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# David Bexte to succeed Martin Shields

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Conservative Party of Canada's nomination election for the candidate to succeed MP Martin Shields as the candidate for Bow River riding took place March 7, concluding in David Bexte's victory.

Members of the party met at the Travelodge in Strathmore to listen at a forum where each candidate was allowed to speak regarding their campaign, personal views, and priorities should they be elected.

Bexte emphasized his campaign was formed on the basis of cutting taxes, "unleashing Alberta's energy industry, and restoring common sense in how everything functions."

"I am a farmer – my wife and I live on a family farm and we operate it together. Our kids are mostly grown and they are fantastic, diverse, wonderful members of society. I volunteered for 10 years in 4-H, I was a member, I was a member of the Lions Club and sit on the volunteer firefighter society in our community," he said, describing who he is outside the realm of politics.

"Volunteerism and service and support have been a cornerstone of my family's, parents, and aunts and uncles and siblings since my entire life. This is just a continuation."

Bexte added he is excited for the opportunity to convert his 25 years of experience in Alberta's industries and more than 50 years of experience in agriculture into "meaningful change and meaningful repair of our society."

He described the opportunity to make life better for the local constituency, as well as to be a part of discussions for greater Canada as an opportunity he felt he could not



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Post election, his priorities will be to have discussions leading towards cutting tax burdens on farmers.

"Family farms are a national strategic asset and they should be treated as such. Farmers and energy workers built this province and Ottawa needs to stop punishing them," said Bexte.



# **Big win**

Captain Romi Beekman darts up the ice during the Strathmore Ice U19B team's final home regular season game on March 8 versus the Calgary Northwest at the Strathmore Family Centre. Reigh Goodwin scored twice and Ava Fladhamer and Beekman each had a goal and an assist to lead the Ice to a 6-4 win. Joe Lepage Photo



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# Eyeing a league title

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks senior boys' basketball team defeated the Oilfield Drillers 86-81 in the league semifinals on March 4. The league championship game, which was postponed on March 7, was rescheduled to be played on March 10. Results were not available as of press time.

#### Joe Lepage Photos



Horseshoe Crossing High School hosted its official grand opening on March 7, at the school, celebrating the start to its operations. Students first began classes at the facility in September, welcoming Grades 9-11.

John Watson Photo

# Horseshoe Crossing High School hosts official grand opening

#### JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Horseshoe Crossing High School hosted their grand opening ceremony, March 7, officially welcoming students and staff into the facility, which has been operational since September 2024.

"Even though we have been in the school now for several months, it is always great to see it from other people's eyes who are seeing it for the first time, and it reminds us back to the time when we saw it for the first time, and the excitement that comes with it," said Jordan Fenton, principal of Horseshoe Crossing High School.

"It is a first-class facility that is state of the art and we are excited about where this school will go in the future. It is not without its growing pains, it is just like moving into a new house, sometimes you find a few things that are not quite working the way you would wish they would, but we are very fortunate that the companies that built this school, they are very good at rectifying those problems as soon as they come up."

Fenton added the experience of establishing a school culture in its first year is exceptionally unique. Currently, the facility only supports students in Grades 9-11 and will see its first graduating class in 2026.

Overall, the build of the school took over three years to complete from the groundbreaking to staff beginning occupation in June 2024.

Madison Young (16), a Grade 11 can."

student at Horseshoe Crossing High School, said as she lives in Langdon, the commute to a local school has become tremendously easier than being required to travel to and from Chestermere on a daily basis.

"It is definitely so much nicer not having to get up as early and being able to walk to the school. I used to be able to walk to my elementary school and I really liked that," she said.

This is similarly the case for many Horseshoe Crossing students, who now have the option to walk or ride a bicycle to school.

From a learning and personability perspective, Young added the smaller class sizes have been of noticeable benefit to her grades, as she has been able to more easily and regularly receive personalized help from her instructors.

Among the desires from the student population is to see an expanded offering of elective courses in future years as the school develops.

"The programming in a school is based on student population. This school was built with the future growth in mind. It was built for 1,000 students and next year we will be just under 500 with the full Grades 9-12," said Fenton. "We will be able to offer as many electives as we possibly can, and we also personalize it by asking students what they would like, and then as long as there are enough students wanting an area, as well as enough staff members that have the ability to teach them, that is how we establish what electives we can."

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# Fule speaks to recent Regional **Collaboration Meeting**

#### **IOHN WATSON** Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore hosted a regional collaboration meeting, Feb. 26, at the Strathmore Civic Centre, which aimed to discuss collaboration between municipalities within the greater region of Wheatland County.

Representation from the Villages of Hussar, Rockyford, and Standard, as well as from the Town of Strathmore were present.

"It was really good - I am really happy with the turnout; there were lots of good ideas, it was actually so good that we have planned to have another meeting towards the end of March or in early April sometime," said Pat Fule, mayor of Strathmore. "We talked a lot about how to work together in the region, how to support each other, what things we can do to start promoting this area as an economic and tourism spot for people to go through and see things, and different economic strategies that we can use between our town and the villages."

Fule explained the meeting opened with a PowerPoint presentation made by the Town of Strathmore CAO, Kevin Scoble, which was followed by discussion regarding the presentation.

Jokingly, Fule described the discussion as being about the "meat and potatoes" of how the participating municipalities could start to support each other.

Suggestions included loaning equipment back and forth between municipalities such as for road and sidewalk maintenance and repair in order to save money.

"We have delivered our street sweepers out there to Rockyford in the spring to help with their road clearing and we have been able to give them a really good rate to save them money and just support them that way, so they are not waiting for some company from who knows where," said Fule. "It is a way to develop friendships and collegiality and help each other with either operations or economic aspects."

