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Protecting communities

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Province of Alberta is committing nearly \$7 million to the creation of six new Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) teams which aim to protect communities from wildfires.

Responding to increased wildfire activity within Alberta, the province is actioning with the intent to safeguard communities and strengthen the way emergencies are responded to.

Announcing the financial commitment and the program, Mike Ellis, minister of public safety and emergency services, introduced it during a presentation held in Strathmore, May 23.

"Wildland Urban Interface teams are structural firefighters who have specialized training and equipment to respond to wildfires that threaten to enter a community or wherever developed areas meet wildland areas," said Ellis.

The six new Wildland Interface teams will be based out of the Town of Hinton, the Town of Slave Lake, Lac La Biche County, Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council, the Town of Strathmore, and the Kananaskis Improvement District.

Prior to the establishment of the six new teams, there were two pre-existing WUI teams based out of Clearwater County and the Town of High Level.

Each team is to receive \$1.09 million from the province in order to cover personnel costs, administrative support equipment, and maintenance and travel costs to help them develop and expand the WUI programs' training and operational capacity.

Funding for the teams based in Strathmore and in the Kananaskis Improvement District will be provided by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency.

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Equipment in the Park

The Town of Strathmore hosted their annual Equipment in the Park event on May 24 at Kinsmen Park. It was a chance for community members to check out some of the heavy equipment trucks from the town's fleet, while catering to children to hop in and pose for a photo.

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Spartans earn historic three-peat at Provincials

JERRY FLAWS
SHS Athletic Director

The Strathmore High School Girls Rugby team traveled to St. Albert for the Alberta High School Athletic Association's Rugby 7s Provincial Championship with one goal: to defend their 2023 and 2024 titles. Unfortunately, the tournament coincided with the school's graduation weekend, meaning Grade 12 players couldn't make the trip to St. Albert. As the weekend progressed, more athletes and a coach had to leave to attend graduation ceremonies.

Day One: Round Robin Matches
Game 1 – SHS vs. Peace Wapiti (Grande Prairie)

The Spartans opened the tournament Friday morning against Peace Wapiti, a team known for its physical style of play. The match was tightly contested, with the game tied at halftime. Early in the second half, Peace Wapiti took the lead, but Strathmore fought back and tied the game as time wound down. With seconds remaining and a restart required, the Spartans unfortunately conceded three consecutive penalties, allowing Peace Wapiti to score before the final whistle and secure a 15-10 win. Despite the loss, the Spartans earned a valuable bonus point for losing by fewer than seven points.

Game 2 – SHS vs. Westmount Charter
The Spartans faced league rival Westmount Charter in their second game. The teams had met twice previously in the season, each earning a win. This time, Strathmore adapted by playing a more physical game to contain Westmount's speed. By maintaining posses-

sion through aggressive rucking and crashing through the line, the Spartans secured a 29-10 victory. They earned four points for the win and an additional bonus point for scoring four tries.

Game 3 – SHS vs. Frank Maddock (Drayton Valley, a rematch of 2024 Ffinal)

Strathmore's final round-robin match was a rematch of last year's provincial final against Frank Maddock. A win was crucial to avoid being relegated to the consolation bracket. Frank Maddock opened the scoring and led 7-5 at half-time. They extended their lead to 14-5 early in the second half. In response, the Spartans made a tactical shift, subbing in a smaller, faster lineup. With two minutes remaining, Strathmore scored to close the gap to 14-10. They quickly forced a turnover and, after a series of Frank Maddock penalties, scored again just before the final whistle. The successful conversion sealed a 17-14 win and another four points in the standings.

After Day 1, three teams were tied with 2-1 records. Standings were determined by total points: Frank Maddock: 11 points (2 wins, 3 bonus points), Strathmore: 10 points (2 wins, 2 bonus points) and Peace Wapiti: 9 points (2 wins, 1 bonus point)

Semifinal – SHS vs. West Island College (Calgary)

Initially, a clerical error placed the Spartans in the consolation bracket due to a missing bonus point. The correction reignited the team's focus as they prepared to face West Island College – a team that had defeated them by 15 points in both regular season matchups.

