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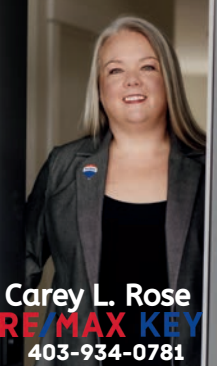
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Youth leadership

## Town wetland at risk of development

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council passed second and third readings for the WestCreek Area Structure Plan Amendment By-law, 25-07, during the May 7 regular meeting.

First reading of the bylaw took place during the April 2, meeting. In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, a public hearing was required to be held prior to voting on further readings. This requirement was met during the same May 7 meeting.

Town staff had received an application to amend the West-Creek Area Structure Plan bylaw 08-22 from Arcadis Professional Services Canada on behalf of West Strathmore Development, which proposed to amend the 2010 WestCreek Area Structure Plan.

The amendments were to update the development vision, several figures, proposed land uses, phasing of the project, servicing, and the addition of a new public utility lot, among a host of other changes.

West Strathmore Development held an open house event, March 27, at the Strathmore Civic Centre, presenting their project plans and to gather feedback from the local community.

The community development proposed in 2010 included the removal of a wetland, which falls under the jurisdiction of Alberta Environment and Protected Areas. The updated ASP suggested the removal of the same wetland in accordance with regulations established by the Province of Alberta.

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## Mother's Day Invitational

The Strathmore Gymnastics Club (SGC) hosted their first-ever home competition, the Strathmore Silhouettes Mother's Day Invitational, on May 10 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. Following the competitive events, the club held a recreational showcase to conclude the day.

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Mental Health awareness

The Addiction Resource Coalition (ARC), in celebration of National Mental Health Week, hosted a community barbecue on May 10 at Kinsmen Park. In addition to the free barbecue, there was face painting, outdoor games, karaoke, poetry café, body movement and resource tables available.

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Strathmore High School, in partnership with the Alberta Association of Students, Councils, and Advisors (AASCA), hosted the Alberta Student Leadership Conference May 9-11.

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SHS hosts Alberta Student Leadership Conference

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore High School was host to the Alberta Student Leadership Conference, which took place May 9-11, in partnership with the Alberta Association of Students, Councils, and Advisors (AASCA). The event is held annually at a different school each year. Cheryl Davidson, a teacher who spoke on behalf of Strathmore High School, explained they were able to host the event following a successful application to the AASCA.

“It consists of three days; it starts Friday after school, all day Saturday, and Sunday until noon. We have three keynote speakers, and then we have 14 breakout sessions; we have a service project, and we have a dance, and then just some other really fun activities,” she explained. “Kids come from all over Alberta; we have 30 different schools that are coming; there are 65 students from Strathmore High School who are helping to put it on.”

Strathmore High School students have been given leadership roles and have been given responsibilities corresponding with keeping groups of their peers organized.

Davidson added this year’s event theme is “Yes I Can,” which aims to empower youth to recognize their own potential, embrace their strengths, pursue their goals, and come out of the event inspired.

“We have these great workshops, these inspiring speakers; we are hoping that they will make some meaningful connections with kids from across Alberta, that they will be a little more resilient, that they will have more belief in themselves, that they will come away feeling like they have purpose,” she said. “We were supposed to host in 2020, then COVID-19 shut us down. This is the first time we have hosted. Last year, it was held in Airdrie.”

The Town of Strathmore has supported hosting the conference, having discounted the school for the use of the Civic Centre during the event.

Similarly, Best Western provided complimentary rooms for the keynote speakers, Strathmore and Wood Creek Lions Clubs made monetary donations to pay for the speakers, and Domino’s Pizza offered the school discounted pizza to feed the students.

“(Students) always leave these events so excited to just make change, to make things better in their own environments, whether that is in their school or in their community or in their homes, or in the world,” said Davidson. “They come back with all of these ideas of things that they can do and there is a real energy ... it serves mostly for skill development, but it is also a great resume builder and character builder.”

This year’s speakers included Kimberly Lyle, hailing from Lethbridge, Tyler Smith, a former member of the Humboldt Broncos, and Brett Dixon, a leadership teacher from Calgary.

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# Foothills Advocacy in Motion discusses new facility with town

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Foothills Advocacy in Motion (FAIM) presented before Town of Strathmore council during the May 7 regular meeting as a delegation.

