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Water restrictions in place

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Following the critical water line break in Calgary along 16 Ave, Strathmore has implemented Stage 4 water use restrictions in line with the city as the state of emergency continues.

Strathmore's water supply is piped from Calgary, thus the concern for water shortage.

These restrictions include a ban on the use of sprinklers, hoses with a spray nozzle (for gardens, trees and shrubs) and washing outdoors, including cars, windows, exterior building surfaces, sidewalks, driveways, and walkways.

"We are monitoring the situation and as of right now ... we have the water limitations in place. Strathmore has done very well in reducing its water use," said Mayor Pat Fule. "It is really important at this time, until they (the City of Calgary) are able to get that water leak repaired - I believe they have isolated the area where the water leak happened and they have got a bypass set up, but it is going to take about four or five days for it to be totally repaired and back to normal working condition. We are still hoping that we will still be able to keep our water usage low."

The water main break occurred in Calgary in the evening of June 5, in a key supply pipe which carries water across the city. The break impacted water availability across Calgary.

Fule added the Town of Strathmore has turned off the water to the public spray park, though the area remains open for use.

"We want to make sure that there is water available for fire trucks in case there are emergencies," he said. "The hope is that people will try to reduce (water use) as much as they can. We just want to make sure that we can preserve as much water as we can."

Currently there are no boil water advisories in effect within the Town of Strathmore and water remains safe for consumption.

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D-Day ceremony



A powerful celebration

The second annual Lead By Example Powwow, co-hosted by the Town of Strathmore and Siksika Nation, was held on June 7-9 at the Strathmore Ag Grounds. The powwow is a celebration of life where many nations and tribes join to share songs and dances, and highlights the enduring strength of Indigenous culture. See Page 7-8 for more coverage.

John Watson Photo

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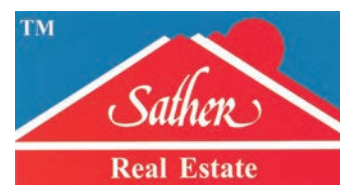
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The graduating class at Holy Cross Collegiate held their graduation ceremony on June 8 at the Hope Community Covenant Church. The day prior, the students took part in the annual march through HCC and Sacred Heart Academy. **Joe Lepage Photos**



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Town debates ongoing feasibility of senior's lodge project

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore heard a presentation by Coun. Jason Montgomery regarding the ongoing proposed lodge and hospice project during the June 5 regular meeting.

Mayor Pat Fule originally opposed council hearing the presentation after it was made known that Montgomery has not yet complied with council's decision that he should issue a statement of apology regarding previous correspondence to local ratepayers about the lodge project.

Details regarding this correspondence are outlined in the May 15 edition of the Strathmore Times.

"We have a motion on the floor that we had passed in May to have a letter of apology sent to the two people that were mentioned ... and I think if you are going to respect a council resolution, then that should be done," he said during the council meeting.

"It has been a three-week period and nothing has been done yet – I am not putting forward a motion to cancel the presentation, I just think that the past council resolution should be honoured and respected if we are going to show respect to have a presentation made."

Discussion among council immediately devolved following Fule's speaking to his motion, resulting in Montgomery being muted mid-meeting, and several reminders regarding proper conduct

being issued.

In response to the suggestion of a delay to his presentation, Montgomery accused Fule of attempting to suppress him and disallow him from making himself heard among council.

Montgomery cited Section 14 of the town's Code of Conduct Bylaw, referring that proper process had not been followed prior to the June 5 meeting with respect to any complaints fellow councillors may have about his conduct, or potential misconduct.

Following an in-camera session away from public eye, council reconvened and Fule withdrew his motion suggesting to delay Montgomery's presentation.

"I dropped the ball as far as a formal written notice of complaint so if we have not followed all of the procedure points correctly, how could I go ahead and push for something to arise out of that?" said Fule.

The presentation put forward by Montgomery largely reflected the potential deficits the town may incur should the lodge project proceed to completion, and how much it may cost local taxpayers for the facility to operate year over year.

Debate amongst council following the in-camera session regarding the presentation and ongoing viability of the lodge project ran for roughly 3.5 hours, ultimately concluding in the request to develop a feasibility study.

