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Kings heat up

New lodge discussed

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Housing Management Board (WHMB) continues to seek provincial funding to aid in the construction of a new seniors housing lodge.

A presentation was hosted in Strathmore on Jan. 6 before a host of local dignitaries representing the town, as well as Wheatland County, Standard, Rockyford, and the Hospice Society. Members of the public were also allowed to be in attendance.

“The biggest challenge that we are all experiencing, there is population growth, but it is actually demographic shift when it refers to lodges. For all of those at the front end of the Baby Boomers, you are probably 80, and those at the back end just retired or are retiring,” said Derek Weis, project consultant for the proposed new lodge. “It’s a bulge, and this bulge is going to be, and is starting to be very impactful on the requirements for housing in the seniors’ context.”

Discussions regarding the proposed new lodge have been ongoing since 2020. The Times reported by this year, the Wheatland County region would be in requirement of over 1,400 housing units – 20 per cent of which would require subsidized housing and care.

From 2019 to 2029, the 75 to 84 age group was predicted to increase by 91 per cent and would require combinations of supportive living. This data had been prepared for the WHMB by Gordon and Associates Consulting Services.

Weis’ presentation largely focused on the finances of the project. This prompted discussion regarding whether the WHMB should remain with a Class B budget, or plan to upgrade to a Class A.

The former generally refers to a project in its “detailed design” stage, defined as having a finalized space program, as well as largely completing the drawings and specifications for all disciplines. The latter refers to an estimate attained when the bids for a project have been received, evaluated, verified, and the award of the development contract has been made.

Ongoing concerns regarding the advancement of the budget classification have been in regard to the cost estimate in doing so being in the millions of dollars.

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Municipalities discuss new lodge



Spartans shine

The Strathmore High School Spartans JV boys basketball team hosted the Foothills Falcons of Okotoks in a exhibition game on Jan. 6 at the school. The game was a tuneup for the team as they hosted their home tournament Jan. 9-10, which they ended up winning.

Joe Lepage Photo

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Bronze win

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks senior boys basketball team captured the bronze medal at its home tournament on Jan. 10, finishing the weekend with a win over Clearwater Academy of Calgary. Competing in front of a home crowd, the Hawks battled through a strong field of teams during the Jan. 9-10 tourney, including a game versus the Master's College Eagles, before earning a spot in the bronze medal game.

Joe Lepage and Manny Everett Photos

Willy Wonka hits the stage

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

The Youth Theatre Company is preparing to bring a beloved classic to life with their upcoming production of Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka* set to open on Jan. 17 at the Hope Community Covenant Church.

With a cast of nearly 30 performers ranging from children as young as eight to experienced adult actors, the local company is promising an enchanting and family-friendly performance that highlights both talent and community spirit.

"We always gear towards full family-friendly, most recognizable stories, just so we can create some hype around it," said Chelsea Hall, president of The Youth Theatre Company. "*Willy Wonka* is just so much fun and has lots of different ages, different characters. It's quite well known. Lots of little kids still read it with their parents."

The show attracted nearly 60 people to auditions, making it the company's most popular casting call yet.

The production features a mix of seasoned performers and young talent.

Hall emphasized the excitement of working with the children in the cast.

"It is really fun because they are just so into it. They kind of know the characters; they know how silly they can be. We have about a third of our cast under 12," she said.

She also highlighted the role of community support in making the production possible.

"We've had lots of local sponsors donate money and time to the show, which really helps because we're all self-funded at the moment," Hall added.

At the center of the story is Devon Hall, who plays Willy Wonka.

"I tried to pull a little bit of Gene Wilder, but that's hard to replicate, so I have to make it my own a little bit," said Hall. "I think my favourite part of *Willy Wonka* is probably, the kind of two sides of his character. Where it's not just playing, 'Oh, I'm happy all the time.' Sometimes you're a little scared of him,"

The production also highlights Charlie Bucket, shared by two young performers, Rayah Sale (11) and Aria Nordstrom (13). "I think they'll enjoy the show and think we put a lot of work into it because we have worked hard,"



Performers with The Youth Theatre Company rehearse at the Westmount School gymnasium for their upcoming performance of Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka*. With opening day inching closer, every opportunity to rehearse becomes imperative to producing an immaculate performance.