FAIM is a nonprofit organization funded by the provincial government which supports adults with developmental disabilities in Strathmore, Wheatland County, and surrounding areas.

Operations in Strathmore have been taking place since 2009. FAIM was originally founded in 1980, and has other branches operating in High River, Okotoks, and Airdrie.

Their services include employment support, inclusion activities, respite, and outreach support for independent living.

Due to ongoing growth, acquisition of a larger space became necessary, leading to a waitlist for services. FAIM will be occupying 1016 Westridge Road, formerly a bowling alley, once renovations are completed and possession takes place approximately by the end of May or in early June.

“Our biggest mandate is community and so

being out in the community is most important; however, we do have lots of need for a space where people can gather and spend time with their peers during the day,” said Andrea Gawin, director of client services with FAIM. “This location, we feel, along with the parking that it will offer for our staff, as well as our families and care providers who do drop offs and pickups, this space if just going to fulfill a lot of those needs for us.”

Galwin added FAIM was able to make an offer on their new building in October 2024 and began renovations of the facility in January.

The delegation’s presentation before council did not aim to ask for anything of the town, rather to simply share information about FAIM. FAIM is reaching out to Family and Community Support Services for funding assistance.

“In most of our locations, we have experienced these pressures over the last couple of years and Strathmore was our most recent pressing matter,” said Galwin.

The new facility will feature approximately 12 offices, as well as two common areas for clients to gather in and utilize.

A grand opening of the new facility also aims to be hosted approximately in August to celebrate the new space and the ability to support a growing need in Strathmore’s expanding population.

Coun. Denise Peterson suggested to FAIM during their delegation to consider application for a New Horizons grant, as some of their members and clients would qualify them to receive it, as well as to reach out to Siksika Nation to establish more local partnerships.

# County reviews land use redesignation

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Wheatland County council passed second reading for Bylaw 2024-34, being for the purposes of amending Bylaw 2016-01, during the May 6 regular meeting.

Passing third reading of the bylaw would redesignate approximately 6.68 hectares from agricultural general district to country residential district in order to create four 1.67-hectare parcels, and a 54.51-hectare remainder.

The land is currently undeveloped and is used for agricultural purposes. Subject lands are bisected by an extension of the Western Irrigation District’s (WID) canal network, which separates the lands designated for residential and agricultural uses.

Within the application for land use redesignation, the applicant notes challenges maneuvering farm equipment and machinery on the lands east of the canal, as well as those lands being not ideal for livestock due to a lack of water access.

Documents provided to county council by the applicant included a transportation impact assessment, a site-specific storm water implementation plan, a Phase 1 groundwater supply assessment, and a level two sewage treatment system assessment.

This documentation suggested minimal adverse impacts to other nearby residents and farmland, management of runoff to avoid impacting the WID canal, sufficient aquifer supplies for the proposed developments, and suitable site and soil conditions for soil-based wastewater treatment systems on each lot.

County administration noted the proposal aligns with the Municipal Development Plan and does not exceed the 20-acre maximum nonagricultural area within the quarter section. It also will not result in more than five parcels in the quarter section.

Concerns raised by nearby and adjacent landowners largely regarded local water use, and how an additional four residential properties would impact both local wells, as well as irrigation use.

During the meeting, no presentations were made by the applicant, nor members of the public either in support or opposition of the land use redesignation.

Coun. Glenn Koester raised concerns about several acreages being so close together in regard to future road paving or maintenance

Support for the application referenced the applicant had completed their required due diligence and environmental impact assessments. Reeve Amber Link noted the proposal conforms to current county policies and statutory documents, including the Municipal Development Plan.

Permission for third reading of the bylaw was not granted following second reading, as council’s vote was not unanimous. Coun. Koester and Coun. Rick Laursen voted in opposition.

County administration noted the proposed land use redesignation bylaw would return before council during their next meeting.

