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Book fundraiser

Town eyes new app

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A presentation given before Town of Strathmore council during the Jan. 22 regular meeting detailed the launch of local Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Economic Development Dashboards.

The development of the Public Web Map and Economic Development dashboards aims to provide residents and businesses with easier access to information, while supporting the town's economic development goals.

"This tool will provide our residents, businesses, and other stakeholders with easy access to property information, reducing the need for direct inquiries and empowering a self-service for our community," said Seth Whitney, GIS specialist for the Town of Strathmore. "The public property search web map is an app that is user friendly, and a web-based map where users can search properties by various criteria like address, tax roll number, or even by zooming into the map."

Whitney explained the map provides a convenient and intuitive way to gather information on properties, including details on assessments, taxes, and zoning.

This also includes information such as lot size and garbage pickup days for a given property. All of this is to be made available online with constant accessibility, without the need to contact town staff.

"The tool brings multiple benefits: first, it reduces the number of calls and inquiries that staff need to respond to by allowing residents and businesses to get to the information themselves," said Whitney. "Second, it provides faster access to property details, meeting the growing demand for transparency and convenience. It is especially useful for real estate agents, assessors, and resident who need quick access to this type of information."

Sensitive information regarding properties, such as property owner identities and contact information has been removed from the app.

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Wild weekend

Strathmore native Hannah Olson darts up the ice during the Zone 2 Wild game versus the U of C Dinosaurs in the Open A division of the annual Laurie Morton Ruppe Memorial tournament on Jan. 25. The ringette tournament, which was held Jan. 24-26 at the Strathmore Family Centre and Rockyford Arena, featured 11 local teams ranging from Active Start to Open. See Page 5 for more coverage.

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The Strathmore Legion Branch 10 hosted an awards ceremony to recognize students who were to be awarded for their entries to the annual Remembrance Contest. This year, a total of 25 students received awards through the program. Of these, 10 students who received first place awards are to have their work move forward to compete at the provincial level.

John Watson Photo

Strathmore Legion recognizes, awards students

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Legion hosted an awards ceremony, Jan. 25, for students who participated in their annual youth remembrance program.

Students who were to be awarded for their entries were invited to the ceremony at the Legion building. Any student who placed first in their respecti-

ve entry category will have their work continue forward to a similar competition, which evaluates entries from across the province.

“All the students in various schools in the Wheatland County area participated this year. We have some as far as Langdon and Wintering Hills – they all participated in the poster and literary contest,” said Anna Haines, poppy chair for the Strathmore Legion. “If a student

moves forward, they have the potential to go up to the national level. If they win at the national level, their posters and essays will be at Parliament Hill during the Week of Remembrance.”

The youth remembrance program typically begins in October, when contest information is distributed to local schools within the region.

Subsequent deadlines for students to submit their work typically fall in early

December, prior to students being dismissed for their winter breaks. Evaluations at the local, then provincial levels take place in January and February.

Participation incentives include monetary prizes for students who are awarded first, second, and third place. Entries, divided into posters, essays, and poems at each respective age category, are judged at the Legion by veterans and members.

Subject matter of entries from student submissions is to depict their understanding of remembrance, and what it means to them.

Haines explained each year, the number of students who choose to participate in the program continues to steadily grow.

“Three or four years ago, we had a teacher participate from Wintering Hills Colony, which was a new thing for us, and this year we had a teacher reach out to us from Langdon ... and they have been participating,” she said. “We are very pleased to see that they are putting remembrance in part of their curriculum in the fall, and it is not just about having a Remembrance Day ceremony, it is thinking about it beforehand.”

A total of 25 students ranging from Grades 1-12 were recognized this year during the ceremony, and were presented with their prizes.

From among these, 10 first prize winners are being forwarded on for Alberta/Northwest Territories Provincial Command judging.

Haines added at least two winners from the Wheatland County region have on previous occasions proceeded to be recognized at the national level of the program.

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Water Reservoir Borrowing Bylaw discussed

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Town of Strathmore council passed first reading for Bylaw 25-03, being the Water Reservoir Borrowing Bylaw, during the Jan. 22 regular meeting.

Riley Brolly, manager of financial planning, budgeting and reporting with the Town of Strathmore, explained the Water Reservoir Borrowing bylaw is an administrative requirement to ensure the town's compliance with the Municipal Government Act.

"When council approved the 2025-2034 Capital Budget on Dec. 4, 2024, the largest capital project was the Wildflower Water Reservoir upgrade in the amount of \$5.45 million over two years – most of it this year, and \$150,000 in 2026 which was approved to be financed by debt sources," he said. "We recommended this and council approved it because these upgrades exceed what is available to draw from reserves or to fund with incoming or expected grants."

Brolly added borrowing funds for this project will allow both current and future taxpayers to contribute to the cost of the water reservoir upgrades.

Bylaw 25-3 authorizes town administration to obtain a loan at no higher than 5.5 per cent annually on a 25-year term.

The interest rate on a 25-year loan from the Province of Alberta is 5.28 per cent, which represents an annual debt servicing cost to the town of \$395,000 annually on the loan, of which the funds to repay the loan must be levied on local taxpayers.

"The capital expenditure itself and the debt servicing on it is (already) factored into the (2025) budget," Brolly clarified.

The Town of Strathmore plans to decommission

on the Brentwood Reservoir, as well as to expand and complete the Wildflower Reservoir in order to allow it sufficient capacity to operate as the sole drinking water reservoir for the Town of Strathmore.