Among the topics discussed during the meeting was the imminent need for increased housing within the region in order to accommodate the staff who will be constructing, then subsequently operating the De Havilland of Canada campus.

Notably, Wheatland County declined the invitation to attend and participate during their Feb. 4, regular meeting of council.

"I do not see (the county participating) for the rest of this term. Perhaps in the next term, I do not know what will happen regarding the election, but I do not see it happening," said Fule. "They have declined to attend and be a part of it ... they definitely were not interested in taking part. It is disappointing, but there are still good things that can be done between the town and the villages. We are no longer a small town."

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# Ryan Schmidt to vacate position as CEO of Agricultural Society

**JOHN WATSON** 

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Ryan Schmidt, president and CEO of the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society, has announced his resignation from the position, which will take effect before the end of March.

He has served with the Agricultural Society for the last six years, commenting that his resignation does not come as having been an easy decision to make.

Immediately following his departure from the Agricultural Society, Schmidt will be starting work with the Catholic Church, on a renewal project to reinvigorate the parishes within the Calgary Diocese.

"I had actually been volunteering with this initiative for a number of months and it just organically turned into a full-time job opportunity to work on that," said Schmidt. "It is Director of Pastoral Renewal and I will be spending a lot of time at the different Catholic churches in southern Alberta visiting with their pastors, with their parish renewal team members to support them in renewing their parishes."

Schmidt added he very nearly became a priest when he was in his 20's, however ultimately at the time elected to choose a different path.

Over the last six years of working with the Agriultural Society, Schmidt described the greatest highlight to him being the people he has had the pleasure of working with.

projects over the last six years that we have accomplished together have been founding a rodeo school which is now the largest in Canada. We started the cowboy town concert series, we brought back the stampede royalty program, and we started the Friday night roundup."

On the financial side of his tenure as president and CEO, Schmidt was proud to say that the organization has been brought back into profitability, as well as having established a "rainy day fund."

Regarding capital projects, Schmidt oversaw the construction of the new infield suites and the Link building, the expansion of the campground, and the renovation of one of the baseball diamonds.

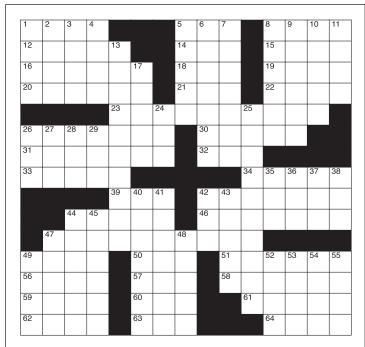
Additionally, the Western Events and Cultural Centre project has been launched, and the Strathmore Stampede has seen record ticket sales each year for the last five years.

In the interim, Megan Miller, head of operations will be taking over for Schmidt while the Board of Directors seeks applications for a new president and CEO of the Agricultural Society.

Applications have already been posted for the position, which Schmidt will officially be vacating as of March 21. He will not have any say or input on the decision for who to hire as his replacement.

"My advice is to focus on the people and relationships. As the CEO of an organization like this, your staff will do 99 per cent of the work, so your job is to make sure you are setting the right culture and having great people around you and supporting them," he said. Schmidt added he will return to the Agricultural Society as a volunteer for the Strathmore Stampede as the event returns.





#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Unsheared sheep
- 5. Rock TV channel
- 8. Streetcar
- 12. Concerning
- 14. Expression of recognition
- 15. Greek goddess of youth
- 16. An iPad is one
- 18. Adult beverage
- 20. Makes a petty verbal attack
- 21. Tyrion Lannister's nickname
- 22. Pointed ends of pens
- 23. Wristwatches
- 26. Body part 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Adjusted
- 32. Turkish honorific title 33. Yell

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Works of body art
- 3. A desert in Asia 4. Eat greedily
- 5. Doomed French queen
- 6. Beat
- 7. One who survives on blood
- 8. As a consequence
- 9. Counted on
- 10. Acquired Brain Injury
- 11. Unclean

- 13. One who does not drink

49. Hero sandwiches 50. Former OSS

34. Historic Alabama city

42. Type of sea bass dish

44. To call (archaic)

46. Unfortunate

19. Manning and Wallach are two 51. Open spaces in a forest

47. Separate oneself from others

- 56. Innermost brain membranes
- 57. Fortune

39. Cub

- 58. Hunting expedition
- 59. Doomed queen Boleyn
- 60. Peyton's little brother
- 61. Type of wrap
- 62. Scottish tax
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. An increase in price or value
- 29. Where you entered the world (abbr.)
- 35. Unit of length
- 36. Side that is sheltered from the wind
- 37. More (Spanish)
- 40. Violent troublemakers,
- Behavior Science
- 17. Wild ox of the Malay Archipelago 24. student, learns healing 25. Bacterial skin infection 26. Expresses surprise 27. What one says on a wedding day 28. Crony

2. Abba , Israeli politician

- - 38. Autonomic nervous system
  - originally in Paris
  - 41. Statements that something is untrue
  - 42. Greek alphabet letter

"The highlight for me is just the people I have met and worked with on the board, on the rodeo committee, the celebration of lights committee, all the volunteers the stampede committee has -they are just amazing people who give their time as a gift to the community," he said. "Some of the

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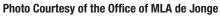
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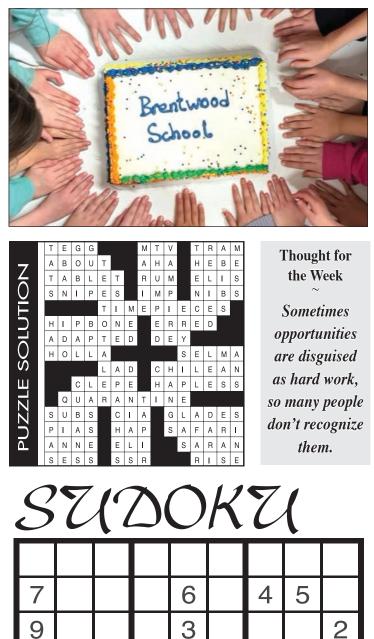




## **Provincial politics**

MLA Chantelle de Jonge visited the Grade 6 class at École Brentwood Elementary in Strathmore on March 6. Students are currently learning about provincial government and are offered to visit the Legislative Assembly in Edmonton this summer. The students then shared a cake with the local MLA.