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Two-person German submarine

6. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)

9. Database management system

13. Vertical position

14. American jazz singer Irene

15. Ancient Greek City

16. Former Senate Majority Leader Harry

17. Japanese seaport

18. Self-immolation by fire ritual

19. Assigns tasks

21. Beloved type of cigar

22. Discounts

23. Cambodian communist leader Pot

24. Important football position

25. Kilometers per hour

28. Lentil

29. Extremely angry

31. Yellow-flowered European plant

33. American state
36. Some are made by rabbits

38. Express with a head movement

39. Affair

41. Cured

44. Youth organization

45. 18-year astronomical period

46. Automobile

48. Focus a shot

49. The NFL’s big game (abbr.)

51. Mouth

52. Infections

54. Curved pieces of a horse collar

56. Shameless

60. Assist in escaping

61. Capuchin monkey genus

62. Cold wind

63. Retired Brazilian NBAer

64. Tropical Old World tree

65. Bulgarian city

66. Speak indistinctly

67. Soviet Socialist Republic

68. Between-meal sustenance

### CLUES DOWN

1. Not soft

2. Sharp-pointed dueling sword

3. Line a roof

4. Greek god of the underworld

5. Software

6. Large-headed elongated fishes

7. Shag rugs

8. Type of whale

9. Lacking a plan

10. Spill the beans

11. Some is “heavy”

12. One who has been canonized

14. Indicate times

17. Greeting

20. Broadway actor Josh

21. Seashore

23. Indicates before

25. Electrical power unit

26. Destitute

27. Drags forcibly
29. Impropriety

30. Word forms

32. Equal to 10 meters

34. Neither

35. Computer language

37. Practice of aging film or TV characters (abbr.)

40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin

42. A promise

43. Challenges

47. Official

49. People living in Myanmar

50. Notable tower

52. Type of sword

53. Vaccine developer

55. Listing

56. Summertime insects

57. Concluding passage

58. Guitarist Clapton

59. Damp and musty

61. Central nervous system

65. Against

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# Town approves updated WestCreek Developments area structure plan

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Proposed developments are to be located north of the Strathmore Lakes and Westmount communities, and west of Wheatland Trail.

Land use statistics presented before council include primarily indications for low density residential development within the revised Area Structure Plan, accounting for nearly 40 per cent of the total area structure plan. Less than two per cent is planned to be allocated for medium density residential development area.

A total of 1,002 units are proposed for development, to be allocated as single family detached units, mixed housing, and medium density attached units.

On the opposite side of Wheatland Trail, south of Gray Park, the revised area structure plan has proposed to donate a 26.6 hectare parcel of land to the Town of Strathmore, which was originally intended to have been donated to the town in 2010.

Phase 1 of the Area Structure Plan also intends to donate a public utility lot to the town. The future use case for this plot of land has yet to be determined.

Following notice of the public hearing being scheduled regarding the Area Structure Plan, the Town of Strathmore received 12 letters from members of the public, all of which were to express objections, concerns, and opposition to the development on this particular plot of land.

A 13th letter was received from Christ the Redeemer schools, which did not object in principle to the development, however their concerns were in regards to a lack of concrete plans to see more local schools constructed as Strathmore's population continues to grow.

Concerns expressed by local residents included annotation of whether their own property values would be negatively impacted by the development, the destruction of critical lo-

cal wetlands, guaranteed negative impact to local wildlife and sensitive species, increased risk of severe local fire damages, increased risk of flooding and stormwater problems, and newly created local traffic risks.

Regarding concerns to any potential flooding, flooding which occurred in the area of Wheeler Street in August 2024 was described by Town of Strathmore CAO Kevin Scoble as a one-in-100-year storm, according to meteorological data made available from the Calgary airport.

"I think the important thing to remember is that the Westmount area currently drains through Wheeler into a culvert where the new storm pond is proposed. Strathmore Lakes drains into Strathmore Lake and then it comes around by pipe on the north side to that same culvert," he said. "Strathmore Lakes does not flow through Westmount. There is a storm pond proposed here, those are discussions to be had with the developer at a later stage in the project. Basically, those flows can be accommodated in a storm pond or the developer can move our drainage around."

Regarding previous flooding on and around Wheeler Street, Scoble added town administration will be putting a capital project in the 2026 capital plan to address the issue.

WestCreek Developments will be submitting a new Water Act application through the province as part of the approval process to develop the land. Currently no discussions have been had by the developer regarding a possibility should the outcome of the Water Act application be not approved.

The WestCreek Area Structure Plan received Water Act approval in 2010 to remove the wetlands present on the subject lands, with extensions that were granted until 2018.

As part of development conditions outlined in the Water Act, any construction must be completed outside of local nesting seasons. This is a condition the developer has committed to honouring.

"We understand that the west wetlands provide seasonal habitat for a variety of bird species. To support ongoing habitat needs, the proposed storm pond in the southeast quadrant will be designed to offer an alternative sanctuary while also serving storm water management and community and amenity functions," said Mike Festa, senior development manager with WestCreek Developments. "The removal of the west wetlands is necessary to facilitate the completion of the north boundary road, an essential connection into Wildflower Development.