Renovating the Wildflower Reservoir, as well as decommissioning the Brentwood Reservoir have been subjects of the town's attention for several years, as the latter nears the end of its service life.

The Wildflower Reservoir was noted in October 2024 to be operating at its maximum capacity, while the Brentwood Reservoir was noted to operate at approximately 50 per cent capacity.

An Alberta Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership grant is a resource which the town has previously applied for on multiple occasions. No mention of a successful application was noted on council's meeting agenda, nor was it discussed during the Jan. 22 meeting.

"I am very excited about this – I know that water is a scarce resource. Obviously, this is the thing that we most need to be focusing our attentions on," said Coun. Brent Wiley.

Council has directed administration to advertise the drafted bylaw in accordance with policies in the Municipal Government Act prior to second reading.

Any questions or concerns regarding the bylaw must be returned before council within 30 days of second and third reading, which are to take place in February.

Following approval of the bylaw, the town anticipates to receive funds approximately by September.

(With files from Nov. 30, 2022, Oct. 16, 2024 editions of the Strathmore Times)

Strathmore RCMP reflect on 2024

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore RCMP Staff Sgt. Mark Wielgosz reflected on 2024 and reported significant drops to criminal code offences over the course of the calendar year.

"As far as 2024 is concerned, generally across the board, we look at our municipal crime stats, being in the Town of Strathmore and our rural crime stats ... we saw our greatest reductions in, across the board essentially, for the Town of Strathmore last year," he said. "Versus the year prior, we have had an overall 24 per cent decrease in criminal code offences. I can attribute much of that progress to the hard work of our members who are out there every day working on our crime reduction and prevention initiatives."

These include targeted activities such as the habitual offender management program, as well as the home safety initiatives within the Town of Strathmore.

Wielgosz added the Strathmore RCMP observed five-year lows with crime numbers across the board from property crimes to persons crimes.

In local rural areas patrolled by Strathmore RCMP, some increases in offences were observed, though no more than five per cent compared to the previous year.

"Most of that is occurring generally within the close proximity around Calgary, and they will be targeting vehicles for auto theft and business break and enters along some of our industrial areas in those zones," said Wielgosz. "We are obviously going to be paying attention to 2025 to make sure that we are tackling those challenges and dealing with them as best we can to see those rates coincide more with what we are looking at targeting in our five- and six-year crime averages."

A significant component of ongoing prevention, detection and deterrence activities is in public

education. Messaging with respect to preventing crimes of opportunity is being distributed throughout the local region in an effort to reduce auto theft, theft from motor vehicles, and other property crimes.

Among the programs rolled out by the detachment in 2024 was Operation Cold Start, which will be operating again through 2025. This involved RCMP members patrolling the community and checking unattended vehicles which had been left running to ensure they were locked.


In instances where a running vehicle was left unlocked, members would make inquiries to identify the owner and initiate a conversation to ensure the vehicle was safeguarded.

"I think overall with some of our crime prevention initiatives – our habitual crime management program in particular, I really do think we have set a bit of a reputation, or perhaps at least some knowledge that Strathmore is well protected and perhaps that other locations are probably more viable for persons who are looking to commit crime," said Wielgosz.

He added the Strathmore detachment aims to continue its priorities which it has executed over the last three years since his arrival. This includes the continued reduction of theft of, and from motor vehicles, as well as increased road safety.

"We still treat all levels of crime in the community importantly, and just because we have certain areas of crime that we have listed as our priorities does not mean that we do not equally investigate others," he said.


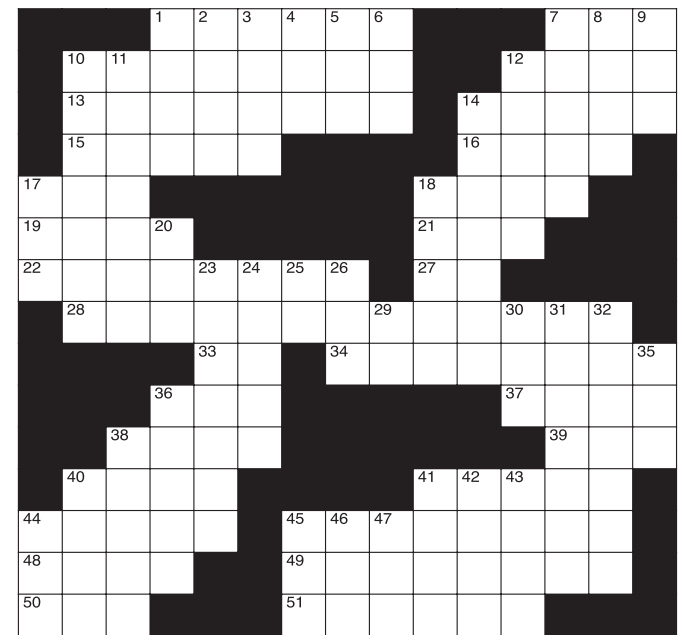
Wielgosz added if there is feedback from the public regarding where they would like to see their police service in the community focusing their time with respect to specific offences, they are encouraged to be in touch with the detachment, as well as to attend community engagement sessions planned to take place throughout the year.



