate | 41. Sets out |
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Strathmore RCMP reflects on 2022

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

According to Staff Sgt. Mark Wielgosz with Strathmore RCMP, 2022 was generally a return to normalcy for the local police service.

He explained, though not regarding the exact statistics, local criminal activity has been returning to historical averages now that COVID-19 concerns and restrictions have largely been lifted.

"Between 2020 and 2021, we did see some artificially low crime numbers just based on COVID-19 measures that were in place and the realities that we were facing at the time," he said. "More people were at home, less people were travelling away from home, there was a lot more vigilance towards people's properties, and based on a lot of restrictions, people were not moving around and it was easy to pick out activity that was suspicious."

Despite this increase, Wielgosz explained Strathmore continues to generally remain below local four-year historical averages as far as crime is concerned.

He said there is also increased activity from habitual offenders who are moving throughout various jurisdictions including Calgary and several surrounding detachments.

"Our members have been well placed and have been responsive despite these changes and adjustment of crime trends, and they have been able to make a number of arrests," he said. "Hopefully, that acts as a deterring factor with some of the area-travelling habitual offenders."

Wielgosz added a program which has seen a definite impact for the detachment has been the 'Watch Clerk Program.'

This, he explained, is a program which sees civilian staff taking on administrative tasks which RCMP members would otherwise have to complete instead of being on the road.

The program has been in place for the past five years with funding cooperation between the Town of Strathmore, Rockyview County, and Wheatland County.

The idea behind the program is to maximize time on patrol and engaging in crime reduction or prevention, while alleviating much of the associated paperwork that is required to administer police services.

"Another program we have been seeing that has been very successful is our Habitual Offender Management Program," said Wielgosz.

The program, he explained, fluctuates in its numbers of offenders being monitored, but aims to ensure those receiving RCMP attention are continuing to maintain law-abiding behaviour and lifestyles, as well as to not be further victimizing fellow residents or Albertans.

Wielgosz explained roughly 10 per cent of the population is committing more than 60 per cent of crimes, and therefore more RCMP resources and attention are being directed towards that 10 per cent.

Though an exact date was not given, Strathmore RCMP will be conducting a community town hall in order to gauge resident feedback on their local operations in the new year.

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Budget approved

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Coun. Tom Ikert advocated he did not feel comfortable supporting the approval of spending taxpayer money on paving projects prior to speaking with Alberta Transportation, as well as the Alberta Ministry which oversees road maintenance and transportation issues.

When the Government of Alberta releases its budget, which is typically completed in March, the county will confirm the availability of grant funding for certain projects and accordingly adjust its own interim budget.

A finalized version of the County's budget is generally determined in April, at which point local tax rates are also determined. Residents and businesses will then receive their tax notices.

Alongside the county's approval of their interim capital and operating budgets, a motion put forward by Ikert directing county administration to contact Alberta Transportation requesting a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and to prepare a brief for council regarding high priority transportation matters, was also carried.



Strathmore Storm U13C gold medal winner over Lethbridge



Strathmore Storm U13B silver medal winner



Strathmore Storm U13B silver medal winner

Tourney time

The four U13 teams from Strathmore Minor Hockey Association hosted their annual tournament from Jan. 6-8. A total of 31 teams took part in the tournament with games being played in Strathmore, Standard, Gleichen and Rockyford.

Joe Lepage Photos

MLA Aheer looks back on 2022

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Chestermere-Strathmore MLA Leela Aheer reviewed her final complete year serving as MLA of the local riding, before she bows out come the next election.

“This riding is full of activated, incredible, community-oriented and minded people, who are constantly looking at the goal forward and the growth of our communities,” she said. “It is always such a privilege for me as a caucus member, a former minister, and a huge lover of my riding to be able to present and help and advocate for all the, not just infrastructure necessities ... but also on behalf of all of these incredible people.”

Over the course of 2022, Aheer explained she had attended more than 150 different events, openings, meetings, and other notable gatherings.

Many of these events had received grant funding from the provincial government in order to see them to completion.

Aheer added she is particularly excited about the advent of Bill 2, which she said is designed to aid Albertans with economic inflation relief.

“There have been some really good changes to Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and ... I leave that in the hands of the people ... of the entire riding, (based) on the work that we all did collectively on the report to see what needed to happen,” she said. “There is more in the report that needs to be followed up on, but the issues in the province right

now aren't just about money. It's about the most important resource, which is the people.”

