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Town to add four full-time firefighters

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

During the May 28 special meeting of Town of Strathmore council, Strathmore Fire Department Chief David Sturgeon petitioned a recommendation to permanently hire four full-time firefighters.

The hiring would be part of the strategic and financially supported plan to enhance the Strathmore Fire Department's emergency response capacity.

Sturgeon's proposal was directly tied to the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Program, which was announced last month, and will fund the salaries and benefits of the positions for the first two years.

"Through this grant, the town has secured approximately \$1.09 million in funding, allowing us to expand the service with no immediate tax impact. In addition, revenue from deployment is directed into the fire reserve," said Sturgeon. "Organizationally, this is a proactive step towards a sustainable 24/7 fire service model. Currently, we operate from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with full time, and using a composite model after those hours."

Sturgeon explained adding the four new positions would allow the fire department to move towards being fully staffed around the clock, which would improve response times, firefighter safety, and coverage for both local and regional calls through mutual aid agreements.

Through the WUI Program, Strathmore is one of six municipalities that are to receive funding over the next three years to enhance fire protection and response services. An announcement about the program was made May 23 at the Strathmore fire hall.

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Final tune-up

The Strathmore Spartans boys' rugby team played their final tune-up game before the ASAA Rugby 15s Provincial Championship June 6-7 in Lethbridge. The Spartans, who defeated Lester B Pearson 42-12 in a tune-up game on May 29 at SHS, did not have a zone competitor and qualified for provincials looking to improve on last season's bronze medal. Joe Lepage Photo





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GET YOUR Golden Hills celebrates approval of new Westmount School development

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Golden Hills School Division is celebrating the approval of the new K-9 Westmount School to be constructed in Strathmore, replacing the current half-century-old facility.

The project was approved by the Government of Alberta to move from the planning to the design stage of the replacement school on May 21.

"We were ecstatic to hear the announcement come. We have been waiting for a couple of years to hear this ... we have been in pre-planning and planning mode for a couple of years, and so we had received some government funding for that and we have been working preliminarily with an architect and engineer, and they created a business case and then we presented that back to Alberta Education," said Jeff Grimsdale, superintendent of schools for Golden Hills School Division. "They liked our business case and what we were doing, then they granted the approval for us to move into the design stage, which will provide more funding and then we will get moving faster, and we are on the school construction accelerator program."

Grimsdale explained once Golden Hills School Division is ready to begin construction, moving into that phase of the project will be expedited due to their inclusion in the accelerator pro-

Currently, there is no formal estimate regarding how long precisely the design stage will take before the project is advanced further.

Preliminary drawings for the new facility have been developed; however, they are still subject to change prior to the project being submitted for tender.

Westmount Elementary School, which serves students in K-6, has been operational in the community for over 50 years, and according to the school division, is approaching its expiration

The decision to have the new facility serve in a K-9 capacity stems from a growing need within the community to accommodate the age demographic.

"It has been an ask for a number of years from Golden Hills to get a new school there ... because of the growth that is anticipated to happen in this area, we decided to put in our plan a K-9," said Grimsdale. "We are seeing that George Freeman is full, Trinity Christian Academy, the junior high, is full, and Crowther Memorial Junior High is getting to the full stage too. In a few years, they will all be at capacity, so we see a pinch there in junior high."

The current capacity of Westmount Elementary School is approximately 370 students. Once the new facility is completed, it will have an estimated maximum capacity of 680 students.

Construction of the new facility will see it placed closer to the RCMP building where the baseball diamonds are currently located on the school

Once students are in the new building, the old structure will be demolished to make room for a new playground. The idea being to not require any student displacement while the new school is under construction.

"When you start looking at the age of the building and whatnot, we know that it just became part of our capital plan that we needed something done with this school, and so replacement is the best course of action for us at this time," said Grimsdale.

Golden Hills School Division has committed to keeping families and the wider community informed as planning and construction of the new facility move forward.



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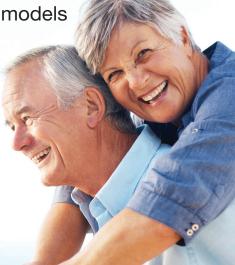
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Strathmore RCMP respond to two incidents that affect local schools

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore RCMP responded to two matters concerning local schools on May 23 and May 28, respectively, each ultimately being resolved safely.

On May 23, police received a report of an individual who was seen around and entering Strathmore High School with what appeared to be a gun. Members immediately responded to secure the scene and to investigate the report.

Staff Sgt. Mark Wielgosz explained a lockdown procedure of the school was initiated in order to secure the safety of all students.

"We treat all firearms complaints seriously and with the utmost urgency to ensure that we are able to quickly and safely determine what is going on, to identify any offender that might be present, and to bring the situation to a safe conclusion," he said. "As the investigation progressed, our members were able to identify the individual who was spotted and quickly determined that the 'weapon' that was in the student's possession was a water pistol. It was part of the 'Senior Assassin' game that had been ongoing in the school for the end of the school year."

Weilgosz explained Senior Assassin is a common game which has been gaining popularity across schools throughout the country.