This road will enable continuous traffic flow from Wheatland Trail and improve emergency response times for residents in west Strathmore."

Doug Slatnik, who served for 35 years with the Government of Alberta in environmental protection, addressed council during the meeting, cited the 2005 Wetland Conservation Plan having identified the wetlands proposed for removal as Biologically Significant Wetlands, with their significance being stated as High Species Diversity.

Sites such as these, being biologically and environmentally significant are under regular circumstances, protected by a no net loss clause detailed by the Town of Strathmore's Wetland Conservation Policy.

"Your own town has developed a conservation plan that advises that this location is a significant wetland or environmentally significant wetland, and I just can't believe that people are prepared – as in individuals or companies like this are prepared to cover in a very viable wetland that your own past council members have dedicated and adopted as a comprehensive wetland," said Slatnik. "Some of those wetlands that have been indicated on the other side of the highway that the company is prepared to turn over, if you look at it, a lot of that wetland is alkaline, not fresh water and wildlife does not use that kind of wetland at all."

Similar concerns were raised by residents throughout the course of the meeting, describing objection and discontent with the proposal for development in the described area.

Jamie Dougdale, director of infrastructure, operations, and development services reminded council and the public the meeting was for the purposes of discussing an amendment to an already existing and approved area structure plan.

Development rights on the parcel were and are existing. Had council voted not to approve the amendments to the Area Structure Plan, WestCreek Developments would still have been able to continue forward with their development plan.

"The wetland conservation plan was completed in 2005. The wetland conservation policy was adopted by council of the day in 2007. In that policy, there were recommendations to do a wetland implementation plan, and then to incorporate the wetland implementation plan into the land use bylaw. That never happened," added Scoble. "When we are looking at developments relative to the land use bylaw, the land use bylaw trumps the conservation plan."

Following debate and discussion, council voted unanimously to pass motions for second and third readings of the bylaw amendment, citing the updated area structure plan as the wiser development option.

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## Music Monday

Students at École Brentwood filled the air with music during the Music Monday celebration on May 5, held in conjunction with the Coalition for Music Education's National event promoting the importance of music in schools.

Melissa Piche Photos

## Jessica Sevick presents to Brentwood Elementary students

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Olympic silver medalist Jessica Sevick spoke to Brentwood Elementary School students, May 6, about her journey to a medal, and her experiences along the way.

Having been visiting Strathmore to be a part of the Hype for Hospice event, May 4, Sevick was requested by Brentwood staff to return to the school to present.

"Lynn Anderson, she was one of my teachers back in the day, reached out to see if I would come into Brentwood. I came to Brentwood after the Tokyo Olympics and talked to a few of the kids. They really loved it, and I loved being here and it is always great to come back," she said. "It is so amazing to be able to connect with people from Strathmore with it being my hometown and especially being at Brentwood because it brings back so many memories."

Sevick explained she hoped the takeaway from her talk for the students was to focus on long-term goals and to be their best selves every day.

"It is not about being perfect, but it is about being your best and trying your hardest, which is kind of my

mode or my mentality as an athlete," she said. "I am not always perfect, and I am not always the best, but I always know that I have tried my hardest and that I have put in a lot of effort and done the hard work."

Katie Coulter, a teacher with Brentwood Elementary, emphasized the importance and impact a speaker such as Sevick returning to the school may have for the students.

She said it makes for a uniquely powerful opportunity for the kids to see a real person having done something extraordinary who was at one point in the exact same space and position as they are today.

"Seeing that there are so many opportunities for them and that the world is huge and wide open – I think it is just a great opportunity for them to really make that connection," said Coulter. "I think just seeing this in somebody who used to be at Brentwood School just makes it that much more real for them ... I think they really got a lot out of it; they had really great questions. I was really impressed with some of their questions which were really thoughtful."

She added, as the school approaches the end of the

educational year, ongoing discussions with the students revolve around excellence, which tied in well with Sevick's presentation.

Brentwood occasionally brings in alumni to speak to students, as several have remained within the local community following their education. This opportunity, though celebrated whenever possible, does not happen every year.



Olympic silver medalist Jessica Sevick was invited to speak to Brentwood Elementary School students, May 6, about her journey as an athlete and perseverance.