Melissa Piche Photos

said Sale.

Nordstrom agreed.

"It has been really great. It has been really busy, but it's going to be worth it," said Nordstrom. "I hope that they laugh at the jokes as well because some of them are pretty funny."

Hall reflected on what she hopes the audience will take away.

"I hope they just have a good time. Enjoy local theatre, supporting the arts community, which is growing in Strathmore," said Hall. "I want them to say,

'Hey, that was really good. I'm going to come to the next show.'"

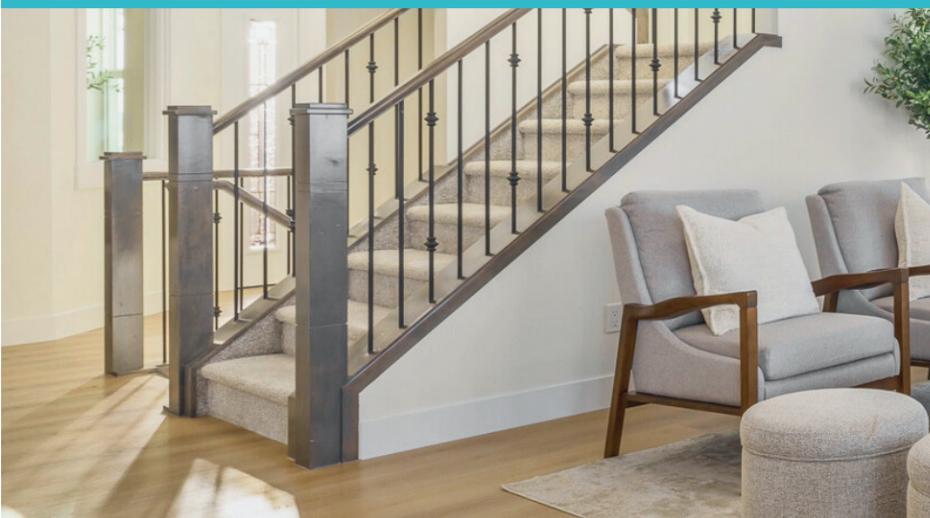
With rehearsals underway and opening night approaching, the company is ready to share their hard work and creativity with the community.

Evening performances run Jan. 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 at 7 p.m., while the afternoon matinees run Jan. 17, 18, 24, 25, 3, and Feb. 1 and 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased through their website (www.youththeatrecompany.ca).



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Grandfathering Determination Confined Feeding Operation

Hiltona Holdings Ltd. has requested the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to complete a grandfathering determination for their confined feeding operation (CFO). The CFO is located on SE 3-25-25 W4M in Wheatland County, Alberta. The NRCB will determine the grandfathered facilities, livestock type, and livestock capacity of the CFO as it existed on January 1, 2002.

The NRCB invites you to provide input on the grandfathered status of this operation, its livestock capacity, and facilities as they existed on January 1, 2002. Hiltona Holdings Ltd. has stated that its grandfathered livestock capacity is 9,000 beef finishers.

Filing a Response

Any person who has knowledge about the size and status of the CFO on or around January 1, 2002 is invited to submit a written response with this information to the NRCB. The response must be received by the NRCB on or before **4:30 pm on February 11, 2026**. Responses should be made to the NRCB address provided below. A copy of the responses will be sent to the applicant. Responses submitted regarding the application may be posted on the NRCB's public website, as they are public records and are non-confidential.

Your written response should include your name, the legal land description of your residence or landholdings, mailing address, phone number, and details about your knowledge of the operation as it relates to the facilities, livestock type, and livestock capacity of the CFO on or around January 1, 2002. You may also file an application for directly affected party status at this time.

Viewing the Information

A complete copy of the information filed under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* may be viewed on the NRCB website at www.nrcb.ca (under Confined Feeding Operations / Notice of Approval and Registration Applications). The information will also be available for in-person viewing at the Lethbridge office of the NRCB by appointment. If you require further information, please contact the inspector listed below.