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- 16. Type of tent
- 17. U.S. Treasury position
- 18. Opposed to
- 19. Protective covering
- 21. Bridge building degree
- 22. Clouding of the lens
- 27. Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
- 28. Unacceptable
- 33. Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
- 34. American national park
- 36. One point south of due east
- 37. Assist in a crime
- 38. Greek mythological personification of Earth
- 39. A major division of geological time
- 40. German courtesy title
- 41. English family dating back to Norman times
- 44. Discounts
- 45. South American nation
- 48. Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
- 49. Hostile
- 50. Passports and drivers licenses are two
- 51. Discourages from doing

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
- 2. Nevada city
- 3. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 4. Bird's beak
- 5. Language
- 6. Midway between south and southeast
- 7. Punjab village
- 8. Small biting flies
- 9. Sportscaster Patrick
- 10. A way to get around
- 11. Repeat
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- 14. Temporary loss of consciousness
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- 18. Fir tree genus
- 20. "Transformers" director Michael
- 23. Criminals who steal
- 24. Genus of leaf-footed bug
- 25. Music product
- 26. "Talk to you"
- 29. Santa says it three times
- 30. Doctors' group
- 31. African nation
- 32. Ageless
- 35. When you hope to get somewhere
- 36. Worn
- 38. Deprives of vigor
- 40. Used to have (Scottish)
- 41. Where you live
- 42. Muslim ruler title
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- 44. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 45. Spanish soldier
- 46. It precedes two
- 47. Illuminated

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County council receives report on WHMB from Member at Large

JOHN WATSON
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Wheatland County council received a report during the Jan. 14 regular meeting of council from their Member at Large (MAL), Debbie Wakelam, regarding the Wheatland Housing Management Board (WHMB).

The report summarized meetings and activities through November and December. Wakelam began attending WHMB meetings as of Nov. 21.

“On Nov. 22, I attended an Alberta Senior and Community Housing Association (ASHA) webinar and this was Aging in Community of Choice with services and wraparound supports,” she reported. “That same day was also the National Housing Day and an announcement was made by Minister Jason Nixon. This was for the Affordable Housing Partnership Program (AHPP) ... this was opened for the next round of application and the deadline for applications is ending Jan. 31.”

She reiterated to council, the WHMB is applying for AHPP funding in order to help facilitate construction of the new Wheatland Lodge in Strathmore.

Wakelam reported that the WHMB is also seeking to fill a MAL position, which is detailed on their website and Facebook page.

At the request of Coun. Shannon Laprise, this was clarified as not being a new position within the WHMB, rather the board is seeking a new person to replace a previous MAL who has ceased operating in the position.

She added a meeting had been called by the WHMB chair, Dec. 19, to which she attended, and the next meeting following was held, Jan. 16.

“This has been a new exercise for us to have a member at large, so it is great to have some information back from that person that is not sitting in this room,” said Coun. Scott Klassen following the report.

Klassen also inquired as to the status of whether the WHMB had applied for the new round of grant funding, as the deadline approaches.

Coun. Glenn Koester explained the board applied in March 2024 for a previous intake and have been advised that the previous application was still valid.

Following a motion put forward by Coun. Richard Laursen, Wakelam’s report was accepted as information by council. There was no indication presented during the council meeting regarding the frequency of future similar reports to council from the MAL.

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We might also remember someone beloved, who is not with us any longer. In all these business of the season that we are involved in, I would like to draw your attention to the Good News, which is at the heart of Christmas: it is the Lord Almighty, who accomplished and prepared for us the reason why we can celebrate.
We give because we have been given. We do our preparations because God had prepared the greatest gift to us: the Holy Child, who is called Jesus. He came to heal us, to accompany us, to show us the way how we can love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind, and our neighbors as ourselves.
At the first Christmas, which we remember every year, the Lord Almighty came to us in a child, who is called “Immanuel,” and his name means “God with us.” He came to shoulder burdens

we couldn’t carry alone and to break our separation from our Creator, which had led to so much heartbreak and blind tracks both in human history and our personal lives.
Remember, it is not merely us, who are in action during this very busy time of the year. God has been in work in this world and in our lives, which can give us strength to concentrate on the most important things despite our large to-do list. If we take some time to talk with the One, whose action had given us the reason to celebrate, we can set our priorities right. It will give us peace when we would freak out because of the never-ending chores and tasks. It will enable us to feel: we are not alone, even if we experienced loss, or family and friends are far away. And it can also awaken in us gratefulness towards the Giver, which will bring a joy that is not fading away on Boxing Day.
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Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year,
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Kings regular season comes down to the wire

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Only four regular season games remain prior to the start of the HJHL playoffs for the Agra Risk Wheatland Kings.

The local Junior B team is in the midst of a franchise record season, sitting second in the Southern Division at 51 points with a 25-8-1 record.

Commanding first position are the Okotoks Bisons at 55 points and snapping at the heels of the Kings are the Medi-

cine Hat Cubs at 50 points.

Doug Raycroft, head coach of the Wheatland Kings, said with eight league points still on the table up for grabs, he is hoping to get at least six of them, which would require winning three of the remaining four games.

“We basically have the same record (as Medicine Hat), so it is important to get that second place so we can have home ice advantage. In the last four games here, we play Medicine Hat once, so that is going to be a big game for us,” he said. “On Friday (Jan. 31), we go to Okotoks, so that is going to be a tough one ... we have beat them a couple of times and it is always a good feeling. We have a good idea of how to beat them, it is just they are a very good team so you have to be on your best game and stay out of the penalty box.”

Raycroft explained the ongoing plan for the Kings is to continue developing their defensive game, looking to improve on their own end of the ice.

Squaring off against their closer rivals, there is a necessity to give out as few opportunities to score as possible to teams such as Okotoks and Medicine Hat who are sure to capitalize on them.