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Iodine is a trace element that regulates body metabolism via the thyroid gland and is crucial for the development of brain function in children. In 1924, scientists realized its importance and started adding it to table salt. However, diets have changed, and today, more people eat processed foods that contain non-iodized salt. Also, people are choosing other types of salts, like Himalayan rock salt and Kosher salt, which don't contain iodine.

Those who were children in the 1950s will remember their parents' fear of polio. This was before two polio vaccines were discovered to allay these fears. Unless people remember when diseases like polio, measles and tuberculosis were rampant, they may take vaccines for granted and not get their children immunized. Because of this, measles is starting to come back.

Breast cancer accounts for 25% of all cancer diagnoses in women in 2024. Deaths from breast cancer peaked in 1986 but have been declining since. This is due to the impact of more and better screening and improvements in treatment. Have you had your mammogram in the past year?

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Puppy cuteness

Rebloom Community Health and Wellness hosted Recued Paws on May 8 for some puppy snuggles during Mental Health Week May 6-9. The cute puppies were looking for a nice foster home, or even better, their forever home.

Joe Lepage Photo



Walk around town

Kindergarten students from Sacred Heart Academy went for a walk through downtown, stopping by the Strathmore Business Centre to visit the Strathmore Times and the office of MLA Chantelle de Jonge on May 7. After a short lesson about the newspaper, students enjoyed a popsicle before walking past the town office on their way back to class.

Mario Prusina Photo

SWCC hosts fireside chat

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) hosted an event which they referred to as a Fireside Chat at the Strathmore Civic Centre, May 14.

Regarded as an evening of connection, conversation and collaboration, members of the chamber, as well as unaffiliated local business owners were invited to participate and provide input on the future of the chamber.

“The chamber is looking to steer the organization in a new direction. It is public knowledge now that we did not sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Town of Strathmore for the events we host every year, because we really want to hone in and focus on our business advocacy in regards to just becoming an event planning company,” said Cody Holdaway, board secretary for the SWCC. “We were really looking forward to sitting down with business owners and figuring out what they want, what they need, what they want us to lobby and advocate for. We are just really excited to have the business community steer the chamber in this new direction.”

The event was geared to be an informal discussion, with light snacks and refreshments for those in attendance. Members of Strathmore town council, and both Strathmore and Wheatland County’s CAO’s were invited to be in attendance.

Holdaway described the chamber is looking for a type of “reset but-

ton” as an organization, reorienting to discover and address the needs of the local business community.

“The chamber decided not to resign our MoU with the Town of Strathmore which we have had since pre-COVID-19, where we planned four key events for the town every year,” he said. “We sat back and realized that maybe that is not what our business community wanted their chamber to be doing and not what our members wanted. At the end of the day, we do work for our members, so we are really just trying to sit down and see what our members want us to be doing.”

Over the past few years, the chamber has been making efforts to direct themselves in new directions. One such step included the unveiling of their updated logo and branding in February 2024.

New board members were also recently signed on during the chambers’ annual general meeting in April.

“I think it will be great for the chamber. (We) are in the process of redoing a strategic plan, and it is key to figure out what our members actually want,” said Holdaway. “There are talks about doing a couple (events like this) throughout the year – potentially one in Wheatland County. Obviously this one was at the Civic Centre, but it is definitely, hopefully not a one-and-done.”

The chamber is open to feedback at any time from members, and unaffiliated businesses, and is able to be contacted through their website.



Public Hearings

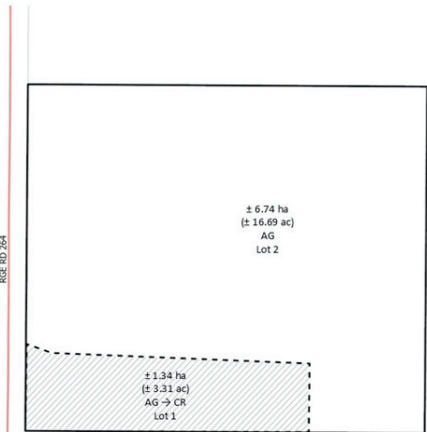
Wheatland County Council Chambers June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.  
The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

Bylaw #: 2025-13 (LU2025-002)

Legal Description: Plan 2312058; Block 1; Lot 1 within NW-16-25-26-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate a ± 1.34 hectares (± 3.31 acres) portion of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 2312058 from AG to CR District to allow for a proposed subdivision to create a ± 1.34 hectare (± 3.31 acre) parcel and a ± 6.74 hectare (± 16.69 acre) remainder parcel.



Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 40 (1) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 33 (c) and subsequent versions of the Act.

Redesignation Plan

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 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting
- June 3, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting
- June 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
- June 17, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting

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### New season

The Strathmore Reds U9 baseball team started their new season on May 8 at the Westmount School Field. After receiving their new jersey and a quick drill, the Red Team and Green Team hit the field for a fun game. Rookie Ball is a step up from the t-ball, where players faced live pitching from coach Tom LittleFair, giving them an early introduction to the fundamentals of real baseball.

Joe Lepage Photos



### Superb Spurs

The Strathmore Spurs U10 boys' soccer team earned a 5-1 victory over Foothills on May 10 at the Ranch Market Soccer Field.

Joe Lepage Photos



### Spartans battle

The Strathmore Spartans high school boys rugby team suffered their first loss of the season when they hosted West Island College on May 5. The 18-7 loss marked the final home game of the season for the Spartans – unless the team earns the opportunity to host an upcoming zone playoff game.

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### Opening weekend

The Strathmore Reds U15AA baseball team opened their season with a trio of weekend games versus the Chestermere Crushers on May 10 at the Kinsmen Park Ball Diamonds. The team played two games the following day before preparing for a trio of games May 24-25 in Cochrane.

Joe Lepage Photos



Members of the Crowfoot 4-H Multi Club pose with "Pop," the charity lamb that will be auctioned off during the 4-H on Parade in Calgary on June 1.

Photo Courtesy of Megan Black

## Raising money for charity

MEGAN BLACK  
Co-Leader Crowfoot 4-H Multi Club

The Crowfoot 4-H Multi Club is proud to be raising this year's charity lamb "Pop" for the Calgary Regional 4-H on Parade Show and Sale.

All the proceeds from the live auction of the charity lamb will go to the charity Legacy Place Society, which is a registered non-profitable organization that provides mental health support,

suicide awareness and transitional housing for first responders, veterans and military personnel.

Our charity lamb has been made possible through the gracious local support of the Neal Family, Rocking Horse Industries, Strathmore OK Tire and Sharp Stock Dogs. If you are interested in supporting our charity lamb or have questions about the auction, please reach out for more details via email ([crowfootmulti4h@4hab.com](mailto:crowfootmulti4h@4hab.com)).



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**Upcoming Council Meetings**  
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June 4, 2025 | 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.



2025 is an election year. While it's not October, 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.

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](https://strathmore.ca/Election).

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**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, canoeing, or skating. For your safety, please avoid any activity on or near other storm ponds. These ponds can be deeper than they appear, with water levels that rise and move quickly — and they often contain contaminants like fertilizers, pesticides, and animal waste.

Visit our website, [Strathmore.ca/stormwater](https://strathmore.ca/stormwater), for more information.

Speedy wifi? Yes please.  
**Fibre Optic Expansion.**

The Town of Strathmore has partnered with Fibre Connect to expand the fibre optic main network in residential and business right-of-ways. Starting in spring 2025, Leduc Technical Services will subcontract the work to bring high-speed fibre optic access to areas of Strathmore previously without coverage. Connection to the fibre optic will be at the discretion of property and business owners. Representatives from Leduc and Fibre Connect will be visiting homes and business to seek permission. There is no obligation to connect.

For more information about this project or future availability of services such as high-speed internet, contact Fibre Connect directly at [info@fibreconnect.com](mailto:info@fibreconnect.com) or call 1-800-503-2731. View the construction schedule & ongoing updates on our webpage, [Strathmore.ca/FibreOptics](https://strathmore.ca/FibreOptics)



Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 25-09.  
**Notice of Public Hearing.**

June 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.  
**Garden & Garage Suites Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 25-09**

Land Use Bylaw No. 14-11 is proposed to be amended to remove all references, regulations, and parking requirements related to Garden and Garage Suites, along with their associated definitions. All mentions of garden and garage suites are proposed to be deleted from the general provisions, parking standards, and definitions sections of the Land Use Bylaw No. 14-11. Additionally, "Garage Suite" and "Garden Suite" are proposed to be removed as discretionary uses from all 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

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on **Wednesday, June 4, 2025**, commencing at **7:00pm** with procedures in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Legislative Services at [lsadmin@strathmore.ca](mailto:lsadmin@strathmore.ca) by **12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 28, 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 **12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 28, 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 five 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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# Protecting Alberta

CHANTELLE DE JONGE  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Our government congratulates Prime Minister Mark Carney on his election victory and the formation of a minority government. We also thank Pierre Poilievre for his principled leadership and powerful advocacy in defence of Alberta's economy, energy workers, and constitutional rights. His vision for a stronger, safer, more united Canada has inspired millions across the country, and earned the respect of countless Albertans.

