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Popular powwow

## County debates lodge letter

**JOHN WATSON**  
*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

Wheatland County council debated whether to approve a letter of support presented by Coun. Glenn Koester for the Wheatland Housing Management Body's (WHMB) proposed new Wheatland Lodge.

The debate took place during the June 18 regular meeting of council. The proposed lodge is a 120-unit facility with attached hospice beds, and has been in partnership with the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society.

A Notice of Motion, which was included in council's public meeting agenda, indicated approving the letter of support would demonstrate county council's endorsement and commitment to support the project throughout its development.

The letter is addressed to the ministry of seniors, community and social services, and would pledge financial commitment from the county for the development of the 120-unit Wheatland Lodge.

As originally drafted, the letter suggested the county would commit to \$10 million as their respective share by the member municipalities towards the project.

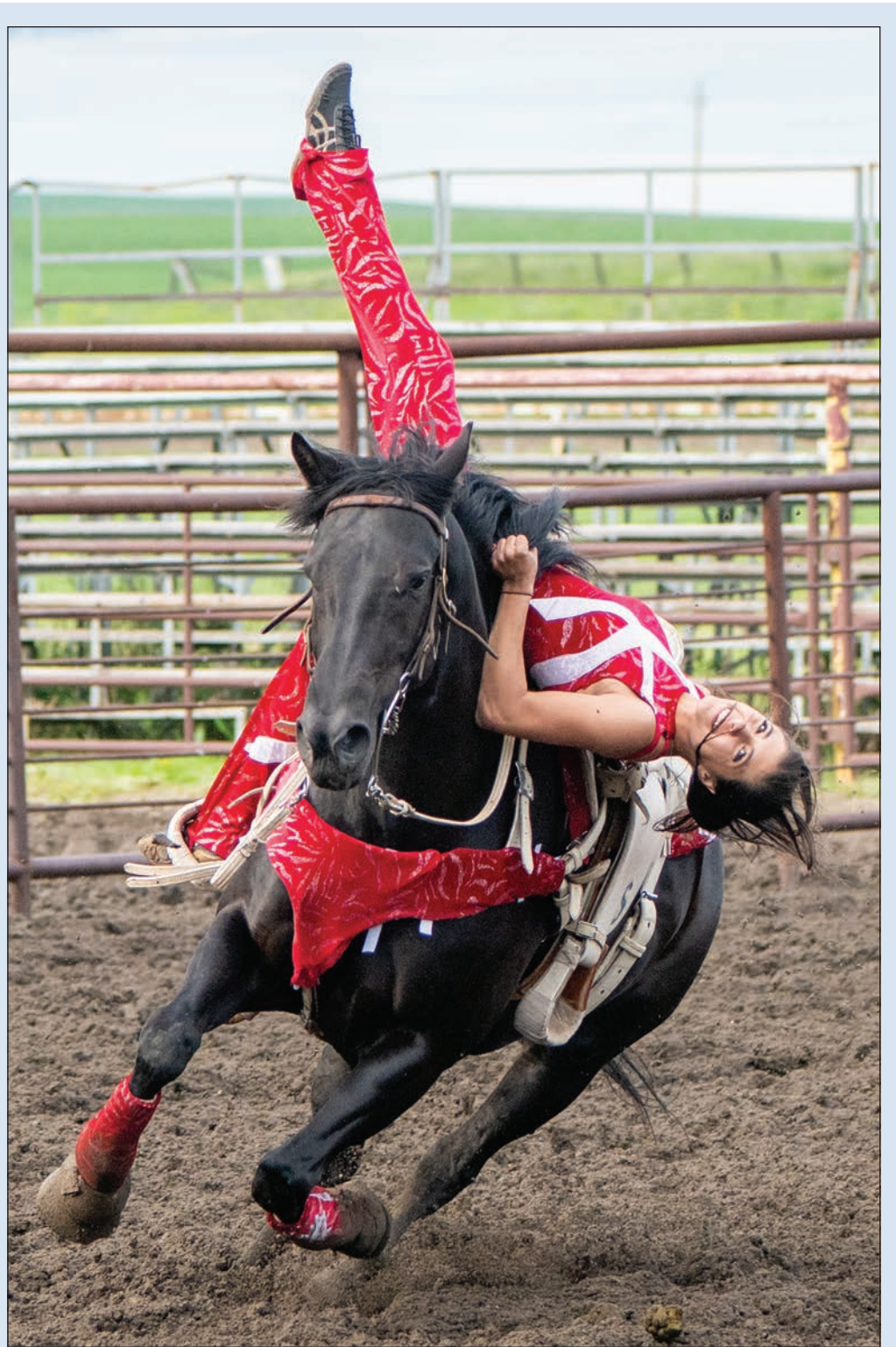
This contribution would be contingent upon commitments of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) through the National Housing Co-Investment Fund and by the Government of Alberta in order for the project to be allowed to proceed.