Fule motioned that council direct administration to complete a feasibility assessment for finan-

cing, scale and sighting, and legislative, legal, and regulatory requirements for a modified senior's lodge, based on the current proposed Wheatland Lodge design to be funded through willing partners and bring the feasibility assessment to a regular council meeting, no later than the first council meeting in October, and that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to inquire with the Villages of Hussar, Standard and Rockyford, and the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society as to whether they wish to be considered a willing partner for the purpose of completing the feasibility assessment.

This motion was passed unanimously by council.

Town, County to host IDP, ICF information session

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore and Wheatland County have announced the draft of their Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) is ready for review.

Strathmore and Wheatland County began their collaborative process to develop the IDP in the fall of 2023. The goal being to strengthen the partnership between the two municipalities.

"We started off working council to council on the IDP and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) planning, and then it kind of evolved in a better way to have the two municipalities' administrations work towards it. They have the most experience and knowledge," said Strathmore Mayor Pat Fule. "They have been working on it and then they bring it to the two councils in draft form and then we basically decide if we are ready to approve it."

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) requires each municipality in a given region that shares common boundaries to develop and adopt an IDP. This is then used to facilitate and sustain long-term strategic growth, as well as to identify joint development opportunities within the area of interest to the town and county.

A release dated June 12 announced the town and county will be hosting a joint community information session regarding the draft of the IDP on June 18.

This event is scheduled to take place from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Strathmore Civic Center in its east hall.

The information session is a drop-in type event

which, according to the release, aims to serve as an opportunity for plan area residents, interested and affected parties, businesses, and the greater local community to review the draft, share feedback and ask questions about the IDP.

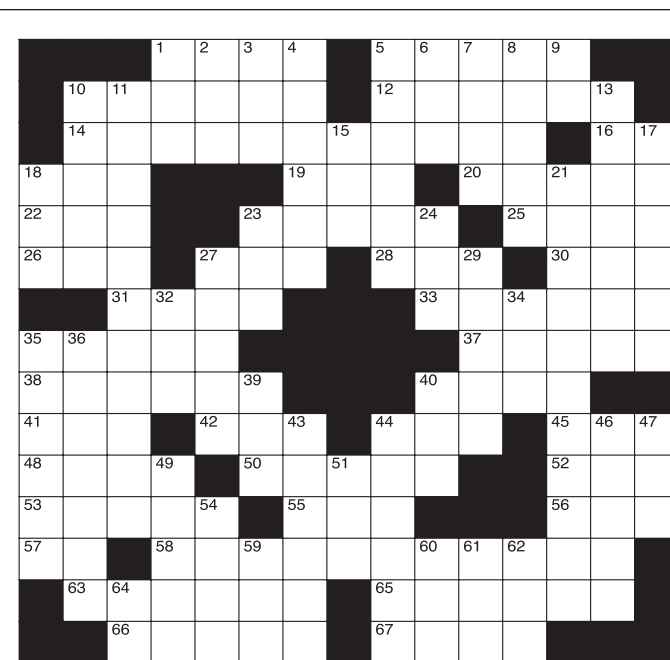
"The IDP basically looks at the future land use within an area, so what we did with the county is, we worked on creating the boundary around the town that would be part of the IDP," said Fule. "The two municipalities worked together to come up with a zone around the town boundaries that would look at future land use within that area, and then it would look at different matters and proposals for future development in the area, and then it would also look at possible transportation systems for the area, as well as the coordination of intermunicipal programs that deal with (socio-economic) issues."

Fule added there have been ongoing challenges regarding collaboration between the town and the county, which lead to delegating the IDP draft to their respective administrations.

Also outlined in the IDP, are procedures for attempting to resolve potential conflicts between municipalities.

Information gathered at the June 18 session will be used to further refine and finalize the IDP document, which will then be returned before both councils during respective public hearings to consider adoption.