The game involves students assigning each other targets to eliminate from the game with water guns. Rules tend to vary between schools, however the general premise is to be the last student

The lockdown at Strathmore High School was brief, parents and students were notified, and the student who the complained was regarding was briefly taken into custody before being released after the situation had been identified. No charges were laid against the student.

June 2 through 8 marks the return of Seniors'

Seniors' Week has been recognized since 1986

and is typically hosted at the beginning of June.

During this time, the contributions of seniors to

enhance quality of life throughout the province is

This year, Alzheimer's Calgary is focused on hel-

ping people recognize the differences between

normal aging and potential signs of dementia. In

particular, notable differences between having a

"For example, we all lose our keys from time to

"senior moment" and indications of the disease.

time and that can be just natural, and that is not

necessarily a sign of dementia. Misplacing things

and finding them in unusual places might be a po-

tential sign," said Barb Fergusen, executive direc-

tor of Alzheimer Calgary. "For example, you can't

find your keys, and this has been happening more

and more frequently, and then you find them in

your sugar bowl, or someplace you have never

Frequency of misplacing items and deviations

from what would be considered normal behaviour

for a person are typically suggestive indicators

to keep the potential of dementia at the front of

Week in Alberta, which annually serves as a re-

minder to recognize aging populations.

Similar to in Strathmore, the game has led to similar lockdown incidents country wide. Police are making efforts to encourage students who are participating in the game to choose water guns which, as much as possible, do not resemble legitimate firearms.

"Just be mindful of what these activities might look like to others. Ensure that you are not in possession of items that could be mistaken as real weapons, and of course to do it safely - being in crosswalks and traffic and moving vehicles is to be discouraged," said Wielgosz. "We do not want it to get in the way of people having fun. It certainly seems to be a fun type of game to participate in, we just want people to do it safely."

On May 28, Wielgosz clarified there was no lockdown procedure that was requested. The incident was a hold and secure.

He explained RCMP received a report that an individual had approached a care worker at a youth facility in an aggressive manner and displayed what appeared to be a firearm during the

The hold and secure was inadvertently expanded to all of the schools in Strathmore, which he added should not have been the case.

Members responded immediately to the incident and conducted a search of the area resulting in the location of the individual in question who was then taken into custody.

A search of the subject revealed they were in possession of a pellet gun, which could easy be mistaken for a legitimate firearm.

The pellet gun was seized by police, the suspect was transported to the detachment, and two charges were laid. These included one count of mischief, and one count of pointing a firearm.

The subject remains in police custody, and they will make a court appearance at a later time to deal with the matter of bail.

This may also include experiencing difficulties

"If somebody has gone through maybe a signi-

ficant change in their life, they have been wido-

wed recently or they have moved, that could be

causing additional stress and maybe that could be

a cause for some decisions that are being made,

but it is really important to not take any of these

signs as a diagnosis," said Fergusen. "I think my

big message is talk to your healthcare professio-

nal about it because they are the only ones who

can make a diagnosis, so even though there are

signs, there can be other underlying things that

Alzheimer's is the most common form of de-

mentia. Fergusen estimated between 60 and 70

per cent of dementia patients are Alzheimer's re-

lated. Vascular Dementia is the number two cause

For residents of Strathmore, Alzheimer's Calga-

ry has dementia support navigators stationed in

town. If anyone has any questions, concerns, or

thinks a loved one may be experiencing dementia,

they are encouraged to be in touch, free of charge.

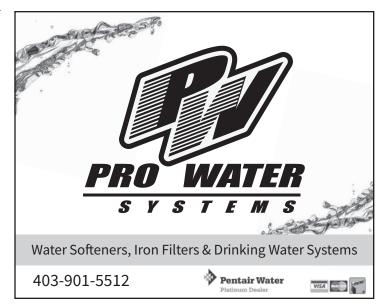
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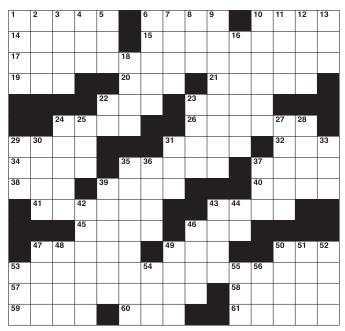
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to make information as accessible as possible for

are causing those instances to occur."

while completing what would have once been





CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Marsh plant
- 6. Southern constellation ("The Peacock")
- 10. Fogginess
- 14. Home to Fools' Day
- 15. Absence of the sense of pain
- 17. Popular November holiday 19. Consume food
- 20. Buddy
- 21. Long-haired goat-antelope
- 22. Japanese honorific
- 23. Actor Malek
- 24. One point south of southeast
- 26. Illegal acts 29. As fast as can be done
- 31. Prevents harm to young 32. Exclamation of satisfaction
- 34. African nation

- 1. Satisfy
- 2. European health advocate
- 3. Expression of annoyance
- 4. Strong liquor 5. Large red deer

- 7. West Indian shrub
- 9. Wealthy, influential business
- 10. Low spirits
- 11. Approves food
- 12. Monetary unit of Iran and
- 18. Relaxing spaces
- 22. The NFL's big game
- 23. Proof of payment (abbr.)
- 24. Starchy preparation of dried orchid tubers
- 25. Indicates near