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Library resumes regular programming

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Family-friendly activities suitable for a host of age demographics are set to resume at the Strathmore Municipal Library for the start of the new year.

“Two of our early literacy programs are postponed ... Our Twinkle Babies and ABC Kids won’t start until February this year just due to some scheduling, but our toddler time is open for registrations already,” said Laura Henderson, public services manager for the library. “Winging it, there is a tween session and a teen session; that one is open for registration, and then our book buddy program is another one of those regular programs that we do require registration.”

The Poetry Café has already resumed regular operations, being scheduled for the second Friday of every month.

Coming into the start of the new year, Henderson explained the library evaluated all of its programs in December to see what was adding value to the local community and the library environment.

This was in terms of whether programs were reaching the correct audiences and if people were showing up to participate.

“What we are continuing with are the ones that are continuously well received, like our early literacy programs,” she said. “We do have drop-in programs for some of those as well, so there is always an opportunity if you miss registration.”

The Book Buddies program in particular is

popular in terms of registration of school-age children but is also volunteer operated and requires folks who are interested in being of aid to make themselves known.

Coffee Connections, which was a senior program taking place on Monday afternoons, has now been limited to one Monday a month instead.

“Dungeons and Dragons, I am shocked – I think we had over 20 teens at the last one this past Monday, which is so exciting,” Henderson added. “One of the things that we are trying to do is maybe a little bit more Saturday programming. Those are a little bit difficult based on our scheduling and staff availability, so we are trying to do a few – we do have a family literacy day program coming up on Jan. 24.”

She explained the library is also always open to ideas from the community for new regular programs to potentially introduce through the facility. Those who have ideas are encouraged to reach out to the library via email to initiate discussion.

“I would love to offer more programs, but actually one of the issues we have is just space availability. We have our program room and it’s fantastic, but we are using it very consistently, plus it is also a rental space,” said Henderson. “An issue is just having the space to offer all these amazing programs that we have the opportunity to run.”

Further regular programs set to resume include In Stitches, Book Dragons, Lego Club, WYN for teens, Stitch Together, Lire Ensemble, Tidbits with Tanya, and the Busy People Book Club. The schedules for each program are available through the library’s website or in person.

Kings open new year with win streak, eyeing home ice playoff spot

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings have opened the new year with a three-game winning streak and are poised to earn themselves a spot in the HJHL playoffs.

After opening 2026 with a 5-2 win over the Cochrane Generals on Jan. 3, they earned a pair of home wins over the Medicine Hat Cubs (3-2), as well as the Coaldale Copperheads (4-3) on Jan. 9-10 at the Strathmore Family Centre.

“There’s always a worry, I think, for everybody coming off the holiday break where you take a couple weeks off and ... you’ll perform (poorly), and we have quite a few injuries still,” said Doug Raycroft, head coach of the Wheatland Kings. “We were able to come out of the holidays and get three wins against three really good teams in the south. We went into Cochrane and beat them and I think they had a 10-game win streak and we were able to knock them off. And then, Medicine Hat I think had a 14-game win streak and we were able to beat them.”

With six regular season games remaining, Raycroft is eyeing a playoff spot, hoping to see the Kings get home ice advantage for their first round series.

The Kings are currently tied for second place in the South Division with the Generals, each team boasting 39 league points. For both teams, this is represented by 19 wins, 10 losses, and one overtime loss.

The current top seed in the south division is held by the Cubs, sitting with 44 points earned from 21 wins, seven losses and two overtime losses.

“I think for us, we know what our weaknesses are, so we are just continuing to work on them and we are getting better. We are just continuing to work on our defensive side of the game,” said Raycroft. “One of our goalies, Connor White, he’s been playing really well for us and it’s been really solid the last little while here. Evan McNair, he is also really strong. We feel like we are good in the net and if we keep improving defensively with our play, we have got a good chance to beat anybody.”

Raycroft added if the Kings remain tied with the Generals, it may come down to which team has the greater win percentage against the other to decide which achieves the second seed in the playoffs. With one more game remaining scheduled to be against the Generals, he added it’s going to be a potentially significant deciding factor.