Strathmore came out strong, lever-



aging their speed and strategic forward crashes to pull defenders inside and create space on the outside. Their support play was outstanding, both on attack and in defense. The Spartans maintained possession for most of the game and executed a near-flawless defensive effort, resulting in a 20-0 win. It was a true team effort – no standout individual, just a cohesive, united performance.

Championship Final – SHS vs. Frank Maddock (Drayton Valley)

In a high-emotion rematch of the earlier round-robin game, the Spartans were hungry to not only repeat their win but make a statement on the scoreboard. Despite having beaten Frank Maddock the day before, Strathmore

entered the final with a mindset of, "We want it more."

Frank Maddock relied heavily on their kicking game, more than the Spartans had seen all season. But the girls reacted quickly, doing whatever it took to regain possession. Their support play remained consistent, with players ready in rucks and on long runs. With a half-time lead of 15-0, the team reminded themselves, "The job's not done yet." Staying humble and focused, they closed out the match with a 27-5 victory.

With this win, the Spartans claimed their third consecutive provincial championship – the first-ever team sport three-peat in Strathmore High School history.

Strathmore RCMP remind public about local crime reporting

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore RCMP are reminding residents and the general public about the importance of reporting suspicious or criminal activity, regardless of its perceived scale.

Police are stressing the impact and assistance timely and accurate reporting provides to help better understand what is happening in the community, as well as to support short- and long-term investigations and crime preventi-

on strategies.

"We have been finding that is where we get a lot of our useful information. It really does help to inform our policing activities. We want to be as strategic as possible when we are determining what public safety project we are going to undertake and where we should be focusing our resources," said Staff Sgt. Mark Wielgosz. "A lot of that information does come from where our crime reporting is coming from. Often, we find that if a crime has occurred, whether it is minor in nature such as (relating to vehicles) or minor vandalism, a lot of people do not take the time to make a police report for a variety of reasons."

He explained those who do not make reports after witnessing minor crimes may believe there is nothing police are able to do about it, or the solvability would be too low.

What police are looking for is to enhance and continue good cooperation with local residents to report minor crimes and suspicious activity to help focus where to deploy police resources.

"Anecdotally, if you look at, perhaps one person in the community had their car entered and a few small items were stolen, and perhaps two or three more of their neighbours might have had a similar issue," said Wielgosz. "If nobody reports that, then it is really hard to focus police resources to that area to deal with the problem now. One by itself may not seem to be that big of an issue, but if there are four or five similar types of offences on the same street, that starts to lend itself to a larger picture."

If criminal or suspicious activity is observed, RCMP request witnesses call 911, or 310-RCMP for non-emergencies. Crimes may also be reported online through the Alberta RCMP app.

Members of the public are discouraged from physically intervening against criminals, as they may be potentially dangerous, or civilians may unintentionally interfere with an ongoing investigation.

Domestic crime prevention activities include awareness of what normal behaviours are among neighbours and identifying what movements or changes may be suspicious.

Wielgosz added periodic public information releases serve as good reminders for the public to remain vigilant about community safety. Local RCMP intend to publish releases in semi-regular intervals as time allows to put out messaging about general community safety and crime prevention.

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Town begins land use discussions regarding WestCreek development project

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Conversations are ongoing through the Town of Strathmore, as bylaws relating to the West-Creek area structure plan have been given their first readings.

Bylaw 25-17 is a bylaw to amend the West-Creek Area Structure Plan Bylaw 08-22. Council had amended Bylaw 08-22 before, as second and third readings for Bylaw 25-07, also being an amending bylaw for 08-22 were passed during the May 7 regular meeting.

According to administration, it was discovered following the passing of the bylaw amendment there was an error in Bylaw 25-07 regarding one of the maps of the future land use concept, as it had mistakenly been omitted from the bylaw.

The intent of the new bylaw was to now include the previously omitted map, without changing any previous uses or intents from the previous bylaw amendment.

Discussion and advertisement of the land use bylaw amendment follows procedures outlined in the Municipal Government Act, which requires public notice, and hosting a public hearing prior to second and third readings.

“The WestCreek Area Structure Plan is the higher-level plan. Some of those amendments were adopted by council previously. The next step of the process is where the districts for the land use file are applied to a phase, being Phase 1 of the WestCreek Area Structure Plan amendment,” said Jamie Dugdale, director of infrastructure, operations, and development services.

