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Town renews support for new lodge

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council will be renewing its support of the Wheatland Lodge project aiming to be constructed adjacent to Kinsmen Park.

Council voted 5-2 in favour to authorize Mayor Pat Fule to sign a letter of support to the Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB) in order to better their odds of receiving funding from the province required to take the build to tender.

“Over the past several years, Town of Strathmore council has passed a number of motions related to the collaboration with regional partners including Wheatland County and the villages of Rockyford, Standard, and Hussar for the potential development of a 120-unit Wheatland Lodge,” he said. “This would support the WHMB’s reapplication for the affordable housing partnership program grant, as they have been advised that all municipalities must be in full support of the project and the application submission deadline is Jan. 31.”

The Town of Strathmore is being asked to contribute a one-time debt of \$2.865 million over a 25-year amortization period to the project.

Coun. Richard Wegener noted the amortization period is variable, with discussion having taken place about as much as a 40-year amortization.

The caveat to potentially extending the repayment period would be at the point of 40 years, the repayments would be over double the interest of the original borrow. In this case, the town would have to repay an extra \$3 million on top of the original \$2.865 million.

It was the recommendation of administration that the town authorize Fule to sign the letter of support for the project, as well as to invite the WHMB and Chief Administrative Officer to a future council meeting to discuss project updates.

During the discussion, Coun. Brent Wiley aimed to help clarify exactly which demographic the new lodge would aim to serve should it see construction through to completion.

“It is really important that people understand this lodge is not being built as a high level of health or a high level of care. It is actually an L1, which means it would be an introductory level of care,” he said.

Wegener added the facility is intended to serve as congregate living for residents who do not require additional help and are effectively self-sufficient.

The facility is intended to feature menial care supports, as well as six palliative care beds, however the majority of the facility would serve a similar purpose to the currently existing lodge.

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Protecting the ring

The U16A RISE ringette team hosted the Lethbridge Rattlers on Jan. 24 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Despite keeping it close early, the RISE were ultimately defeated after giving up half a dozen goals before the half. The RISE team then played a close home game the following day, losing 4-3 to Calgary Bow Valley.

Joe Lepage Photo

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Pictures worth a thousand words

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Mike Drew kicked off the Vault Cultural Collective Speaker Series on Jan. 23 with stunning photos displayed in the Upper Gallery for all to see.

The award-winning photographer shared decades of work and stories drawn from a life spent watching Southern Alberta closely.

Drew, who had spent more than 35 years photographing and documenting his On the Road column for the Calgary Sun, brought a deeply personal collection to Strathmore. His images celebrated wildlife, prairie landscapes and quiet corners of the region that often went unnoticed.

“Basically, I photograph whatever I see,” Drew said. “If I’m out in the country and I’m driving along and something catches my eye, I’ll photograph it. In general terms, I photograph Southern Alberta.”

Over decades on the road, Drew developed a reputation for noticing details others passed by.

“I would much rather be out on the prairie looking around and looking for

things that people might just pass by and not even notice, and then try to bring some attention to them,” he said.

Many of the photographs he shared did exactly that, transforming familiar land into something fresh and compelling.

Drew told the crowd his curiosity was rooted in a lifelong connection to the region. Now 73, he had lived in Southern Alberta since infancy and paid close attention to how it looked and felt over time.

“I’ve essentially lived my entire life in Southern Alberta,” he said. “I’ve paid attention to stuff around me through that whole time.”

That attentiveness, honed during years of newspaper work, had shaped his desire to help people understand where they lived.

“Most people know almost nothing about where anything is,” he said. “It made me want to educate people a little bit and spark their curiosity.”

As visitors listened intently, Drew spoke about travelling back roads without rigid plans, letting the land guide him.

“Every time I go out, even if it’s to

the same place on the same route, it’s always different,” he added. “There’s always something else to see, or something familiar in a different way.”

That philosophy resonated with the audience, many of whom recognized the places Drew described. He spoke enthusiastically about prairie valleys, parkland transitions and historic terrain shaped thousands of years ago, all within driving distance of home.

“Most people don’t even know it exists, let alone go there,” he said. “I guess maybe an appreciation of what they have that’s right around them ...when I talk, I hope people take away the idea to get out and explore around where they live.”

Judging by the full gallery and captivated audience at The Vault, many left inspired to do just that.



Mike Drew spoke about his travels around Alberta and across the World during the Vault Cultural Collective Speaker Series on Jan. 23.