“We would like to get first place in the league too, but there are not many games left, so it’s starting to look like we will be second or third,” he said.

Last year, the Kings were defeated by the Cubs in the second round of the playoff season after receiving a first-round bye.

The Kings are scheduled next to face off against the Mountainview Colts, followed by the Medicine Hat Cubs, both on home ice, Jan. 16 and 17.

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Season starts back up for Rockyford 4-H Beef Club

AVA KOESTER
Rockyford 4-H Beef Club

The Rockyford 4-H Beef Club started the season off with their annual weigh in held at one of the member's family farm just outside of Rockyford. The weigh in is where all of the calves are weighed at the start of the 4-H year so that when the calves are weighed at the show and sale in June, we have an idea of how much the calves gained over the year. This year's calves ranged in weight between 626 lbs and 924 lbs. Lots of big calves as we begin halter breaking them. Members also helped do supper clean-up for two of the

local fundraiser dinners: the Rockyford Lions Maritime Night and St. Rita's Parish Fall Supper. The Lions donate money to our club for doing the cleanup, which helps with our year-end show and sale.

Another more recent event that the club held was the Christmas party on Dec. 14. We booked the Rockyford Arena to do a free skate, which led to a game of shinny followed by a meeting upstairs of the curling rink and taco in a bag to eat for supper.

All the members handed in stockings for the Stuff a Stocking for a Senior which has become an annual activity. The stockings get given out to residents at the senior's facility in Strathmore. We also took a vote at the meeting on what activity to do for a fun day in the New Year.

2026 is sure to be full of all kinds of activities for the Rockyford 4-H beef club.

RCMP Major Crimes Unit arrest and charge male for manslaughter

ALBERTA RCMP

On Dec. 25 at 8:48 p.m., Gleichen RCMP responded to a report of an assault on the Nation. Officers attended the residence of the victim and determined that he required medical attention. He was transported to a Calgary hospital.

On Dec. 26, the victim passed away, and an autopsy performed on Dec. 29, at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Calgary, determined the manner of death was homicide. RCMP Major Crimes Unit took carriage of the investigation.

On Jan. 6, Paul Glen McMaster (40), a resident of Siksika First Nation and Calgary, was arrested for the murder of Jarrett Solway (35). He has been charged with manslaughter.

After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, McMaster was remanded into custody to appear in Alberta Court of Justice on Siksika First Nation on Jan. 8.

WHMB remains concerned regarding new lodge project funding

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"We are here today at a decision point. What is happening on the schedule is related to the Government of Alberta ... the Affordable Housing Partnership Program (AHPP) comes out once a year at Christmas, which all consultants hate; they give us eight weeks to submit, and then it's a beauty contest," said Weis. "That's the way it is. They designed it, we have to follow the rules. Since starting this, when they rolled out their 10-year capital plan, they have awarded money to over 90 projects; however, it's still highly competitive. Usually, one in 10 are getting money."

Thus far, the lodge project has failed in its applications to receive provincial funding.

Though the WHMB previously considered decommissioning the old facility once the new lodge is finally constructed, that idea has since been taken off the table in order to maintain a greater inventory of assisted living spaces for seniors.

"We're behind in beds with a huge waiting list," said WHMB chair Glenn Koester. "We have people moving out of the community because they can't get a room here and they've lived here their whole life."

"If they can move into the lodge, that frees up a house for another family ... it's not just 100 beds for seniors. It trickles down to families and others, leading to more affordable housing. It's a cascading benefit for the whole community."

Koester added it serves as a notable benefit to the lodge project for local constituents to send letters of support for it to the province, in this case being Premier Danielle Smith, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, Jason Nixon, and local MLA, Chantelle de Jonge.

Wheatland County council will discuss the future of the lodge project further at a future meeting.



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RCMP provides intersection safety tips

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- Pedestrians have right-of-way in all marked and unmarked crosswalks. Pay attention to pedestrians crossing when making any turns or stopping at any intersections.

- Be prepared for the unexpected. Always look for pedestrians, changing lights, slippery road conditions and other drivers before proceeding through an intersection.