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Town discusses launch of new local GIS app

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Upon receiving support from council, public communication regarding the app will be distributed in order to increase awareness, as well as to teach people how to utilize the app effectively.

Whitney also clarified to council, town or RCMP staff, for example, would only be able to discover property owners' names through the app should their job require such information to be disclosed.

Only at such a time would permissions be granted to view that information. GIS aims to remain Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) compliant regarding disclosure of potentially sensitive information.

GIS has indicated they have a target launch date of March 17. More information regarding the project is available via the town's Jan. 22 meeting agenda, as well as on their YouTube channel.



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Upcoming Meetings

- February 4, 2025 | 9 a.m. Council Meeting
- February 11, 2025 | 9 a.m. Municipal Planning Commission
- February 11, 2025 | 9 a.m. Public Presentation Committee

Council and committee meetings are open to the public in person and via teleconference. To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted. You can also watch the meetings later on YouTube. Agenda packages are available on our website. For public hearings, it is best to attend in person.

Wheatland County invites applications for 2025 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/ceb
- Deadline: Applications must be post marked on or before January 31, 2025.

Please note that eligibility for 2025 funding is dependent on filing all previous funding reports with Wheatland County by January 31, 2025.

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

Seeking Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Members

Do you hold a strong interest in the decisions made by local government regarding subdivision and development permits? If so, seize the opportunity to apply and become a representative on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)!

Wheatland County is actively searching for individuals residing in Division 2, Division 6, and Division 7 to participate as members of the SDAB. If you reside outside these specific Divisions but are interested in contributing, we encourage you to submit your application for our consideration.

The SDAB deals with subdivision and development appeals by the provisions of the Municipal Government Act; and shall exercise any other powers, duties, and functions as assigned by Wheatland County bylaws or policies. Members of the SDAB serve a three-year term and meet as necessary during the day or evening.

Following your appointment to the Board, SDAB members must successfully complete online training provided by the Land & Property Rights Tribunal. Members will be financially compensated for their training as well as attendance for scheduled appeal hearings.

For more information regarding training, please go to: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-and-development-appeal-boards-training.aspx>

If you require additional information, please contact Wheatland County Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Clerk, Michelle Van Haarlem at (403) 361-2000 or sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers February 4th, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025. The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

Bylaw #: 2024-30 (LU2024-014)
Legal Description: NW 22-25-25-W4M – Plan 1412199; Block 2; Lot 1
Proposal: To redesignate the subject lands from HC District to IG District, to facilitate the development of a water treatment and equipment storage and supply business.



Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1412199, within NW-22-25-25-W4M

Bylaw #: 2024-07 (Goldfinch Raw Water Borrowing Bylaw)
County-wide
Proposal: The Council of Wheatland County, has given first reading to Borrowing Bylaw 2024-07 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize Wheatland County to borrow \$7.75 million for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years, from the Province of Alberta or another authorized financial institution, by issuance of debentures, to construct a raw water line from wells diverting water from the Bow River to the Goldfinch Area Structure Plan (ASP). This project will improve water infrastructure and support future development in the Goldfinch area. There shall be levied and raised in each year of the debenture, levies or fees towards users of the Goldfinch Raw Water Line to pay the principal and interest falling due each year. (Read more at <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/publicnotices/>)

Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 40 (1) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 33 (c) and subsequent versions of the Act.

2025 Municipal Election

Every four years Wheatland County holds a Municipal Election for residents to elect their Councillors. In Wheatland County, one Council member is elected per division, for a total of seven Councillors. Later, at the organizational meeting, Councillors nominate the Reeve amongst themselves.

The municipal election is on Monday, October 20, 2025.

- Nomination Period: January 1, 2025 – September 22, 2025
- Nomination Day Deadline: September 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
- Advanced Polls: Oct. 11, 10am to 5pm; Oct. 15, 12pm to 8pm; and Oct. 18, 10am to 5pm

For more information please visit our website, wheatlandcounty.ca/2025-municipal-election/

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LOCATION
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Book bargains

5 For Life hosted their annual book sale fundraiser at Hope Community Covenant Church, Jan. 25, reselling donated books to raise money for the organization's programming. All proceeds raised through the fundraiser are intended to be effectively put back into local community programming.

John Watson Photos

Town passes 2025 Operating Expenditures Line of Credit Borrowing Bylaw

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council passed all three readings for Bylaw 25-01, being the 2025 Operating Expenditures Line of Credit Borrowing Bylaw, during the Jan. 22 regular meeting.

This bylaw was recommended by town administration to be passed as a contingency approach to support the town's existing line of credit. The action required the passing of a bylaw in order to be in compliance with the Municipal Government Act.

The requirement of authorizing a municipality to borrow via a bylaw is listed under Section 251(1) of the Municipal Government Act. This section also applies to operating expenditures for a municipality.

The line of credit would serve to aid in the provision of services to residents, businesses and stakeholders while taxes are being collected until July 1.

Following tax collections, any use of the line of credit would be repaid immediately. Despite the recommendation for approval as a contingency, administration does not anticipate any use of the line of credit will be necessary.

"The town has had an operating line of credit of \$770,000 for a number of years. As far as I am aware, we have never had to dip into the line, but it is a contingent response tool in the event that we need to use it," said Riley Brolly, manager of financial planning, budgeting and reporting with the Town of Strathmore.

"We bring it to (council) right at the start of the year to get this in place in case we need it in an emergency ... it lets us respond a little quicker if (or) when needed."