More information about the IDP/ICF framework is available via both the town and county websites.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Native American people
- 5. Very long periods of time (Brit.)
- 10. Schoolboard accessory
- 12. Rods
- 14. One who renews
- 16. Sculpted body part
- 18. Chatter incessantly
- 19. ___ King Cole, musician
- 20. Plates on a turtle's shell
- 22. University of Utah athlete
- 23. The world of the dead
- 25. Singer Redding
- 26. Former Yankee great Mattingly
- 27. Prefix indicating wrongly
- 28. Unhappy
- 30. Anger
- 31. Dark brown or black
- 33. Restaurants have a lot of them
- 35. Made a mistake
- 37. Damp
- 38. Type of gasoline
- 40. Actor LeBlanc
- 41. Perform in a play
- 42. One's mother
- 44. Prohibit
- 45. Swiss river
- 48. Part of a banana
- 50. Indian hand clash cymbals
- 52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 53. Agave
- 55. Noted journalist Tarbell
- 56. Computer firm
- 57. Type of record
- 58. Bacterium that can cause infection
- 63. Sheaths enclosing the spinal cord
- 65. A narrow opening (as in a rock wall)
- 66. Pattern
- 67. Very eager to see something

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Witch
- 2. Utilize
- 3. Writing utensil
- 4. Places to perform
- 5. Subsidies
- 6. Consume
- 7. Athleisure clothing brand
- 8. California town
- 9. Atomic #50
- 10. The Muse of lyric and love poetry
- 11. Creates anew
- 13. Humorous commentaries
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Most ignoble
- 18. Soggy dirt
- 21. Designed to be useful
- 23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- 24. High schoolers' test
- 27. One-time internet accessory
- 29. City in India
- 32. Furniture
- 34. You have likely chatted with one
- 35. Pass or go by
- 36. Proof of purchase
- 39. A digital tape recording of sound
- 40. More (Spanish)
- 43. Disfigured
- 44. White (Spanish)
- 46. Building occupied by monks
- 47. Georgia rock band
- 49. Device that generates intense beam of light
- 51. State of agitation
- 54. Make by braiding
- 59. Local area network
- 60. Unit of work or energy
- 61. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 62. Liquefied natural gas
- 64. Distance to top



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RCMP investigate illegal slaughtering

ALBERTA RCMP

In November of 2023, RCMP initiated an investigation into unlawful livestock dealing and the illegal slaughter of sheep, goats, and beef in Southern Alberta. This investigation involved collaboration between the RCMP, Alberta Sheriffs Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods, Alberta Agriculture, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and Alberta Health Services.

RCMP confirm sheep and goats were purchased at market, transported to rural properties in Mountain View, Rocky View,

and Wheatland County, where the animals were unlawfully slaughtered. Then the meat was delivered to stores and residences in the City of Calgary. Beef had also been slaughtered and was seized by investigators prior to making its way into the city.

Inspections were completed at the involved farm and store locations which resulted in closure orders issued to seven Halal grocery stores, as well as the revocation of two On-Farm-Slaughter-Licences. Clean up orders have been issued for animal remains and unsightliness of some slaughter locations.

As a result of these investigations, the following people have been charged:

Raed Alnajar (48), a resident of Calgary, has been charged with:

- Fail to have animals inspected prior to slaughter, contrary to section 4(1) of the Meat Inspection Act Provincial.
- Sell, offer for sale, transport, or deliver uninspected meat, contrary to section 5(a) of the Meat Inspection Act Provincial.
- Deal in livestock without being a licenced livestock dealer, contrary to section 47(1) of the Livestock Identification and Commerce Act.

Wael Alhamawi (35), a resident of Calgary, has been charged with:

- Fail to have animals inspected prior to slaughter, contrary to section 4(1) of the Meat Inspection Act Provincial.
- Sell, offer for sale, transport, or deliver uninspected meat, contrary to section 5(a) of the Meat Inspection Act Provincial (x2)
- Deal in livestock without being a licenced livestock dealer, contrary to section 47(1) of the Livestock Identification and

Commerce Act.

Amer Alhamawi (35), a resident of Calgary, has been charged with:

- Fail to have animals inspected prior to slaughter, contrary to section 4(1) of the Meat Inspection Act Provincial.
- Sell, offer for sale, transport, or deliver uninspected meat, contrary to section 5(a) of the Meat Inspection Act Provincial (x2)
- Deal in livestock without being a licenced livestock dealer, contrary to section 47(1) of the Livestock Identification and Commerce Act.

Tareq Alhamawi (41), a resident of Calgary, has been charged with sell, offer for sale, transport, or deliver uninspected meat, contrary to section 5(a) of the Meat Inspection Act Provincial.

All accused are scheduled to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Strathmore on June 24.