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RCMP reports Q2 2025 local crime numbers

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore RCMP reported a decrease in local crime, but an increase in traffic collisions during the second quarter of 2025 compared to the first.

Staff Sgt. Mark Wielgosz presented the RCMP’s April 5 to Sept. 30 report to the Town of Strathmore Committee of the Whole on Jan. 14 to summarize local goings on and update the new council.

“Our policing priorities were established with the last council (at) the beginning of the fiscal year with respect to crime prevention and reduction activities within the Town of Strathmore,” said Wielgosz.

Local police have emphasized reduction in property crimes, road safety, and community engagement. This is not to say they have been negligent in other areas; these in particular were specifically highlighted to the committee.

Wielgosz explained these areas being points of strategic focus aim to see the greatest impact for the benefit of the local community with respect to public safety.

“If we may be noticing a certain crime trend that may be emerging, we can also modify our priorities and add them to what it is we are looking at,” he said.

Break and enter incidents dropped from nine in the first quarter of 2025 down to three in the second. Thefts of and from motor vehicles also saw drops in activity from 13 to nine, and from six to five respectively.

Regarding reportable traffic collisions, there were 33 in the second quarter, up from 22 in the first. Those resulting in injury were up from four to seven during the indicated time period.

Though reportable collisions have been indicated to be significantly up from the previous year, the numbers are still well within the six-year historical average.

The report describes driver inattentiveness being a significant contributor to collisions largely consisting of rear end collisions, striking objects such as posts, lights and guard rails, and running red lights.

Of the collisions noted during the time period, one resulted in a fatality.

“Our first program that we have seen much success over the past four years in my tenure here is our habitual offender management program. These are people that we know of in our community that have certainly had a negative impact on communities through the volumes of crimes that they commit,” added Wielgosz.

“During Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, we were monitoring 15 habitual offenders, seven of them residing in the Town of Strathmore proper. Compliance checks during Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, we did not find any of those subjects to be out of compliance.”

Addressing concerns expressed by council members, Wielgosz added local RCMP may explore additional safety measures to prevent collisions and injuries along Highways 1 and 817, being among the more common areas of incidents.

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Kings solidify playoff spot, gun for home ice advantage

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With only two games remaining in the regular season, the Agra Risk Wheatland Kings have guaranteed themselves a slot in the upcoming playoffs.

The question remaining is whether they will be able to have home ice advantage, and the answer is on a razor's edge.

"We really have a long-term plan, so we are going to stick with that, and that is basically ... at the end of the year, we want to work on our team systems, and fine tune everything as we get ready for playoffs," said Doug Raycroft, head coach of the Wheatland Kings. "It is also a combination of, because most teams in this league only practice a couple times a week, you are constantly working on your scoring and passing, and you are always

staying as sharp as you can."

Throughout the course of the regular season, Raycroft has put a large emphasis on developing the team's systems of play and defence, maintaining the methodology that in order to compete at the top, being able to score is not all encompassing, but preventing goals against is just as important.

This past weekend, after picking up three of a possible four points, the second place Kings hold a narrow two-point lead over the third place Cochrane Generals in the South Division.

The Kings closed out their home regular season schedule by losing 3-2 in overtime to the Generals on Jan. 23, before defeating the Rocky Mountain House Rams 6-2 on Jan. 24 at Strathmore Family Centre.

Judging by how tight the schedule is, there is a good chance the Kings could face the Generals in

the post season.

"I think just staying out of penalty trouble with them is important and just playing a really solid team game. They are really good in their rink, so when you go to Cochrane you really have to be ready to play a good team game," said Raycroft. "Our rink, we have got the Olympic-sized ice. It's a big rink so we like to use that space by moving the puck a lot and taking advantage of our speed."

Since the calendar switched to 2026, Wheatland has battled some of the top teams in the league. The Kings were defeated 3-1 at home by the Mountainview Colts, then bested the division-leading Medicine Hat Cubs 3-2 in overtime during the Jan. 16-17 home games.

"They were both really close games against some good teams and that is kind of what we wanted," said Raycroft. "When you are getting ready for playoffs, you want to play the best teams and test yourself so you can see where we are at and get ready."

FCSS funding recommendations approved by council

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Over \$104,000 in funding recommendations made by the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) advisory board was approved by the Town of Strathmore during the Jan. 21 meeting.

Grant programs to receive support include 5 for Life Early Childhood, Accredited Supports to the Community, Growing Families - Bridging the Gap, Hope Bridges Society, STAND ASA, the Strathmore Library, Golden Hills School Division, and Christ the Redeemer schools.

