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## Strathmore leaves WADEMESA

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has voted to end their relationship with WADEMESA for the provision of local 911 fire dispatch services.

In a vote of 5-2 in favour, the town will be initiating the transition to Calgary 911 as their new provider.

“Wheatland County has since approved a resolution to transition its 911 dispatch service to Calgary 911 at their April 21 meeting, and Siksika Nation was consulted as part of this follow up work,” said Dave Sturgeon, Strathmore fire chief. “The next steps would be negotiations, legal and operational review and development of an implementation plan with partners and fire leadership.”

Prior to presenting a recommendation to council, information requested from potential providers included department service numbers, service area populations, daily on shift staff, and knowledge of employees in the local service area.

Calgary 911 currently dispatches for over 60 stations, serving a total population of over 1.7 million people.

Coun. Claude Brown spoke against the recommendation to transition, citing concern for the loss of local jobs.

“It is a very difficult decision for me. I cannot help but think of the jobs lost and I had hoped that we could delay things a little bit longer to sort of work out any risks that may be there,” he said. “In the absence of that delay, I still feel too strongly for the job losses. That is a lot of people.”

Coun. Richard Wegener suggested deferring the vote to the June 3 meeting, a motion which was ultimately defeated, which would have allowed WADEMESA to meet prior to Strathmore making its decision to separate.

Making the switch from WADEMESA, which is currently charging the town \$172,000 annually for the service contract. Calgary 911 will contract with the town for approximately \$68,000 annually.

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Red dress



## Weekend battle

The Strathmore Reds U18AA baseball team hosted the Calgary City Royals Blue on May 10 at the Kinsmen Park Ball Diamonds. Despite a valiant effort, the Reds lost 9-4 to close out a trio of weekend games.

Joe Lepage Photo

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True North officially announced the emergency shelter in Strathmore as pet friendly with a ribbon cutting on May 12. The team partnered with Nestle and the Calgary Humane Society to develop and fund the outdoor fenced space for pets, as well as to upgrade the inside of the shelter to accommodate animals entering alongside their keepers.

John Watson Photo

## True North adopts pet-friendly policies

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

True North has officially opened their doors to pets of those who are escaping domestic violence situations. A ribbon cutting to celebrate the change took place at the emergency shelter, May 12, which was also made open to the animal companions of those attending.

True North officially began operating as pet friendly in March, however delayed their announcement of the program until staff were more familiarized with the new systems and how operations would change in practice.

“Going pet friendly, it has been a strategic priority for the society since probably about 2022. It has been something that was really important to us,” said Carly Cole, manager of programs and client services at True North. “We have been doing this work for over 30 years, and we knew that leaving pets behind was often a barrier for folks. We had recognized prior to us becoming pet friendly, we would have to work with survivors to either house their pets with friends or family, or in another scenario, the Calgary Humane Society offered support through their pet safe-keeping program.”

Cole explained True North is aware of several other emergency shelters which have made the move to being pet friendly and effectively are following suit.

Via a release, True North referenced a 2021 study in the Journal of Aggression and Violent Behaviour which described “pets are often threatened, harmed or killed by abusers in households with intimate partner violence.”

In addition to maintaining a pet policy, the emergency shelter located in Strathmore now features an outdoor space which was made possible in part by the Purple Leash Project.

“We had several meetings with other partner shelters who have been doing this work about their findings with it (and) what their recommendations were ... their information and their policies and everything,” said Cole. “We really made the decision to move on this just over a year ago. Some of our staff got together and created a pets committee across our staff ... who championed and spearheaded this.”

Grant funding had been provided through Women’s Shelters Canada and Nestle Purina PetCare Canada in order to proceed with the initiative.

In addition to the outdoor space for pets, consideration also had to be made for cleaning protocols and supplies, air and furnace filtration, and protection on bedroom doors.

The Calgary Humane Society is providing True North with behavioral assessment as well as any up-to-date vaccinations for animals coming in with outdated shots.

“They check out the pet and make sure that their temperament is safe and they don’t have any diseases or parasites or anything and will be safe to come into the shelter,” said Cole. “Once that is complete, the pets are welcomed in here and they stay right in the room with their person staying in the shelter.”

Regarding the ongoing development of transitional housing units, consideration aims to be implemented to proceed with accommodating pets once the facility is able to begin moving people in.

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# Town defeats proposed public neutrality bylaw

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council voted to defeat Coun. Brent Wiley's motion to remove non-standard symbols from roads and flags following an emotional debate on May 6.

Members of the public filled council chambers both to voice their dissent to the motion, as well as to hear their elected officials' thoughts on the revived debate, which had been defeated by Strathmore's previous council.

"Every rule about what can and cannot be displayed sends a message about who belongs, who is welcome, and who we choose to erase from view," said Peter Jenner, a Strathmore resident who spoke before council during the debate.

Jenner described to council the lack of a "legal standard" used to describe crosswalks in Alberta, with common road safety markings largely being habitual as opposed to mandated.

"If safety isn't a concern and neutrality isn't psychologically possible, what does this bylaw proposition really do? It revokes the sense of belonging and welcoming that the town has worked to espouse following racial flashpoint events of past years," he said.

Symbols, culture and iconography referenced by several members of the public as well as by council included Christmas, and those of local hockey teams being commonly available for view during respectively appropriate times of year.

Inversely, symbols highlighting Filipino culture, Diwali, Hanukkah, and Ramadan, are lacking in their visibility.

Permanent non-standard symbols prominently displayed by the town include the First Nations healing garden, and the Lead By Example monument, both prominently visible near to the town office.

The Town of Strathmore received nearly 70 notices from the public referencing the bylaw prior to its discussion in council chambers. These included both letters of support and opposition to the proposal, though the majority were noted to be against.

"Young people need to feel safe and affirmed in their community. Representation matters, symbols save lives. When you remove the only visible symbol that a vulnerable person has to feel safe and welcome, you are not being neutral, you are making a choice and that choice has consequences," said Mandy Gillespie, another member of the public who spoke before council.

Wiley was among council members who opposed the establishment of the crosswalk when it was last brought before council, at the time also suggesting that approval of such markings being displayed in public supports the creation of social classes and movements towards Marxism.

He added that since his introduction of the notice of motion, he has experienced a wave of threats, insults, and degradation of his public reputation.

"The intensity of the personal attacks on me over the last number of weeks is the most compelling evidence I can offer as to exactly why this bylaw is needed," he said. "There is a clear division in our community and that by picking a side on any given contentious debate, we are giving residents the impression that this issue is a zero-sum game and that we council are picking the winners and losers."

Wiley suggested the motion as a "peace treaty," stating that the town should not be involved in issues such as whether to support or denounce certain cultures and identities.

"I believe good governance shouldn't focus on ideological issues but instead focus on the most basic issues like managing our scarce financial resources and operating the town," he added.

The local pride crosswalk was funded by and

painted by members of the local community such as Skatmore Girls, and aside from petitioning for approval to create the markings, did not require time or monetary investment from the town to produce.

It was also pointed out during the discussion, that members of the public simply raising flags and symbols on their own property does not guarantee their safety.