Regarding her decision to not run in the upcoming election in the spring, Aheer reiterated that she believes the United Conservative Party is going in a very different direction than what she wishes to actively support as a member, as well as taking a step back from politics for personal reasons.

Aheer added for whoever takes her place, the needs of the riding must take priority and be at the forefront, rather than pressing an agenda and an ideology.

“I am not an ideological person. I fall into the conservative realm because I believe in good finance, and I believe in the understanding of budgeting,” she said. “I'm socially liberal and compassionate because I love people, and I want every single person who either chooses to be Albertan ... or is born here to feel that they are served, that they are seen and they are advocated for.”

Aheer emphasized it was a humbling experience to hold her position as an MLA for as long as she has, adding she hopes the people of Chestermere-Strathmore realize how much she loved the position.

“In emphasis to the people of the riding, that the position that I hold is one of humility and public service, and it's been the biggest privilege of my life, and I'm super honored,” she said.

Aheer will serve out the remainder of her term as MLA, stepping out of office once a new MLA is elected following the scheduled provincial election in May.

Obituary

FRANKE, Irm

June 3, 1942 – Judenburg, Austria
January 3, 2023 - Strathmore, Alberta

Irm Franke beloved Oma passed away on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at the age of 80 years.

Irm is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Nikki Franke and their children; a sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Hasny Hussein; a brother, Ernie Matthews; and numerous nieces, nephews, and many friends. She was predeceased by her son, Norbert Franke and her husband, Wolfgang Franke.

A Celebration of Irm's Life will be held at a later date. Condolences, memories and photos can also be shared and viewed here.

In living memory of Irm Franke, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes, Eastside, 5388 Memorial Drive NE, Calgary, AB T2A 3V9, Telephone: 403-248-8585.

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Obituary



KADLEC-DEBNAM, Brenda Jean

July 14, 1977
- January 3, 2023

It's with heavy hearts and great sadness that we say goodbye to our beautiful mother, sister and friend, Brenda Kadlec-Debnam. Brenda was born in Calgary, Alberta on July 14, 1977, and spent her precious 45 years of her life in Strathmore and Area. After graduating high school, she worked and travelled with her “Those Little Donut” family. These are days she loved and had great memories of. Later Brenda became a certified esthetician, where she worked at Eveline Charles until going on maternity leave. While being an amazing mom she developed her passion for scrap-booking, jewelry making, photography and numerous other hobbies. She had the opportunity to share these talents in her later jobs.

Brenda had a love for travelling where she could soak in the sun and enjoy the ocean. She always took the time to enjoy the beauty of nature and all it offered. In nature she found peacefulness and contentment. Brenda was survived and will be forever missed by her children Nolan and Payton; former partner Judd; brother Jeff; and her Aunt Jean. Also survived by her many extended family and friends. She is predeceased by her parents Alex and Marilyn Kadlec; grandparents Shirley and Albert Bainbridge; and uncle Ron Bainbridge.

Brenda had a wanderlust soul, who lived and loved life to the fullest. The biggest accomplishment and loves of her life were her children, who will forever hold her memory and love in their hearts. She touched and left an impact on all who knew and loved her and she will never be forgotten.

Celebration of a beautiful life will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion Hall (230 2nd Ave, Strathmore Alberta). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made directly to The Foothills Medical Center via calgaryhealthfoundation.ca in Brenda's memory. Family would like to extend their gratitude to the wonderful staff at the Foothills Medical Centre ICU for the care during this difficult time.

“In the end, it's not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years.”

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

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Obituary



UHLER, David John

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BIRTHDAY



Luke Loftus January 13, 1994

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This agreement must be applied for on a year to year basis and has a fee which must be paid at the time of application submission. **If any alternate parcel application is received after the due date** which is set out by bylaw yearly, a late application fee of **\$300.00** shall be applied.

All applications for Alternate Parcel Irrigation for the 2023 water season must be received before the close of business FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023.