# Intentional community development – investing in community and collaboration

MAYOR PAT FULE Town of Strathmore

Across the country, Canadians are being reminded of the value of coming together. As uncertainty around tariffs and a changing economic landscape put pressure on our industries and communities, people are stepping up – choosing to support local businesses, buy Canadian products, and stand united in the face of uncertainty. It's a powerful reminder that collaboration breeds strength. When we work together, we are more resilient, more innovative, and better positioned to meet challenges head-on. That same spirit of collaboration drives Strathmore's approach to building relationships, strengthening partnerships, and fostering a connected community.

Building a stronger future takes teamwork, and Strathmore is working hard to build partnerships that support our community. In 2023, I was notified by Mid-Sized Cities Mayors' Caucus (MCMC) that our application for membership was accepted. Through the MCMC, we work alongside municipalities that share similar challenges and opportunities, using the strength of our collective voice to advocate for our communities. Regional partnerships are just as important. Last month, council members from Hussar, Rockyford, Standard, and Strathmore came together for a Regional Collaboration Workshop, where we explored the various opportunities and challenges that our region faces. We have also enjoyed fostering stronger connections with Chestermere and believe that there are many opportunities for collaboration between us in the future.

Strathmore has taken meaningful steps to strengthen its relationship with Siksika Nation, recognizing that true reconciliation is built through action. The 2023 Lead by Example Powwow, held in honour of Kakato'si Kristian Ayoungman, brought together over 40 industry and organizational partners and catalyzed our reconciliation efforts. Strathmore was honoured to receive the Blackfoot name Omahksikokii (Big Corner), a reflection of our deepening connection with Siksika Nation. Guided by Indigenous elders, our programs and initiatives continue to grow, including the 24/7 Indigenous

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liaison at the Strathmore Hospital, the Safe Transportation Program, the Letter of Understanding between the town, Siksika Nation, and the RCMP, and cultural training for local businesses and town employees. Through continued collaboration and engagement, we are working alongside Siksika Nation to build a future rooted in respect, partnership, and shared success.

Through local events and initiatives, Strathmore continues to invest in what makes the town a welcoming and vibrant place to call home. Last year, the town supported over 100 public events, from the Strathmore Stampede to Canada Day celebrations. These celebrations aren't just about entertainment - they're about bringing people together, boosting local businesses, and reinforcing the connections that make Strathmore feel like home. Supporting community organizations is another way the town invests in a thriving, connected Strathmore. Through grants and funding agreements, we help groups that provide recreation, cultural programs, and education - strengthening the programs and spaces that unite people and build a stronger community.

Strathmore's approach to building community is simple: invest in relationships, support meaningful programs, and create opportunities that strengthen our town. Whether it's through regional collaboration, our deep connection to Siksika Nation, or fostering a stronger sense of belonging within Strathmore, we know that we are always stronger when we unite.

(At the beginning of each term, council sets the course for the future by adopting a Strategic Plan – a guiding blueprint that charts priorities and directs resources. This plan outlines six key strategic priorities that influence decision-making throughout the term. In the coming weeks, Mayor Pat Fule will provide insights into each of Strathmore's strategic priorities, reflecting on both achievements and challenges along the way.)

# Regional meeting

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Fule emphasized the necessity for municipalities to help each other and collaborate for the benefit of their residents and the betterment of their res-

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Another of the topics which emerged during the meeting discussions was with respect to the Frontier Diagnostics' willingness to purchase a CT scanner to be housed in the Strathmore hospital.

This would become a service which would be of significant benefit to residents within the county and greater region, as well as to those of Strathmore.

The Town of Strathmore intends to advertise when the next regional collaboration meeting will take place once it is scheduled. The ongoing intention is to continue hosting regular sessions roughly every six to eight weeks.

Fule added the Town of Strathmore also intends to further develop economic planning, emergency planning, and a collaborative relationship with the City of Chestermere through similar means.



The Calgary Hitmen and Siksika Health Services hosted their fifth annual Every Child Matters hockey game at the Saddledome on March 9, celebrating six years of partnership between the two organizations, and five years of the game itself. A display of all the unique First Nations-designed Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corporation team jerseys was available to view in the concourse of the Dome prior to and during the game. The jerseys were later auctioned off in support of Siksika youth programming.

John Watson Photos

# Fifth annual Every Child Matters game hosted in Calgary

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Health Services and the Calgary Hitmen hosted their fifth annual Every Child Matters game, March 9, continuing support for the greater movement of the same name.

The event serves to ensure all children know their importance, as well as to honour those who attended residential schools, their families, and their communities.

This year marked the sixth year of partnership between the Calgary Hitmen and Siksika Health Services.

"It is important because it is a two-way partnership. It really is the definition of what a partnership is. We learn from them, they learn from us," said Amy Bontorin, manager of business operations with the Calgary Hitmen. "It was formalized in August 2021 when we signed a memorandum of understanding with Siksika Health Services with the commitment to learn from each other, celebrate each other, both on our annual game as well as throughout the year."

This year's game saw the Hitmen squaring off against the Brandon Wheat Kings at the Scotiabank Saddledome, with the Hitmen earning a 4-1 win.

In addition to the game this year, Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corporation (CSEC) showcased a display featuring all of the First Nations collaboration jerseys. Each of these were up for auction with proceeds returning to support youth programming in Siksika Nation.