"There (is) some urgency around awarding these funds as several organizations that we do fund have started their programs in January," said Budd Brazier, community and social development manager.

It was noted in Brazier's report that during the FCSS advisory board meeting in December, quorum was not met due to a resignation shortly prior to the meeting, which did not allow for a replacement to be found in time.

Should the meeting have not occurred as dictated by regular procedure, funding recommendations would have been delayed until February or March, well after regular programming was supposed to be initiated by several recipient organizations.

"I am comfortable with letting the board make the decisions and not get into the granular aspects of what each group actually does; leave that to the board," said Mayor Pat Fule. "I also recognize

that the membership has caused this question to come up."

In the worst-case scenario, should funding not have been approved during the Jan. 21 meeting, certain programs would not have been able to be initiated by their regular operating times, scaling down programs, or cancelling altogether.

With the funds being approved for distribution as recommended, there are now zero funds remaining through the town for the 2026 FCSS grant funding year.

Coun. Brent Wiley supported the recommendation for funding despite the failure to meet quorum. He also called to the public regarding any potential interest in volunteerism for the FCSS board.

"This is less than an ideal situation and we need to get this fixed. If there is anyone at home looking to volunteer for a very, very useful committee that only meets three to four times a year, that is responsible for directing the allocation of tens of thousands of dollars of grant money to fantastic organization in town, this is for you," he said.

Coun. Melissa Langmaid and Coun. Claude Brown expressed interest in council receiving a summary of what funded organizations intend to utilize their grants for at a later meeting.

Langmaid's motion to approve the funding requests was approved unanimously following discussion.

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Weekend split

The Strathmore Storm U11A team open the weekend docket with the 6-1 loss to Duchess on Jan. 24 at the Strathmore Family Centre. However, the Storm got back to their winning ways with a 3-1 home win over Okotoks the next day.

Joe Lepage Photos



Mixed finals

The Strathmore & District Curling Club capped off five days of great competition with the final of the Mixed Bonspiel on Jan. 25. The club is now switching gears as they prepare to host the Strathmore Ladies Bonspiel Feb. 4-8.

Joe Lepage Photos

Town votes to advocate for new Wheatland Lodge

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“(Residents would) not need the support that they would get from a Sage-wood or a, when it gets built, Shasta (facility). Those are higher levels of care for the seniors,” said Wegener.

“I think people are under the impression that when we can get this built, there is going to be a place for them to go when they are unable to take care of themselves, and in reality, that is just not even what is being proposed to build. That is not what this project is about,” added Wiley.

Coun. Matt Hyde, as well as Wiley, ultimately voted against authorizing the letter following extensive discussion by council. Their concerns were largely centered on the town’s ability to afford taking on such a debt required for construction.

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Discussions ongoing over offsite levies for future developments

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore continues to consider the implementation of additional offsite levies ahead of imminent development requirements to support a growing population.

Discussion was brought before the committee of the whole during the Jan. 14 meeting.

“Soft levies are a tool to ensure that new development continues to support the capital cost of essential community infrastructure such as fire halls, police stations, recreation facilities, and libraries,” said Jamie Dugdale, director of infrastructure, operations, and development services. “In terms of strategic alignment, implementing soft levies in the Town of Strathmore would support several of council’s strategic priorities such as community development, wellness, and financial sustainability.”

Dugdale explained this type of approach helps to maintain predictable tax rates, build financial reserves, and support sustainable municipal growth.

The idea is to effectively relieve the tax burdens of new growth and deve-

lopment from existing residents and taxpayers by delegating costs to new properties, ventures, and residents.

“Strathmore currently has an offsite levy bylaw for hard services such as roads, water pipes, and sanitary sewer pipes,” added Dugdale. “Recent changes to the (municipal government) act now allow municipalities to charge offsite levies for soft services or for facilities. Several municipalities have implemented those soft levies. These include Edmonton, Calgary, Chestermere, Cochrane, and High River.”

Dugdale explained to the committee a key issue council will have to consider is the identification of eligible facilities for offsite levies such as a fire hall, a police station, recreation center, or a library.

He added town staff may be directed by council to move forward with developing the required policies and bylaws to support further offsite levies, as well as to prepare an implementation plan.

A contingency does exist within the municipal government act to develop redevelopment levies; however, in the context of the Town of Strathmore, current levies, as well as those proposed

for future growth are focused on the emergence of new developments.