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- An irrigator or economic unit may apply for a maximum allowable of 155 acres of annual acres.
- A \$300 non-refundable annual agreement application fee will be charged on each application. The application fee must be paid for the application to be completed. Only complete applications will be processed.
- An annual expansion acre capital and administration fee of \$38.00 per acre shall be applied to each annual agreement for acres eligible for conversion to irrigation acres under the District's expansion limit or proposed expansion limit. The capital and administration fees are payable simultaneously as the annual agreement rate.
- In its sole discretion, the District may apply a \$30.00 per acre credit to capital assets charges or capital construction charges payable under a future successful application for expansion irrigation acres by the irrigator on the parcel of land for which the annual agreement was granted and the annual expansion acre capital and administrative fee was paid.
- Subject to the IDA, an annual agreement application must meet all requirements within the current WID ADM 56 Policy.
- The application is subject to Section 95 of the IDA.
- The Annual agreement is subject to subsection 16 (3) of the IDA, and without limiting the generality of those statutory conditions, shall be for a term of one year expiring at the end of the 2023 calendar year.
- The annual agreement rate and annual expansion acre capital and administration fee shall be paid in full before the commencement of irrigation or any water use whatsoever. 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 our office 403-934-3542. **Deadline for Annual Expansion Acres is March 10, 2023** with all documents complete with signatures and the balance of **Capital Assets and Administration Fees paid in full prior to April 30, 2023.**



Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference. For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

- February 7: Council Meeting
- February 14: Municipal Planning Commission
- February 14: Public Presentation Committee

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted. Agenda packages can be found on our website.

WHEATLAND COUNTY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR 2023 COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

Wheatland County recognizes that its residents utilize various recreational, cultural and other community enhancement facilities and resources and has established the Community Enhancement Fund to provide financial support for such venues and activities.

The Community Enhancement Fund provides grant funding from Wheatland County to enhance, promote, and support groups and organizations that bring a broad range of enjoyment, benefit, beautification, recreation, entertainment, participation, and enhancement projects to Wheatland County. The program is intended to invest tax payer dollars annually to support recreational, cultural and other community activities, facilities, and resources that are utilized by Wheatland County residents.

How to Apply:

Applications and Guidelines for the Community Enhancement Fund are available at the Wheatland County Office and on the County website: www.wheatlandcounty.ca/cerb

Deadline:

Applications must be post marked on or before January 31, 2023.

Please note that eligibility for 2023 funding is dependent on filing all previous funding reports with Wheatland County by January 31, 2023.

For more information please contact Jessica Salmon at 403-361-2021 or jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca



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Marigold Library System – Strathmore, Alberta

Marigold seeks a Part-Time On-Call Collection Services Clerk to join our collaborative team. This position is responsible for processing materials to be circulated in member libraries and the addition of items into the library software. Tasks include receiving shipments and routine bending and lifting of items up to 50 lbs. The successful individual must be flexible and reliable and possess good communication and customer service skills.

Marigold is a not-for-profit organization that provides cost-effective public library services for over 340,000 residents of south-central Alberta. Marigold Headquarters is an operational service hub for system deliveries, handling of library materials, IT infrastructure and more. Marigold is committed to collaboration and innovation. Find out more at marigold.ab.ca.

On-call shifts range from 4 hours – 7 hours. Marigold operates Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm and the schedule is flexible within those hours. The hourly pay for this position is \$24.19 per hour.

Additional qualifications include:

- One year of work experience
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, Outlook is an asset
- Ability to work collaboratively and independently in a team environment
- Good organizational skills and attention to detail

Please drop off or email applications to:

Nicole Dunnewold, Collection Services Consultant
Marigold Library System
Unit B, 1000 Pine Street
Strathmore, AB, T1P 1C1
Telephone: 403-934-5334 ext. 255
Email: jobs@marigold.ab.ca

Closing date for this position is Friday, January 20 at 4:00pm. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

**SHIPPING & RECEIVING CLERK/
DELIVERY DRIVER**



- TWO-MONTH TERM POSITION

Marigold Library System – Strathmore, Alberta

Marigold Library System is seeking a Shipping and Receiving Clerk/Delivery Driver to sort and pack library material, correspondence and supplies to and from member libraries, and to drive Marigold vans and vehicles to deliver library materials across the region. The successful individual must be flexible and reliable, possess strong organizational, communication and customer service skills, and have the ability to deal with routine heavy lifting and bending of up to 50 lbs. Willingness to drive in all safe weather conditions is required. This is a two-month term position with the possibility of extension.

Additional qualifications include:

- Valid class 5 driver's license with clean driving record
- Ability to provide a current driver's abstract and police background check if an offer is made to hire
- At least one year of work experience
- Ability to work collaboratively and independently in a team environment
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- Knowledge of Microsoft Office, including Outlook email, is an asset

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Telephone: 403-934-5334 ext. 256 Email: jobs@marigold.ab.ca

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Boys: Chicken | Traditional | Grass | Fancy

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Men: Chicken | Traditional | Grass | Fancy

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