Additionally, the Town of Strathmore passed first reading of Land Use Amending Bylaw 25-08, being a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw 14-11.

The application to amend Land Use Bylaw 14-11 was received by the town, March 14, and was deemed a complete application, April 7. The re-designation being sought pertains only to lands described as forming Phase 1 of the WestCreek Area Structure Plan.

This current application to amend the land use bylaw is to facilitate the eventual subdivision of the lands within the Phase 1 area structure plan and the creation of 96 urban residential lots along with three blocks intended to be used for emergency services, stormwater, and open space purposes.

Administration noted detailed information about phase one such as acreage, emergency

services, and stormwater details will be available in advance, and presented at the public hearing, as required by the Municipal Government Act.

A public hearing regarding the bylaw amendment has been directed to be scheduled for June 18, being the same date as the area structure plan amendment public hearing.

Mayor Pat Fule presented a notice of motion concerning the transfer of specific lands relating to the WestCreek development. As this was a notice for future consideration, no debate or voting occurred on the subject during the meeting.

The proposed motion directs the CAO, Kevin Scoble, to complete an agreement for the transfer of WestCreek lands south of Gray Park to the Town of Strathmore at an approximate and mutually agreed upon time during the development and approval phases.

Town discussing whether to renew local Social Prescribing Grant program

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council resumed discussions regarding the Social Prescribing Grant program, and whether to approve its continuation from October 2025 until September 2028.

The currently approved and existing program is due to expire in September, and while Healthy Aging Alberta has secured partial funding for the program to continue, it will require a financial commitment from the grantee in order to resume.

Town administration has partnered with Wheatland Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) to provide additional financial support for the program in order to aid with long-term sustainability.

The Social Prescribing Grant Program is a holistic approach to health which is to bridge the gap between medical and community social care services. It is based on an understanding that 80 per cent of a person’s health depends on social determinants such as adequate food, housing, income, and relationships with others.

Health care professionals are able to refer patients to community-based programs to improve their overall health and aim to increase their quality of life through social prescribing. A key component of this is a link worker, who is a non-clinical professional employed by a community organization.

Beginning in October 2023, the existing Social Prescribing grant program was fully funded through Calgary United Way and Healthy Aging Alberta.

Thus far, only the first year of the three-year program extension has seen funding able to be secured.

Social Prescribing began in Strathmore in January 2024. Over the past year, the local program has received 60 referrals and supported 42 clients in Strathmore, as well as 12 in Wheatland County. Currently, there are 37 active local clients.

Specific support provided to clients included, but was not limited to, securing stable and safe

housing for 21 clients, reducing isolation for 30 clients, and connection to mental health resources for 32 clients.

Financial participation from the Town of Strathmore is proposed to be \$65,450 over the three-year term. Wheatland FCSS has already committed \$28,500 to support the program.

The total yearly average for staffing costs, travel commitments and other related administration is estimated to be \$85,000 per year, with a large majority of that coming from Healthy Aging Alberta and the Calgary United Way.

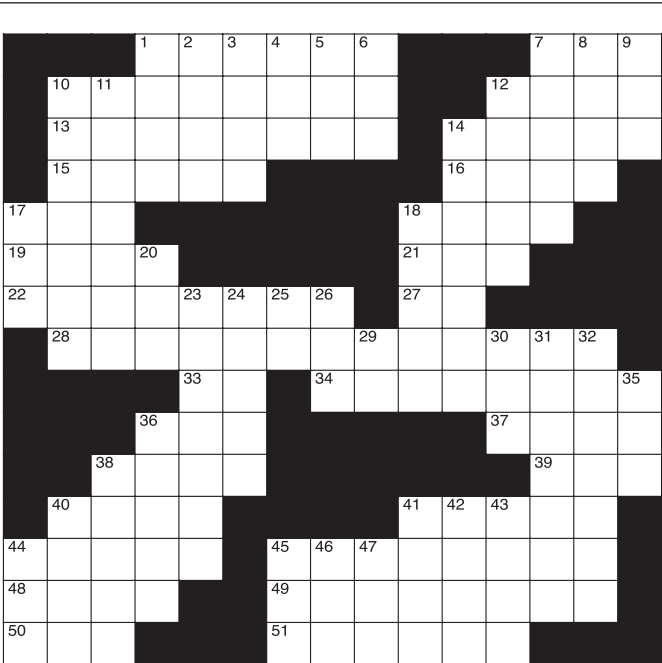
Coun. Melissa Langmaid inquired during the presentation regarding the program, if it were to cease to exist in Strathmore, where there would suddenly be gaps in service for former clients relying on the program.