Instances have been documented of doxxing, harassment, and the filming of local private property which displayed symbols supporting LGBTQIA+ culture.

"Per the Municipal Governance Act of Alberta, councils are accountable to their citizens and not to their personal convictions. As such, policy decisions must be grounded in the diverse needs of all residents, not in the religious or political priorities of council members or their non-secular employers," said Sarah Thornton. "This motion appears to be directly aligned with Action for Canada, an organization that is described by residents and civil rights groups as an alt-right Christian nationalist group with a documented history of homophobic and anti-2SLGBTQIA activism."

Thornton expressed concerns regarding letters in support of the proposed bylaw being worded in similar extremes to the call for action template used on the Action for Canada website.

"The installation of special-interest group road markings on public property, and the display of their flags – or those of foreign nations – signals presence, authority, and control, serving as a visible declaration of allegiance and support and reflecting a perception of shared values or a common cause," was sent amongst 10 identical letters submitted by multiple senders.

Straying from the prevalent subject of queer representation, Mayor Pat Fule adamantly denounced the motion, opting to focus more on the impact to the local Legion branch, which would no longer have been allowed to display a crosswalk with Remembrance iconography.

Fule described the lack of ability to maintain such a way to showcase and honour military veterans and fallen in Strathmore as a blatant insult to those individuals.

Additionally, he broached the topic from a financial point of view – expressing concern as to whether banning such displays of culture, remembrance and partnership would impact business and industry investment in the town.

"Many investors in Strathmore area and around Alberta watch many of our council meetings. What will these other investors, developers, industry, industry leaders and companies think of Strathmore when they have policies for ... diversity and inclusion and we do not, and if we do away with the pride crosswalk," said Fule. "Even potential new doctors have watched our meetings in the past to decide if they're going to locate in Strathmore. Will all of those people see this town as a progressive, welcoming community or one that judges and is afraid of people's differences? There could be an impact on the town attracting industry and investors negatively affecting our economic development."

Fule added that the bylaw, as it had been proposed, suggested to go against initiatives outlined in council's strategic plan for the current term by eliminating a source of community connectedness.

Coun. Melissa Langmaid referenced discourse which circulated the town when separatist supporters were allowed to rent the civic center to host their petition tables and compared the discussion to that which took place surrounding the rainbow crosswalk and other non-standard symbols.

"We came to the conclusion ... they (weren't)

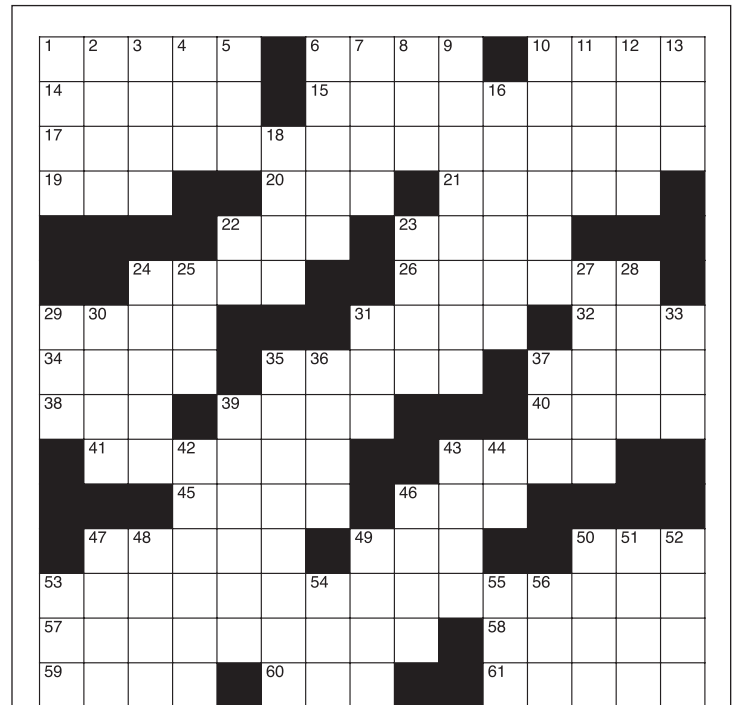
breaking any laws. They rented it legally. I don't like it, but that doesn't mean I should ban it. And that's ... where we landed. And that I believe should be the consistent approach we take on this Pride sidewalk," she said.

Councillors Matt Hyde and Claude Brown expressed interest in further discussion of the bylaw, wanting to see what it could look like and open an opportunity to adjust its wording throughout development.

A sentiment common but not universal expressed by council members was that the issue should be put to rest as quickly as possible, allowing for staff and administration to return to other pressing matters of maintaining operations throughout the town.

The resulting 4-3 vote defeating the motion saw Mayor Fule, Coun. Langmaid, Coun. Wegener and Coun. James Chisholm voting against, while Coun. Wiley, Coun. Hyde and Coun. Brown voted in favour.

*(With files from the Strathmore Times, July 2023, September 2023)*



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Notable casino destination
- 6. Current units
- 10. Roman military unit
- 14. American lizard
- 15. Fates
- 17. The Yankees have lots of these
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Mimic
- 21. Remove from the record
- 22. Where cargo ships dock (abbr.)
- 23. A way to fight
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Contract
- 29. Country along the Arabian peninsula
- 31. Tree species
- 32. Pituitary gland secretion (abbr.)
- 34. Perfect
- 35. "Partner" to groans
- 37. Jewish calendar month
- 38. Where wrestlers work
- 39. Egotistical
- 40. Potted plants
- 41. Containers
- 43. Large, flightless birds
- 45. Part of a book
- 46. American spies
- 47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Disfigure
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Early English council
- 59. Area units
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Siskel and \_\_

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal jaws
- 2. Small water buffalo
- 3. An appliance has one
- 4. Every
- 5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 6. Very skilled
- 7. No more than what is specified
- 8. Tire measurement
- 9. Towers
- 10. Forward
- 11. Jacob \_\_, American journalist
- 12. Vale
- 13. Former CIA
- 16. Middle Eastern nation
- 18. Exhausts
- 22. South Dakota
- 23. The complete duration of something
- 24. Kids love him
- 25. Singular
- 27. Cod genus
- 28. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 29. Resistance unit
- 30. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 31. Cast out
- 33. 60-minute periods
- 35. Most worn
- 36. European river
- 37. Atomic mass unit
- 39. Items of food
- 42. Body parts
- 43. Ireland
- 44. Partner to Pa
- 46. Sammy \_\_, songwriter
- 47. Dutch settler
- 48. Full-grown pike fish
- 49. Sun or solar disk
- 50. Minute arachnid
- 51. From a distance
- 52. A monthly expense
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. Brazilian state
- 55. Air freight provider
- 56. Pointed end of a pen

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### Busy season

Members of the Standard 4-H Club have been keeping busy with a variety of hands-on learning opportunities and community activities. The club kicked off its spring activities by learning how to make custom feed bags during a workshop held at Guldberg Farms in Dalum on Feb. 23. From there, the club joined fellow 4-H participants from across the district for a grooming clinic in Strathmore on April 26. Community service was also on the agenda as members took part in highway clean-up duties on May 2 along the north and south sides of Standard. Volunteers helped collect litter and keep local roadways clean as part of the club's ongoing commitment to giving back to the community. The club is now preparing for its upcoming Show and Sale, scheduled for June 3 at the Rockyford Rodeo Grounds in partnership with the Rockyford 4-H Beef Club.