But despite a new face at the helm, the federal government remains the same one that has spent the last decade undermining Alberta's economy, landlocking our resources, and threatening our core industries. We recognize and share the deep frustration felt by many Albertans today.

Now is the time for Prime Minister Carney to prove that he is prepared to govern differently. If he is serious about resetting the fractured relationship between Alberta and Ottawa, that reset must come through meaningful, decisive action – not symbolic gestures or hollow rhetoric.

Within the first six months of his term, the Prime Minister must take real steps to reverse the damage his party has done. That means repealing Bill C-69, lifting the tanker ban off the Pacific coast, and scrapping the emissions cap that would impose a de facto production limit on Alberta's oil and gas industry. It means abandoning unrealistic federal mandates like the Clean Electricity Regulations and net-zero vehicle targets, ending the prohibition on single-use plastics, returning oversight of the industrial carbon tax to the provinces, and stopping the censorship of Canadian energy companies.

We understand how disappointing it is to even have to demand these basic measures. But Albertans can take confidence in the fact that their government is prepared. We have planned for this moment and will not allow the status quo to continue.

Albertans are proud Canadians who want to live in a strong, united, and prosperous country but we will not stand by while our province is targeted and diminished by a federal government that refuses to respect our role in Confederation.

In the weeks ahead, Albertans will have the opportunity to take part in a serious conversation about our province's future. Together, we will assess the options available to strengthen and protect Alberta from future hostile actions out of Ottawa and ultimately choose the best path forward.

We will lead that discussion with sincerity and determination, always with the goal of securing Alberta's place in a united Canada that respects our constitutional rights, facilitates our resource development, and treats us as an equal partner.

This government's commitment is to the people of Alberta. We will not back down. We will stand firm. And we will defend the jobs, industries, and prosperity that Alberta families depend on – no matter who sits in the Prime Minister's chair.

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)*

## Recognize scammed Albertans

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Scam Survivor Day, which was held May 8, is a day set aside to recognize survivors of scams, address their needs, and educate others on scam awareness and prevention.

"Anyone can be scammed," says Mary O'Sullivan-Andersen, President and CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Alberta and East Kootenay. "When a person is targeted in a scam there can be financial losses and an emotional impact."

According to BBB research, more than 50 per cent said being targeted by a scam caused them anxiety, stress, and/or trauma.

"BBB wants to rip the stigma off of this pervasive problem and send an unequivocal message to anyone who has experienced this type of crime," says O'Sullivan-Andersen. "You are not alone. The public is up against sophisticated crime organizations out to steal your money."

One Albertan who is speaking out had a significant amount of money stolen from him by scammers spoofing an online shopping platform and then contacting him by telephone.

"BBB has the highest regard for this individual," says O'Sullivan-Andersen. "It takes courage to share your story. By doing so he is bringing much needed awareness to this important issue."

"We know that only five per cent of people who have had money stolen in scams report it to the authorities. We want to change this narrative and have everyone talking about scams so they can learn how to manage the risks."



**Provincial success**

Strathmore High School's badminton team delivered an impressive performance at the ASAA provincial championships held in Red Deer May 2-3. Olivia Beardsell and Cali Yu earned a bronze medal in the Senior Girls Doubles category, while Snow Supasawat and Sunny Lee captured silver in Intermediate Girls Doubles. In the Intermediate Boys Singles, Category A, Nathan Leung achieved a strong fifth-place finish, placing him among the top competitors in the province.

Photo Courtesy of SHS



**Raising some dough**

Domino's Pizza successfully raised \$1,000 through their 'Domino's Dough Raiser' campaign for equipment at the Strathmore Hospital. The goal of the Strathmore District Health Foundation is to raise \$85,000 for new equipment required by the hospital. Joyce Bazant (l-r, President of Strathmore District Health Foundation), Karen McKee (treasurer) Jeffrey Mahillum (Strathmore Domino's Pizza manager) and Mardelle Bazant, (member of the Strathmore District Health Services Auxiliary) held a cheque presentation on May 8.