“Social isolation supports around physical literacy and resource navigation, and also transportation would be another big one, and just having the ability to view an apartment that might be available for rent, being taken to the food bank picking up supplies for a week, and what we found before this position was started, those gaps have been closed up,” said Budd Brazier, manager with the Town of Strathmore who presented the program renewal before council. “The supports and the outcomes from the position itself supporting local seniors, it has been a big benefit to the 42 folks residing in the Town of Strathmore.”

Coun. Brent Wiley expressed concern regarding the time sensitivity of the grant process, inquiring whether this would be a decision able to be deferred by council to a later date.

Brazier clarified Calgary United Way would be looking for a decision to be presented to them by Town of Strathmore administration by the end of June.

Administration was directed to gather additional information on the social prescribing grant program, specifically regarding opportunities to advance alternative perspectives for the funding from October 2025 to 2028, and to present this information at the June 4 regular meeting of council.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Bring up

7. Child

10. Formal written defense

12. Bangladeshi currency

13. Burial site

14. In the lead

15. Large recesses in a church

16. Count on

17. Defunct phone company

18. Golf scores

19. Afflicts

21. Defensive nuclear weapon

22. Prominence

27. “The Great Lakes State”

28. SoCal ballplayer
33. Location of White House

34. Magnificence

36. Hip hop songstress

37. Capital of Yemen

38. __ Blyton, children’s author

39. Bomb

40. Pancake made of buckwheat flour

41. Pinkish-violet color

44. A way to make right

45. Monument to one buried elsewhere

48. Region south of Dead Sea

49. Acts out against

50. Harsh cry of a crow

51. Formal title for a woman

CLUES DOWN

1. Kitchen devices

2. Wings

3. Mythological birds

4. Everyone has one

5. Matchstick game

6. Bar bill

7. Weights

8. Satisfactorily

9. Small amount

10. Tree types

11. Small protuberances

12. Equivalent of 100K BTU

14. Type of horse

17. More (Spanish)

18. Argentinian province

20. A bad act

23. Moving in a circular way

24. Battery type
25. Atomic #58

26. Popular breakfast food

29. An alternative

30. Tooth caregiver

31. A way to conform

32. Disfigured men

35. Cool!

36. Genus of mosses

38. Body part

40. Kashmiri people

41. Round water pot

42. Something to purchase

43. Emit coherent radiation

44. Indicates 10

45. Advertising metric

46. Pitching stat

47. Head movement

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County to reimburse Lakes of Muirfield, Lyalta Community Club

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council discussed a motion to reimburse the Lyalta Community Club and Lakes of Muirfield Homeowners Association for the purchase of land for community use and the provision of in-kind work.

The motion stemmed from requests from the organizations made to the county, which were brought forward during the May 20 regular meeting.

Coun. Scott Klassen iterated a follow up regarding a notice of motion made at the previous meeting of council to reimburse the Lyalta Community Club and Lakes of Muirfield Homeowners Association in the amount of \$52,697.37.

“We were the developers of the land at the time and ... being the representative of the area looking at how the development was designed as a retirement area, definitely the demographics are not what it is. There are a lot of double-income families, a lot of kids there,” said Klassen. “Looking back on what we have done in the past, we put an outdoor rink on our lands trying to help them out, and then of course, that land is more developable and more valuable as a development so we said it had to go.”

Klassen justified his motion such that should the county have had to take developable land out from within the Lakes of Muirfield boundaries, that land would have been worth substantially more than what was originally dealt with.

He added lots are currently selling in the realm of \$200,000, as opposed to approximately \$60,000 as they were previously listed by the county.

“There is a lot of development coming in. Right now, there is about 200 doors in the subdivision and then I believe it is over 100 more coming of residents. The average house pays between \$6,000 and \$7,000 a year in taxes and that includes

school tax,” he said. “I am really happy that they were able to find an area, revitalize a community club that has been there – I think it is going on its 50-year anniversary, and expand it and be able to build a pathway over it.”