Among the debated points in the letter, was the specific commitment of the county to provide the \$10 million towards the project.

Coun. Shannon Laprise suggested either removing the specific commitment of \$10 million to the project within the letter, or to change the number to \$6.05 million, to which the county has previously agreed to put forward towards the project.

Coun. Glenn Koester noted during the meeting, approving a letter of support for the project from the county to the province would increase the odds of receiving grant funding approval in the next round of provincial funding.

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## Celebrating Canada!

Rockyford got into the Canada Day spirit a day early when they hosted their annual Bull-a-rama, followed by Canada Day fireworks on June 30. There was trick riding and mutton busting before the main event, featuring some of the best bull riders on the circuit. See Page 5 for more coverage.

John Watson Photo

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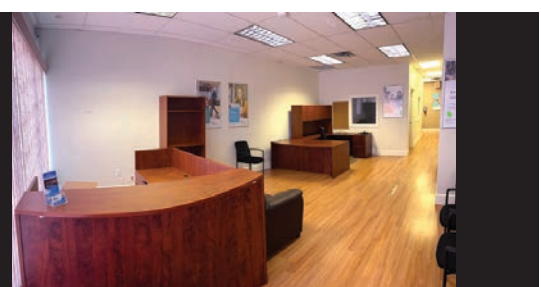
Canada Day festivities were hosted by the Town of Strathmore in and around Kinsmen Park on July 1. Activities free to the public included a petting zoo, outdoor games, live music, an artisan market, fishing derby and more. The day's events concluded with a wonderful fireworks display at Kinsmen Park.

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# Members of Siksika Nation's Police Commission officially announced and sworn in

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A ceremony at Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park, June 25, saw the members of Siksika Nation's Police Commission officially announced and sworn in.

According to a release, the swearing in ceremony marked the induction of Siksika Nation's Public Safety Task Team, who are assuming a pivotal role in upholding the principles of law enforcement, assurance of public safety, and fostering of positive community relations for Siksika Nation.

"This initiative actually has been existing for quite some time. In early 2022, we had past politicians who we were working with towards the safety of the members of Siksika Nation and it entailed things that needed to be worked on," said Lou Ann Solway, who was among those who were sworn in. "We once had our police force at one point in time, and so we wanted to go back and renew that ... and bring everybody back to the table and just start implementing these safety models that we traditionally had and what the country has to implement safety for members of Siksika Nation."

Those who were sworn in include Solway, as well as Samuel Crowfoot, Reuben Breaker, Marsha Wolf Collar, and Ike Solway.

Solway added that Siksika Nation is over an hour's drive east of Calgary and is the second largest First Nations territory in Canada. The

previous agreement with the RCMP to have four officers patrolling the entire area was not enough to implement an effective safety model across the entire region.

"Especially with the growing (amount) of negative things that come into any community – the gangs, the drugs, and the negative choices that escalate ... that potentially gets people hurt if it is not paid attention to and the community is not addressing the safety model," said Solway. "With this process, we were able to provide a good statement to Canada and the province that we are in high demand of this, having our own self-administered policing, and not just on that ... we also met closely with our own traditional ways with how we used to implement safety within our community."

Solway estimated having both a self-implemented police service and commission will create a large positive impact for the local community, as it will build and foster better relationships with those who reside within Siksika Nation.

She added the Nation is very impatient to see the commission and the local policing services launch, and to see awareness increase that violators of the law will not be tolerated within Siksika Nation.

The provincial and federal governments will continue to be engaged with the Siksika Nation Police Commission as it establishes itself. The headquarters will be located on the east side of the nation.

# Siksika Nation, Government of Alberta announce recovery facility groundbreaking

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Government of Alberta and Siksika Nation announced June 28 the groundbreaking of a new 76-bed recovery community facility under construction in Siksika Nation.

This project is part of the Alberta Recovery Model, which aims to provide people facing addiction and mental health challenges an opportunity to pursue recovery.

"Five years ago, this government started down a path that would come to be known as the Alberta Recovery Model, and from the very start, we knew partnership with Indigenous communities was going to be the center of our model," said Dan Williams, minister of mental health and addiction. "The idea of recovery is simple – it is the idea that every single Albertan should have an opportunity at recovery, that our health care system should be about healing, should be about helping people get to a spot where they are community members again, family members again, can contribute the way that they did before the deadly disease of addiction grabbed them."

The Siksika Recovery Community is one of 11 sister facilities being developed across the province and represents a \$35 million investment from the province. Of these 11 facilities, five will be in direct partnership with Indigenous communities.

Siksika's recovery community will aim to support up to 300 people per year in their pursuit of recovery and expects to officially open its doors to those in need, in the fall of 2025.

Williams also noted during the press conference announcing the groundbreaking, the facility will be owned and operated by Siksika Nation.