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Obituary



**MURRAY, Irene Alice**  
January 1, 1926 – May 11, 2025  
Born in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan  
Passed in Strathmore, Alberta

With deep love and sorrow, we announce the passing of Irene Murray, who left us peacefully on the morning of May 11, 2025, at the age of 99. Irene was the beloved wife of the late Don Murray Sr., with whom she shared a devoted life from their marriage on August 16, 1948, until his passing on June 30, 2002. She was the proud and loving mother of five sons: Billy (Jeanette), Don (Linda), Calvin (Debbie), Robin (Penny), and Bradley (Lauri). Her legacy lives on through 15 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren—a true matriarch whose love spanned across generations. Born on New Year's Day in 1926, Irene's life was defined by grace, quiet strength, and generosity. She lived independently in her own home until February 2025, a testament to her resilience, independence, and unwavering spirit. A passionate gardener and gracious host, Irene welcomed family and friends into her home with the warmth only she could provide. Mornings at Irene's house meant hot coffee, toast, and the kind of stories and laughter that stitched people together. Saturdays were extra special—always beginning with fresh pancakes and strong coffee around her well-worn dining table. If you knew Irene, you knew generosity. Her heart was endless, and her kindness effortless. She had a signature greeting for anyone who came through her door: "Are you hungry? Well, I'll go make you some toast." Even in her final year, she insisted on rising early each day, slowly making her way to the kitchen with her walker to brew coffee before the familiar knock of company at 10 a.m. She gave her family the kind of love that lasts a lifetime and leaves a legacy far beyond her years. She was the heart of her family for nearly a century and will be deeply missed and forever remembered. A public viewing and visitation will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Wheatland Funeral Home Ltd. from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Friday, May 16, 2025, at Strathmore Civic Centre (120 Brent Blvd.) at 1:00 p.m. The service will be recorded and posted online later that day for anyone who cannot attend. To send condolences, please visit Irene's obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca).

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Obituary



**WINKLER, Evelyn Clare**  
(née Ramsay)

Evelyn Clare Winkler (née Ramsay) passed away May 6, 2025 at the age of 80 years. Evelyn grew up on a farm near Strathmore, AB, the oldest child of Andrew (Tuffy) and Viola Ramsay. In 1964, Evelyn married Darly Winkler and together they proceeded to grow their farm and their family near Indus, AB for 60 years. Evelyn is survived by her four siblings; Ellen Ramsay (Vern Pointmeier), Susan (Sterling) Holwegner, Shelia Ramsay (Doug Larsen), and Michael (Francine) Ramsay; her four children, Kevin (Tanja) Winkler, Michele Konschuh, Doug (Shelagh) Winkler and Steve (Katherine) Winkler; eight grandchildren and nine nieces and nephews. Evelyn was a force of nature. She was intelligent, energetic, fiercely independent and strong. She will be remembered for her beautiful yard, gardening, cooking, cleaning, contributing to the community and improving the world around her. A celebration of life will be planned for Evelyn and Daryl at a later date.

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Notice is hereby given that nominations are open from the date of this publication until 4:00 pm on **Wednesday, May 21 st, 2025**, for the election of candidates for the following offices and will be received at the location of the office of the Western Irrigation District set out below:

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<b>Director</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

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Western Irrigation District Office:  
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# Save THE WETLANDS

- Many Strathmore residents voiced their concerns at the Public Hearing on May 7.
- Unfortunately, their concerns fell on deaf ears as Council strongly appeared to have already made up their minds. There was no discussion about the residents concerns. Zero..
- Residents felt they were disrespected and their concerns were disregarded.
- 14 acres of wetlands (west side of Hwy 817 south of the golf course) could easily be saved and incorporated into the development plan. Council appeared to give it zero thought as the amended bylaw was passed only a few minutes after the public comments were ended.
- The decision is reckless and unacceptable.
- Contrary to what anyone may tell you, there will be a Net Loss of wetlands in Strathmore forever if this development goes through.

**Dirt hasn't been moved so it isn't too late!**  
**PLEASE ACT TODAY!**

**Call to Action!**

**What can you do:**

1. **Contact** the Mayor and Council members to voice your dissatisfaction with this decision. They can be reached at: [strathmore.ca/en/town-hall/your-elected-officials.aspx](http://strathmore.ca/en/town-hall/your-elected-officials.aspx)
2. **Contact** any provincial or federal government person or agency that may be able to help.
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