The RCMP Livestock Unit reminds the public that in order to buy and sell livestock or livestock products within 30 days, a dealer's licence is required. For information on dealer licences, please refer to Livestock Identification Services Ltd. (lis-ab.com). For inquiries regarding slaughter and meat inspection visit the Alberta website (<https://www.alberta.ca/inspection-and-investigation-section>).



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RCMP provides tips for vehicle safety

ALBERTA RCMP

Summer is rapidly approaching, which means outdoor enthusiasts will be headed out to use their recreational vehicles. With the increase of use, the RCMP would like to remind citizens to properly secure their off-highway vehicles (OHVs) such as quads, dirt bikes, and side-by-sides to avoid thefts.

There was a total of 1,624 "Theft of Other Motor Vehicles" in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction in 2023, with 147 of them occurring in June.

Here are some tips to keep your recreational vehicles safe:

- Do not leave keys in or near the OHV when left unattended.

- Store your OHV in a locked garage or shed, if possible.
- Block your OHV with other vehicles so it cannot be easily moved.
- If you have security cameras, ensure that they are active—especially in the evening.
- Keep track of serial numbers and have identifying photos should a theft occur.
- Keep outdoor property lights on at night or use motion sensor lights.

Thieves are less likely to target your property if you make it harder and less accessible for them to steal.

Follow #SecureYourRide on X (@RCMPAlberta) and Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta) for crime prevention tips this month to keep your OHVs safe and enjoy them all season long!

RCMP encourage the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity to police. Reports tell us where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

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Town under Stage 4 water use restrictions

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The town is requesting residents, though it is technically not mandatory under the Stage 4 use restrictions, to voluntarily delay use of dishwashers and clothes washing machines, limit their shower times and keep baths shallow, turn off humidifiers and ice machines, and to limit tap water use.

In order to support the water ban and voluntary indoor water use restrictions, the aquatic centre is temporarily closed until further notice, the Strathmore Family Centre will remain open, though the showers are closed, and the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre also remains open, with its showers closed.

The town has stated that updates as new information is released will be made available via their Facebook page.

Strathmore Legion commemorates 80th D-Day anniversary

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Legion hosted a memorial event, June 6, to recognize the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when allied soldiers invaded Normandy in Operation Overlord during WW2.

"This is a commemoration of a major battle during the war. Some would say it was the beginning of the end of World War II," said Donovan Arnaud, president of the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10. "The sacrifice that was made back then, many people think of as being singular to that event, when in fact it was much more than that. It has to serve as a reminder to all of us from generation to generation that the reason they went to war and the reason they fought and died that day was because of a threat to their civilization at the time, to their sense of democracy, their values, their principles."

The 3rd Canadian Infantry Division and the 2nd Armoured Brigade were tasked with securing an eight kilometer stretch of beach, nicknamed "Juno" bordering Saint-Aubin, Bernières, Courseulles-sur-Mer and Graye-sur-Mer.

Arnaud added the Legion is dedicated to the remembrance of those who have served and sacrificed, as well as to the memory of veterans who have served in peacetime.

"I served in the Royal Canadian Navy for 25 years, and I was very fortunate, even though I was a combat seagoing officer, never to have fired a shot in anger. Many cannot say that," he explained. "We had 40,000 of our troops who went to Afghanistan recently. Many of them were under fire, many of them have lost their lives, and many more of them were injured ... we here in the Legion are dedicated to their memory, and to support them as veterans and their families."

Arnaud explained over a million Canadians served during World War II, equating to nearly 10 per cent of the total population of the country at the time.

He added attempting to keep records on the exact numbers of people who served and what they did is effectively impossible. He also did not specify exactly how many men from Strathmore specifically went off to serve in the war effort.

"Those values and principles (they fought for), in my opi-

nion, and in the opinion of many, are just as threatened today. We are not at war per se on a worldwide scale, but we are at war in Europe and thousands of people are dying," he said. "Many more thousands are being threatened, and being here in Strathmore does not isolate us from that threat. Whatever happens in Europe or in the far east or wherever is going to implicate us in one way or another and God forbid, it should turn into a world war."

Arnaud described his belief in a responsibility to remember the sacrifices of those who fought and died for the peace of today.



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 in Strathmore held an event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, being the invasion of Normandy during World War II. Members of the public were invited to witness a ceremony, the laying of a wreath in honour of the soldiers who fought.