- Don't speed up on a yellow light. A yellow light means slow down and prepare to stop.

Pedestrians:

- Never jaywalk. Check traffic before crossing and only proceed when it is safe to do so.
- Always use crosswalks and pedestrian-activated signals when they are available.
- Don't be a distracted pedestrian. Remove head-

phones and put away cell phones or other electronic devices when crossing the street.

- Make eye contact with drivers to ensure they see you.

"Intersections can present challenges for drivers and pedestrians," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "Always be prepared for the unexpected. Pay attention to changing lights and each other before proceeding through an intersection. Traffic safety is everyone's responsibility."



Musical evening

The Holy Cross Collegiate hosted their rescheduled Christmas Concert on Jan. 6 at the school's gymnasium. A winter storm prevented the concert from taking place in December.

Joe Lepage Photo



Singing sensations

Sacred Heart Academy welcomed the Youth Singers of Calgary as its Artist in Residence for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students last week, offering young students a unique opportunity to learn from professional musicians. Under the guidance of Dean Lauderdale (l-r) and Hailey Balaz, the week of learning and collaboration culminated in a student concert on Jan. 9 for family and friends.

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Some New Year's resolutions may involve becoming a vegetarian. From self-reported results in 2023, 2.3 million Canadians identified as vegetarian while 850,00 identified as vegan, the least flexible of the vegetarian diets where vegans eat no animal products at all.

But there are many different shades of vegetarianism based on what one can eat. A *pescetarian* will eat seafood as their protein source. The *lacto-ovo vegetarian* will add dairy and eggs to their diets. The *lacto-vegetarian* eat dairy products but avoid eggs, meat and seafood. The *ovo-vegetarian* do add eggs and egg products to their diets. A *pollo vegetarian* will eat chicken, duck and turkey.

The least flexible of the vegetarian diets is *veganism*. The whole diet is plant-based. Vegans don't eat *any* animal products including meats, fish, poultry, dairy, and eggs. Those who are leaning towards a vegetarian diet may start by being a *flexitarian* or *semi-vegetarian*. It's a plant-based diet but allows dieters to incorporate animal products occasionally.

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Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

January is always a time for fresh starts. Parents look ahead at what the new year holds for their kids. Farmers and ranchers plan for another season of hard work. As we step into 2026, Alberta's government is focused on building for the future while taking care of Albertans today.

That means investing in good health care, strong communities, and an economy that creates rewarding jobs and real opportunities. The-

se are the things that matter most to everyday Albertans.

One important example is a new investment at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital. Our government is providing \$3.25 million toward building a new therapeutic pool, matched dollar-for-dollar by the Glenrose Hospital Foundation.

The Glenrose is Canada's largest rehabilitation hospital, helping Albertans of all ages and from across the province recover from injuries, surgeries, strokes, and complex health conditions. Before the old pool closed due to safety

concerns, more than 6,000 patients used it every year, with about one in five of those patients coming from rural or remote communities.

This is an investment that will benefit Albertans across the province, not just in the capital region. It is for seniors trying to stay mobile, kids learning to move with confidence, and adults working to regain independence after illness or injury. For many Albertans, aqua therapy is a lifeline. A modern, purpose-built pool will support this care for decades to come, with the new facility expected to open in 2028.

We are seeing this commitment take shape close to home. Primary health care access continues to strengthen across the Chestermere-Strathmore constituency. In Chestermere, three new doctors joined the community in 2025, and two more are expected this year.

Strathmore has also seen meaningful growth and welcomed three new physicians and opened a new clinic last year, with another clinic scheduled to open early this year. Strathmore's progress is particularly noteworthy and is the direct result of town council's leadership and its highly effective Physician Incentive Program.

Strong communities are built not only on access to essential services like health care, but also on a resilient and forward looking economy. While local leadership

is delivering real results here at home, our provincial government is also focused on making decisions that will support long term prosperity for Alberta as a whole.