- 35. Slow-moving animal 37. Oh, goodness!
- 38. A team's best pitcher
- 39. Cleanser 40. Radioactivity units
- 41. Expectorated matter
- 43. Cover a wide range
- 45. The central area of a church
- 46. California capital (abbr.)
- 47. Dutch painter Klaver
- 49. 007's creator
- 50. Impression of dishonesty 53. Northeastern sports rivalry
- 57. Cloths
- 58. Stalin's police chief
- 59. Hostelries
- 60. Bitterly regret
- 61. Anwar ___, Egyptian statesman

CLUES DOWN

- 6. Holder of less common
- religious beliefs
- 8. Family of proteins
- leader

- 13. Mary ___, cosmetics
- 16. Expressed in pithy maxims

- 27. Minneapolis suburb
- 28. Herring-like fish
- 29. Doctors' group 30. Pouches
- 31. Bread dipping in sauce
- 33. Commercials
- 35. A reminder of past events
- 36. Affected by injury 37. Geological time
- 39. Stationary part of a motor
- 42. Brings together 43. Of sound mind
- 44. Personal computer
- 46. Without (French)
- 47. A bank might give you one
- 48. Agricultural testing organization
- 49. A small island 50. Type of gene
- 51. Murres
- 52. Card game

56. Affirmative

- 53. A measure of human health 54. Australian airline (abbr.)
- 55. One point south of due west



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Discussing personal safety with children

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With the arrival of warmer weather and longer days, kids are spending more time outside - whether walking to a friend's house, heading to the park, or just enjoying the outdoors. Your Alberta RCMP is reminding parents and guardians that this is a good time to check in with children about staying safe and being aware of their environment.

Building confidence in children to recognize unsafe situations and trust their instincts is one of the best ways to help keep them safe. Having open, age-appropriate conversations about boundaries, decision-making, and what to do when something feels wrong can go a long way in preparing kids for real-life scenarios.

To support families in the community with these important conversations, the Alberta RCMP is sharing a list of tips that parents and caregivers can review with their children:

- · Remind kids never to go anywhere with someone they don't know. Even if a stranger seems nice or asks for help, they should walk away and seek help from someone they
- Let your child know that no adult should ever ask them to do something that makes them feel uneasy. It's okay to say no and remove themselves from the situation.
- If something doesn't sit right even if they can't explain why - children should be encouraged to leave and talk to a trusted adult as soon as they can.
- Teach kids to check in with a parent or caregiver before accepting anything or going anywhere, especially if it involves someone unfamiliar.
- Help them identify safe adults they can approach if they feel unsure, like a teacher, neighbour, or family member.
- Consider setting up a family password. If someone other than you needs to pick up your child unexpectedly, they should know the agreed-upon word.
- Encourage kids to stick with friends or siblings when walking or playing outside - there's always greater safety in
- Walk or bike common routes with your child and point out safe locations they can go to if they need help.

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- · Go over how to use emergency call functions and make sure they know their full name, address, your contact info, and how to describe their location to 911 if needed.
- · Run through some 'what would you do if...' situations with your child to help them think through different safety scenarios.

For more local safety information and tips, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta.

Town council approves hiring of four additional firefighters

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The most current information available to the Town of Strathmore indicates the discontinuation of the WUI Program in March 2027, at which point the town would be responsible for the salaries and benefits of the four new positions to maintain 24/7 fire service coverage for the community.

"Operationally, we will establish three-person crews to start; it would be 365 days a year, with a goal of expanding to four-person crews as per National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard over time," said Sturgeon. "This significantly reduces our reliance on overtime and paid on-call staffing while improving consistency and reducing fatigue. This proposal also responds to the rapid population growth, possibly 5,000 new homes in the coming years."

If the WUI program is to be discontinued come 2027, the town would plan for that contingency in the 2028 budget

Following an inquiry by Coun. Richard Wegener, Sturgeon clarified any firefighter who desires to be WUI trained and part of the team is allowed to do so, but it is not mandatory.

Of the Fire Department's 35 current members, 25 are trained to WUI standards, and another three are set to receive the training.

The town passed a motion to approve a 2025 operating budget amendment to adjust for the WUI grant funding over the next two years in a unanimous vote.

















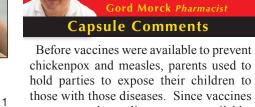












chickenpox and measles, parents used to hold parties to expose their children to those with those diseases. Since vaccines to prevent these diseases are available, measles parties are not a good idea. Outbreaks of measles are beginning to occur in the US and Ontario, mostly among unvaccinated children. Measles is very infectious and can be deadly. Best advice? Have your children vaccinated.

Can a vitamin prevent common skin cancers like squamous-cell and basal-cell skin cancers? The answer is yes. Vitamin B3 or *niacinamide* has been proven to reduce the rate of new skin cancers by 23%. Taking 500mg twice daily is recommended. Two cautions: Don't take a related product, niacin. Get niacinamide. And still use sunscreens faithfully.

The hay fever season is upon us. Plants with fragrant, colourful flowers don't discharge pollen into the air but depend on bees for pollination. These plants are less of an allergy problem than plain plants and grasses, which rely on the air-borne transfer of pollen.