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Here's a list of the drug classes and an example of each class that are most often prescribed in Canada. The list includes thyroid medications (levothyroxine), cholesterol-lowering drugs (atorvastatin), type-2 diabetes (metformin), heartburn and stomach-related medications (omeprazole) and cardiac and blood pressure meds (ramipril, amlodipine).

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- June 18: Council Meeting**
- July 2: Council Meeting**
- July 3: Agricultural Service Board**

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Public Hearing Cancellation Notice: Bylaw 2024-10

Please be advised that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2024-10, originally scheduled for June 18, 2024, has been cancelled until further notice. All submitted comments will be presented at the rescheduled Public Hearing.

Bylaw #: 2024-10

Legal Description: SW-33-24-24-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate a ± 4.84 hectare (± 12.00 acre) portion of SW-33-24-24-W4M from AG District to CR District, in order to create four ± 1.21 hectare (± 3.00 acre) parcels and a ± 59.58 hectare (± 147.07 acre) remainder.



Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers
July 2nd, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following item for Public Hearing at the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024.

The following public hearing begins at 9 a.m. and will proceed until all applications have been heard:

Bylaw #: 2024-18

Legal Description: County-Wide

Proposal: To adjust the existing electoral division boundaries in order account for accurate population numbers, ensuring equal representation in all divisions.

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.

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WEDNESDAY
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AGENDA

- 9:00AM - COFFEE & REGISTRATION AT DALUM COMMUNITY HALL
- 9:30AM - RANCH HISTORY AND GRAZING STRATEGIES FOR NATIVE PASTURE
- 10:30AM - SEEDING NATIVE PASTURES; PLANNING, PREPARATION, PLANTING & PATIENCE
- 12:00PM - LUNCH (PROVIDED)
- 1:00PM - FIELD TOUR OF WADE CATTLE COMPANY
- 4:00PM - WRAP UP

COSTS (includes lunch) : FFGA or CARA Member: \$20 / Non-Member: \$25

DETAILS & REGISTRATION: <https://www.foothillsforage.com/nativepasture>





Second annual Lead By Example Powwow takes over Ag Grounds

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The second annual Lead By Example Powwow was hosted at the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society grounds, June 7-9, inviting both the local community, and folks from across North America.

"I am really feeling many emotions because sometimes I am wondering if I am in a dream still, but I know the reality of today is the people came," said Melodie Ayoungman, CEO of the Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman Foundation. "Build it and they will come, and all along the way through this journey to get to where we are at today, we did not let anything stop us or get in our way. We continued forward and somehow everything started falling into place as we went along."

Ayoungman added the Foundation this year was able to establish and build relationships with the Cities of Calgary and Chestermere, the Village of Arrowwood, and Century Downs Casi-

no, adding them to the growing list of sponsors for the powwow.

She explained other grants which were applied for were done so with support from the Town of Strathmore and Siksika Nation.

"I had teary eyes and my thoughts were finally here today and we did it and the people are here," said Ayoungman. "We didn't just start on Friday (June 7), we started as soon as the powwow ended last year. We were approached by everyone if we were going to continue and we took that seriously, so we brought it to the Town of Strathmore and Siksika, and they helped to support our family in creating the Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman Foundation, and that is how we were able to establish working to continue the Lead By Example Powwow."

This year's event grew and added to what was previously established in 2023 when the powwow debuted at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre.

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The second annual Lead By Example Powwow was hosted in Strathmore, June 7-9 at the Strathmore Ag Grounds. Dancers, drummers, racers, and attendees from across North America came out to attend the event, which began through the memorial of Kristian Ayoungman.

John Watson Photos

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Leading by example

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Being hosted at the Ag Society grounds, Indian Relays were able to be held, amongst other events in addition to the dancing.

Vastly more space was suddenly available for guests, athletes, food trucks, performances and more. This, Ayoungman said, was a priority following the success of the previous powwow.

"Last year, there was a building capacity limit, and there were so many people who came from all over, from British Columbia, from the United States, and some were being turned away ...

they would inbox me and say they were there but they couldn't get in and I felt sad because they had traveled a long way and it takes money and time to do that from such far places," she said. "For powwows, you do not turn anyone away. Everyone is welcome, powwows are for everybody, and so when we were moving forward, we wanted to make sure that we let the people know that we were working with - the Town of Strathmore and Siksika - that we needed a bigger place."