"The main theme for this season is the celebration of five years of the game itself, so a pretty big milestone to be hitting. We (also) had Phyllis Webstad, the founder of the Orange Shirt Society, in attendance at our game this year, where she was speaking to some of our guests about her story,"



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said Bontorin. "The first event that we did was a practice out at Deerfoot Sportsplex on Siksika Nation. Siksika Health Services had reached out to us and wanted to formalize a partnership where their youth on the Nation had individuals to look up to."

Kent Ayoungman was commissioned to create a story robe which tells the story of the partnership between the two organizations, which was also able to be viewed at the Saddledome during the game.

Speaking to the greater impacts of the partnership, Bontorin added Calgary Hitmen players participated in Naloxone training, which was put to use.

We had some of the Heroes and Superheroes kids come participate alongside our players as well as Siksika youth, and they were given this training, and there was one of the Heroes kids who saved a life of from somebody who was overdosing," she said.

Though what 2026 will look like for the game and the partnership is unknown, the ongoing goal is to see it continue to grow and spread the conversation.

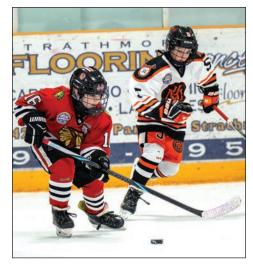


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### Hawks fall

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Joe Lepage Photo



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There were many medical discoveries in 2024 and some look really promising. For example, a skin test is being developed to identify people who may have the beginnings of Parkinson's Disease. Early diagnosis of the disease can significantly improve a patient's quality of life through better symptom management and more effective treatment options.

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#### We all need a little help sometimes. Seniors & Residents Tax Support.

Tax season can be stressful, but Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is here to help. Starting February 24, FCSS volunteers will offer free income tax preparation for individuals with modest incomes and simple tax situations.

This service is specifically designed for seniors and those who are unable to complete their taxes on their own. To ensure a smooth process, FCSS will also be available in advance to answer questions, help gather necessary documents, and make sure clients are fully prepared for their appointments.

Residents are reminded to bring all relevant documents to avoid delays. For more information or to book an appointment, contact Strathmore FCSS 403-934-9090 or come by and see them during business hours.

#### No more "Mom I'm booooored." PD Day/School Closure Camps.

Are you looking for ways to keep your kids busy while they have days off from school? We've got you covered, Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre offers day camps on PD/School Closure Days!

Course ID	Dates	Time	Cost
#33049	March 14, 2025	9 a.m 5 p.m.	47.50
#33050	April 4, 2025	9 a.m 5 p.m.	47.50
#33052	May 2, 2025	9 a.m 5 p.m.	47.50
#33053	May 16, 2025	9 a.m 5 p.m.	47.50
#33054	June 13, 2025	9 a.m 5 p.m.	47.50



Alberta weather conditions from spring to fall can often be very dry, contributing to prime fire conditions. With the province recently announcing an early start to wildfire season, it's important for communities to have effective wildfire prevention practices in place.

We've recently finalized Strathmore's Hazard Reduction Burn Plan. This plan aims to assess grassland fuels on the landscape within the community, identify locations of high fire risk based on predicted fire behaviour, and prioritize and prescribe these areas for hazard reduction burning. Through this process, selected regions within town will undergo hazard-reduction burning treatment in March. This process will reduce the risk of wildfire, number of nuisance fires, and better prepare the community in the event of an approaching wildfire on the landscape.

#### What is a hazard reduction burn?

A hazard reduction burn is a planned, controlled burn of high hazard vegetation (such as dry grass) done by trained firefighters. Typically, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Wild and firefighters use these burns in the spring, around communities located near high-hazard areas (such as open grassy planes). Controlled burns reduce the risk of spring wildfires starting in the area later on.

#### What's the benefit?

There's a couple reasons why we employ hazard reduction burns.

- Enhance community protection by removing high risk areas of grass.
- Reinforce pre-planned wildfire containment lines around the town.
- Burning of the landscape is a natural process that eliminates old growth and allows new regeneration of grasses. By utilising burning, we allow nutrients to re-enter the soils and grow new life.

#### What's the timeline?

The hazard reduction burn is scheduled for mid to late March. Ignition will only occur when weather conditions are conductive to burning and when it is safe to do so.

#### Where is this happening?

Each area was inspected for risk, practicality, and safety to reduce wildfire risk, nuisance fires, and better prepare the community. Areas are marked as "blocks" and prioritized based on community risk, difficulty, and fuel loading. Priority 1 areas have the highest fire risk. The initial plan includes 33 blocks, with private property burned only with owner approval. You can view the full map on our website.

All burns are at the Fire Chief's discretion. If your land poses a hazard or could benefit from the burn plan, contact the fire department at **firehall@strathmore.ca** or **403-934-3022**.

You can learn more about the plan at Strathmore.ca/HazardReduction

#### Now this is what we call a cool card. Community Access Card program.

The FCSS Community Access Card program ensures that individuals and families facing financial barriers can access Town of Strathmore recreation facilities at reduced rates. You might be wondering, what is it?

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# Summer boredom? Not on our watch. Summer Camps.

We have a fun, safe alternative to boredom for ages 4-12 with our summer camps. Check out the themes of each week and register your child for their favourite theme, or register in all the weeks for a fun summer of activities, friendship, and learning. Please note time and pricing may vary depending on your childs age.

For more information, visit our website **Strathmore.ca/Recreation**. You can register for these camps through Perfectmind.