The financial report provided to council indicated the town has not drawn on its line of credit in more than five years. Additionally, there is no financial impact to the town until such time that the line of credit is required to be drawn upon.

Passing a bylaw authorizing the use of borrowings is an annual occurrence for municipalities which have a line of credit available to them.

Following its approval, town administration is then tasked to arrange for the bylaw to be signed and provided to the Bank of Nova Scotia with the 2025 Line of Credit Bylaw.

Despite being a new bylaw, Section 256(3) of the Municipal Government Act states the bylaw is not required to be advertised if the borrowing term does not exceed three years.

Coun. Brent Wiley motioned for council to approve all three readings for the Operating Expenditures Line of Credit Borrowing Bylaw. Each in turn was carried unanimously without debate.

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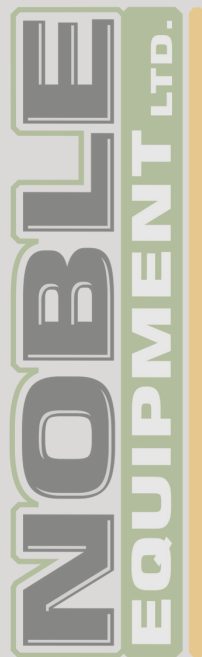
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After leaving the ranch, I returned to my technician background & started working at Noble Equipment and spent time in 2024 supporting the entire range of equipment that Noble sells.

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Golden Hills announces new Associate Superintendent

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Golden Hills School Division has announced Corina Hampson as the new Associate Superintendent of Learning Services beginning in August.

“I am excited to start the new position and support our teachers and support our students, meet their educational goals and continue to offer our diverse programming through the lens of powerful learning,” she said.

Hampson began working with Golden Hills School Division as a teacher, serving at Brentwood Elementary School, and at Westmount Elementary School. Following this, she was occupied with instructional coaching work with the school division.

She explained she had an opportunity to work as the associate principal at Westmount Elementary School, then as principal at Brentwood school, before once again returning to Westmount to serve as principal.

“Then at that point, after a few years, I had the opportunity to be the Director of Learning with Golden Hills, which is my current position, and then come August, I will move to the Associate Superintendent role,” said Hampson.

In all, Hampson explained she has spent the better part of the last 20 years of her career in various roles working with Golden Hills School Division.

She added she has remained with Golden Hills due to their priority to-

wards their students at the forefront of their decision-making processes.

“This role, Jeff Grimsdale used to be Associate Superintendent and he has moved to Superintendent ... we did not have an Associate Superintendent of Learning for a few years and so the need for that position grows,” said Hampson. “We have a Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources, but now we are going to increase that with another position of Associate Superintendent of Learning, so that will be around the curriculum.”

In her new position, Hampson will be involved with instruction, assessment, supporting teachers in professional development, and student services – providing students with programming that best meets their needs.

She added her goal is to ensure the school division continues a positive, supportive, and collaborative structure which helps and encourages students to rise to great heights of academic achievement, as well as to meet their respective social and emotional needs.

“We are here to ensure students have the best educational experience that they can possibly have,” she said. “The idea of helping to build future community members who are going to contribute and build the Strathmore community, but even beyond that, they are our future, and to be a part of that is really exciting.”

Officially, Hampson will begin in her new position as of Aug. 15.

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Notice of Application Confined Feeding Operation

Hutterian Brethren of Wheatland have filed Application LA25006 with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to obtain a registration to construct a new confined feeding operation (CFO) on the NW 22-26-22 W4M in Wheatland County, Alberta. The application is to construct a chicken broiler barn (108.2 m x 19.5 m) for 30,000 chicken broilers.

Filing a Response

Any person who is directly affected by the application may submit a written response to the NRCB. The response must be received by the NRCB on or before **4:30 pm on February 27, 2025**. Submissions should be made to the NRCB address provided below. All attachments sent electronically must be in a pdf format. A copy of the responses will be sent to the applicant for comment. Responses regarding the application may be posted on the NRCB's public website, as they are public records and are non-confidential.

Your written response must include your name, the legal land description of your residence or landholdings, mailing address, phone number, and email. You must also explain how you are directly affected. For further information please refer to the fact sheet "The Permitting Process for Confined Feeding Operations in Alberta" at www.nrcb.ca.

Failure to submit a written response affects your right to apply for an NRCB Board review.

Viewing the Application

A complete copy of the application and supporting documents submitted by the applicant 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 application will also be available for in-person viewing at the Lethbridge office by appointment. If you require further information, please contact the approval officer listed below.

Carina Weisbach, Approval Officer
100, 5401 1st Ave S
Lethbridge AB T1J 4V6
carina.weisbach@nrcb.ca
T 403-892-0408

The closing date for submissions:
4:30 pm on February 27, 2025

Dated at Lethbridge AB, on January 29, 2025



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The love of the Canadian flag

To the Editor

The other night watching the TV I saw this guy telling me I should tear down my Canadian flag and replace it with the Stars and Stripes.

Well, that brought some emotional words out of my mouth. My wife told me relax; the last time I got that politically charged up was when someone was taking my personal rights away with what I call the war measures act (Emergencies Act). Like my wife said this will probably resolve itself and we will live through it.

We fly the Canadian flag and the Alberta flag in our yard. About 10 years ago my wife asked when I was going to change the Canadian flag. It was badly ripped, torn, and shredded - actually disgraceful. My Alberta flag was pristine. I told my wife that the Canadian flag is like our country, it is torn badly. I left that Canadian flag up for another while. Then I got to thinking, people died to give us that flag. I quickly changed it.