"We do not necessarily think that this recovery centre is going to be the magic pill ... but one of the things that we have been working on here at Siksika is creating that foundation. A lot of times when people turn to drugs or alcohol, it is not for the party, it is to bury some of that trauma that they are dealing with," said Ouray Crowfoot, chief of Siksika Nation. "Some of the traditional treatment centres, it has either been the 28-day turn around, or the 90-day turn around, and a lot of times, the people who go in there, they are not really ready to be healed, and so our goal and our vision along with the Province of Alberta is through this facility, being here at Siksika, some of the teachings that are going to become part of the recovery program are some Siksika-based, land-based, and getting to the core of those issues."

The facility will be open both to Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients, who will be able to stay at no cost for up to a year and participate in programming aimed at improving their health, relationships and skills to support their recovery.



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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Volunteer school groups
- 5. Cash machine
- 8. Title of various Muslim rulers
- 12. Indian hand clash cymbals
- 14. Scarf
- 15. Easily manageable
- 16. Cry
- 18. Financial term
- 19. Reactive structure in organic chemistry (abbr.)
- 20. Clean out a riverbed
- 21. Seaport (abbr.)
- 22. English seascape painter
- 23. Bring back again
- 26. Subtracted from
- 30. Related on the mother's side
- 31. Mooches
- 32. Commotion
- 33. Boer War general
- 34. Silklike nylon fabric
- 39. CNN's founder
- 42. Sarcastic in a bitter way
- 44. Minute reproductive unit
- 46. Nourishment
- 47. Large predatory tropical fish
- 49. Small, rich sponge cake
- 50. Drink a small amount
- 51. Golfer Rodriguez
- 56. Norse personification of old age
- 57. Large flightless bird
- 58. Capsized
- 59. Convicted American spy
- 60. Music genre
- 61. Makes tractors
- 62. Undergo cell disintegration
- 63. Patti Hearst's captors
- 64. Selfs

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Post-traumatic stress disorder
- 2. Goat-like mammal
- 3. Swiss river
- 4. Slithered
- 5. Humiliate
- 6. Tumbled
- 7. Popular alcoholic drink
- 8. Small round hole in a leather cloth
- 9. Fertilizer
- 10. State of affairs that seems deliberately contrary
- 11. Count on
- 13. One who discriminates against
- 17. New Hampshire city
- 24. One who cares for teeth
- 25. Sent off
- 26. Mutual savings bank
- 27. Initial public offering
- 28. Denial
- 29. Northeastern institution of higher learning (abbr.)
- 35. A doctrine
- 36. Consumed
- 37. Trent Reznor's band
- 38. Perform in a movie
- 40. Schoolhouse implements
- 41. Mathematical term
- 42. Man who behaves dishonorably
- 43. Expression of regret
- 44. Martens
- 45. Approval
- 47. Pleasantly warm
- 48. The Eurasian hoopoe
- 49. NBAer Bradley
- 52. Engineering organization
- 53. Horsefly
- 54. Type of sandwich
- 55. A day in the middle of the month


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### Thunder action

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**CHANTELLE DE JONGE**  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Last week, our government released Alberta's 2023-24 year-end financial results. I'm pleased to report that, thanks to our new fiscal framework, Alberta is on strong fiscal footing. Here are some key highlights from the report:

For the third year in a row, our government has balanced the budget. Even better, this past year, Alberta posted a \$4.3 billion surplus, meaning our province has more money to spend on important priorities like health care, education, and infrastructure.

In 2023-24, we also repaid \$1.7 billion of debt and earned an improved credit rating from several international credit-rating agencies. This means Alberta will be paying less money in interest to big banks outside the province and will have more to invest right here at home.

We also grew the Heritage Fund to a record high of \$22.9 billion, with \$1.7 billion in annual investment earnings. In addition, we set aside another \$2 billion to grow the fund further next year. Our goal is to expand the fund to between \$250 billion and \$400 billion by 2050, ensuring future generations can benefit from Alberta's wealth today.

Despite our focus on saving and debt repayment, we haven't cut back on essential services. In 2023-24, we provided significant funding to health care and education. This included more money for patient care, surgeries, doctor recruitment, and lab services. We also increased education funding, with more money for schools to hire teachers and for post-secondary institutions to add seats in high-demand areas like apprenticeship training. Together, these investments will ensure Albertans continue to have access to quality he-

alth care and education.

In response to natural disasters, in 2023-24, we provided \$3 billion in disaster and emergency relief. This included \$1.1 billion for wildfire relief and \$1.9 billion to support farmers affected by severe drought. Our swift response shows our commitment to helping Albertans in times of need.

Our government's careful financial management and responsible governance have positioned Alberta for a prosperous future. By balancing the budget, cutting red tape, paying down the debt, growing the Heritage Fund, and investing in essential services, we have shown a clear vision for long-term success.