Theme	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
Water Fun	July 2 to 4, 2025	W, Th, F	9 a.m 5 p.m.	111.00
Splash and Play	July 7 to 11, 2025	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m 5 p.m.	245.00
Sport and Explore	July 14 to 18, 2025	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m 5 p.m.	185.00
Multi-Sport Adventure	July 21 to 25, 2025	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m 5 p.m.	185.00
Splash and Dash	July 28 to Aug 1, 2025	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m 5 p.m.	245.00
Neon Days	Aug 5 to 8, 2025	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m 5 p.m.	148.00
Balls and More	Aug 11 to 15, 2025	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m 5 p.m.	185.00
Olympic Days	Aug 18 to 22, 2025	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m 5 p.m.	185.00

The Community Access Card provides eligible residents with discounts anywhere between 10% to 75% on entry fees or memberships to Town of Strathmore recreation facilities. The discount level is determined based on household income and family size, following the Government of Alberta's income guidelines. Only residents who meet specific financial criteria based on household income and size are eligible for the Community Access Card. Proof of income and household composition is required.

#### Key benefits include:

- Affordable recreation Reduced admission and membership fees for those who qualify.
- Community engagement Encourages participation in local recreational activities for low-income residents.
- Confidential access Approved applicants receive a personalized card listing household members, allowing seamless and private facility entry.

Please note that the Community Access Card is only valid for entrance and membership fees at the Strathmore Aquatic Centre, Strathmore Family Centre, and Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. The program does not include discounts for programs such as swimming lessons, fitness classes, or other recreational activities.

For more information, please visit **Strathmore.ca/FCSS** 

#### Public notice to electors. **Borrowing Bylaw.**

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

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

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

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

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

Per: Rilev Brollv, CPA Manager, Financial Planning, Budgeting & Reporting

#### Information for Electors

Persuant to Section 1(o) of the Municipal Government Act an "elector" means: A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a Councillor under the Local Authorities Election Act.

Persuant to section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act a person is eligible to vote in an election if they are:

- at least 18 years old;
- a Canadian citizen and;
- has resided in Alberta for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding election day and is resident in the area on election day.

A poll may be demanded in the Town of Strathmore by electors equal in number to at least: in the case of a municipality other than a summer village, by electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 10% of the population and

in the case of a summer village, by 10% of the electors of the summer village

In accordance with the provisions of section 223 of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with the provisions of section 251 of the Municipal Government Act.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of this notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition".

(Further requirements of the petition are provided in section 224 of the Municipal Government Act.)

Date of the last publication of this notice is 12th day of March 2025.

#### Land Use Bylaw No. 25-04.

#### Notice of Public Hearing.

March 19, 2025 at 7 p.m. Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 25-04 Lakewood Phase 2B

Staff received an application for a land use redesignation (Bylaw No. 25-04) for Lakewood Phase 2B to facilitate the development of various residential and public service districts, including:

- RIN Single Detached Residential (Narrow Lot) District, District Overlay
- R2 Low-Density Residential District (Overlay), District Overlay
- R2X Medium-Density Attached Housing District (Overlay), District Overlay
- R3 High-Density Residential District (Overlay), District Overlay
- P1 (MR) Public Service District (Municipal Reserve)
- P1 (PUL) Public Service District (Public Utility Lot)
- Municipal Road

Currently, these properties are designated as RIS - Single Detached Residential (Small Lot) District and RIN - Single Detached Residential (Narrow Lot) District under the Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

The developer is requesting a reduction in side yard setbacks for all proposed housing types within Phase 2B, decreasing the requirement from 1.5m to 1.2m. To accommodate this request, staff propose a Direct Control District Overlay, which would permit a 1.2m side yard setback while maintaining all other regulations specified in the parent land use districts.

#### **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.



# **OCTOBER 20, 2025**

2025 is an election year. While October is just over seven months away, now is a great time to start learning more.

Municipal elections are where the decisions that impact your daily life are made-choices about the roads you drive on, the parks where your kids play, and the services that keep our community strong.

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.

Over the years, council chambers have welcomed grandfathers and their granddaughters, fathers and their sons, husbands and wives-all brought together by a shared commitment: helping Strathmore thrive.

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.

#### Land Use Bylaw No.24-23.

#### Notice of Public Hearing.

March 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No.24-23 416 and 417 80B Archie Klaiber Trail

Staff received an application for a land use redesignation (Bylaw No. 24-23) of 416 & 417 80B Archie Klaiber Trail (Block 31 Plan 7260 JK and Block 6 Plan 9411772) to facilitate the development of childcare services. These properties are currently designated as CHWY - Commercial Highway District in the Land Use Bylaw (LUB). At present, childcare services are not listed as a use in the district.

#### **Public Hearing Process**

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The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, commencing at 7 p.m. 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 Isadmin@strathmore.ca by noon on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 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 noon on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 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 time.

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here," he said.

by for a meal.

The shelter appreciates the donation.

"Our utilities alone are over \$3,000 a

month, never mind our mortgage. So,

we do 60 to 80 loads of laundry a week,

plus showers. We got a grant that we

were able to open 24/7 from November

until April, but that increases all of our

bills," added Elizabeth Karp, executive

She explained the shelter typically

feeds between 20 and 30 people every

day. Those who the shelter supports are

not only the folks who drop in to have

a roof over their head at night, but also

people who are living at large and stop

Amounts of food served aside, gar-

bage pickup has increased, utility bills

director of the Overnight Shelter.

# **Overnight Shelter receives \$1,000 donation from Value Drug Mart**

**JOHN WATSON** 

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore's Value Drug Mart made a \$1,000 donation to the Strathmore Overnight Shelter through their annual program designed to give back to nonprofits within the local community.

The idea is while customers make purchases during the operational period of the program, they can nominate a local not-for-profit to win the donation.

"The Overnight Shelter (is) doing really important work, so I feel really good about giving (the money) to them. We try and do it every year - find a community organization that is deserving of some support," said Gordon Morck, owner of the Strathmore Value Drug Mart.