This is my chance to give my apologies and show everyone how wrong I was. All of a sudden, that red

Maple Leaf means so much more to me again like it used to when I was a kid.

The United States had a person in one of their top offices years back by the name of Dick Cheney. Now they have a president who is a dictator.

I'm not very bright; in school I did poorly, very poor at math - economics, not much better. When I was in Grade 6 reading class, I got put down to Grade 4 reading class. My sister who was in Grade 4 reading class, got put up to Grade 5 reading class. That did not go so good at my home. The only subject I was really good at was recess. Like most school yards there is usually a school bully - the major requirements of which include no diplomacy, no democracy, but stomps with big boots. I would like to tell you I was the one that kicked his butt. That would make a great movie, but I did not. Collectively, we kept him in check. It looks like we have another bully stomping with big boots.

I was eating an apple the next day when my wife asked me where it came from. I looked at the tag and

it said Washington State. I gagged, but I didn't throw it out and I finished it. I may as well have because that is the last Yank apple in my house. No more Florida oranges, no more John Deere, no more International, no more Polaris, no more Arctic Cat. I realize you can't just throw out Yank equipment, you just can't get rid of it. But, when the time comes, I hope you search out other options.

Heck, you won't be able to afford Yank stuff anyway. The Canadian dollar is south of \$0.70 now and by the time Trump does his thing, it should be south of \$0.65. Then you could add another 25 per cent taxation and that should put us around \$0.40 which makes \$2.50 for one Yank dollar. The dictator is making it easy to decide.

This guy's ego does not waiver. If we can hold him off monetarily, he would bring his army. Trump claims that 33 per cent of Canadians want to be included in the United States. So, 67 per cent better speak loud and clear.

Our flag pool has flown the New Zealand flag, the Blue Jays flag, the Flames flag. As long as I'm alive, it will never fly the Yankee flag for whatever reason.

It will always fly the Alberta flag and the Canadian flag. Thank you, Donald Trump, for reminding me how special the red maple leaf is and thank you to those who died to give us that flag. We will not let you die in vain, and we will not give up that flag.

Glenn Laycock
Wheatland County

Great leader for Alberta

To the Editor

Myself, along with many Albertans find it disturbing and disgusting that there are actually some Albertans (along with left wing media) that think or believe Danielle Smith is somehow working against our province to the benefit of Donald Trump and the USA!

Worse yet, there are other premiers who think and actually accuse Danielle of being a traitor to our country. Think about it - Trudeau, Doug Ford (along with a few others) offer our Alberta oil and gas industry as a sacrificial lamb to appease the threatened tariffs, yet Ford leaves his sacred "cow car industry" out of the discussion?

And what about Quebec with their vaunted hydro system, an electrical system that holds/controls the big red shut down button which could essentially place the state of New York in the dark!

Simply put, if the Eastern elites want to fight with our neighbours to the south and play chess, they should use their own resources, and leave us in Alberta out of their sandbox - namely our oil and gas! Danielle will do just fine in our best interests with the USA. Quebec is the largest beneficiary of equalization payments in our country, yet Quebec and Ontario, collectively quite often, have the biggest mouths! Alberta is quite frankly getting sick and tired of feeding and burping the east, along with a few other provinces, yet Alberta contributes billions in equalization payments yearly, and yet at the same time, the Liberals and NDP want to eliminate our fossil fuels.

It is only of our energy resources that funds the huge cheque that they demand and we send for all Canadians to divide up amongst themselves.

Also ... in the past while, the question asked by many is - where is our friend Scott Moe these days? The reason this question comes to the forefront is Alberta has always believed our two provinces would remain joined at the hips through all ups and downs. Many have concerns with his absence in winging our Danielle, throughout her many challenges in the last while. On this note, the thinking is that he's just covering his own "potash & uranium," so clearly this is another sign that displays that we need to just concentrate and focus on "Alberta First."

So having said all of the above, all Albertan's regardless of political stripe need to get fully behind Smith in supporting the largest and most prominent financial golden goose in Canada, the Alberta's energy sector. We need to mirror the new approach the USA has taken regarding oil and gas ... we have an unlimited amount of liquid gold under our feet and just need to resort once again to go and go get it! It is sickening how our beautiful land and horizons in Alberta are now being cluttered with windmills and solar panels! This particular mess has only just begun!

Regarding all other Canadians, in all other provinces that are part of the left wing and are in support of another Trudeau/Singh energy program, they need to wake

up and realize that their intent/program will decimate our province of Alberta, further weaken Canada and would in turn realize some serious repercussions.

All the USA (Trump) is or was asking for was a secure Northern Border, which clearly has almost been as open as the southern Border. Biden, Trudeau and Singh have allowed open borders. For many that did not cross into the USA from Mexico, they just immigrated or just simply flew into Canada as Trudeau and Singh welcomed them all with open arms, and from there, many just walked south into the US through our open, unguarded open fields - unbelievable!

Tariff talk against Canada would have never been of discussion had the government with Trudeau and Singh just done their jobs.

Little Junior Trudeau followed daddy's footsteps in many ways! Remember back in 1980 when his daddy torched our oil and gas industry with unforgivable repercussions. Alberta lost 180,000 jobs, citizens lost their homes and possessions, bankruptcy was of the normal vocabulary and not because of poor management, but because Trudeau destroyed Alberta's economy.