Finally, Alberta's government is ensuring Albertans have affordable and reliable power by making changes to electricity market rules. Based on recommendations from Alberta's Market Surveillance Administrator and the Alberta Electric System Operator, our government is introducing new regulations to ensure electricity is reliable and affordable. The Market Power Mitigation Regulation addresses economic withholding while ensuring generators make a reasonable rate of return by limiting the offer price for large generators if their net revenues exceed a monthly predefined threshold.

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

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

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**Thought for the Week**

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*Sometimes a bad outcome is the best thing that could happen to us when we're living in a bad pattern.*

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## County debates letter of support for prospective Wheatland Lodge

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"If we do not get a good letter of support, we are at the bottom of the list and there were 70-some applications at the last go-round. There is not enough money for everybody to get their wish; it is no different than our CERB money," said Koester. "Our ask will be at the bottom of the pile unless we step up to the plate and give them (the province) a letter of support."

Council debated potential amendments to the letter, and though motions were on the floor regarding potential wording changes, no motion was passed.

Similarly, although a motion was on the floor regarding approving the letter of support, a vote was also not held for that motion. Instead, the discussion was diffused to a following council meeting.



### Busy bulls

It was a busy couple of days for bull riding fans as a pair of action-packed events took place in the area. The Cluny Lions Club hosted their annual Charity PBR (top) at Coulee Creek Farms on June 28, while the Rockyford Lions Club hosted their annual Bull-a-rama (below) on June 30 at the Rockyford Rodeo Arena.

Melissa Piche and Joe Lepage Photos



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### Development time

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## County approves land use for pet cremation services

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council passed third reading for bylaw 2024-14, being a land use redesignation from agriculture general to direct control district, during the June 18 regular meeting.

The bylaw received all three readings following a presentation from the applicant, and an opportunity for the public to speak on the matter.

Bylaw 2024-14 redesignates 16.16 hectares of land in order to facilitate the development of a pet crematorium adjacent to an existing kennel.

Subject lands are located just over three kilometers east of the Hamlet of Cheadle, northeast of Township Road 240, and Range Road 260. Adjacent lands to the subject, are predominantly agricultural, farmsteads, and residential.

The application submitted to the county proposed to offer pet cremation and pet memorial services accessory to the pre-existing kennel.

Pet cremation will take place in an incinerator, with no burning pits or burials. Animal remains are to be brought to the site by the owners. Incinerated remains will be returned to the clients once the cremation process is complete, for private burial or dispersal.

“With the crematorium business, we would be offering full service, which would be either private or communal cremations, which means that you can either have your pet cremated by themselves or if

you do not want their ashes back ... they would be returned to the veterinarian clinic we are working with,” said Kyla Janes, one of the applicants who spoke before the county. “The exclusive use of a cremation chamber for only your pet, the cost of it is higher than in the communal, however, it allows you to have your pet returned to you in an urn, jewelry, or type of memorial box to privately scatter on your own terms.”

Janes explained communal cremation is more economical, as multiple animals are cremated together, and the remains are not returned to their respective owners.

It was also indicated to the county, emissions from cremation processes are very low, as secondary burners within the incinerator further reduce carbon dioxide produced from the initial process. Odours from the process were also explained to be very minimal.

“Currently, options for families on how to lay their pet to rest are limited and are also facilitated far from home,” she added. “In our local area, Wheatland County or the Town of Strathmore, there are no other cremation or funeral services for pets. Currently, everyone is actually transported to Calgary.”

Following the presentation from the applicants, there were no comments in support or in objection from the public.

Wheatland County council approved all three readings for the land use redesignation during the June 18 meeting.

### Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference.

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The Siksika Nation Fair Powwow was hosted June 27-30, at the Siksika Memorial Arbour, attracting dancers, musicians, participants, and attendees from all across North America. The event was in tandem with several other happenings taking place throughout the week, and over the course of the weekend leading up to Canada Day. Officials and event organizers noted it to have been the most populous of its type that has been hosted in Siksika Nation.

John Watson Photos

## Siksika Nation Fair Powwow hosted at Memorial Arbour

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Siksika Nation Fair Powwow was hosted at the Memorial Arbour, June 27-30, attracting both competitors and fans from across North America to participate in the festivities.

“We started planning this event early this year. Myself, I was to coordinate the powwow which consists of dance and drum competition. I always tell people it is very similar to rodeo; we have different go rounds, competition in different age brackets for different amounts of prize money,” said Chris “Nugget” Bullbear. “This has been going on for many, many years, I am not sure. I was thinking (about) 30 to 40-plus years since that this has been going, and it has grown every year. With time and everything evolving, and throwing in more money to this and people travelling from all over North America, it is getting bigger and bigger.”

Bullbear added this year, Siksika Nation decided to line up several of their annual events all into the week leading up to Canada Day.

This series of events consisted of a market, competitive hand games, a fastball tournament, softball, golf, and a rodeo.