Nominations for a local not-for-profit to support were being collected throughout November and December. This is the third time Value Drug Mart has operated the program.

Morck explained the idea of getting it started was simply to promote commu-

> direct > energy. Know a Volunteer Hero? olunteer

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ssary. Nominees must be over the age of eighteen (18), legal Canadian residents, and reside or



and other expenses have been on the rise since being open all day, but they are expenses that must be managed in order to maintain support of Strathmore's most vulnerable population.

Karp emphasized the importance of the shelter particularly through the winter months, as temperatures may drop into the realm of -40 degrees Celsius. In conditions such as those, people who remain outside overnight are extremely vulnerable to freezing to death.

"There was a fellow who froze to death outside. He could not make it in, he was in Wheatland County," said Karp. "The whole purpose when I opened the shelter was because there were fatalities.

"The phone gets really busy, and to be honest, all the shelters get full, so peoValue Drug Mart made a \$1,000 donation to the Strathmore Overnight Shelter on March 4. The Overnight Shelter was selected as the winner of Value Drug Mart's annual donation program, which takes in nominations of community organizations which could utilize a boost in funding.

John Watson Photo

ple call from not just Strathmore, but from Chestermere, Drumheller, Brooks, all those areas. Our goal is not to bring more homeless into Strathmore, but the other things that we are able to do is, we have had quite a good success rate in putting people into rehabilitation programs and detox as well," she said.

The overnight shelter is in consistent need of volunteers, particularly from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. to help with serving meals. For first timers, Karp runs an orientation to get people introduced to the Shelter's systems.

Additionally, physical and monetary donations of any kind are always welcome. More information about how to support the shelter, as well as their supply lists are able to be found online through their website.

# SHS hosts new media career fair

#### **IOHN WATSON**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore High School hosted a career fair, March 12, for students of all grades within the school who are interested in potentially pursuing careers in new media and communications.

"What it is, is a part of a group of mini career fairs that we have been doing, and we have broken these career fairs into different fields so that the students have the ability to meet some of the companies and employers in the area," said Carie Westgard, a guidance counselor at Strathmore High School. "We have four or five career fairs throughout the year. We started it last year ... we do one with the trades, we have agriculture, next month we are doing an aviation career fair to hopefully make some connections with that new De Havilland project."

One of the objectives of the career fairs is to expose students to a greater variety of career pathways and options which may not be readily known about.

Westgard added each event will typically see between 30 and 60 students in attendance. Participating presenters representing their employers or companies will often speak about their personal high school experiences and what lead them to their chosen careers.

"The students are very engaged, they

those people who are presenting, getting really important information about the careers and what the presenters' personal experiences have been," she said. "We (Strathmore High School) often do our own networking and we will talk amongst teachers and parents who are involved in the school and we locate different companies and employers around the local area and just ask them if they are interested in coming to the career fair to share."

Feedback from both students and employers has thus far been positive throughout both years the fairs have been hosted at the school, being an opportunity to foster new connections throughout the local community.

The conclusion of each career fair blocks an amount of time for students to ask questions to the attending presenters personally.

Each respective career fair takes place during the final period of the school day. Students who sign up will attend the session instead of their regular class for that period on a fair day.

Depending on the theme of each fair, between six and 10 presenters have generally been present, which on the latter end tends to saturate the space made available to accommodate the event.

For future career fairs, should a business be interested in participating, Westgard said the best avenue to reach out is to the school in order to coordinate.

work in Alberta. To nominate an individual or group of individuals, a nomination form must be completed. For complete details and eligibility, see the Official Rules and Regulations at directenergy.ca/vcoy\_rules Information provided will be processed in accordance with our Privacy Policy. All provincial, local and municipal laws and regulations apply. Void where prohibited. ©2025 Direct Energy. All rights reserved.

sign up for the career fairs and those students are asking wonderful questions, making great connections with

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# Steve Pineo brings big band sound to Strathmore

**MELISSA PICHE** Times Contributor

Music lovers in Strathmore are in for a treat as acclaimed singer-songwriter Steve Pineo brings his dynamic eight-piece band to town on March 15 at the Strathmore United Church as part of the Arts on 817 concert series.

Fans can expect an electrifying performance featuring original songs, a horn section, and a mix of rock, blues, jazz, and pop influences.

Pineo, known for his versatility and engaging live shows, is excited to bring a fresh setlist including songs that have been waiting years for the right band to bring them to life.

"I put this show together as a project to get these songs heard," said Pineo.

He explains that he never really had a band that could cover all the bases before to play these songs, so he was excited to put one (band) together to fit what he was looking for.

This concert marks a rare opportunity to hear Pineo's full-band arrangements, something he says is usually only possible for special occasions.

Often times when an artist is performing live, they can't recreate exactly what is heard in a recording. So, they scale back or try to make it a solo venture. This time Pineo said it's a lot of fun when he gets that rare opportunity to recreate his recording live with a large-scale band.

"Once a year or for special occasions you can put together a show with all the trimmings," he said.

Though he hasn't played in Strathmore for about a decade, Pineo is no stranger to smaller communities. He enjoys the challenge of introducing his music to new audiences.

"It's always fun to get out and play for a fresh audience," he said. "It's nice to have a challenge and go someplace

where not everybody knows you."

Many know Pineo as the songwriter behind Canadian Man, a song famously recorded by country artist Paul Brandt. The song gained widespread recognition especially after being re-released during the 2002 Winter Olympics when Canada's hockey teams won gold. Over the years it has been performed by choirs and barbershop groups across North America.

As for what fans can expect on March 15, Pineo hinted at a diverse setlist including songs like Mississippi Saxophone and Politics, Economics and Religion. He's excited to finally perform some of these songs with the full treatment they deserve.

"I enjoy taking a concept and bringing it to fruition," he said.