And now look where we are at ... Trudeau will go down as one of the poorest PMs in history. Worse yet, he has had his little side kick Singh assisting him in plunging our country into one of our largest tailspins and has almost crippled our Alberta. Keep in mind our energy sector contributes 10.5 per cent towards our national GDP and is 23.5 per cent of Alberta's GDP - explain how we could survive if this golden goose is decimated?

Make no mistake, we need to be prepared for some turmoil sent our way from the USA (possible tariffs, trade war, etc), but many believe when the smoke all clears, we in Alberta will chalk it all up to short-term pain, long-term gain and we will reap huge rewards from the shake up, mostly due to the credit of our Premier, who has built a great relationship with Mr. Trump! Get the pipelines built and "Drill, Baby, Drill." Danielle has basically single-handedly been the Lone Ranger looking out for Alberta's interests!

Trudeau is failing hard in many of his final acts in his attempts for destruction against the West! Everyone best do some serious thinking and soul searching before you jump onto his "It's for Canada" bandwagon.

To all Albertans ... stay focused and never waiver! Alberta first!
Respectfully,
Wilf Kautz
Wheatland County



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Alberta looks to strengthen relationship with USA

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Alberta's government is taking a strategic diplomatic approach to strengthen Alberta's relationship with the United States and protect our energy sector from the consequences of a trade war. The strategy prioritizes diplomacy, collaboration, and shared economic prosperity over divisive retaliatory measures.

The recent pause in proposed tariffs on Canadian goods, including energy exports, offers a critical opportunity to engage in constructive dialogue. Rather than signing on to extreme measures like export bans or retaliatory tariffs, Alberta's economic stability is linked to remaining a reliable supplier of energy to the United States and this partnership is essential to the economic health of both countries.

Central to Alberta's plan is addressing shared security concerns. Our provincial government has committed additional resources to strengthen border security, including deploying a specialized patrol unit to stop the flow of deadly drugs and illegal migration. This aligns with American priorities and demonstrates Alberta's commitment to maintaining a secure border.

Alberta's government will continue to advocate for enhanced bilateral trade. By encouraging Americans to increase imports of Alberta oil, timber, and agricultural products, while promoting Alberta's purchase of American goods like gas turbines and military equipment, both economies stand to benefit. This mutually beneficial approach not only mitigates the threat of trade conflicts but also strengthens long-term economic ties.

Energy policy remains a focus in Alberta's plan, and we have called for federal support to repeal restrictive energy regulations and expedite critical infrastructure projects like Northern Gateway and Energy East. These initiatives would secure Alberta's role as a key energy partner, providing Americans with a stable, dependable supply while driving economic growth in Alberta.

Alberta's forward-looking plan recognizes the importance of collaboration over conflict. By focusing on diplomacy, improving border security, expanding trade, and advocating for supportive energy policies, Alberta is leading confederation in mapping a way for a stable and prosperous relationship with its most important trading partner.

Through these measures, Alberta not only protects our national energy sector but also strengthens the foundational partnership that has long defined Canada-U.S. relations – a partnership rooted in mutual economic interests and shared prosperity.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with your feedback and concerns (chestermere.strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

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

Kings rolling

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To date, the majority of the Kings roster is back on the ice – however, there remains a few instances of being off due to flu or injury.

"I would have preferred to have more games where we had everybody back for sure, but there is no time to be nervous. Hockey is a game that is very fast so you have to be able to react," said Raycroft. "We are just going to play the best team we have and we will hopefully be ready for any team we play."

Regarding his lines, Raycroft added he has a good idea who on his roster plays better together; however, one of his goals is to balance the shifts and not overplay any one player during a given game.

Following the Jan. 31 road game against Okotoks, the Kings return home to host the Airdrie Thunder Feb. 1. Game time is set for 8 p.m.



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Obituary



GULKA, Ernest (Ernie) William

Ernie passed away peacefully on January 11, 2025, at the age of 91 years.

Ernie is survived by his wife of 68 years Elizabeth (Betty); two daughters, Sandra (Ken) and Sharon (Paul); five grandchildren; brother Vern (Flo) and nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his sisters Ann and Kelly.

Ernie was born in Preeceville, SK in 1933, and moved from the farm with his parents to Saskatoon in 1942.

A standout athlete in his youth, Ernie excelled at both hockey and football. He played with the Flin Flon Bombers in 1951 & 1952 serving as Assistant Captain.

He also began playing football at City Park Collegiate, and then as a high-profile member of the powerhouse Saskatoon Hilltops, with whom he would go on to win the 1953 Canadian Junior Football Championship. In 1971, Ernie was a member of that same Hilltops team elected to the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame. He remained a lifelong alumnus.

In 1956, Ernie married the love of his life Betty, and they moved to Calgary, AB where they would raise their two daughters and live for the next 43 years. In 1999, Ernie and Betty retired to Strathmore, AB.

Quick with a smile or a corny dad joke, Ernie was always there to help or assist family and friends. He was a legendary handyman, and loved to listen to his music and was not afraid to dance. He enjoyed watching his sports and was a die hard Habs fan. Those who knew him well also were aware that he could be quite vocal if the refs made the wrong call! All and all, Ernie was a gentle soul with a genuine appreciation for life and family.

The family would like to thank the staff and caregivers at Agecare Sagewood in Strathmore (Dawson Lake & Namaka) for their kindness and care of Ernie for the past three years.

A private celebration of life will be held later this year.