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## Outdoor safety tips

ALBERTA RCMP

Alberta RCMP and Search and Rescue (SAR) Alberta are sharing outdoor safety tips following this year's Emergency Preparedness Week held May 3-9: "Be Prepared. Know Your Risks."

With the weather warming up, many Albertans will be spending time outside in our parks and backcountry. However you choose to enjoy the great outdoors, it's important that you understand the risks wherever you are trekking to help be better prepared in case of emergency.

- Research your hiking route in advance. Use accurate information from guidebooks, satellite images, topographical maps and trail reports on AlbertaParks.ca to inform your trip.
- Leave your itinerary with someone you trust. Include your route, when you'll return, who you'll be with, emergency contacts and vehicle details, including your license plate number.
- Cell service is not available in many parks and backcoun-

try recreational areas. Always carry a satellite communicator when going outside cell service areas. To report an emergency once in an area with cell service, call 911.

- Wear bright or reflective clothing, especially if trekking at night.
- Pack appropriate equipment for whatever activity. This includes proper footwear; extra layers of clothing including a hat or toque; protection from the sun, wind and insects; a life jacket; a flashlight; food and water; as well as a tarp and some rope for an emergency shelter.
- Whether you're in the woods or out on the water, check local forecasts and be prepared for sudden changes and inclement weather.
- Always be prepared to spend an unexpected night outdoors due to an emergency. It may take hours for search and rescue personnel to reach you, depending on your location, terrain and weather conditions.

"Planning and preparedness are your best defence in emergency situations," says Cst. S.J, Alberta RCMP. "As Albertans head outside this spring and summer, we encourage everyone to take the time to understand the risks and carry the right equipment. Being prepared not only helps keep you safe, but it also supports first responders and our search and rescue partners when minutes truly matter."

"Exploring all that our province offers is an incredible experience and the best way to keep that experience positive is by being prepared. Leaving a detailed trip plan with a trusted person results in a quicker search and rescue response when you really need it. Help us help you," says Christian Stenner, South Central Regional Director, SAR Alberta.

SAR Alberta is the provincial association for 33 highly trained volunteer search and rescue teams across the province. It

is responsible for the coordination of ground and inland water search and rescue incidents under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Services in the province of Alberta.

For more information on outdoor safety, follow our Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and X @RCMPAlberta.

## Strathmore transitions 911 fire dispatch away from WADEMESA

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Should WADEMESA's dispatch service fold entirely prior to the date given by the town for the cessation of their agreement, there would be no local capacity to answer 911 calls or have fire dispatch.

In such an event, contingency plans would have to be enacted in order to create a viable solution while the transition to Calgary 911 completes.

The ultimate goal for the town is to create as seamless of a transition between services as possible.

"I have full confidence in our fire chief and our CAO and I take their professional opinions very seriously considering I am a layman," said Mayor Pat Fule. "I think there are opportunities for staff to apply for other positions that we discussed in camera ... I think risk is the thing that is on my mind at the most."

The transition is anticipated to take several months to take full effect in order to be as seamless as possible.

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*Maybe we will not discover our true love until we become mature enough to appreciate and nurture it.*

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Strathmore's own Jack Warrack was selected in the eighth round by the Calgary Stampeders on April 28 during the Canadian Football League draft.

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# Drafted close to home

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Jack Warrack's football journey has officially come full circle.

The Strathmore product was recently drafted by the Calgary Stampeders, a moment that Warrack described as "super exciting." Growing up cheering for the hometown team made the moment even more meaningful.

"Obviously, growing up in Strathmore, I grew up a fan of the Stampeders and I'm really excited for this opportunity," Warrack said.

Draft night came with plenty of nerves, but also excitement as family, teammates and close friends gathered around him to watch his dream become reality.

"The really important people to call were already there," he said, adding that one of his first calls afterward was to his Huskies coach.

For Warrack, football was never about chasing fame as a kid.

"Playing professional football, that'd be pretty cool," he said, but it was during his rookie season with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies that things started to feel possible. "I got to start right away as an 18-year-old. That was maybe one of the first years where I realized that I'm actually not that bad at football."

Former Strathmore High School coach Danny Warrack said he saw the potential long before the CFL draft.

"When he was in Grade 9, I remember watching him," Danny said. "I kind of thought he'd have a shot, at the very least, to play university."

Danny coached Warrack for three years and described him as a player who "never missed a practice" and "never missed a play." More importantly, he said Warrack stood out because of his character.

"He was an honour student. He played football, basketball and lacrosse," Danny said. "Not many kids work like him."

That work ethic continued through university, eventually earning Warrack an invitation to the CFL Combine in Edmonton. After competing against some of the best players in the country and meeting with coaches, he waited anxiously for draft night.

Now entering rookie camp with Calgary, Warrack knows the hard work is only beginning. "Goal number one is, make the team," he said. "And then number two is just do everything I possibly can to help them win the championship."

Longtime Strathmore Badgers coach Doug Thiessen remembers a young player who simply loved football from the very beginning.

"He came in wanting to play. He came in loving the game," Thiessen said. "He had a great attitude."

Thiessen coached Warrack through his peewee years and said the offensive lineman always stood apart because of his focus.

"He was not aggressive as a personality, but when he got on the field and was blocking, he became aggressive," he said.

Like Danny, Thiessen admitted he always believed Warrack could reach this level.

"It didn't shock me," he said. "Just the way he's developed all the way through, I'm excited for him."

And if Warrack makes the final cut and becomes an official Stampeders this season, Thiessen already knows what comes next.

"If he makes the team, I have to buy a new jersey."

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There is renewed interest in fermented food as a positive addition to the diets of Canadians. These foods include sourdough bread, sauerkraut, kimchi and kombucha. Past studies have shown that people who eat fermented foods are "generally healthier With fewer digestive issues and have a lower risk of chronic diseases". A healthier gut biome is also mentioned.

Most parents follow their doctors' advice about immunizing their children against childhood diseases. But some do not due to misinformation spread on social media. Measles cases are rising in Canada. Measles carries well-known risks and complications. These include infections, diarrhea, and 20% risk of hospitalization, a 5% risk of pneumonia, a 1 in 1000 chance of brain swelling. Immunization is good for your children.

The rates of melanoma, an aggressive form of skin cancer that can be life-threatening, are often higher in some areas of Canada than others. Rates are higher in Southern B.C., parts of Alberta, the entire Windsor corridor (from Ontario to Quebec). The highest rates were found in PEI and NS. This summer, be sure to protect your skin from excess sun exposure

Speaking of skin damage, the sun, sunlamps and tanning booths all give off ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Exposure to UV radiation causes early aging of the skin and damage that can lead to skin cancer. Wear wide-brim hats, sunglasses, use sunscreen products with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30 and apply them as recommended.