“This year, this powwow is one of the biggest powwows that I have ever seen in years ... we have not really thought of a theme or anything, but we really want to put it out there that every-

body is always welcome,” said Bullbear. “People tend to think, ‘oh, it is only for native people,’ but no, that is not the case. We have opened it up to everybody – anybody and everybody is welcome ... we do have dances where we invite people out to dance and participate with us.”

Response to both the powwow and the events taking place throughout the week leading up were reported to be overwhelmingly positive. Athletes, dancers, musicians, and attendees travelled from the United States and across Canada to participate.

On Saturday, June 29, a live stream of the powwow gathered over 300,000 viewers from 66 countries to be a part of the festivities and competition.

Bullbear added it is not a new idea for several events to be conglomerated into one week, as a similar idea was formerly hosted in August. The series of events was migrated to June due to ease of scheduling.

The format of the event seeing the success that it did, according to Bullbear will aim to be repeated, as it attracted exponentially more people to Siksika in order to participate.

“I can only imagine this getting bigger and bigger if we keep having this all together because in families, some are hand game players, some are softball players, some are dancers – so this has something for everyone to enjoy with all the festivities going on,” he said.

## Siksika Nation hosts 20th annual Run As One Music Festival

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Run As One Music Festival, hosted by Siksika Health Services, took place June 28, hosted at the Siksika Memorial Arbour.

Richard Running Rabbit, who spoke on behalf of the event, explained it used to be called Siksika Nation Youth Awareness Week, which offered resources and support for local young people.

“We brought in different people from all over to provide positive influence for our younger generation. Over the years it transformed into what it is,” he said. “The music festival was something that was added at a later date but it grew to be one of the bigger attractions of the week, and probably the highlight of the week. With that, we brought in a lot of Indigenous talent from across Turtle Island.”

He added the festival has rubbed off on the local community, helping to foster a growing, vibrant music scene consisting of a lot of young talent.

The headliners this year, Running Rabbit explained, were a mix of both up-and-comers, as well as veteran performers.

This year also marked the 20th anniversary of the Run As One Festival, which now boasts itself as the longest running Indigenous music festival.

“We did not aspire to attain that title, but it just happened that way. We were told by some people who came from Lethbridge who did the research, and they were telling us that this is the case,” said Running Rabbit. “Chief and council changed the dates of our fair to Canada Day weekend, so we took advantage of that to host a music festival. We figured we would get a good turnout of people – it was right at the powwow grounds, and there was a big four directions unity ride.”

Running Rabbit added response from the local community who come out is generally very positive to the event, and the young people who are the focus are deserving of the positive attention.

“We have ongoing social issues that never seem to stop, but events like this, it has been around for about 20 years so a lot of the people who are leading these activities now, they were kids when it first started and so it has played a positive role in their lives,” he said. “Now, they are giving back and they are the ones who are taking the lead on all these activities and being in the leadership positions. That was the overall long-term goal.”

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Rebbekah Ogden and her sister Laura Vaughters pose with Ogden's initial painting that inspired her collection called *Sisters, Seeing Beyond The Mask* which will be available for viewing at Rosebuds Akokiniskway from June 29 to August 31.  
Photo Courtesy of Rebbekah Ogden

# Art in the Rosebud valley

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

A former student of Rosebud School of the Arts and YouTuber Rebbekah Ogden launched her latest collaboration of art at the Akokiniskway Art Gallery in Rosebud on June 29.

Ogden, who is one of 11 siblings, nine of whom are sisters, grew up in rural Saskatchewan and teamed up with her sister Laura Vaughters on the project.

Ogden moved to Alberta to pursue her artistic vision and attended the Rosebud School of the Arts and had great success as an actor, writer and painter.

The gallery that is being featured in Rosebud is called *Sisters, Seeing Beyond the Mask*.

"There will be nine paintings. It's about my eight sisters. My one sister and I have done this project where we are taking our ... sisters and then seeing 'what is your social mask?' and then creating art pieces out of it," said Ogden.

She explained that the inspiration for this gallery came to her through her sister Laura, who is a photographer.

"She posted a beautiful self portrait of herself on Instagram and I saw it and I was like 'can I paint it?' because

I'm a painter," said Ogden.

She painted the self-portrait and recorded the process and posted it to her YouTube channel, where it went viral with three million views.

A neat aspect to Ogden's initial painting was that she painted how she saw her sister, the feelings she thought she was going through.

The two brainstormed and came up with the concept to continue this theme with all of their other sisters.

"As sisters we know each other so well that we would be able to identify the social masks of each sibling," she said.

Right now, the gallery is a Rosebud exclusive, but Ogden and her husband Joel Braun said they would love to get her art gallery into venues in Calgary, but nothing has been confirmed yet.

While Ogden was creating these paintings, Braun helped her record the process in a documentary-style video which can be viewed on their YouTube channel (@bekahandjoel).

Ogden has curated shows before with other artists, but this is her "first from start to finish"

The art exhibit runs until August 31 and is free to view.