That is why Alberta is taking steps to advance a new oil pipeline to Canada's northwest coast. To support this project, the province launched a public webpage to share clear, factual information about the proposed pipeline and the work underway. This includes economic benefits, engagement with Indigenous communities, and the process to secure federal approval. Albertans can visit the webpage at alberta.ca/northwest-coast-oil-pipeline.

This work is about opening new markets for Alberta and Canada to sell our energy. It is about generating billions in economic activity across provinces. And it is about making sure the energy Alberta produces can meet demand in places like Japan, Korea, India, and beyond.

By planning ahead and investing wisely, we can make 2026 a year that delivers for Albertans in every corner of our province.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions (Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

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

TIMES CLASSIFIEDS

Obituary



SIMON, George Jr.

It is with a heavy heart to announce the passing of George Simon Jr. on December 29, 2025.

After three hospital stays in December, he came home on December 23 to have Christmas with his wife. He had battled a life-ending disease since 2017 and completed five radiation treatments in 2025.

George was born in the Calgary General Hospital on March 10, 1949. He was predeceased by his parents, Helen Elizabeth and George Gregory Simon Sr.

He worked for Otis Engineering and the City of Calgary. He started at the city in 1981 as a temporary employee and soon after became full-time, retiring in 2014. He drove equipment in the Sewer, Roads, and Water Departments. Over 31 years ago, he moved to the acreage and the life he always longed for. He raised cattle with the help of three neighbors and had many goats, dogs, cats, birds, and plush stuffed animals. His interests included four-wheel rallying, winter and summer fishing and camping, three-wheel and two-wheel motorcycling, carving and painting birds, and playing pool. He owned his first car at the age of 13 and rebuilt its engine himself.

A special thanks to the Rockyford first responders for always helping promptly; all staff at Mint Drugs in Strathmore; the Hematology, Rheumatology, and Internal Medicine teams from Calgary hospitals; PCN staff and George's family doctor; the entire Cancer team at the Arthur Child (especially the ultrasound, IR, and Dr. Sonney); palliative care from Calgary and Strathmore; Dr. Lee; oncology; the retina specialist and the AHS diabetic nurse.

Most of all, we thank our next-door neighbours and parents who helped us over the last year with countless errands and support.

Also, our special friends we rode with. Thank you to all friends who brought food and fresh vegetables and thank you to the Wheatland Funeral Home for being kind, caring, understanding, and compassionate. No funeral will be held at George's request.

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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.

January 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission

January 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m. | Agricultural Service Board

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

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted.

Agenda packages can be found on our website.

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In Memory of



BARR, Donald Carl
Oct 28, 1948 – Jan 15, 2025

We lost our dear wonderful marvelous Don on Jan 15, 2025, he was such a character with his knack for making you laugh and feel special. He had a quick wit and great sense of humor and always insisted he never worked for anyone but worked with them. He was a pilot first and foremost and an avid hobbyist who enjoyed restoring vehicles and most things mechanical, riding motorcycles, gunsmithing, gopher hunting, building a large train set and keeping up on political happenings and making improvements in and around his home. There wasn't much he couldn't fix and accepted each challenge with humor and grace. With his many interests he was a great conversationalist and was strongly opinionated in politics and morality, his favourite piece of prose being "The Desiderata". He was raised on the family farm "The Owl Ranch" in Redland, AB and attended elementary and junior high school in Rosebud, AB, grades 10 & 11 in Standard, AB then relocated to Red Deer, AB graduating in 1968 from Lindsay Thurber Vocational High School. From early childhood he watched the planes fly over the farm and had a fascination with flight and knew he wanted to be a pilot. He received his solo flight certificate from the Chinook Flying School in Calgary on July 1, 1968 and went on to complete aviation courses throughout the years receiving his Commercial Pilot's Licence in February 1970 and Airline Transport Pilot's licence in October 1973 with endorsements for single and multi-engine land and sea planes. One of his favorite sayings was "every takeoff is optional, every landing is mandatory". Throughout his working career he stayed employed either in aviation or with oil and gas companies taking on many positions from rodman for surveying to environmental assessments and consulting in lease construction. After a lengthy illness Don passed away at the Red Deer Regional Hospital at the age of 76 years. He was the sunshine and magic of his longtime partner Barb Leyden, his step-daughter Kim Sterling, his sons Beau Barr and Ashley Freeman and his two grandchildren Tristen and Hayden Barr. Forever loved and missed, his memory lives on with his sisters Wendy (Barry) of Hanna, AB and Valerie (Randy) of Victoria, BC and his nieces Robyn and Hilary and nephew James as well as many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother Gordon in 1972, his father Rial in 1999 and mother Shirley (nee Skibsted) Barr in 2006 and his niece Shelley Johnson in 2016. To honor Don's wishes, he was cremated and had requested no memorial service. Please celebrate Don's memory in your own way and know that he is with us in spirit.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