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## Upcoming Meetings

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.

- May 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting
- June 9, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
- June 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | 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



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

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) will hold a public hearing in the Wheatland County Council Chambers, located at 242006 Range Road 243 (east of Strathmore off Highway 1), on **Thursday, May 21, 2026**, commencing at **9:00 a.m.**, regarding the following:

SDAB File: DPA 2026-001  
 Re: Refusal of Development Permit 2026-001 for a Home-Based Business Type 3  
 Legal Description: SE 11-24-26-W4; 241004 Rge Rd 261  
 Permit Refused – March 10, 2026 - Municipal Planning Commission

At the hearing, the SDAB will hear submissions from the appellant(s) and/or their agent, any person who may be affected by the proposal, and any other individual who wishes to make a representation and is permitted to do so by the Board. Comments may be presented verbally at the hearing. If you wish to provide a written submission, you must bring sufficient copies for distribution at the commencement of the hearing.

A time limit may be imposed on verbal submissions at the discretion of the Chairperson. Written submissions are encouraged in advance and may be provided by **end of day Wednesday, May 13, 2026**, by email to [sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca).

The complete file for this application may be reviewed at the County Office during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information regarding the appeal will also be posted on the Wheatland County website prior to the hearing date.

Any submissions you make are being collected under the authority of Alberta's Protection of Privacy Act, Section 4(c), as the information relates directly to and is necessary for an operating program or activity of the public body, and is protected under the Act. For the purposes set out in Sections 678 and 686 of the Municipal Government Act, submissions will form part of a report available to the public and may be referenced in the Board's public written decision. If you have any questions regarding the collection or retention of this information, please contact the ATIA Coordinator at the Wheatland County Administrative Office, 242006 Range Road 243, Wheatland County, Alberta, T1P 2C4, or by phone at 403-934-3321.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the SDAB Clerk at the Wheatland County Administration Office at (403) 361-2000 or by email at [sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca)

### Wheatland County Council Chambers June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 9 a.m.

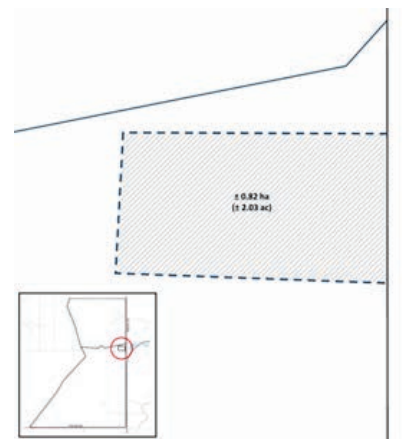
Wheatland County will consider the following application(s) for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

The following public hearing(s) begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

#### Bylaw #: 2026-01 (LU2025-011)

**Legal Description:** Blocks 32, 33, 33A, Plan 6197AW, within NE-10-26-22-W4M

**Proposal:** To redesignate a ± 0.82 hectare (± 2.03 acre) portion of the subject lands from Agriculture General to Country Residential District, in order to create a ± 0.82 hectare (± 2.03 acre) parcel with a ± 182.25 hectare (± 423.50 acre) remainder.



#### Bylaw #: 2026-03 (LU2026-002)

**Legal Description:** Lot 4, Block 8, Plan 0614100, within NE-8-25-26-W4M

**Municipal Address:** 1 Muirfield Blvd

**Proposal:** To amend the uses, site regulations, and special regulations within DC-7 – Cell 7, in order to allow for the subdivision of a ± 0.40 hectare (± 1.00 acre) parcel with a ± 1.70 hectare (± 4.20 acre) remainder. Additionally, the amendments would allow for the further development of the remainder lands. Further details are available on the County's website at the following address: <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/projects-under-review/>



Lot 4, Block 8, Plan 0614100 within NE-8-25-26-W4M

Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 13(1) of Alberta's Protection of Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the Protection of Privacy Act, Section 4(c) that information relates directly to and is necessary for an operating program or activity of the public body.

Address: 242006 Range Road 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4 Email: [admin@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:admin@wheatlandcounty.ca) Phone: 403-934-3321  
[www.wheatlandcounty.ca](http://www.wheatlandcounty.ca)  
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## 2026 Dust Control Program Now Open

**Calcium Chloride:** Calcium chloride is saltwater brine. Once calcium chloride has been applied it will typically last the season under normal conditions.

**Price:** County Roads \$4.30/meter plus GST

**Deadline for Applications**

- **First Round: Application deadline is May 15, 2026**
- (Weather permitting, application will occur starting May 19)
- **Second round: Application deadline is June 5, 2026**
- (Weather permitting, application will occur starting June 8)

**Oiling:** Oil is crude oil mixed with gravel; it is then spread and packed. Oil should last three or more years under normal conditions. Because oil is easier to mix and will last longer if the weather is hot and dry, the County waits until midsummer to apply.

**Price:**

- County roads \$36.12/meter plus GST (New Application)
- Gravel Secondary Highway \$39.40/meter plus GST (New Application)

**Deadline for Applications**

- July 3, 2026
- (Weather permitting, application will occur during July)

[wheatlandcounty.ca/documents/dustcontrol](http://wheatlandcounty.ca/documents/dustcontrol)

<https://wheatlandcounty.ca/newsletter/>

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## GRAVEL SALES

Wheatland County's 2026 Gravel Sale Schedule is now available, with three scheduled sale dates:

- June 10–11
- July 8–9
- August 12–13

Crushed gravel and pit run will be available for purchase at designated County pits.

Tickets must be purchased in advance through the Wheatland County Administration Office, and materials are for personal use only.

View sale dates, locations, materials, and purchase details:

Address: 242006 Range Rd 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4  
 Phone: 403-934-3321 [www.wheatlandcounty.ca](http://www.wheatlandcounty.ca) @wheatlandcounty  
 Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.





### Red Dress Day

Recognition of Red Dress Day was hosted in Strathmore, May 5, in Kinsmen Park. The occasion honours missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, and serves to bring awareness to a problem that still regularly persists throughout North America to date. The event featured food, speeches, jingle dress dancing, and speeches talking about members of the community who have been lost.

John Watson Photos



### Hitting the pitch

The Strathmore Spartans High School boys soccer team hosted Okotoks Composite High School on May 6 at the SHS field.

Joe Lepage Photos

# High School Musical hits the stage

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Strathmore High School is set to light up the stage this May with its production of *High School Musical*, a show that has been years in the making and now brings together a wide spectrum of student voices, from first-time performers to graduating veterans.

For drama teacher Deanne Bertsch, the production is especially meaningful.

"I actually had chosen it in 2020," she said. "And then we got shut down the day of our very first rehearsal because of COVID. We never actually ended up doing it."

Now, the long-delayed musical is finally coming to life, offering students a chance to perform a show that was once out of reach.

At the heart of the production is a message that resonates across the cast.

"The biggest message I love about it is, the characters are just finding out who they are and they're choosing to be their authentic selves and not worry what other people think of them," Bertsch said. "This show celebrates kids doing what they love to do and not worrying about what other people think."