CAO Kevin Scoble added the province has not to date drafted regulations or motions regarding making changes to current offsite levies policies.

Coun. Claude Brown noted interest in how the town would go about finding a “sweet spot” in its levies to properly fund and maintain new infrastructure, while not unfairly taxing or dissuading developers and residents from coming into the town.

“The developers, they have to be engaged, they are a big stakeholder in this process. We are also aware of where Strathmore sits in terms of what our offsite levies are in comparison with some of the other (nearby) communities,” said Dugdale. “We also have to consider ... the four facilities you could use those soft levies to fund. We can choose any or all of those that will mitigate and manage what that dollar value is. I do not want to presuppose what that will look like, but that would be a part of a subsequent report.”

Council will next discuss how to proceed with offsite levies during their strategic planning retreat.

Town continues Grey’s Park pathway deliberations

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is actively considering the construction of a new pathway through the Grey’s Park wetland area.

Council discussed the project during the Jan. 21 meeting. Previously, a motion to conduct a feasibility study and a cost estimation was passed, Sept. 17, to explore the project.

“If we move forward with this, it must follow all environmental regulations, including approvals from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas before going ahead. Both desktop and on-site environmental studies would be needed to ensure protection of local wildlife and sensitive areas,” said Jamie Dugdale, director of infrastructure, operations, and development services.

The property currently under discussion for the pathway is currently owned by West Strathmore Developments and is to be transferred to the town as part of the West Creek Area Structure Plan development, tentatively in 2026 or 2027.

Dugdale estimated that should the project eventually receive a green light, it will take approximately 18 months to go from start to finish.

Coun. Brent Wiley noted that accessible and affordable recreation sites are considered among the highest priorities described to him by residents, and low environmental impact projects such as pathways are generally well supported by the public.

“When we did a community survey and asked the citizens what recreation they prioritized the most, outdoor activities came, I think it was seven out of the Top 10 things that people wanted ... I heard again and again how much residents appreciate our pathway systems,” said Wiley. “Six months of the year in Strathmore, you can go out and run into people on every different pathway. We have a very active town, and it is because of 20 years of our council putting into these pathways. It is a high priority for me to continue that legacy.”

He added it would be the envy of small cities and surrounding municipalities to be able to efficiently utilize

local green spaces with pathways such as the one proposed.

Wiley emphasized that such a project is also comparatively very affordable to the town, being budgeted in the realm of \$210,000 between materials and labour, public consultation, environmental assessment, and other associated costs.

“We are not talking about something in the millions or even in the high hundreds of thousands here to put in, but it is something that all people in this town will use, and it is going to be awesome,” he said. “I really just see this as Phase 1 in eventually incorporating Kinsman and Grey’s Park as much as possible together.”

Coun. Claude Brown noted that based on the town’s budget, a \$100,000 expense represents a one per cent tax increase and that this should be taken into account while considering the price of a new pathway.

Council voted to direct administration to return to a future committee of the whole meeting with various options for price points and materials for constructing the pathway.

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Joe Lepage Photos

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Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Alberta is growing quickly, and that puts extra pressure on important services that families count on. With more people than ever calling our province home, we need to make smart choices now, so our health care, water, and energy systems can keep up. That is why Alberta's government is making targeted investments that help Albertans today and set us up for the future.

Work is underway to expand the Alberta Children's Hospital. Plans include building a larger inpatient tower and a new research centre to improve care for kids from every corner of the province. When it is finished, the expansion will add 40 new hospital beds and 10 mental health beds, boosting capacity by 32 per cent and giving more families confidence that their children can get the specialized care they need.

At the same time, the \$151 million expansion of the Peter Lougheed Centre is now complete. This upgrade adds almost 100 new patient beds, including more space in the emergency department. For seniors, families, and anyone who has spent long hours waiting for care, this means better patient flow, less crowding, and faster access when it is needed most.

Both of these facilities play a vital role for residents in our constituency, with families from our communities relying on the Alberta Children's Hospital and the Peter Lougheed Centre for specialized care, emergency services, and ongoing treatment close to home.

Albertans deserve to know how

their health care system is performing, especially when it comes to wait times and access to care. That is why Alberta has launched a new health system dashboard. This online tool gives clear, easy-to-understand information about surgeries, wait times, and health care services across the province. Albertans can access the health system dashboard at alberta.ca/health-system-dashboard.

By making this information public and updating it regularly, Albertans can better understand what's happening in their communities, health care workers can see where improvements are needed, and the system can be held accountable.