She added the Foundation is already looking at new ideas and new considerations for continuing to make the powwow a success next year.



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Honouring cadets

The Strathmore 903 Royal Canadian Air Cadets hosted their annual Ceremonial Review June 5 at the Strathmore Ag Grounds. **Joe Lepage Photos**

Town approves renewal of Urban Hen bylaw

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council approved the renewal and continuation of the Urban Hen Bylaw, 24-11, during the June 5 regular meeting of council.

The bylaw was initially established May 2022, Bylaw 22-08, which introduced, regulated, and controlled the keeping of hens as urban agriculture within the Town of Strathmore.

As part of the development of the bylaw, town administration compared similar bylaws previously established in other municipalities such as Innisfail, Vancouver, St. Albert, Wood Buffalo, and Lacombe.

“Since the inception ... it has been a very successful program from administration’s standpoint. We have had a handful or so of residents who have taken part in the program; we have had a small number – five or so, issues last year ... but really the impact to administration and to the residents, we feel is minimal,” said Mark Pretzlaff, director of community and protective services.

Administration has issued five hen licenses and had received several additional inquiries throughout 2023.

Three potential bylaw infractions which were reported to have been responded to include a loose hen, a constituent exceeding the maximum number of hens allowed, and having a chicken coop attached to a fence.

For each infraction investigated which was listed to council in administration’s report, compliance was gained through education of the bylaw.

Administration also reported there have been no appeals submitted regarding the bylaw by local residents.

The preexisting bylaw was originally established as a two-year pilot program, prior to any discussion regarding whether it would be put into full effect.

Throughout the pilot program, administration reported they identified enforcement mechanisms, as well as general penalties which should be added to the bylaw in order to better deal with and dissuade infractions.

One such addition to the bylaw was in respect to penalties regarding possession of unlicensed hens.

“I think that we should definitely keep on our radar that avian flu is still here, and I have seen some reports ... that talk about the potential spread to livestock,” said Mayor Pat Fule.

Following Pretzlaff’s presentation, Coun. Richard Wegener motioned for council to approve first reading of the Urban Hen Bylaw 24-11 which was approved unanimously.

This was followed by Coun. Denise Peterson motioning for second reading, as well as for council to give unanimous consent to hold third and final reading of the bylaw during the same session.

Coun. Melissa Langmaid motioned to hold third and final reading of the bylaw, which was also subsequently approved by council unanimously.

Following the approval of the bylaw, the town website will be updated to reflect the revised bylaw, as well as key messaging to the public that the program will be continuing locally.

More information regarding the bylaw is available through the town’s website as well as via their public meeting agenda.

RCMP respond to male in distress at Kinsman Lake

STRATHMORE RCMP

On June 6, at approximately 7:10 p.m., Strathmore RCMP were dispatched to Kinsman Lake to a report of a male who was struggling in the lake and disappeared below the surface. Bystanders attempted to render assistance, however, were unsuccessful.

STARS Air Ambulance was dispatched and circled the lake for up to 45 minutes

to provide medical assistance, but unfortunately the body was not located and the situation was deemed a recovery.

RCMP and Strathmore Fire Department attended with the assistance of divers but were unsuccessful in locating the male due to light and visibility issues.

The body was recovered the next day. No further information was provided as of press time.



SHS honours award winners

Strathmore High School students were recognized for their achievements throughout the academic year during an award ceremony, June 6. Various award criteria included academics, athletics, and personal growth, among others. **John Watson Photo**



Hitting the right note

The Hope Bridges Society hosted a Melissa Matheson concert on June 4 at Hope Community Covenant Church. Matheson, who was joined by Erinn Gregory and Michael Smith, performed numerous country favourites and classic songs from the 1990’s. **Joe Lepage Photo**



Weekend sweep

The Strathmore Red U11AA Team 2 exploded for a dozen runs en route to a 12-8 win over the Blackfalds Pirates on June 9 at the Strathmore Ag Diamonds. The Reds swept a trio of weekend games, defeating the Red Deer Braves on June 8 and the Innisfail Hawks in the morning game on June 9. The Reds will travel to Red Deer to play a trio of games on June 15-16. **Joe Lepage Photos**