More of Ogden's work can be found on her website (www.rebbekahogden.com).

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# Fun Runners to host annual Show and Shine

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Fun Runners are hosting their annual Show and Shine, July 19-20, in downtown and Kinsmen Park respectively.

“On Friday night, we have a meet and

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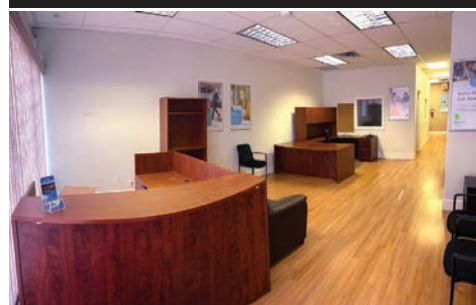
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greet kind of a deal ... in front of the Legion, and then we do a cruise between 7:30 and 8 p.m. around town, go past the old folks' homes; lots of people come out and watch and cheer us on,” said Rick Grey, treasurer for the Strathmore Fun Runners. “We usually go to the Legion afterwards for a meal there, Kal-tire is serving burgers. Then, on Saturday, the Show and Shine is in Kinsmen Park ... and between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. is usually when the event runs. There are beer gardens, food trucks, we have door prizes, and I think there are 17 awards to give out to different car classes.”

Grey explained Strathmore's Show and Shine is not what it used to be, formerly having upwards of 300 vehicles on display during the event in the late

90's and early 2000's.

Now, for the 29th annual event, he is estimating between 150 and 175 cars to be present.

“It sort of tapered off as (car shows) have become more popular and it is harder and harder to pick and choose which show and shine you go to,” said Grey. “I think we had 171 cars last year, so the car count is down a little bit, but I think there are three other events on the same weekend, so we have to get as many as we can.”

Through the Show and Shine, all profits are donated to various groups around Strathmore and Wheatland County.

Last year, \$2,000 was donated to True North, \$1,000 to the Wheatland County Christmas Hamper, and \$1,000 was

donated to the Wheatland County Food Bank.

“If it rains, we will only have (around) 30 cars, and we are not going to make a whole bunch of money. We are hoping it is a good event and we can give out another \$4,000 and choose groups to give it away to,” said Grey. “Until the event, we do not really know how much money we are going to end up with to assess who we are going to give it to.”

For the Strathmore Fun Runners, this is their singular showcase event of the year. Attendance for the general public is free, as it is taking place in a public area.

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# New faces at the Rosebud Chamber Music Festival

STRATHMORE TIMES

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This year's lineup features talented musicians from Calgary, Edmonton and Toronto – who bring their musical mastery to the stage, whether they perform as soloists, orchestral players, or instructors.

The festival will offer a full concert program, including César Franck's captivating piano quintet.

Returning from concerts in Yellowknife and Powell River, the dynamic duo of Keith Hamm and Julie Hereish will once again bring their boundless energy to the festival.

Joining them is Diana Cohen, violinist and concertmaster of the Calgary

Philharmonic Orchestra, known for her dazzling performances with the CPO and at ChamberFest West in Calgary.

Amy Hillis, a violinist originally from Regina, now teaching and performing in Toronto, brings her phenomenal musicianship and passion to the stage.

Additionally, pianist Todd Yaniw, who has performed at concert halls across Canada, will also be on hand.

The Rosebud Chamber Music Festival has a reputation for riveting performances, and this year promises to continue that tradition with a mix of new and returning artists.

The Rosebud Chamber Music Festival begins on July 3 (7 p.m.) with a "Wings and Strings" event in the Rosebud Mercantile. The festival will continue on July 5 (7 p.m.) with a performance at the Three Hills Academy and on July 7



(3 p.m.) at the Rosebud Church.

A ticket for either the Three Hills or Rosebud concert also grants free access to the "Wings and Strings" on July 3. Enjoy an evening of food, beverages,

and impromptu music-making by world-class performers as they sight-read music for the sheer joy of it.

For more information, visit their website (rosebudchambermusic.com).

## End of spring session house rises for summer

MARTIN SHIELDS

Member of Parliament Bow River Riding

As this session of parliament comes to an end, Common Sense Conservatives have been fighting hard to hold the costly coalition NDP-Liberal government to account. We opposed Justin Trudeau and Jagmeet Singh's economic vandalism at every opportunity to bring down costs for Canadians. We exposed corruption on shady contracts like ArriveSCAM and McKinsey. We have forced them to take foreign interference seriously by finally setting up the public inquiry. We called for an end to taxpayer-funded hard drugs like meth and fentanyl that have killed thousands of Canadians. And so much more ...