Strong hospitals and emergency services are especially important in rural Alberta, where people often need to travel long distances for care. Investing in modern facilities and digital resources helps make sure rural communities have reliable, high-quality health services.

Our government is also taking real steps to support farmers, ranchers, and rural communities by improving access to water. New rules now allow producers to store more water in dugouts, helping them better manage drought and protect their operations. Communities and businesses can also make greater use of stormwater and wetlands, which supports conservation and helps ensure water is available when it's needed most.

Looking ahead, we have launched a province-wide conversation about the future of Alberta's energy. Electricity demand is rising, and Albertans are being invited to share their views on how to meet that demand. Public

town halls are being held across the province to gather feedback on the potential role of nuclear energy. I am honoured to chair the Nuclear Energy Engagement and Advisory Panel, and I invite you to participate and learn more about upcoming in-person engagement sessions. Please visit alberta.ca/nuclear-energy-engagement.

Our government is always working to make Alberta a place where families can thrive, seniors are supported, and rural communities remain strong. These efforts – from upgrading hospitals to improving water access to planning for long-term energy needs – all aim to keep our province the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

These priorities translate into real support for people in our communities. Through programs like the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP), our government works alongside local organizations to strengthen essential services and ensure help is available when it's needed most. Recently, the Ministry of Arts, Culture and Status of Women approved \$95,000 to support the much-needed expansion of the Strathmore Overnight Shelter that provides temporary shelter, essential supports, and wraparound services for people experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, or other crises.

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)

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 3, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting**
- February 10, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission**
- February 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m. | PPC & COW**

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



2026 Farmer Pesticide Certificate Course
Wheatland County Administration Office

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Obituary



SCHELSE, Judith (Judy) Elaine (nee Lassiter)

Judith (Judy) Elaine Schelske (nee Lassiter) passed away on January 20, 2026, at the age of 83 in Strathmore Hospital. She was surrounded by her children and grandchildren in her last days.

Judy was born to Oscar Bruce (OB) and Alice Lassiter in Chin Alberta, the second youngest of 12 children. The family later moved to Duchess, AB onto the John Ware Ranch for a time before settling in Bassano, AB. In her younger years Judy was active in the Girl Scouts, and various school activities. After marrying Glen and settling on the Schelske family farm near Cluny, she enjoyed a very busy life as a farm wife, artist, avid reader and loving mother to her 3 children. She was very community minded and was Honored Royal Lady with the Bassano Royal Purple/Elks for two terms.

Judy is survived by her sons Randy (Myrna), Eldon (Tina), and her daughter Maria (Darcy), grandchildren Adam, Thomas, Nicole (Chase), Amanda (Dustin), and Melissa. Great grandchildren Kayson, Tyler, Sophia, Amelia, Leah, Jace and Maci. And her siblings Caral, Nina, Toby and Lynne.

She is pre-deceased by her husband Glen, siblings Shirley Mae, Eric Bruce, Mildred, Patricia, Stan, Byron and Leonard.

A memorial service for Judith will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Wheatland Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wheatland Society of Arts, Strathmore, AB.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the Estate of **Rebecca Lynn Dahl**, late of Wheatland County Alberta, who died on October 3, 2025 are required to file particulars of their claims, duly verified, with the undersigned on or before 30 days from publication, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims then filed.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

February 4, 2026 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council
 February 11, 2026 | 6 p.m. Committee of the Whole
 February 18, 2026 | 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.

Notices coming out in February. Property assessment notices.

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

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

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

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

License fees due in January. Business license fees.

A valid business license is required for every business operating within or partly 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

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**.

Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. School Closure Camps.

Got a day off school coming up? We've got a plan. The Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre offers day camps and seasonal break camps designed to keep your kids busy and having fun.

Registration is available through PerfectMind. Be sure to visit Strathmore.ca/SchoolClosureCamps to register and ensure all required forms are completed.

If you have questions or concerns, give us a call at **403-361-2121**.