Carnival fun

Residents of the Wheatland Lodge took part in a summer carnival hosted by the staff on June 5 to celebrate senior’s week. It was a beautiful sunny day for everyone and most residents made it out to enjoy the variety of games such as pool noodle hockey, scooter races, target practice and ring toss. **Melissa Piche Photos**



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Progress has been made in a year

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

In last week's column, I discussed the progress made since May 29, 2023, when Albertans entrusted the United Conservative government with the responsibility to lead this remarkable province. Since then, our government has remained steadfast in its commitment to fulfill promises, propel Alberta forward, and ensure fiscal responsibility. With pride, I once again share some highlights of our collective achievements and my endeavors as your dedicated MLA.

Legislative Progress and Commitment to Accountability

Throughout the past year, we've seen a comprehensive legislative agenda spanning two Sessions, which saw the passage of 22 Bills in Session 1 and 13 Bills in Session 2. We've fulfilled key platform commitments, and upheld our pledge to balance the budget for the third consecutive year, a milestone indicative of our prudent fiscal stewardship.

Advocacy and Engagement: Amplifying Constituent Voices

In my capacity as Parliamentary Secretary for Affordability and Utilities, I've been working with Minister Neudorf and been advocating for policies that enhance affordable and reliable electricity. I had the honour of joining Premier Smith and Minister Neudorf for two recent podium announcements in April on our work to make electricity more affordable.

I have also been appointed as one of Alberta's Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) Delegate Council members and sit on The Energy

Council's Executive Committee and the Centre for Legislative Energy and Environmental Research (CLEER) Board of Directors. I also sit on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (PAC), the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, and the Alberta First Cabinet Policy Committee.

Community Engagement: Amplifying Constituent Voices

Integral to effective representation is active engagement with constituents, community stakeholders, schools, healthcare providers, local organizations, and our municipalities. I have had hundreds of discussions and group meetings to address individual case work, listen to concerns, and celebrate the remarkable achievements in the constituency.

I was also pleased to attend in person over a hundred community events and celebrations and met some of the most incredible people that work and live in our constituency. Additionally, I hosted a series of five 'Coffee Meet & Greets' across Strathmore, Carseland, Lyalta, Langdon, and Chestermere, providing more opportunities for meaningful dialogue and feedback.

Local Wins: Investing in Education and Infrastructure

Budget 2024 heralded significant victories for our community, with notable investments in education and infrastructure projects. Noteworthy achievements include full construction funding for a K-9 Catholic School in Chestermere, design funding for a K-9 Rocky View Public School in Chestermere, and final funding for the completion of the new Langdon 7-12 High School which will be opening this fall.

Moreover, infrastructure funding has been allocated to vital projects, highway, and water management initiatives. This includes the Strathmore Courthouse renovation and expansion, totaling over \$4.5 million dollars. Under the Alberta Community Partnership Strategic Initiatives funding stream, the Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors provided grant funding of \$1,048,125 for the Lyalta Wastewater Lagoon and Force Main Detailed Design Engineering.

Nearly \$14 million dollars has been provided for design funds for bridge work on CPR overpass on Hwy 1, 11 km East of Chestermere at Inverlake Overpass, planning funding for Hwy. 1 and Range Road 264 De Havilland interchange, planning funding for Hwy. 1 and Garden/Conrich Road interchange and for Hwy. 1 and Range Road 791 interchange, design funding for streetlights at Hwy. 817 and 564, funds for repaving between 1 km South of Hwy. 1 and three km north of the Town of Strathmore and upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Plant PLC SCADA in the Town of Strathmore.

I have heard your concerns regarding the high levels of traffic on Glenmore Trail and have been advocating for its improvement to accommodate both residential and industrial growth to the east of Calgary. Please note that Traffic Impact Assessments are underway on Glenmore Trail to determine necessary infrastructure improvements and ensure taxpayers dollars are being respected.

Empowering Non-profit Organizations: Fostering Social Support

Our government remains steadfast in supporting the invaluable contributions of local non-profit organizations. I'm delighted to both support and re-

port that several organizations in our Constituency have received collectively over \$300,000 in small grants under the Community Facility Enhancement and Community Initiatives Program streams.

Investment in Fire Services: Ensuring Community Safety

Recognizing the critical role of fire services in ensuring community safety, we've allocated grants to support fire department training programs. Through Provincial Municipality grants, municipalities like the City of Chestermere and Rocky View County have received vital funding to offset training costs and enhance emergency response capabilities.