As part of Klassen’s motion, he suggested the reimbursement of the requesting organizations come out of the Lakes of Muirfield reserve, which as of Dec. 31, contained \$8.6 million.

Coun. Glenn Koester noted the reserve fund is purposed for the development of a sanitary sewer service for the Lakes of Muirfield community, which the county has successfully acquired a grant for, and has not been brought to development yet.

He voiced a concern that should the county not spend the grant as it had been intended, it will be reclaimed by the province.

Currently, sewage from the Lakes of Muirfield is being trucked to the Hamlet of Carseland with no specific end date to this contingency being currently established.

Koester added he is objected to spending reserve money on expenses related to the county until after a report on a sanitary sewer service for Lakes of Muirfield is provided to council.

Following discussion and debate, Klassen’s motion to reimburse the Lyalta Community Club and Lakes of Muirfield Homeowners Association was carried in a vote of 6-1 in favour.

Police initiate lockdown at high school

ALBERTA RCMP

On May 23, at 11:58 a.m., Strathmore RCMP responded to a complaint of a suspect with a firearm at Strathmore High School. Based on the information provided, RCMP advised the school, and other buildings in the area, to initiate lockdown procedures.

RCMP arrived at the scene and quickly located the suspect, who was taken into custody without incident.

Initial investigation has revealed that there was never a threat to anyone. The suspect was carrying a water pistol and

was partaking in the “Senior Assassin” game which has been circulating amongst graduating students across Canada. Although an innocent game, RCMP is reminding those partaking, please be mindful that someone witnessing this or driving by could perceive a water gun to be a real firearm. Please be cautious and safe.

The investigation continues.

Province announces nearly \$7 million wildfire program commitment in Strathmore

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“I think we all know that the fire situation in the province has gotten much stronger much earlier and this program will be amazing to help our community, but also our community can reach out and support other communities in times of trouble,” said Strathmore Mayor Pat Fule. “In 2023, our firefighters deployed across northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories. Last summer, they went to Jasper and helped there, so our fire department stands ready and we greatly appreciate

the (nearly) \$7 million that is going to be provided for this program, and we will be one of the six communities that has firefighters train and able to respond in those situations.”

The WUI program targets zones where developments including residential, agricultural, or industrial sites which border or mix with natural vegetation which is at risk from wildfire.

Fires which occur in these areas are often difficult to combat, thus require expertise in both wildland and structural fires in order to address them. WUI teams are equipped with specialized training and equipment necessary to respond to wildfires entering populated communities and developed areas.

“Strathmore’s firefighters have repeatedly shown their skill, commitment and leadership during emergency deployments,” added Fule. “Participation in the WUI Program allows us to strengthen those capabilities, enhance regional partnerships, and help build a sustainable response model for our community and province.”

Further information regarding the WUI program including its funding, guidelines, training and resources has been made publicly available through the province’s website.

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Protecting Alberta families and communities

Alberta

The Town of Strathmore is one of six communities in Alberta to receive funding for wildfire protection through the creation of the new wildland urban interface teams. Alberta's minister of public safety and emergency services, Mike Ellis, seen here behind MLA Chantelle de Jonge, made the announcement on May 23 at the Strathmore Fire Hall.

Photo Courtesy of the Town of Strathmore



Cage wars

Real Canadian Wrestling hosted “Cage Wars” on May 23 at the Strathmore Agricultural Pavilion. The event showcased the premier athletes of the RCW promotion, including Strathmore native Steve Wilde, who claimed the RCW Alberta Heritage Championship with a win over Gihna.

Mario Prusina Photo

HAPPY GRADUATION



Wheatland Crossing and Strathmore High School honoured their upcoming graduates when they hosted Grad 2025 this past weekend. Wheatland Crossing held their ceremony on May 23, while SHS held their grad on May 24.

Manny Everett Photos



YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE
Gord Morck Pharmacist
Capsule Comments

When applying sunscreen, don't forget about your lips. One of the most common types of mouth cancer is lip cancer. Causes include smoking, heavy alcohol use and excessive sun exposure. If you are going to spend a day in the sun, be sure to apply a sunscreen to all exposed body parts and your lips. There are good lip balms with sun-protective agents in them to protect.