Hay fever symptoms include nasal congestion, runny nose, sinus pain, itchy, watery eyes, itchy nose and throat and sneezing. One of the best non-prescription treatments to combat those allergens causing hay fever symptoms is a cortisone spray called Flonase. Just one or two sprays in each nostril once in the morning.

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Strathmore Lacrosse held their annual Redneck Rumble May 30 to June 1 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Three local teams, the Strathmore Venom U17B, the U15B and the U15C teams hosted teams from across the province. The weekend action concluded with the U17B and the U15B teams

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Close battle

The Strathmore Sage U13 female soccer team battled to their first draw of the season when they hosted the Cochrane Wolves to a 1-1 tie on June 1 at the Ranch Market Soccer Fields. The team will now hit the road for a trio of games before returning home on June 22.

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Maplewood Dr. and Centennial Dr.

Upcoming temporary road closures needed for essential infrastructure work

Starting the week of June 9, weather permitting, construction will begin on important water system upgrades. This work is part of the Town's plan to improve water service and prepare for the closure of the Brentwood Reservoir.



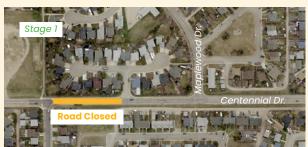
What the work involves

You may remember last May when the aging trees along Maplewood Drive were removed and a landscape survey was conducted. This work is the next phase in that project.

In 2020, Strathmore's Master Servicing Study found that the Brentwood Reservoir is nearing the end of it's life. To prepare for its closure and the neccessary upgrades to the Wildflower Reservoir, we need to:

- Build a new watermain connection on Centennial Drive
- Replace and upsize the watermain along Maplewood Drive

These updgrades will boost waterline capacity, ensuring the Town maintains current service levels and adequate fire flows.





Where and when

Construction will happen in six stages. Periodic road closures are expected throughout the summer as the project progresses. Detours will be in place to help you get where you need to go. Here's what's planned so far:

Stage '

Location: Centennial Drive (from west of Madison Court to the Madison Court intersection) Dates: June 9 to 11, 2025 (weather dependent) Time: All day, during construction

Stage 2

Location: Centennial Drive (from east of Madison Court to Maplewood Drive), plus the Maplewood Drive and Centennial Drive intersection up to Maplewood Green

Dates: June 12 to 20, 2025 (weather dependent)

Time: All day, during construction

For road report updates visit **Strathmore.ca/RoadReport**For more information on the project visit **Strathmore.ca/ReservoirUpgrades**





OCTOBER 20, 2025

2025 is an election year. While it's not October, now is a great time to start learning more.

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Ever wonder how those decisions come to life? They're made by people just like you—your neighbors, your friends, and maybe even you. Our town council is built on the voices of residents who care deeply about where we live, work, and grow.

There are four key ways you can be part of this election, and we'll be sharing more information as we get closer to election day:

- Register to Vote Make sure you're ready to have your say when election day comes.
- Nominate for Council If you're passionate about making a difference, consider running for office. You don't need to be a politician—just someone who wants to see our town flourish.
- Work the election Elections don't run themselves.
 Join the team that helps make democracy happen by signing up for an election worker role.
- **Vote** Every vote matters. Help choose the leaders who will represent your voice at the council table.

Here are a few dates you should keep on the calendar:

- Nomination Day Deadline: September 22, 2025 at noon
- Election Day: October 20, 2025

Stay informed and be part of the process. You can learn more by visiting **Strathmore.ca/Election**.

Not a space portal.

New water customer portal.

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Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 25-17.

Notice of Public Hearing.

June 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. WestCreek Area Structure Plan Amending Bylaw No. 25-17

Please be advised that on May 7, 2025, Strathmore Town Council held a Public Hearing and gave second and third readings to Bylaw No. 25-07, a bylaw amending the WestCreek Area Structure Plan (ASP) Bylaw No. 08-22.

It was later discovered that Bylaw No. 25-07 contained an error: Map 7 – Future Land Use Concept was mistakenly omitted from the bylaw (see Map 7 in Schedule "A" below).

The recommended course of action is to bring forward a new bylaw to amend the WestCreek ASP Bylaw No. 08-22 in order to properly include Map 7.

The intent and content of Map 7 remain unchanged from what was presented and considered on May 7, 2025. No changes have been made to the map since that time.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of proposed By-law #25-08 may be inspected by the public Monday to Friday during the regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Town's Municipal Building located at 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta, and can be also examined on the Town's website at **Strathmore.ca/PublicHearings**

The statutory Public Hearing will be held online via ZOOM and in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta on **June 18, 2025**, commencing at **7:00 p.m.** with procedures being in accordance with Section 199 of the *Municipal Government Act* and the Town's Council Procedural By-law #23-17 and amendments thereto.