Wheather it's a song or a show, Pineo said he enjoys the whole process, going from an idea to the performance.

Strathmore will be one of several

working together, we can help prevent

wildfires, protect our communities, and

preserve Alberta's natural beauty for

Furthermore, Alberta's government

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stops for Pineo's mini tour with other performances planned in Sundre, Calgary and Edmonton.

Tickets for the concert are available at The Vault or online (smoreuc.com).

which Canada has a free trade agreement that is being honoured.

Our government has also directed Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis to suspend the purchase of U.S. alcohol and video lottery terminals (VLTs) from American companies until further notice. This will ensure Alberta and Canadian brands take priority in restaurants, bars and on retail shelves.

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)

# Wildfire season begins

**CHANTELLE DE JONGE** Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Wildfire season officially began on March 1, and Alberta's government is taking a proactive, three-pronged approach to wildfire preparedness: prevention, mitigation, and readiness.

Albertans take pride in our province's stunning wildlands and recognize we all have a role to play in protecting them. Safeguarding our natural spaces also means protecting communities from the devastating effects of wildfires. By focusing on prevention, mitigation, and readiness, our government is ensuring Alberta is prepared for the 2025 wildfire season.

When prevention is not enough, Alberta's government is strengthening wildfire mitigation efforts. This includes controlled burns, constructing firebreaks, and managing forest vegetation

to minimize the available fuel for fires. Many of the most destructive wildfires are fueled by dry, dead plant material that has been left unmanaged. Alberta is taking decisive action to reduce these risks and keep our forests safer.

With the arrival of the 2025 wildfire season, the province has eight active fires - less than the 60 we saw at this time last year. Through Budget 2025, Alberta's government is investing \$160 million in base funding for wildfire personnel, equipment, training, contracts for aircraft, bulldozers, and night-vision-equipped helicopters. We are committed to ensuring our firefighting forces have the right tools to do their job and are nothing short of stateof-the-art.

Our government remains committed to ensuring our firefighters have the best resources, technology, and support to do their jobs effectively. By





FRIDAY MARCH 20, 2023

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### March 15, 2025 — 7:30 pm

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# County approves land use bylaw amendment

#### **IOHN WATSON**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council hosted a public hearing for and voted on Bylaw 2024-37, being a bylaw to redesignate a section of land from Agriculture General District to Country Residential District.

The discussion took place during the March 4, regular meeting of council. The application to redesignate the subject lands proposed to create an approximately 1.21-hectare parcel, with a 1.83-hectare remainder.

Subject lands are located 10 km south of the Village of Standard, 1.75 km south of the Highway 561 and Range Road 222 intersection.

Land use in the immediate area is predominately agricultural, with established residential developments immediately to the north and southwest. Other nearby uses include a commercial greenhouse, Wheatland Crossing School, and the Village of Rockyford's bulk water fill station.

As the proposed lot is currently undeveloped, no servicing infrastructure is currently in place. Future servicing is proposed by way of a private well and sewage treatment system.

Being evaluated against the Agricultural Policies of the Municipal Development Plan, the proposal does not exceed the 20-acre maximum non-agricultural area of the quarter section, and will not result in more than five parcels within the quarter section.

The applicant, Jessica Beingessner,

#### spoke before council, clarifying that the parcel is currently her father's land, and the family maintains a desire to develop residence on the plot.

A letter read into the record of the public hearing during the council meeting suggested no direct concerns from the writing constituent regarding development; however, it was pointed out to the county, the proposed plan for access to the road on the parcel did not suggest safe entry and would be wise to examine prior to granting the subdivision approval.

"We did review where the approaches are currently situated, the county's transportation manager also had a look and noted that they will require upgrades, but generally there were no safety concerns with its current location," said Taylor Felt, planner with Wheatland County administration, who presented the application before council.

No members of the public opted to speak in favour, nor in opposition to the redesignation during the public hearing when given the opportunity to do so.

Coun. Donna Biggar motioned that council approve first reading of the bylaw to redesignate the subject lands. The motion was carried unanimously by council without questions, further discussion or debate.

This was followed by second reading, motioned for by Coun. Tom Ikert, permission to hold third and final reading by Biggar, and third reading by Ikert. Similarly, each motion was passed unanimously by council.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Could Canada win a trade war?

#### To the Editor

Trump has waged economic war on Canada in order to bring us to our knees so that we will eventually capitulate to becoming the 51st state.

Had he come in a nice way, as a friend verses a foe, he would have had a lot more interest, especially from Alberta.

Now that we are here, the question has to be asked, can we actually win a trade war that has probably been extensively war-gamed by the U.S.?

Our politicians want us to go toe-to-toe with a 900 lb gorilla. The U.S. economy is at least 10 times our size and is less dependent on our trade than we are on theirs. We may give them a black eye, but they

have to go by what they do, or don't do, instead. Yet now, they confidently declare that Canada will never become the 51st state. This should raise eyebrows.

Almost all of the MPs and premiers are unanimous in entering into a trade war we cannot win. After tariffs go ballistic, our dollar drops to \$0.35 cents, and we get utterly crushed, I can see them saying, "in order to save what's left of our economy and society we must reluctantly join the U.S. or face certain destruction."

Not only would the decades-old goal of a North American Union be accomplished, but we would take a large step towards the video statement that the World Economic Forum (WEF) posted on their website - "By 2030, you will own nothing and be happy".

## TIMES CLASSICIEDS

# <u>Obituary</u>

#### GENGE, Sadie July 13, 1946 – March 5, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Sadie Genge, who left us peacefully on March 5, 2025, at the age of 78.

Sadie was born in Bishop's Cove, NL and spent the last 25 years in Strathmore, AB. As a woman of quiet strength and unwavering dedication, she was private by nature but deeply devoted to her family, always putting their needs above her own. Hardworking and resilient, she faced life's challenges with grace and determination. She had a keen interest in world affairs and thoughtful perspectives on the world around her.