Looking Ahead: Continuing the Journey Together

As we conclude the spring session and embark on the summer recess, I eagerly anticipate further engagement with you all and continued advocacy on issues that matter most to you. I remain committed to representing the interests of Chestermere-Strathmore with integrity and diligence, and invite you to stay informed about upcoming events and initiatives. Whether through Fall Coffee meetups or personal meetings, your input is invaluable in shaping our shared future.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for the privilege of serving as your MLA, and I reaffirm my unwavering dedication to advancing the prosperity and well-being of our constituency. Together, let us continue building a brighter future for all Albertans.

For inquiries or to schedule a meeting, please don't hesitate to contact my office at Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca. Your voice matters, and I'm here to listen.

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

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County passes Regional Emergency Bylaw amendments

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council passed all three readings for bylaw 2024-16, being their Regional Emergency Bylaw during the June 4 regular meeting.

It was the recommendation of county administration that council approve all three readings of the bylaw as presented.

"In 2019, Wheatland County passed the first regional emergency management bylaw which included a regional committee, agency, and a planning group. Through an annual housekeeping review, it was determined that the agency and the planning coordination group were duplicating effort, and it was determined that the agency could complete the duties of the planning and coordination group, and that the planning and coordination group could be removed," said Michael Bourgon, manager of emergency and fire services for Wheatland County. "The review also recommended adding the City of Chestermere to the bylaw, as they are currently in our WREMP (Wheatland Regional Emergency Management Plan) and our partnership agreement."

The annual housekeeping referred to by Bourgon took place Feb. 6, at which time the reviewing Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) officer recommended amendments to the existing regional emergency management bylaw, 2019-24.

These recommended changes were focused on refining procedures for regional partnerships, and clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the agency,

committee members, and all other involved stakeholders.

Other changes to the bylaw include clarified definitions of terms, grammar corrections, and organizational changes.

Under the authority of the Emergency Management Act, the AEMA provides support to municipalities facing emergencies that are beyond their capacity.

This aid involves linking municipalities with the necessary resources to effectively manage the emergency event, as well as direct assistance to municipalities through field officers who deliver services and programs, including emergency management training, to elected officials and public service employees.

The proposed amendments to the bylaw prior to its passing by council were noted to align and be in compliance with the Local Emergency Management Regulations, and the Provincial Emergency Management Act.

Bourgon added the county's revised bylaw was based on similar existing documents currently employed by other and surrounding municipalities.

"We did base this on other municipalities ... we took their bylaw and we made sure that we kept it consistent so this would be the working very similar," he said.

Council voted unanimously to pass first and second readings, permission to hold third reading, and the subsequent final reading during the same meeting of council.

More information regarding the bylaw amendment is available via the council public meeting agenda through their website.

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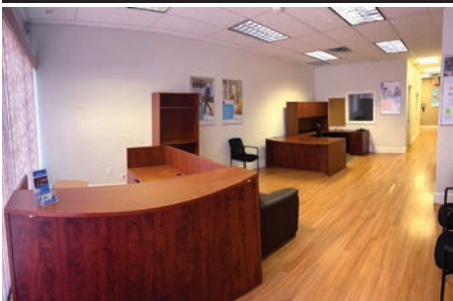
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Upcoming Council Meetings

June 12, 2024 | 6 P.M.

June 19, 2024 | 6 P.M.

July 3, 2024 | 6 P.M.

Committee of the Whole
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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.

Why are there water restrictions in Strathmore?

Calgary has notified their neighboring 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.

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.

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 and washing machine 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, delay washing vehicles,
- 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.

Is there a fire ban?

There is currently no fire ban. Strathmore's fire suppression capabilities remain unaffected.

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.

What about car washes?

All residents and businesses have been asked to reduce water use where possible. The water ban applies to outdoor watering and car washes are classified as an indoor business and currently fall outside of the restrictions. The Town has contacted all local car wash businesses and asked if they would help out. Some have closed their automatic washers, others are asking customers to defer non-essential washes. Car washes are considered part of public health, in certain situations, when cleanliness is required to provide a service.

I see somebody 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 Amendment

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 Please contact Legislative Services at 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.