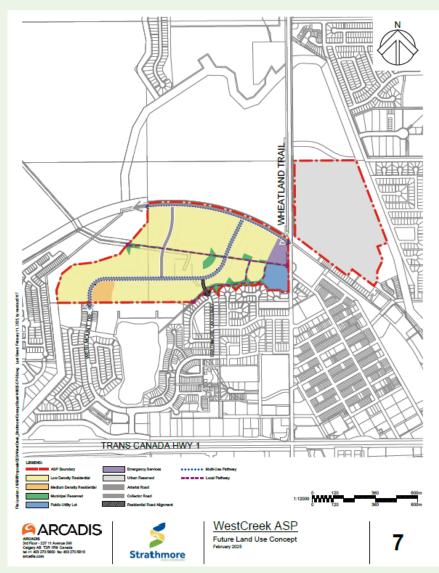
Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any or all of the proposed by-law, may present their concerns and/or suggestions by making a submission at the public hearing. Please contact Jonathan Strathdee by email at jonathan.strathdee@strathmore.ca by no later than 12:00 p.m. on June 11, 2025, in order to register to speak at the public hearing.

Any written submissions intended for the Public Hearing, or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Town's Development Services Office prior to 12:00 p.m. on June 11, 2025, as outlined under Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, kindly ensure that fifteen (15) copies are provided and made available 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 time.

Map 7 – Future Land Use Concept



Land Use Bylaw No. 25-13.

Notice of Public Hearing.

June 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Municipal Development Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 25-13

The Town of Strathmore is proposing to amend the Municipal Development Plan by adding two policies under Section 2.3 - Economic Development that are intended to promote non-residential property assessment growth for all new development and redevelopment within any new or existing Area Structure Plan as well as on a municipal-wide basis.

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Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 25-08.

Notice of Public Hearing.

June 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. WestCreek Phase 1 Bylaw No. 25-08

The Town of Strathmore is proposing to amend Land Use By-law #14-11 to redesignate lands in a manner that will facilitate the creation of 96 urban residential lots along with 3 blocks intended to be used for emergency services, stormwater, and open space purposes on lands described legally as being Part of Lot 1, Block A, Plan 9410061, known municipally as 0 Wheatland Trail, Strathmore.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of proposed By-law #25-08 may be inspected by the public Monday to Friday during the regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Town's Municipal Building located at 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta, and can be also examined on the Town's website at **Strathmore.ca/PublicHearings**

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Spring markets

Vintage & Vines Country Market and Main Street Market collaborated to bring a pair of spring markets to town on May 31. Vintage & Vines hosted their event at the Legacy Farm, while Main Street Market held their event at the Strathmore Civic Centre.

Joe Lepage Photos















Open House planned for new development

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore Developments is planning an open house, June 10, at the Remuda Building to showcase their Area Structure Plan (ASP) which has been submitted to the Town of Strathmore.

This ASP lays out the framework of the development of Strathmore West, being located west of Wildflower Road and south of Township Road 244.

In all, Strathmore Developments seeks to develop 346 hectares for residential and commercial use over the next several years.

"Our ASP will change the structure plan, will change the (land use) from agricultural to a mix of residential and commercial, and we are hoping to have a bunch of people from Strathmore come out, talk to us, talk to our experts, learn about the project, and that will help us as we ultimately go before council and make a development proposal," said Neil Sweeney, vice president of communications for Strathmore Developments. "Ultimately it will be determined by council, but we believe once the development is fully done, there could be somewhere in the order of 10,000 people in the development over the next probably five to 15 years."

Of the 346 acres currently proposed within the ASP, 128 are currently located within Wheatland County.

According to a release distributed by Strathmore Developments, the town concurs with an applicati-

on to transfer the land from the county to the town and has submitted a Notice of Intent to the province to annex the affected portion.

"Obviously, dealing with one municipality, one local government is easier than two, so we have been working with Strathmore on that, and we have been working with our planning department in terms of what information the community will need to make a decision," said Sweeney. "We have done a number of our studies, typical environment, land use, transportation, those kinds of studies to ensure that we are ready to answer the questions posted by not only people in Strathmore, but town council as the development proposal goes forward."

He added Wheatland County has been supportive thus far regarding the annexation of the land for the purposes of the project. These lands in particular were chosen as they were available for purchase and being close to Strathmore, currently established amenities will be of benefit to the future community.

The project plan intends to include housing of all varieties, including single-family detached, town-homes, apartments, and condominiums. There is no plan as of yet regarding development of any designated affordable housing units, but the discussion is not off the table.

The information session scheduled for June 10 will begin at 5 p.m. and will run until 7 p.m. Following this, an exact date to meet with Town of Strathmore council has not yet been set.

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Freeze on industrial carbon tax

CHANTELLE DE JONGE Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Alberta's government recently announced it will freeze the industrial carbon price at \$95 per tonne through 2025 and 2026 – pausing a scheduled increase to \$110 per tonne. This decision reflects the urgent need to maintain competitiveness, protect jobs, and provide stability in the face of escalating American tariffs and destructive, ideologically-driven policies from the federal government.

U.S. tariffs are driving up costs, disrupting supply chains, and creating uncertainty for Alberta's key industries. Combined with Ottawa's regulatory agenda, this economic climate poses serious risks to our energy sector and resource economy. Now more than ever, we must ensure Alberta industries have the flexibility to operate efficiently and plan for the future with confidence.