Obituary



HENDRICKS, Norman Louis

December 20 1928 – January 21 2025

Norman was born on December 20 1928 on the Family Farm in Rockyford AB. On June 19 1951 he married Mary Josephine Riley of Three Hills AB and they started their life together, sharing it for 65

years. With his family at his side, Norman passed away peacefully on January 21 2025, at the age of 96. Norman was a loving Husband and caring Father, Grandfather, great Grandfather and great great Grandfather. Norman was pre-deceased by his wife, Mary Josephine on October 20 2016 and is survived by seven children; Linda (Ian) McGillis, Michael (Nettie) Hendricks, Daniel (Kathryn) Hendricks, Anna (Glen) Tucker, Rita (Steven) Eeles, Donna (Kevin) Eeles and Barbara Hendricks (John). He is also survived by fifteen grandchildren; Catherine, Terry, Scott, Brett, Lindsay, Garrett, Christie, Evret, Bradley, Justin, Amanda, Sheldon, Chelsea, Rebecca and Joshua, twenty-five great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, one Sister-in-Law, Gwen Riley and many nieces and nephews. Norman was pre-deceased by his parents; Joseph and Annie Hendricks, one daughter; Catherine Hendricks, one grandson; Jason Ryan Hendricks and three sisters; Rita Hendricks, Marie Brosseau and Jeanette Dietrich.

A prayer service will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church (221-4 Ave Strathmore AB). Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday January 30, 2025 at 11:00 AM in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church (221-4 Ave Strathmore AB). The Family thanks the Staff of AgeCare Sagewood Community for all their kindness to Norman and their personal and medical support over the last nine years and especially the last week. Thanks also to the Staff of Wheatland Funeral Home for their Care and Support during this time of family loss. Please consider 'In Memoriam Gifts' in the name of Norman Louis Hendricks made directly to the Wheatland & Area Hospice Society: www.wheatlandhospice.ca To send condolences to the family, please visit Norman's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca

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- effective time management skills; ability to perform duties with minimal supervision and able to manage variable workloads and deadlines
- written and verbal communication skills to provide and exchange information, clarify requests, gather, and interpret information
- willingness to learn is a must

Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2025. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. The start date is February 17, 2025.

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NOTICE OF VOTE



Otipemisiwak
Métis Government

This Spring, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government will be holding a Citizens' Representative By-Election for Rocky View Métis District.

From **April 6-13, 2025**, eligible Métis Citizens will have the opportunity to vote by one of the following methods:

IN-PERSON VOTING

Polling stations will operate April 11-13 from 8 AM to 8 PM during the voting period. Exact dates and addresses of polling locations are yet to be confirmed, and will be posted at **MetisElectionsAB.com**

MAIL-IN VOTING

A mail-in ballot will be sent to each Citizen who is eligible to vote. Ballots can be mailed prior to the voting period. If you don't receive a mail-in ballot, or need a replacement, visit **MetisElectionsAB.com** to request one.

ELECTRONIC VOTING

You can vote online at any time during the vote period. More details will follow about where and how to vote electronically.

To learn more about the vote, including the process for nominations or how to request voting assistance, visit **MetisElectionsAB.com**

Del Graff, Chief Electoral Officer, Otipemisiwak Métis Government

Notice issued on January 21, 2025



Upcoming Council Meetings

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

Come Say Hi

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

Public notice to electors.

Borrowing Bylaw.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to borrowing By-law No. 25-03 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said Town to borrow monies from a Canadian Chartered Bank or the Government of Alberta on the general credit and security of the municipality, to pay for upgrades to the Wildflower Reservoir located in Strathmore, Alberta.

The total borrowing required for the aforementioned project is \$5,450,000. The borrowing is to be repayable in monthly, semi-annual, or annual equal payments of combined principal and interest installments not to exceed a repayment period of twenty-five (25) years, at an interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Canadian Chartered Bank or other financial institution. The annual rate of interest is not to exceed five and a half percent per annum (5.5%).

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Strathmore that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on By-law No. 25-03 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing by-law.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly.

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

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

Ready to vote?

2025 Municipal Election.

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

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

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

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

For more information about the upcoming election, please visit our website, Strathmore.ca/Election.

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. The contents of your Good Food Box change depending on the seasonal produce available and size of the box ordered. This program is accessible for everyone regardless of income level. Boxes are available for pick-up or delivery once a month, for more information visit Strathmore.ca/en/residents/good-food-box-program.

February is Heart Month.

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

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

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

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

We have a challenge for you.

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

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

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

Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre

Heart Month Exclusive Class Showcase Event

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

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

Heart Month Exclusive Bonus Entry Opportunities

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

- Entry Opportunities**
- Attend a drop-in public skate
 - Attend one of our fitness classes (pre-registration required)
 - Cardio & Strength Conditioning Intermediate (Mon/Wed, 5:30 p.m.)
 - Cardio & Strength Conditioning Fundamentals (Tue/Thur, 11:45 a.m.)
 - Forever Active Stretch (Fri, 10 a.m.)
- Book a TRX & Keiser Bike Demo
 *Call 403-361-2121 to book

Aquatic Centre

Drop In Activities

Drop by, say hi, and take part in some of the activities the Aquatic Centre offers. To see the full schedule and cost breakdown, visit our website, Strathmore.ca/recreation

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

Family Centre Arena

Drop In Activities

Grab your skates and slide over to the Arena. To see the full arena schedule visit our website, Strathmore.ca/recreation

- Activities**
- Public Skating
 - Adult Shiny
 - Puck and Shoot (registration required)

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Call (403) 934-3133 or visit the Strathmore Municipal Building to license your pet today.