That message is being explored by a cast of more than 70 students, making it one of the school's largest productions.

"Big class, but they're so wonderful and positive," Bertsch said. "They're all working hard and they're a pretty joyful bunch."

Among those students is Grade 10 performer Coen Sonstebly, who is experiencing his first high school production after getting a small taste of theatre as a child.

"Since my dad worked here (Strathmore High School), he knew Miss Bertsch, so she called me in to do a bunch of little parts and it was a lot of fun," he said. "That was maybe 11, 12 years ago, so it is kind of cool being here now actually getting to do it as a class."

Sonstebly plays both Jack Scott and Coach Bolton; roles he says allow him to fully embrace the energy of the show.

"I really am (enjoying it), because for both of them, I just get to yell at people the whole time," he said. "At the start (of rehearsals), you're usually kind of messy, but once you all get together and actually learn, it's really cool to see."

The scale of the show has been both exciting and challenging for newer performers.

"It looks like chaos right now with so

many kids, but it's going to be perfect," Sonstebly added.

For Grade 12 student Julie Jacobs, the experience carries a different weight. As a veteran of the drama program, *High School Musical* will be her final performance before graduation.

"There's never been a day where I've not enjoyed doing drama," said Jacobs, who takes on the role of Sharpay. "It's really fun, exploring a person who's nothing like me, but also has a lot of similarities with me. It's like trying to find differentiation between myself and a character."

Her years of experience have also placed her in a mentorship role within the production.

"A lot of the seniors get to do a lot more with helping out backstage and teaching people different things that they might not know about yet," Jacobs said. "All the dances that we've put together are a good compilation of a bunch of people's different perspectives."

Bertsch emphasized how important those senior students are to the program.

"The Grade 11s and 12s are really great mentors for the (Grade) 10's," she said. "They bring a level of excitement for the new students too."

To ensure as many students as possible have meaningful roles, the production features five separate casts.

"The reason I do that is it just gives them all more opportunity to get stronger and get them to be brave," Bertsch explained.

While the musical is filled with upbeat songs and energetic choreography, it also carries an emotional layer particularly for graduating students.

"This show is also very pertinent because it's about a graduating class," Bertsch said. "It will be pretty moving for me and for those Grade 12s."

Jacobs echoed that sentiment as she prepares for her final bow. "It's kind of sad, but I'm excited to go and do basically the same thing in university," she said.

Performances will run May 23 and 24 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., with evening shows continuing May 25 through 27. Tickets are available online through The Vault and at the door if not sold out.

For Bertsch, the production is ultimately about celebrating her students and their courage to perform.

"Teenagers are amazing, awesome people, with so much potential," she said. "I hope people will just come and celebrate them doing the thing that they love to do."



High School Musical will hit the stage at Strathmore High School from May 23-27.

Melissa Piche Photos



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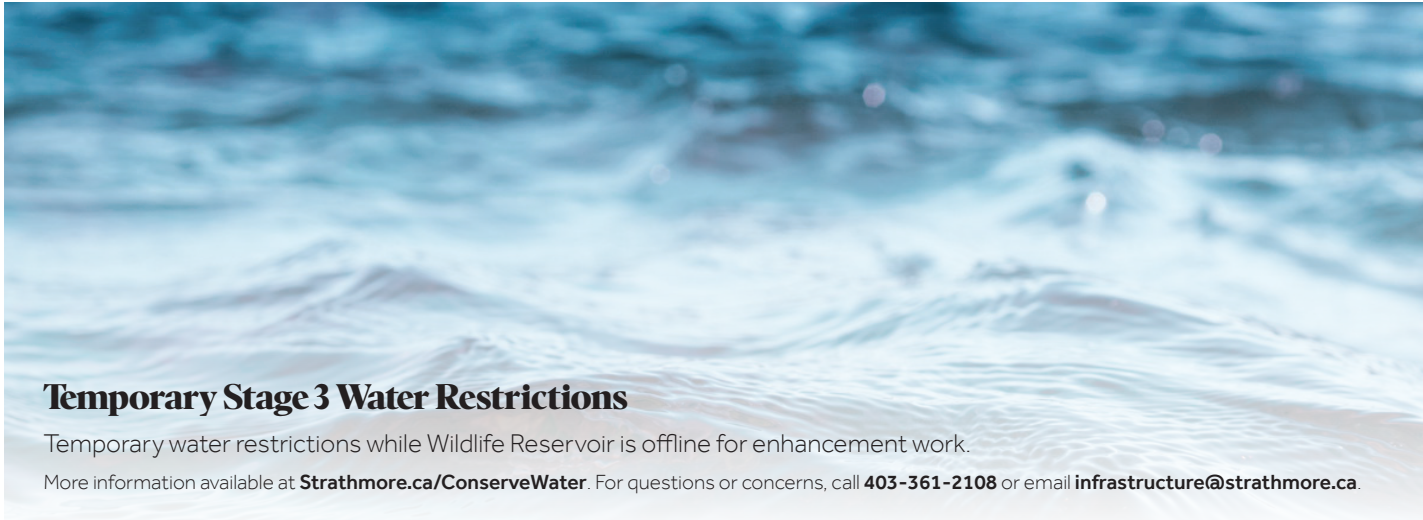
**Upcoming Council Meetings**

May 13, 2026 | 6 p.m.  
 May 20, 2026 | 6 p.m.  
 June 3, 2026 | 6 p.m.

Committee of the Whole  
 Regular Meeting of Council  
 Regular Meeting of Council

**Come Say Hi**

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



**Temporary Stage 3 Water Restrictions**

Temporary water restrictions while Wildlife Reservoir is offline for enhancement work.

More information available at [Strathmore.ca/ConserveWater](http://Strathmore.ca/ConserveWater). For questions or concerns, call 403-361-2108 or email [infrastructure@strathmore.ca](mailto:infrastructure@strathmore.ca).

**Wildflower Reservoir Upgrade & Temporary Water Restrictions.**

Starting around May 4, the Town of Strathmore will be completing a planned upgrade to the Wildflower Reservoir. This important work is part of a long-term strategy to strengthen our water system and support future growth.

To complete the upgrades, the reservoir will be temporarily taken offline for approximately 10 days. During this time, Strathmore will continue to receive water through the East Calgary Regional Waterline (ECRWL) and the Brentwood Reservoir. While supply remains sufficient, temporary measures will be in place to help maintain stable system performance.

**Temporary Stage 3 Outdoor Water Restrictions**

Beginning May 4, restrictions such as the below will apply:

- Hand watering is permitted
- Water use for construction is permitted
- No watering with a sprinkler or hose
- No washing driveways or sidewalks
- No filling pools or hot tubs
- For full details on water restrictions, visit [Strathmore.ca/ConserveWater](http://Strathmore.ca/ConserveWater)

Residents are also encouraged to reduce indoor water use by taking shorter showers, running full loads in dishwashers and washing machines, and limiting unnecessary use wherever possible. These measures are precautionary and temporary. They help ensure consistent water pressure and reliable service while construction is underway.