Alberta's industrial carbon pricing system – Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) – has been in place since 2007. It is an Alberta-made solution that balances responsible environmental stewardship with economic growth. Facilities regulated under TIER include those in oil and gas, electricity generation, petrochemicals, manufacturing, cement, pulp and paper, mining, and forestry. These sectors employ thousands of Albertans and power our economy.

By freezing the TIER price, Alberta is providing immediate economic relief and certainty to these sectors. At the same time, we remain committed to reducing emissions through innovation, not excessive taxation. Since implementing TIER, Alberta has reduced

oil sands emissions intensity by over 22 per cent – even as production has increased by 90 per cent. This proves that Alberta can lead on emissions reductions without sacrificing jobs or investment.

TIER revenues are already being reinvested into next-generation technologies like geothermal energy, hydrogen development, energy storage, reducmethane tion, and carbon capture, utiliza-

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tion, and storage. These projects are helping Alberta industries evolve while remaining competitive on a global scale.

With a legislated review of the TIER system coming before the end of 2026, Alberta's government will continue to make practical, forward-looking decisions to ensure our economy remains resilient. As the federal government doubles down on policies that threaten jobs and economic growth, Alberta is acting to protect our industries, safeguard livelihoods, and chart a stable course forward.

This is how Alberta defends prosperity, by standing up for our workers, supporting responsible development, and resisting ideological policies that risk our economic future.

A key part of that prosperity is protecting the communities that drive it. That's why I was pleased to join Minister Mike Ellis recently in Strathmore to announce six new Wildland Urban Interface teams, including one with the Strathmore Fire Department. The increase to eight provincial teams will support our regional firefighting capabilities and significantly enhance the province's ability to ensure the safety of Albertans' businesses, neighbourhoods and critical infrastructure during a wildfire event.

Each new team will be provided with \$1.09 million by Alberta's government over the next two years, for personnel costs, administrative support, equipment and maintenance, and travel costs, to help develop and expand the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Program's training and operational capacity.

I have every confidence in the dedicated men and women of the Strathmore Fire Department; they stand ready to answer the call and protect Albertans whenever duty demands. I hold the deepest respect for their service and thank them sincerely for their commitment to keeping our communities safe.

Together, with the dedication of our local fire departments and government support, we are taking decisive action to face the challenges of wildfire season head-on.

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Bylaw 2025-007 Village of Rockyford

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 Rockyford will hold a public hearing prior to the second reading of Land Use Bylaw 2025-007. Bylaw 2025-007 proposes to replace the current Land Use Bylaw 2014-002 with an updated Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

An LUB serves as the "rule book" for the development within the Village of Rockyford. 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 Land Use Bylaw 2025-007 include:

- Reformatting and reorganizing the Land Use Bylaw to make it more user friendly;
- Meeting the new requirements of the Municipal Government Act related to development permit processing;
- Increased the clarity on the application process and required content for development permits;
- Addition of Manufactured Homes as a permitted use in the Residential-Detached District (R-1);
 Merged the old Commercial Restricted District (C-R) and Industrial Restricted
- District (I-R) into the Commercial General District (CG).

 Addition of the Wild Game Bird Hatchery as a discretionary use in the Commercial
- General District (CG); and
 Adjusted the variances of power of the Development Officer from 100% to 20%.
 The Municipal Planning Commission will decide on cases requiring greater than 20% up to 100%.

The Village of Rockyford is seeking feedback on the proposed Land Use Bylaw 2025-007. Should you wish to address council in person, a **public hearing for Bylaw 2025-007** will be held in the Village of Rockyford Office at 110 Main Street, on **June 11, 2025** commencing at **6:30 pm**. Council will hear from any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw.

Additionally, written comments may be delivered to 110 Main Street, Rockyford, AB, TOJ 2RO or emailed to cao@rockyford.ca; submissions will be received up **June 6th, 2025 at**

The proposed Land Use Bylaw 2025-007 can be reviewed online at rockyford.ca, or copies may be picked up Monday through Friday at 110 Main St. from 8:30am- 4:30pm.

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<u>Obituary</u>



FARRIS, Linda Dianne (Nee Warrack)

January 12, 1946 – January 20, 2025

We are sad to announce the passing of Linda Dianne Farris on January 20, 2025 in Vancouver B.C.

Linda was born at the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary on January 12, 1946 and lived with her parents Edna and Jack Warrack, along with older brothers Melvin, Robert and Bruce near the hamlet of Cheadle, Alberta.

Linda very much enjoyed living on the family farm and attended Samuel Crowther school at Strathmore, Alberta for grades 1-12, graduating in 1964.

Linda then enrolled in the University of Calgary and graduated in 1967 with a B.A. in economics, a subject she thoroughly enjoyed.

After graduation, Linda worked for the federal government, using her knowledge

in economic forecasting for the department of Manpower and Immigration. Linda's employment for the federal government resulted in placements in Halifax, Calgary and Vancouver.

Linda was predeceased by her parents, Edna and Jack and her brothers Melvin, Robert and Bruce along with sister-in-law Margaret (Melvin).

She is lovingly remembered by her son, James Farris who attended to her needs in her later years.

She is also survived by her circle in law Cycon Warrack (Price) and purposes.

She is also survived by her sister-in-law Gwen Warrack (Bruce) and numerous nieces and nephews and their families in and around Strathmore.