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- Forced the liberal government to take foreign interference seriously by finally setting up the ongoing public inquiry and forcing the government to act on a foreign influence registry. The Prime Minister opposed doing anything and his government knew about the interference in the 2019 and 2021 election – and did nothing.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Bylaw 2024-02 Village of Standard

Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter M-26 of the Statutes of Alberta, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Village of Standard will hold a public hearing prior to the second reading of Land Use Bylaw 2024-02. Bylaw 2024-02 proposes to replace the current Land Use Bylaw 2012-02 with an updated Land Use Bylaw.

The Land Use Bylaw (LUB) serves as the "rule book" for the development within the Village of Standard. The LUB regulates the development of land and buildings on a site-specific basis, based on the policy directions set by the Municipal Development Plan. The LUB regulates how land can be used, including what uses are appropriate and where they can be located. The LUB aims to balance landowner's rights with the interests of the community.

Some of the key changes in proposed Bylaw 2024-02 include:

- reformatting and re-organization of the LUB to make it more user friendly;
- ensuring every term and use has a definition;
- refining the names of the uses to be more clear, concise and using more current planning vocabulary;
- meeting the new requirements of the *Municipal Government Act* related to development permit processing;
- removing the requirement for obtaining a development permit for development such as signs, minor home occupations, patios and solar panels;
- granting the Development Officer a 10% variance power;
- adding regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units (e.g. secondary and garden suites);
- adding Duplexes as a discretionary use to the R-1 District;
- increasing the number of uses listed as permitted uses in the commercial and industrial districts;
- including an Undermining Area Hazard Overlay to address undermined areas in the Village;
- removing the regulations for cell towers from the Land Use Bylaw, and placing them in a new proposed 'Telecommunications Structure Policy' to be adopted by Council concurrent with the new Land Use Bylaw; and
- rezoning a few Village-owned parcels to P-1 - Public Service District.

Should you wish to address council in person, a **public hearing for Bylaw 2024-02** will be held at the Standard Senior Centre at 814 The Broadway, Standard Alberta, **on Wednesday July 10th, 2024 commencing at 8 p.m.** Council will hear from any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw.

Additionally, written comments may be delivered to PO Box 249 Standard, Alberta, T0J 3G0 or emailed to [cao@villageofstandard.ca](mailto:cao@villageofstandard.ca); submissions will be received up to Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

The proposed Bylaw 2024-02 can be reviewed online at [villageofstandard.ca](http://villageofstandard.ca), or copies may be picked up Monday through Friday at 120 Elsinore Avenue, Standard Alberta from 9:00 a.m. – noon, and 1:00 pm - 4:00 p.m.

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### Upcoming Council Meetings

June 19, 2024 | 6 p.m.

July 3, 2024 | 6 p.m.

July 10, 2024 | 6 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council

Regular Meeting of Council

Committee of the Whole

### 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.

## Outdoor Water Restrictions | FAQ

On the evening of Wednesday, June 5, 2024, an extensive water main break occurred in the community of Bowness in Calgary. This was a significant break on a critical water main that moves water across the city. On the morning of June 15, 2024, Calgary declared a state of local emergency (SOLE).

### What is a SOLE?

Section 21(1) of the *Provincial Emergency Management Act* empowers municipalities to declare a state of local emergency. Declaring a SOLE provides municipalities with additional tools within their municipal boundaries that are normally unavailable or limited under the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) and enables more coordination of action.

Calgary has declared a State of Local Emergency (SOLE) due to the repair timeline being extended by three to five weeks after finding an additional five areas in need of repair, further constraining water supply. The SOLE will give the City of Calgary additional powers, such as the ability to enter private property, remove trees, and activate emergency plans and programs.

Please note, Strathmore is NOT in a SOLE at this time.

### Why are there water restrictions in Strathmore?

Calgary has notified their neighbouring communities, including Strathmore, of a water main break affecting water supply. They've implemented Stage 4 outdoor water restrictions and since Strathmore's water supply comes from Calgary, the Town is doing the same.

### Why don't we have our own water treatment plant in Strathmore?

Municipal wastewater and stormwater management is regulated by the Province, which takes a comprehensive approach to municipal wastewater management. There are many benefits to the Town receiving water from Calgary through the East Calgary Regional Waterline (ECRWL). These benefits include: security of supply for potable water, consistency of quality, reduced capital and operating cost for the water supply treatment, and the alignment with water conservation programs and targets.

### What does Stage 4 outdoor water restrictions mean?

Residents are asked to immediately stop outdoor water usage. All outdoor water use is temporarily banned, and indoor water conservation is strongly encouraged.

### How long will the restrictions be in place?

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

### Is indoor water use restricted?

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

### Why must I continue to pay a water distribution fee if water access is limited?

While water access may be limited at this time, it's important to note that residents and businesses continue to have access to water. We encourage indoor conservation efforts, but they are voluntary at this stage. Distribution fees are necessary for pipeline maintenance, an activity currently underway in Calgary.

### Is there a boiling water advisory?

There are no boil water advisories in effect within the Town of Strathmore and water remains safe to drink.