**Why this work matters**

The Wildflower Reservoir upgrade will expand storage and pumping capacity, improving reliability and allowing the system to better support Strathmore as it grows. This is a proactive investment in the Town's infrastructure to ensure dependable water service for years to come.

Questions? Give us a call at 403-361-2108 or email [infrastructure@strathmore.ca](mailto:infrastructure@strathmore.ca)

**Tender and major project updates.**

**Municipal tenders.**

The Municipal Tenders page has been updated with new opportunities for 2025. In accordance with Procurement Policy 1808, all tenders valued at \$75,000 or more are now available for public viewing. Visit [Strathmore.ca/tenders](http://Strathmore.ca/tenders) to explore current opportunities.

Work on our major project, reservoir upgrades, is scheduled to begin this spring. Expect Maplewood Drive to be busy with construction, road closures, and underground infrastructure upgrades. You can stay informed on major project developments at [Strathmore.ca/reservoirupgrades](http://Strathmore.ca/reservoirupgrades).

**Spring cleaning for the streets.**

**Street sweeping.**

Each year, the Town of Strathmore sweeps up tonnes of sand and debris from hundreds of kilometers of roads and pathways across the community. This important work helps keep material out of our storm drain system and leaves our streets and pathways looking their best.

You may also notice our Parks crew sweeping grassy areas along pathways and boulevards. This helps improve turf quality, reduce weeds, and helps prevent mowers from shooting rocks when cutting grass.

Street sweeping started April 28, 2026. Where "No Parking" signs are posted, please ensure your vehicle is moved so our crews can sweep right to the curb.

For more information, visit [Strathmore.ca/SeasonalPriorities](http://Strathmore.ca/SeasonalPriorities)

**Mailed out and heading your way. Property Tax Notices.**

The Town of Strathmore's budget covers all the essential services that residents use each and every day. Whether you're diving into the Aquatic Centre, borrowing a book from the Strathmore Municipal Library, having your garbage or compost picked up, drinking clean water from the tap, riding the handibus on a road, or having emergency services rush to your aid - your tax dollars are hard at work.

The capital and operating budget is the plan for how tax dollars and other funding will be invested. This year's \$52,980,000 budget equates to a 0.9% municipal levy increase over the 2025 budget for the average homeowner in Strathmore. In relation to a typical home assessed at \$512,400, this would roughly equal a municipal levy increase of \$24 per year, \$2 per month, or an average weekly increase of \$0.46 towards the services Strathmore residents rely on each day. Roughly 33% of our property taxes are collected on behalf of the Provincial government to help fund education.

Keep an eye on your mailbox as property taxes for the 2026 taxation year have been mailed out. If your mailing address has changed or if you have not received your notice within the next two weeks, please contact the Town's Finance Department. The deadline to pay your 2026 property taxes is **June 30, 2026**.

The Municipal Building is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding holidays), and staff are available to help with questions, mailing address updates, and payment inquiries. The Town of Strathmore also offers a Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) which allows you to pay your property taxes in convenient monthly instalments. For more information about TIPP or general tax inquiries, contact the Tax Department at 403-361-2114 or email [Strathmore.ca/Taxes](mailto:Strathmore.ca/Taxes).

**From biweekly to weekly.**

**Green Cart/Organics Collection.**

The Town of Strathmore provides residential waste collection and disposal services to over 4,500 properties, including household garbage, organic and heavy item garbage, and recycling.

Starting May 1, 2026, green cart/organics pickup will switch to weekly service for the season (May to October). Reminder that the only holidays that affect garbage collection are Christmas Day and New Year's Day. All other collection days remain unchanged.

For the full collection schedule, route info, and other key dates, visit our website: [Strathmore.ca/WasteCollection](http://Strathmore.ca/WasteCollection)

**Enjoy them safely.**

**Storm pond safety.**

Storm ponds play an important role in protecting our homes and neighbourhoods. They help prevent flooding by managing heavy rainfall and slowly releasing water back into the environment. As water moves across streets and properties, it collects sediment, pollutants, and debris - storm ponds help filter this before it reaches our rivers and streams.

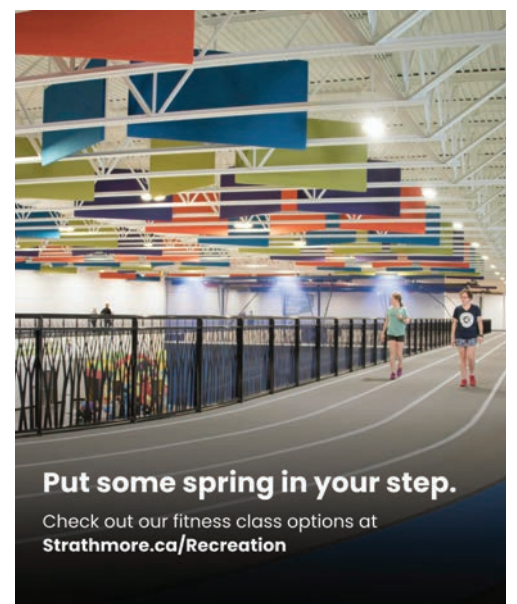
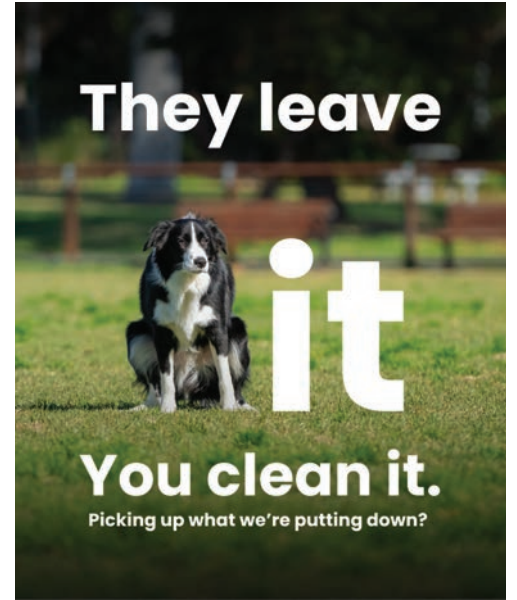
While Strathmore is home to many storm ponds, only Kinsmen Lake and Strathmore Lakes permit recreational use such as fishing. For your safety, please avoid any activity on or near other storm ponds. These ponds are deeper than they appear with water levels that rise and move quickly. They often contain contaminants like fertilizers, pesticides, and animal waste as well.

Visit our website, [Strathmore.ca/StormPonds](http://Strathmore.ca/StormPonds) for more information.

**Good food, great food.**

**Get the Good Food Box.**

The Good Food Box is a non-profit organization offering access to quality produce while ensuring variety, freshness and affordability. It is brought to you by your community, packed by volunteers and delivered to Strathmore through FCSS. This program is accessible for everyone regardless of income level. For more information, visit [Strathmore.ca/GoodFoodBox](http://Strathmore.ca/GoodFoodBox)



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 For more information, visit our website [Strathmore.ca/Recreation](http://Strathmore.ca/Recreation). For registration, you can register for camps through your PerfectMind account. Got questions? Give us a call at 403-361-2121.