Sadie was predeceased by her beloved husband, Porter; her parents, Mary and Israel Barrett; and her brother and sister-in-law, Ray and Olive Barrett, and brother-in-law Cyril Barrett.

She leaves behind a loving family who will forever cherish her memory: her son, Paul (Kim); her daughter, Sheri (Tyler); her precious grandchildren, Kieran and Sara; family friend Travis Bishop; sisters Alice Barrett, Joan (Brian) Harnett and Florence (Phil) Lynch; brothers Bert (Joy) Barrett, Kevin (Sandra) Barrett and Clyde (Shirley) Barrett; sisters-in-law Constance McLean and Pearl Dowden; brother-inlaw Samuel (Agnes) Genge; and large number of nieces and nephews.

Her presence in their lives was a steady source of love and guidance, and she will be deeply missed. Sadie's strength, wisdom, and quiet kindness will remain in the hearts of those who knew her. Though she is gone, her legacy lives on in the family she held

so dear. Considering her love of animals, the family asks that

you make a donation to your local animal shelter in lieu of flowers, or like Mom - feed all the animals you meet as much as they want.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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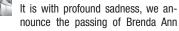
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# <u>Obituary</u>

KNIGHT, Brenda Ann October 21, 1966 ~ March 4, 2025



Knight, who passed away suddenly on March 4, 2025, at age 58. She is survived by her partner Boyd, mother Gail, sister Karen, brother Murray, and many relatives and friends. Brenda was predeceased by her father, Fred.

Brenda was a loving partner, a cherished friend, and an inspiration to all who knew her. She always enjoyed her Timmy's ice cap in hand and extended visits with friends. She was known for her incredible kind nature, love of Halloween, cows and farming, decorating events, and extensive volunteer work in the community.

Throughout her life, Brenda achieved many milestones, including serving as Wheatland County Councillor for two terms, serving on the Chestermere-Strathmore UCP Constituency Association Board, receiving The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal (Alberta), receiving the Limousin Leader's Junior Leadership Award, and serving as the Alberta Limousin Association Limousin Princess and Queen. She served as a Board of Director at Strathmore & District Agriculture Society and Secretary of Strathmore and District Rural Fire Fighters Associations. Brenda was a dedicated Calgary Stampede volunteer for Aggie Days and First Nations Committee, decorating the wagons for the parade. She attended Olds College for the Agriculture Mechanical program and was a member and leader with Crowfoot Beef & Heifer Club 4H. She deeply valued her involvement with the Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary.

Her passion for helping others and her generous spirit will be dearly missed.

A memorial service celebrating Brenda's life will be held on Saturday April 12, 2025, at 2 p.m. at M&M Drilling, 243079 Range Rd 250, Wheatland County. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Brenda's honour to Strathmore District Health Foundation.

> Wheatland Funeral Home Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

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could rip off our arms and legs.

Retaliatory tariffs play into their hands. It's the perfect excuse to increase the tax to 50 or 100 per cent. So, will we do the same? This would devastate us, achieving their goals.

Canadians are already fighting back without the government making things worse. People are boycotting U.S. goods en masse and cancelling travel plans, etc. and this is already having a strong effect.

Some say turn off the electricity and oil, but who will pay the price? It will be the businesses and employees, not the politicians who are now trying to act tough. If we want this to turn into a real kinetic war, then turning off the taps may do it.

We have seen countless times where politicians tell us what we want to hear, making us think they are heading in a certain direction, only to find they do the exact opposite. This proves you cannot believe what career politicians say and

The WEF is working with the UN to achieve their Agenda 2030 goals and is what the conservatives signed Canada onto on Sept. 27, 2015. This is what Trudeau has been implementing. Mark Carnie, Pierre Poilievre and Jagmeet Singh would finish off the job. Read the redistribution of wealth goal No. 10. Are you feeling poorer yet? Remember, one has to dig deeper to see through the document's ultimate double speak written for public consumption.

There is much more going on than meets the eye. Our best defence is to not play into their hands. A much better plan needs to be developed by minds who see the big picture for creative solutions, and it does not seem to be those in office now.

> Ron Vaillant, Rocky View County

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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.

March 11: Municipal Planning Commission March 27: Committee of the Whole

#### April 1: Council Meeting

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

## **Public Hearings**

Wheatland County Council Chambers April 1, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025. The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

Legal Description: A portion of SE-2-23-25-W4M & SW-2-23-25-W4M Proposal: To redesignate a ± 1.77 hectares (± 4.37 acres) portion of SW-2-23-25-W4M from Agriculture General (AG) to

Community Service (CS) District to allow for a boundary

# **2025 Municipal Election**

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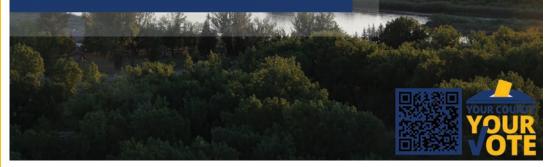
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Bylaw #: 2025-03 (LU2024-016)

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adjustment resulting in a ± 2.58 hectares (± 6.38 acres) parcel and a ± 59.29 hectares (± 146.76 acres) remainder.

#### Bylaw #: 2025-04 (LU2024-018)

Legal Description: Plan 249B; Block 3; Lots 8-9 in the SE 13-22-23-W4M (Gleichen)

Proposal: To redesignate Lots 8-9, Block 3, Plan 249B from Hamlet Commercial (HC) to Hamlet Mixed Used (HMU) District to allow for the development of commercial businesses (restaurant and laundromat) and a residential suite within the units.



± 1.37 ha {± 4.37 ac} AG → CS

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