As summer approaches, mosquitoes become more plentiful. Did you know that it's only the female mosquito that bites? They need nutrients to produce eggs and your blood is a good nutrient. When she bites, she pieces the skin with a straw-like mouth and injects saliva containing a chemical that prevents the blood from clotting. This causes the itching.

To discourage mosquitoes from biting, use a Health Canada-approved insect repellent. The most effective repellents contain DEET or picaridin. Permethrin-impregnated clothing is also available. This insecticide is for use on clothes only, not on the skin. Also, check the immediate environment for pools of standing water and get rid of them if possible.

Pharmacists are sometimes asked about citronella oil as an insect repellent. It is definitely not as effective. A 10% solution repels mosquitoes for only about 20 minutes. Other solutions like vitamins and garlic are also not effective.

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Upcoming Council Meetings
May 28, 2025 | 6 p.m.
June 4, 2025 | 6 p.m.
June 11, 2025 | 6 p.m.

Special Council Meeting
Regular Meeting of Council
Committee of the Whole

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.



Mail delivery impact.
Canada Post Strike.

Canada Post workers issued a strike notice, with strike action beginning Friday, May 23 at midnight. This may temporarily disrupt mail delivery across the country, including here in Strathmore.

To ensure you don't miss important municipal documents like utility bills and property tax notices, consider these alternatives:

- Sign up for e-billing
- View bills online through Virtual City Hall
- Pick up a paper copy at the Strathmore Municipal Building (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday)

Please do not mail payments during the strike. Alternate payment methods are available.

Questions? We can help. Contact us at **403-361-2101** or email **utilities@strathmore.ca**.

Annual program returns.
Gravel Backlane Maintenance.

Every year, the Town of Strathmore invests in maintaining gravel lanes to improve mobility and conditions for the public. The Town inspects the gravel lane network and schedules repairs in a priority order. Typical repairs include:

- Lane grading to improve drainage and surface condition
- Compaction of lane (as necessary)
- Vegetation management (strip back overgrowth and widen driving lanes to, ideally, 5 meters and a height clearance of 5 meters)
- Alley re-graveling on a 10-year cycle (contingent on year-to-year budget approval)

You can help us complete this work more efficiently by making sure your back lane is clear. This means removing objects like your black/green/blue carts, construction bins, stored materials, dirt/debris piles, and any overgrown growth that might block the lane.

Please remember, Bylaw 22-06 prohibits any kind of obstruction in or above an alley. Keeping alleys clear of parked vehicles, trailers, equipment, garbage carts, and overgrowth doesn't just make things look better – it also keeps the space safe and useable for everyone. As well, under Bylaw 21-04, garbage carts must be returned to your property once collection is done. This helps prevent them from being used by others or going missing in weather events.

The maintenance program goes a long ways towards improving vehicle and pedestrian travel, storm drainage, garbage collection, and even access for emergency services. It's one of the ways we work together to take care of our community. For more information, visit our website: **Strathmore.ca/Roads**. If you have questions or concerns, give us a call, **403-361-2126**, or shoot us an email, **operations@strathmore.ca**.

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, Leducor 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 Leducor 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** or call **1-800-503-2731**. View the construction schedule & ongoing updates on our webpage, **Strathmore.ca/FibreOptics**

Good food, great food.
Get the Good Food Box.

The Good Food Box is a non-profit organization offering access to nutritious, quality produce while ensuring variety, freshness and affordability. The contents of your Good Food Box change depending on the seasonal produce available and size of the box ordered. This program is accessible for everyone regardless of income level. Boxes are available for pick-up or delivery once a month, for more information visit **Strathmore.ca/GoodFoodBox**

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June 1 - 30

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Summer boredom? Not on our watch.
Summer Camps.

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


*Please note time and pricing may vary depending on your child's age.

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

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

Join our team.

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

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

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

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

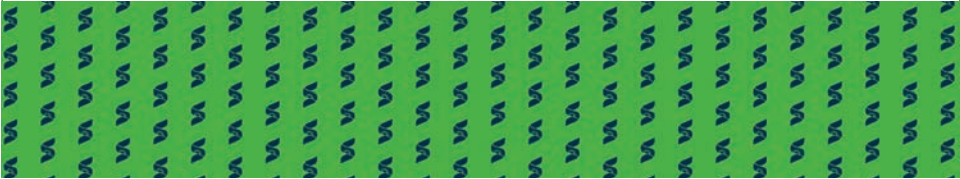
There are four key ways you can be part of this election, and we'll be sharing more information as we get closer to election day:

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

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

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

Stay informed and be part of the process. You can learn more by visiting [Strathmore.ca/Election](https://strathmore.ca/Election).