### How can I help?

Here are some examples of ways you can pitch-in through indoor water conservation:

- Use dishwasher(s) and washing machine(s) only when required and with full loads.
- Turn off the tap when brushing teeth or shaving.
- Limit showers to five minutes or less and keeping baths shallow.
- Scrape plates clean rather than rinsing food off.
- Turn off humidifiers and ice machines.
- Businesses using large volumes of non-essential water, such as laundromats and car washes, are being asked to reduce water use.
- Businesses using water to deliver a product or service that is life sustaining for people and animals are exempt. Other exemptions include any businesses that must use water to

meet health code standards, such as health centres and restaurants.

### Why can the Town continue watering plants and flowers when I can't?

The Town uses rain and/or non-potable water for watering the public's plants and flowers. These water sources do not draw from the potable water we access from Calgary.

### Why can't I have stormwater to use?

There are numerous reasons why the Town can't offer stormwater to residents. The water in our storm ponds is contaminated by runoff from the Town's roads, paths, etc. For this reason, liability and safety concerns must be addressed before the Town can consider offering water from the Town's storm ponds to residents.

### Why can't I access water from the canals?

Water in canals is owned and distributed by the Western Irrigation District (WID) through water licensing agreements. With the potential drought and existing water license agreements, 90% of water owned by WID is allocated to irrigation usage.

### What's the difference between potable and non-potable water?

- Potable Water refers to water that is safe for human consumption (drinking, bathing, etc.).
- Non-potable Water refers to water that is not safe for human consumption but may be used for irrigation and other non-drinking purposes. This water is NOT safe for human consumption because of bacteria, viruses, and other contaminants that could adversely affect your health.

Other terms that you may hear during the next few weeks include:

- Clean Water refers to treated and purified water suitable for human consumption.
- Grey Water refers to water already used domestically, commercially, and industrially (that is not contaminated with toxic chemicals). Examples include leftover, untreated water from washing machines, bathtubs, and sinks. This water may provide important nutrients for your plants.
- Black Water refers to contaminated with toxic chemicals that should not be consumed or reused.

### Is there a fire ban?

There is currently no fire ban. Strathmore's fire suppression capabilities remain unaffected. However, the Town Fire Department has provisions in place for the use of non-potable water, in the event that the fire hydrants become unusable.

### Are any Town facilities affected?

To support outdoor water restrictions and voluntary indoor water restrictions, the Strathmore Aquatic Centre is closed until further notice. The Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre and the Strathmore Family Centre Arena will maintain regular operating hours, but showers are closed.

### Why are some of the high-water usage businesses still open (e.g., the garden centre and car washes)?

Stage four water restrictions apply to outdoor watering only; there are no commercial restrictions. However, all residents and businesses have been asked to reduce water use where possible. We are proud to share that many of our local businesses have voluntarily made decisions that have dramatically reduced the amount of water being utilized. Additionally, in the case of car washes, these operations primarily use recycled (non-potable) water.

### I see people watering, what do I do?

Some people might be using non-potable water from a rain barrel or holding tank. Others might have WID water rights or a well. Talk to them, they may not be aware of the restrictions. If you have questions about this or wish to express a concern, contact Municipal Enforcement who always strive to take an education-first approach.

### How do I stay up to date on the situation?

- Visit [Strathmore.ca/Water](https://strathmore.ca/Water) for up-to-date information
- Check our [Facebook](#) page for updates
- Sign up for [Strathmore Emergency Alerts](#) (powered by Voyent Alert!)
- Visit the Alberta Government's Emergency Alert [website](#).

## Land Use Ammendment

## Upcoming Public Hearing

**Purpose:** to permit Garden and Garage Suites as a discretionary use.

### Bylaw #24-14

Staff have created a comprehensive Land Use Bylaw amendment addressing Garden and Garage Suites. These regulations propose adding Garden and Garage Suites as a Discretionary Use to several of our lower density residential land use districts, making it possible for some residents to apply for a Development Permit for a Garden or Garage Suite on their property. There are a number of regulations proposed, including minimum lot area, minimum site width, maximum height, parking regulations, servicing of the proposed suite, and more. The regulations are based on an analysis of citizens' needs and inquiries, as well as a comparison of existing regulations across Alberta and Canada.

### Public Hearing Process:

A copy of the proposed Bylaws may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB), or can be found on the Town website (<https://strathmore.ca/en/town-hall/public-hearings.aspx>). Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM **AND** in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on **Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024**, commencing at 6:00pm with procedures in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Legislative Services at [lsadmin@strathmore.ca](mailto:lsadmin@strathmore.ca) by 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, June 26th, 2024**, in order to register to present.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Planning and Development Department prior to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, **June 26th, 2024** as outlined in Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

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

Please contact Legislative Services at (403) 934 3133 prior to attending a Public Hearing to determine the order of Bylaw presentations in the Council Agenda to ensure efficient use of your time.