Course ID	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
39662	Mar 13, 2026	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
39677	Apr 24, 2026	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
39679	May 1, 2026	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
41349	May 15, 2026	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50

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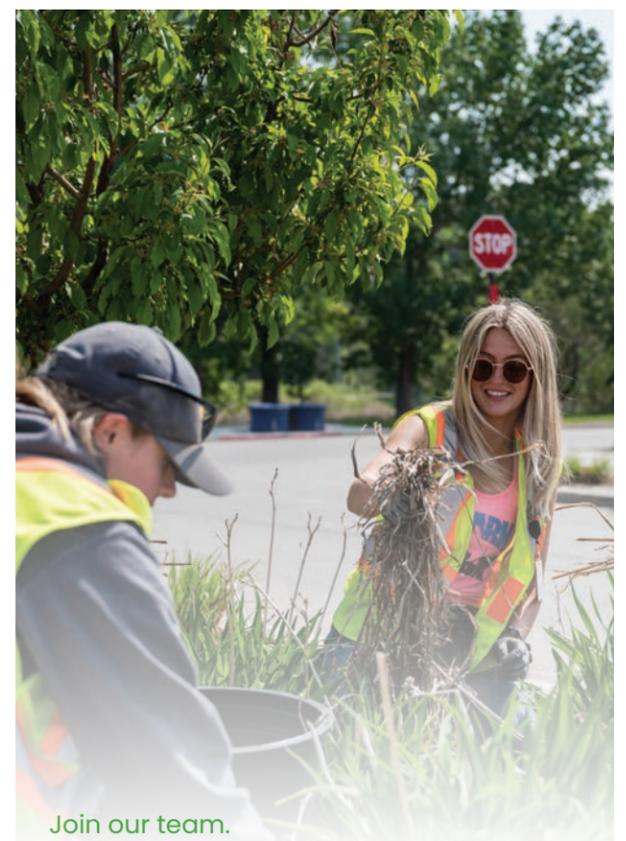
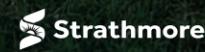
Course ID	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
39660	Feb 17 - 20, 2026	T - F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$148

Spring Break Camp

Course ID	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
39676	Apr 7 - 10, 2026	T - F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$148



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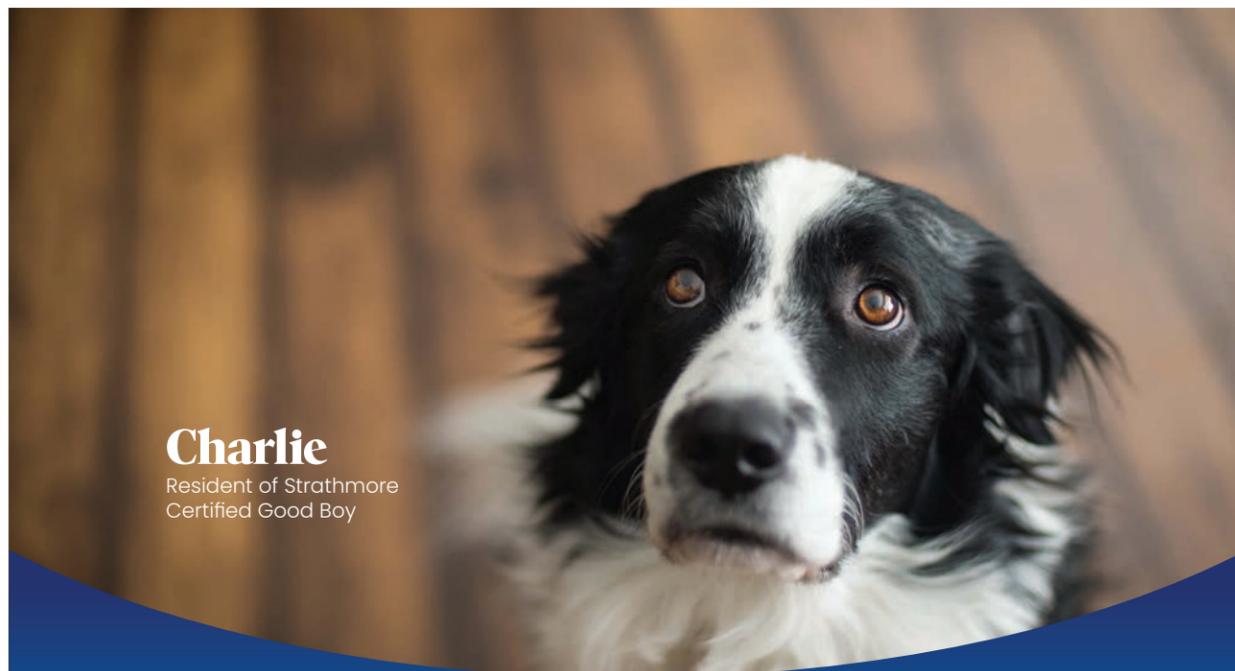


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