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Stay informed and involved.

Upcoming public hearings.

For more information, visit [Strathmore.ca/publichearings](https://strathmore.ca/publichearings)

Land Use 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 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.

Land Use Bylaw No. 25-13.

Notice of Public Hearing.

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

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

Public Hearing Process

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

Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any or all of the proposed by-law, may present their concerns and/or suggestions by making a submission at the public hearing. If wanting to speak at the public hearing, it is kindly requested that you register to speak by contacting Legislative Services by email at lsadmin@strathmore.ca by no later than **12:00 p.m. on June 11, 2025**.

Any written submissions intended for the Public Hearing, or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing should be received by the Town's Development Services Office prior to 12:00 p.m. on June 11, 2025, as outlined under Bylaw #23-17 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, kindly ensure that fifteen (15) copies are provided and made available for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within five minutes.*Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

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The Rockyford 4-H Club recently held a mini show and took part in the 4-H highway cleanup.

Photos Courtesy of Katherine Zakariasen and Jaqueline Kenny

Busy time for Rockyford 4-H

AVA KOESTER
Rockyford 4-H Beef Club

The Rockyford 4-H Beef Club is having their annual Show & Sale on Wednesday, June 4. The Show & Sale will take place at the Rockyford Rodeo Grounds with the show taking place at 10:30 a.m. and sale starting at 2 p.m. after beef on a bun lunch. Twenty-one market steers will be selling alongside market lambs from the Standard 4-H Sheep Club.

Our club members have been very busy washing, clipping and fitting their animals and walking with them to make sure they are ready for showing in the ring.

Our Beef Club recently held our annual mini show on May 12 at 4-H members Kash and Avery Koole's barn. This was a practice show. Tate Yule did a grooming and clipping demonstration on one of the member's spare steers. Anna Newell was the judge and gave advice on showmanship. She also showed the members some maneuvers that would come in handy for the show. The club's steers are all finishing nicely for the upcoming show and sale and members are working hard to get their steers ready to show.

Also, thank you to all the members families who came and helped out with the annual highway cleanup which made the cleanup go quickly and the day a success.

The Happy Gang Society of Strathmore

50th ANNIVERSARY

The Happy Gang would like to invite Seniors to the 50th Anniversary & Open House

Please join us for Coffee and cake on
Monday, June 2nd • 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
85 Lakeside Boulevard

There will be VIP guests at 1:00 pm followed by Coffee and Cake, a chance to meet our activity leaders, learn about all the Games, Fitness Classes, Line Dancing and BBQ's, themed Potlucks, Christmas Dinner, Dinner Show Trips and other activities.

There is something to do in Mornings and afternoons every day of the week Monday thru Friday.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 403-934-2627

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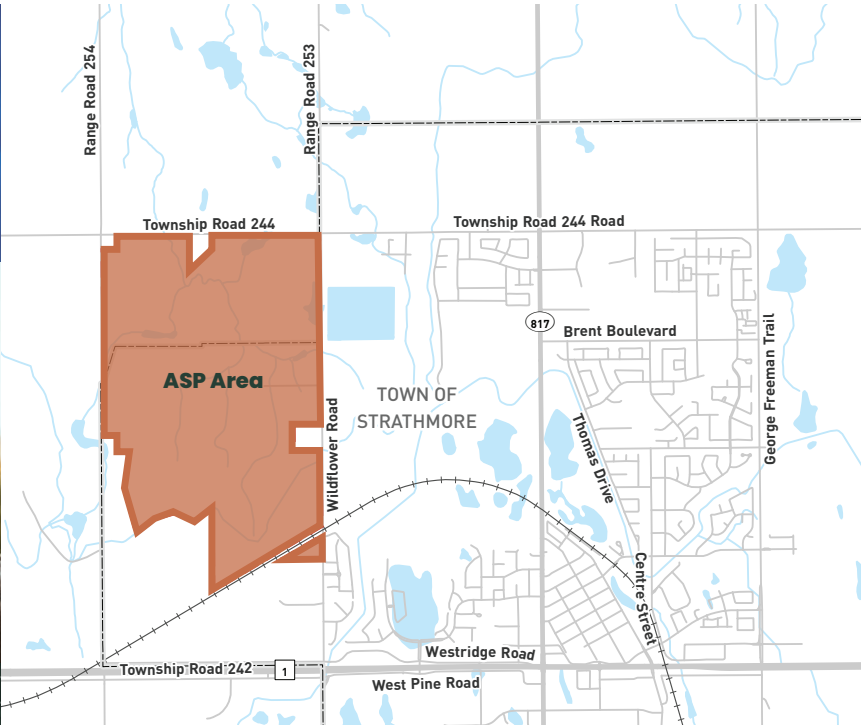
at Lord of All Lutheran Church.