An interment of Linda's ashes will take place on June 16, 2025 at 10 am at the Mountain View Funeral Home and Cemetery (1605 100 St S.E.) in Calgary.

Linda's son James and all of the Warrack family invite all who knew Linda to attend, and they will host a reception and celebration of life after the interment.

<u>Obituary</u>



FREDERICK, Patricia (Pat)

"We grieve with gratitude and hope"

It is with great sadness that we announce that our Mom, Patricia (Pat) Frederick passed away peacefully on May 31, 2025. Although she was 94, her death was sudden, as earlier in the evening you

could hear her calling out answers as she watched her favourite shows, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. Pat, Mom, Gram, G.G., Mom-a-zita, Momsy were all names she was referred to by her surviving children; Deb (Randy), Dan (Arlene), Paul (Dell), son-in-law Terry and daughter-in-law Cindy, grandchildren; Britt (Anthony), Tori, Michael, Karly (Rob), Kristyn (Carter), Taylor (Sherry), Sam, and Lauren (Kyle), and great grandchildren: (Olivia, Mary, Pia, Gianna, Vita, Mateo, Denai, Maclean, Brooks, Clara, Ted, Audrey, Beau, Atticus, and Lexon). Mom was predeceased by her husband Bill, son Rene, daughter Suzanne, and grandsons Thomas and Ethan, along with her brother Ivan and sister Beatrice in Charlottetown.

Mom was born in Canso, Nova Scotia and although she obtained her BSc degree and RN training at St. Francis Xavier University, in Antigonish, N.S., the west was calling. That call led her to Alberta where she worked in both the Red Deer and Lethbridge hospitals. Her sister lived in Strathmore at the time and during one visit, they stopped in at her husband's veterinarian office, where Mom happened to meet Bill Frederick, who had come in with a sick ram. After a whirlwind romance, they married in July of 1955. The following years were spent on the family farm north of Strathmore raising cows and kids! To say life was busy on the farm would be an understatement, with five children being born within the span of six years, farming, taking care of livestock, and building an addition onto the family home, which she and Dad had built together. Life on the farm was certainly not easy back then. Her response to that hard life was "You just did it!"

Mom accepted the offer of Public Health Nurse for the County of Wheatland in 1965, which later expanded to the Drumheller Health Unit, and then realized she had to scramble to get a driver's license! She spent the next 25 years driving around the county doing health clinics, school immunizations, baby clinics, home visits, as well as being one of two people volunteering with the Strathmore & District Ambulance. Mom finally retired in 1990, but then filled her time with many, many volunteer hours with the Strathmore Health Unit, the Hospital Auxiliary Board, the United Church Thrift Sale, and the Strathmore Library. Mom never liked being in the limelight, so when she was honoured in 2007 with the People's First Award through the Calgary Health Region, in 2010 for 25 years of dedicated volunteering with the Strathmore District Health Services, and again in 2022, for 30 years of dedicated volunteering with the Strathmore Library, she was quick to say she just enjoyed people and liked filling her time. We recently learned that it was because of Mom's dropping off of library books to those housebound, that the Visiting Library program was developed.

Mom was known for being the 'Cookie Lady" around town and having her short-breads for sale at many Christmas craft events. One year she maxed out at making over 1100 dozen of her 'melt-in-your-mouth' shortbreads. People would drive out from Calgary with the sole purpose of getting to her table first before she sold out. Mom was also known for her almost daily walks around the lake. Once she got going with that walker, she was hard to keep up with! Mom kept her mind sharp with the daily crossword puzzles in the Calgary Herald. The day did not begin until that crossword was completed and the headlines had been read.

It's hard to put into words how much Mom will be missed, not only in our hearts, but also in the Strathmore community of which she lived and served for over 60 years. We hope her generosity, compassion, strength, independent spirit, and relentless work ethic will come to mind when people think of Pat Frederick.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at the Hope Community Covenant Church at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers and should people wish, donations can be made to the Strathmore Library in person or online. Condolences sent to www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca $\,$

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All proceeds goes toward the purchase of equipment for Strathmore Health Services, and without the assistance of these volunteers, we would not have been able to hold this casino

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE IT A SUCCESS Mardelle Bazant, Casino Chairperson

NOTICES

STRATHMORE MINOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL **MEETING (AGM)**

Tuesday, June 11, 2025 7:00 PM

Strathmore Station – Lower Tower (380 Ridge Road, Strathmore)

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Irrigation Districts Act (Sections 53) Local Authorities Election Act (Section 35, 46)

Western Irrigation District in the Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that a By-election will be held for the filling of the following office(s):

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Division Number		
Director	1	2		

Only those irrigators of the District can vote whose majority of acres fall within Electoral Division 2 which comprises Townships 22, 23 and 24 in Ranges 23 and 24 and Township 24 in Range 25. Voting will take place on the 18th day of June 2025 between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm. The voting station will be located at the Western Irrigation District office at A-1000 Pine Street, Strathmore, Alberta. DATED at the town of Strathmore in the province of Alberta, this 21st day of May 2025.