Theme	Date
Water Fun	June 29 to 3, 2026
Splash and Play (Swim Lessons)	July 6 to 10, 2026
Sport and Explore	July 13 to 17, 2026
Multi-Sport Adventure	July 20 to 24, 2026
Splash and Dash (Swim Lessons)	July 27 to 31, 2026
Neon Days	August 4 to 7, 2026
Balls and More	August 10 to 14, 2026
Olympic Days	August 17 to 21, 2026
Let's Celebrate	August 24 to 28, 2026

# Strathmore voicing support to pilot new firefighter training program

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has voiced its support for a post-secondary fire school partnership to develop a one-year pilot project.

The initiative aims to establish a firefighter training program in Strathmore which would train entry level firefighters to National Fire Protection Association standards, utilize local facilities, expertise and equipment, and expand local post-secondary opportunities, among other benefits.

“Two potential post-secondary partners were reviewed. Both models would require support from the town and the fire department, but they differ significantly in terms of launch readiness,

administrative requirements, financial clarity, and long-term potential,” said Dave Sturgeon, fire chief. “The recommended model is preferred because it already has curriculum developed, has a clearer financial structure, reduces the administrative burden to the town staff, and has the potential to launch as early as fall of this year.”

Sturgeon explained the establishment of the program has the potential to generate revenue for the town anywhere in the realm of \$64,000 to \$114,000 per intake.

Should the launch of the pilot be successful, the aim would be to see four classes of 15-25 intakes trained annually.

“The opportunity is not only financial,” said Sturgeon. “It supports workforce development, public safety, applied edu-

cation in our region, and allows Strathmore to become the host community for emergency services training and help position the town as a regional center for practical skills-based education.”

The approval granted during the May 6 meeting does not officially give the green light to the program, rather grants administration and Strathmore’s fire department support to continue working with their preferred partner and to develop the program.

Under the recommended partnership model, tuition per student would be set at approximately \$15,000 with an anticipated 50/50 revenue sharing structure.

Once established with either partner, the program will be structured around a 12-week schedule including operations training for rope rescue, wildland fire,

firefighter survival, and aquatic spinal rescue amongst other training.

“I can’t express how excited I am about this opportunity, and it really ticks all of the boxes for me. It’s a unique form of income for the town, something new for us, something novel,” said Coun. Melissa Langmaid. “It’s bringing post-secondary opportunities to the community. It’s bringing economic development. It’s contributing to community safety. It’s hitting every single box that we have tasked administration to try and achieve.”

Until the merit of the pilot project is determined or cemented, Strathmore’s fire department will continue to operate their current training program, which does one intake per year for a 14-month course.

## Getting care closer to home

**CHANTELLE DE JONGE**  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

When Albertans are struggling, the hardest part should never be finding help. For that reason, our government is making support easier to reach, strengthening mental health services across Alberta and investing in youth suicide prevention.

Mental Health Week is an important reminder that mental well-being touches every part of our lives, families, workplaces, schools, and communities. That is why our government continues to focus on building a mental health system that is compassionate, accessible, and rooted in prevention and recovery. Sometimes support begins with simple things: checking in with a friend, reaching out for help, or knowing where to turn during a difficult moment. Our government continues to expand access to supports through services like Counselling Alberta, Kids Help Phone, Kickstand, and Recovery Alberta, ensuring people across the province can access care and support closer to home.

Making it easier to navigate that support system is also critical. That is why 211 Alberta is now the main access point for mental health and addiction services across the province. Instead of navigating multiple phone numbers and disconnected pathways, Albertans can now call, text, or chat with 211 Alberta anytime, anywhere in the province to connect with mental health, addiction, housing, employment, and community supports. Available in more than 240 languages, this service creates one clear place to start during moments that can already feel overwhelming. By reducing confusion and improving coordination between services, our government is helping ensure Albertans can access timely support with dignity, compassion, and clarity.

Supporting young people before they reach a crisis point remains another key priority for our government. Alberta’s government is now accepting applications for the 2026–27 Youth Suicide Prevention Grant program, investing \$2 million into community-based initiatives that help strengthen resiliency, connection, and mental well-being for youth across the province. Since launching four years ago, the program has supported more than 30 projects and connected over 5,000 young people with mental health resources and supports. From welcoming spaces for youth, to sports and mentorship programs, to cultural resources in Indigenous communities, these investments are helping young Albertans feel seen, supported, and connected to the people

and services around them.

Supporting strong, resilient communities also means preparing for emergencies that can deeply affect people’s safety and well-being. Our government is also continuing to strengthen Alberta’s wildfire preparedness with trained crews, expanded air support capabilities, stronger municipal partnerships, and new mitigation tools ahead of the 2026 wildfire season. Alberta has hired more than 550 seasonal firefighters, expanded Wildland Urban Interface teams such as the Strathmore Fire Department, invested in new made-in-Alberta de Havilland waterbombers, built right here in our constituency, and introduced a new Mutual Aid Incentive pilot program to help municipalities respond faster when wildfires threaten communities. These actions build on Alberta’s long-term wildfire mitigation strategy and reflect our government’s commitment to protecting communities, critical infrastructure, forests, and families across the province.

The future of Alberta will not only be shaped by what we build, but by how well we support the people building it. By strengthening mental health supports, investing in youth resilience, keeping communities safe through strong wildfire preparedness, and creating pathways toward meaningful opportunity, our government is helping ensure that Albertans can live with confidence, purpose, and hope for what lies ahead for generations to come.

As always, please 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)*



### Supporting the community

Strathmore Musical Arts Society presented a donation to Five for Life from their 50/50 draw during the Blake Reid Concert hosted on May 2 at the Strathmore Travelodge. The donation highlighted the organization’s commitment to supporting local families and community initiatives, like Five for Life, a program promoting positive early childhood development in Strathmore and Wheatland County.

Photo Courtesy of SMAS

### NOTICE OF ANNEXATION

**TOWN OF STRATHMORE PROPOSED ANNEXATION**  
ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

An application has been submitted to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (Tribunal) by the Town of Strathmore (Town) requesting the annexation of 88.9 hectares of land from Wheatland County (County). The proposed annexation will support a more balanced ratio of residential to non-residential development and diversify economic activities in the region.

The Town and the County have reached an agreement on the proposed annexation, the terms of which can be viewed at the Town and County’s municipal office during normal business hours. Further information can also be found on the Town’s website at <https://www.strathmore.ca/annexation>.

The Tribunal has reviewed the application and is satisfied that there is general agreement between the two municipalities. The Tribunal will make its recommendation regarding the proposed annexation to the Minister of Municipal Affairs without conducting a public hearing unless a written objection is filed with the Tribunal by noon on Friday, May 22, 2026. Written objections should be restricted to issues surrounding the location of the proposed boundaries, and/or the terms of the annexation agreement.