January 14, 2026 | 6 p.m.
 January 21, 2026 | 6 p.m.
 February 4, 2026 | 6 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
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 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.



The City of Calgary has enacted Stage 4 Water Restrictions due to a water main break and asked their neighbouring communities on the waterline to do the same.

Effective December 31, the Town of Strathmore has implemented Stage 4 Water Restrictions. For you, this means:

- No outdoor water use (e.g., flooding outdoor ice surfaces)
- Indoor facilities such as pools, rinks, and recreation facilities will remain open

How long will restrictions be in place?

The duration of these restrictions is not yet known. More information will be provided as we receive it.

Is indoor water use restricted?

To help do our part, we encourage all residents to voluntarily decrease water usage.

How can I help?

Here are some ways you can help out through indoor water conservation:

- Use dishwasher and washing machine only when required and with full loads.
- Flush toilets only when necessary.
- Turn off the tap when brushing teeth or shaving.
- Limit showers to five minutes or less and keeping baths shallow.
- Scrape plates clean rather than rinsing food off.
- Turn off humidifiers and ice machines, delay washing vehicles.

License fees due in January.

Business license fees.

A valid business license is required for every business operating within or party within the Town of Strathmore. Business licenses are valid for the calendar year of the application date. Business license fees are due in January, so be sure to submit your payment on time to avoid any disruptions.

For more information, please visit Strathmore.ca. If you have questions or concerns about your business license fees, reach out to us at development@strathmore.ca

We'll take it off your hands.

Natural Christmas tree collection.

Ready to say goodbye to your natural Christmas tree? We can help with that. Curbside Christmas tree collection runs from January 19 to 23, 2026. Place your natural, undecorated tree on the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday, January 19, and we'll pick it up for you.

For more information about important waste collection dates in 2026, visit Strathmore.ca/Waste

Good food, great food.

Get the Good Food Box.

The Good Food Box is a non-profit organization offering access to nutritious, quality produce while ensuring variety, freshness and affordability. This program is accessible for everyone regardless of income level. For more information visit Strathmore.ca/GoodFoodBox

Bored? We can fix that.

Join a board.

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

- Assessment Review Board - 1 position available.
- Family and Community Support Services Advisory Board - 3 positions available.
- Municipal Library board - 1 positions available.
- Municipal Policing Committee - 1 positions available.

For questions about Volunteer Boards and Committees, please email LSAdmin@strathmore.ca or call **403-934-3133**.

Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 25-21

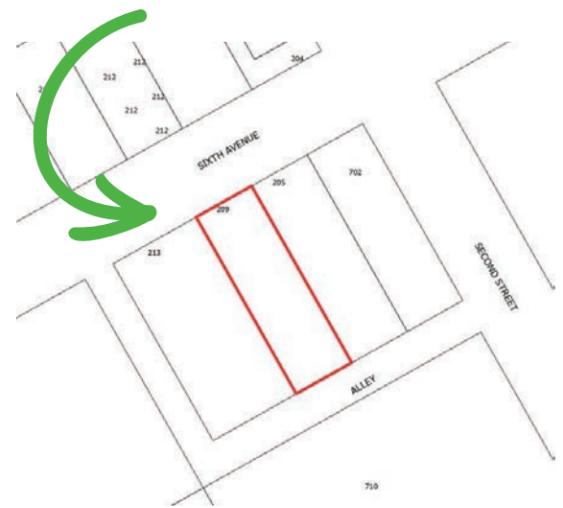
Notice of Public Hearing.