Troy Tangedal, General Manager/Returning Officer

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NOTICES

Notice of Preparation of 2024 Assessment Roll used for 2025 Property Taxation Year for Village of Rockyford within the **Province of Alberta**

Notice is hereby given that the 2024 Assessment Roll for Village of Rockyford used for 2025 Property Taxation, completed under the provisions of Municipal Government Act, has been prepared and is open for inspection Monday to Friday during business hours of 8:30am to 4:30 pm MST at Village of Rockyford Administration Office located at 110 Main Street, Rockyford, AB T0J 2R0.

If you have any questions or concerns about your assessment, please contact the

Village of Rockyford at 403-533-3950.

Any person who desires to appeal the assessed value placed upon their property must, on or before 4:00pm of August 4, 2025 lodge their complaint(s) in writing, with the fee of \$60.00, to the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board, Village of Rockyford, Box 294, 110 Main Street, Rockyford, AB TOJ 2RO.

Combined 2025 Assessment and Tax notices have been mailed May 28, 2025.

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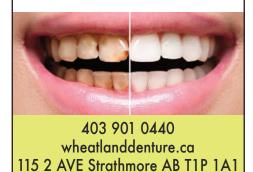
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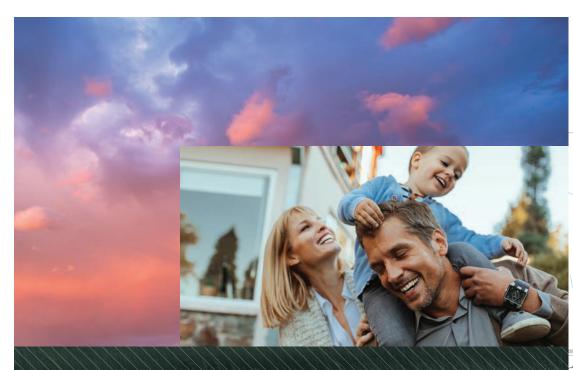
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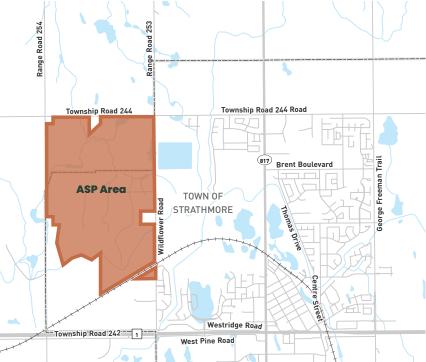
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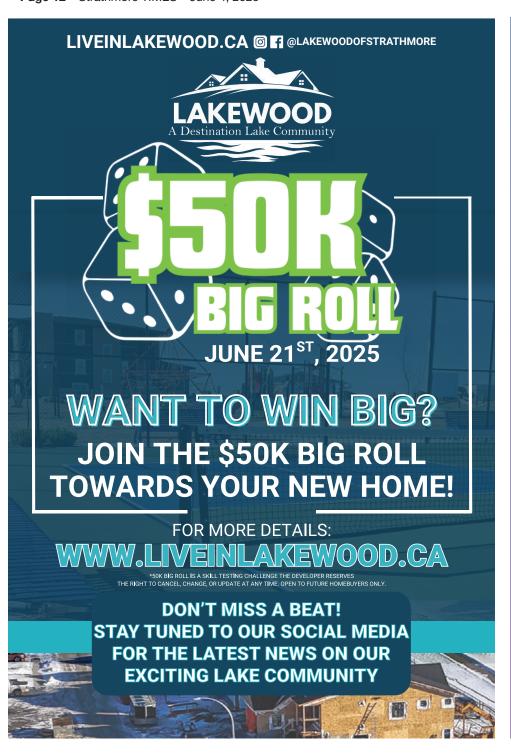
The Strathmore West Area Structure Plan (ASP) has been submitted to the Town of Strathmore. This is the first step in a long-term process to build new family homes and amenities for the benefit of current and future residents. Come learn more and share your feedback.

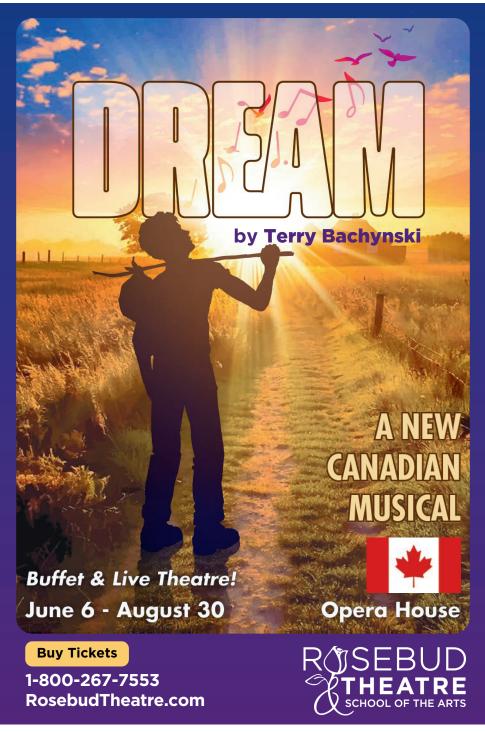


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Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference. For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

June 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission June 17, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting July 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting

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