Written objections to the proposed annexation must be sent to the Tribunal Case Manager for Annexations at the address below:

Sandy Choi  
Case Manager  
Land and Property Rights Tribunal  
1229 – 91 Street SW  
Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9  
Phone: 780-422-8652  
Fax: 780-427-5798  
E-Mail: [sandy.choi@gov.ab.ca](mailto:sandy.choi@gov.ab.ca)

To call toll free from outside the Edmonton region, call 310-0000 and follow the instructions.

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*Obituary*



**HILTON,  
Gordon Bruce**

It is with much love that we reflect on and celebrate the life of Gordon Bruce Hilton. He was born on January 21, 1932. He passed away peacefully on May 5, 2026, at the age of 94. He was a cherished husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Gordon leaves behind a legacy of a passion for farming, family, community, and a deep appreciation for the value of laughing along the way.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 70 years, Viola, their children, Debbie (John), Spencer (Lynne), Carolyn (Wes), Sterling (Lianna), 9 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and sister Maureen (Arne). He was predeceased by his son Lawrence, sister Rosemary and brothers Ron and Doug.

Gordon's grandparents, Henry and Florence Hilton, immigrated from England to the Nightingale District in 1910 to become farmers, so his roots in agriculture were set. Son of Leonard and Audrey Hilton, Gordon grew up in the Nightingale area. His passion for farming and a deep respect for nature began at a young age. After attending SAIT, he was set to follow in his parents' and grandparents' footsteps and become a steward of the land.

After meeting at a local dance, Gordon courted and then married Viola Bartelen. Initially, Gordon and Vi lived 4 miles north of Strathmore, where they farmed with his father Leonard and brother Ron for nine years. In 1964, they ventured out on their own, purchasing the "Harvey" farm in the Crowfoot area. He and his family felt so thankful to live in such an active, supportive and fun-loving community. Throughout the early years of his farming career, Gordon witnessed a lot of soil erosion. Looking forward, Gordon and Vi realized this was not sustainable and were concerned for future generations. They were resolved to find a solution. This ignited the passion for developing soil conservation practices. They passed on this mission and passion to their family, who continue to farm and follow in their footsteps.

Gordon was an active member of the Crowfoot Community, Ducks Unlimited, Knights of Columbus, Bow River Quality Task Force, Strathmore Lions Club, and Alberta No-Till Farmers Association.

Two notable career highlights were his induction into both the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame and the Soil Conservation Council of Canada's Hall of Fame.

Gordon was well known for his great sense of humour, being a kid at heart and his love of playing a good trick on others. There was nothing like seeing the grin on his face when he handed you an innocent-looking item that would shock you! Oh, the delight that brought him! He had a passion for life and always stated one should "work hard and play hard". He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Gordon's family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at AgeCare Sagewood for their high level of care and kindness to our dad during his time there.

A funeral service and celebration of Gordon's life will be held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Strathmore, Alberta, on Friday, May 22nd, 2026, at 1:00pm. To send condolences or watch the livestream, please visit Gordon's obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca). If desired, donations in memoriam can be made to a charity of one's choice.



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*Obituary*



**THERRIEN,  
Albert Donat**

Albert Donat Therrien passed away peacefully after a short battle with Cancer at the age of 87 on April 14, 2026

He is survived by his children Donald, Curtis, Michelle (Dave), Daughter in Law Diane; grandchildren Erica, Tyler, Julian, Sara, Jake, Zach, Nicole, Alex and Samantha; great-grandchildren Owen, Olive and Archer as well as his brothers Tom (Karen), Dennis and many nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all including his special fur baby Homer which he adored.

Albert was predeceased by his wife Elaine Therrien, son Richard Therrien, sisters Linda Therrien, Beverly McAlpine and parents Donat and Ruby Therrien. Albert was born in Ochre River, Manitoba on October 6, 1938, relocating west a few years after marrying Elaine on June 25, 1960. The last 37 years were spent in Strathmore where the majority of his immediate family live. He spent many years working as a sign artist before relocating to Strathmore where he worked as a custodian for Golden Hills School Division until his retirement. Albert was a proud Metis and shared his knowledge with his children and grandkids. Spending many days representing his culture any way he could.

Albert loved his family and friends, loved to laugh and to make other people laugh.

The Family would like to extend their gratitude to the Strathmore Hospital and the Strathmore Homecare office.

There will be a celebration of life on June 25, 2026, when both Albert and Elaine will be laid to rest in the Strathmore cemetery on their wedding anniversary. Details will follow on a later date.

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**Strathmore Happy Gang Society**

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Tuesday, May 26  
2-4 pm  
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Cost: \$5

Seniors Week  
June 1-6

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice to Creditors and Claimants**

Estate of KEITH EDWARD NICHOLSON who died on the October 15, 2025.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by June 20, 2026.

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If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

Creditors: you must include a full description and value of the debt you allege the deceased owes you and a full description and value of any of the deceased's property that you hold as security for the debt.

Claimants: you must include a full description of your claim and why you have a right to make such a claim.

**NOTICES**

**Strathmore Minor Hockey**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Monday, May 25 • 7 pm  
Strathmore Family Centre  
Upstairs  
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**Wheatland Wranglers ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Tuesday, May 26 • 6:30 pm  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**PROPOSED PURCHASE**  
**OF NON-SCHOOL BUILDING**  
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**Proposed Purchase of Non-School Building – Transportation Facility**

**NOTICE is hereby given**, in accordance with Section 190 of The Education Act, that the Board of Trustees proposes to purchase a non-school building for operational purposes.

**PROPOSED PROJECT DETAILS:**  
**Purpose:** Transportation Operations Facility  
**Location:** Adjacent to the existing leased school bus storage lot

**RIGHT TO PETITION**  
Any elector wishing to object to the proposed purchase may do so by submitting a petition in accordance with applicable regulations within the prescribed notice period.

For further information regarding the purchase, please contact [tahra.sabir@ghsd75.ca](mailto:tahra.sabir@ghsd75.ca).

Tahra Sabir, CPA  
Secretary Treasurer

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

Rosebud Gas Co-op Limited HEREBY PROVIDES NOTICE that a Special General Meeting will take place as follows and ALL Members are invited.

Date: Wednesday, May 27th, 2026  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Place: Rosebud Gas Co-op Ltd.  
124 Railway Avenue West,  
Rockyford, Alberta

**PURPOSE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:**  
You are invited to attend an upcoming Special General Meeting regarding the proposed amalgamation of Rosebud Gas Co-op Ltd. with Pioneer Gas Co-op Limited and Rockyview Gas Co-op Ltd., to form RRP Gas Co-op Ltd. The Board of Directors invites all members to vote on the motion, as stated following:

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Directors of the Association to propose at the meeting that a Resolution be passed by the membership as an Extraordinary Resolution as follows:

1. "The Association agrees to amalgamate with Pioneer Gas Co-op Limited and Rockyview Gas Co-op Ltd. and approve of an Amalgamation Agreement for that purpose."

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that a copy of the Amalgamation Agreement can be reviewed upon request.

The Information Meeting, held on April 27, 2026, provided members with an information package that addressed the due diligence undertaken that led to this Motion to accept the amalgamation as being in the best interests of the members.

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