February 4, 2026 at 7 p.m.
Bylaw Amendment (209 Sixth Avenue, Strathmore)
Bylaw No. 25-21

Please be advised that the Town of Strathmore has received a Land Use Bylaw Amendment application on those lands described as Lot 10, Plan 8350GH, known municipally as 209 Sixth Avenue, Strathmore.

The applicant is requesting that the lands be redesignated from "R3", High Density Residential District to "R3(DCD)", High Density Residential - Direct Control District Overlay.

The purpose of the proposed redesignation is to permit a Secondary Suite within an existing single-detached dwelling on the subject lands. The proposed Secondary Suite would be situated in the basement of the existing building with parking areas in the rear yard that are accessible from Sixth Avenue (i.e. detached garage) and/or from a rear lane (i.e. outdoor parking area). The direct control district overlay would allow for a Secondary Suite as a Permitted Use on a site-specific basis.



Public Hearing Process

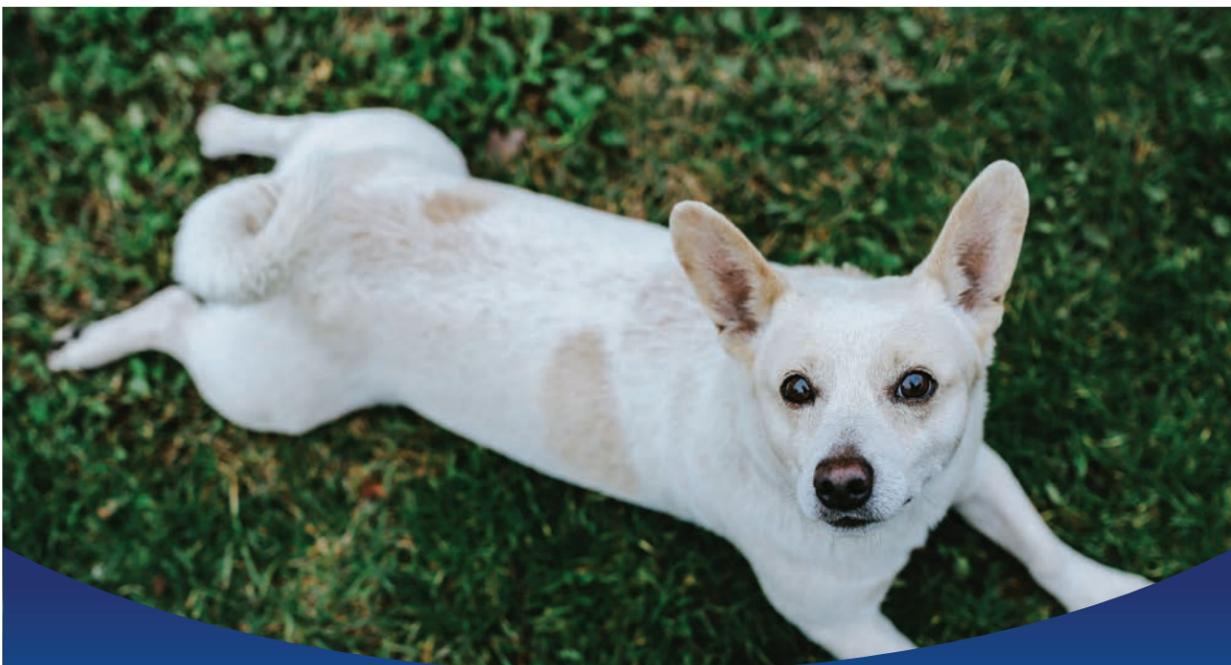
A copy of the proposed Bylaw may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB), or can be found on the Town website, Strathmore.ca/PublicHearings. Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on **Wednesday, February 4, 2026**, commencing at **7 p.m.** with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw No. 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 of the proposed bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Legislative Services at LSAdmin@Strathmore.ca by 12 p.m. noon on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, in order to register to present.

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 **12 p.m. noon on Wednesday, January 28, 2026**, as outlined in Bylaw No. 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 five minutes.

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

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