Doors open at 12:45 pm

Please reach out to **Nancy** if you have any questions at btgalberta@outlook.com or calling 403-361-7216

www.bridgingthegapalberta.ca

Free event for anyone 55+.



Join us for the Strathmore West Area Structure Plan Community Information Session.

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

 **Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 5 to 7pm (Drop-in)**
Strathmore Stampede Grounds, Remuda Room

For more information, email info@strathmorewest.ca or visit www.StrathmoreWest.ca



Hitting the national stage

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Strathmore High School's drama program is once again proving its creative strength, this time on the national stage.

Under the guidance of drama teacher Deanne Bertsch, students travelled to Ottawa to take part in the National STAR Fest East May 16-18.

Student performed *Last Chance Texaco* and *New Blood* at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa and returned home with awards, scholarships, and memories.

From performing in the iconic Grand Hall of the Canadian Museum of History to earning national recognition for their talents, the experience was both inspiring and unforgettable.

"We couldn't have done any of this without the incredible support from our community," said Bertsch. "So many people donated to make this trip possible and we're just so grateful."

The road to nationals started when they performed three original and emotionally powerful one-act plays at the Zone Festival in Okotoks, walking

away with multiple awards and a ticket to provincials at the University of Lethbridge.

One of the standout performances was *The Stories We Carry*, an original student-written piece that delves into the unseen struggles people face in their everyday lives. Told through shadow work and symbolic visuals, the piece explored the hidden weight of personal experiences and emotional pain.

"We performed it all with shadows," explained Bertsch. "(It's about) the stories that people go through but no one knows that they've gone through hard things because we don't see it."

The play was recognized with the Best Technical Ensemble Group award at the Zone Festival.

Another entry, *Frank Slide: 100 Seconds*, offered a dramatic portrayal that captivated judges and earned the Best Drama Ensemble award.

However, the show that represented Strathmore High at provincials was *Last Chance Texaco*, a moving story centered around three women – played by Melissa Turner, Sarah Taylor, and Ella Peterson – who meet in a small-town garage after car trouble brings them together.

"It's a fabulous play," said Bertsch. "It's about three women, a mother and daughter who own a garage and a stranger whose tire goes flat and ends up at the garage and all the stories they share."

Last Chance Texaco tackle's mature themes, including abortion and relationship struggles. Bertsch, who first saw the play 20 years ago, said she's waited a long time for the right students to bring it to life.

"Ella plays a 40-year-old woman," she said. "That's tough for a teenager, but all three are very gifted actors. They pulled it off beautifully."

Ella Peterson played the role of Verna, the mother.

"When I was told I was playing this character, I was like, 'uh, I don't know if I can do this,'" said Peterson.

She was a bit unsure of the mature subject matter of the play, but felt confident that Mrs. Bertsch wouldn't set them up for failure.

"Mrs. Bertsch, she believes in me and I think just knowing that she wanted us to do this and thought that we were capable of putting on this play was very special," said Peterson. "Some lines were very tough to say, because I'm yelling at Melissa (plays the role of Cissy, Verna's daughter), who is my friend, but I have to play this character who is just not who I am."

Peterson emphasized how this play in particular opened her eyes as to how actors have to sometimes disassociate in order to portray not so favourable roles.

Peterson also noted that this play and the stories that are shared are so powerful, "they all hold so much truth in their stories and it needs to be shared."

The production was directed by student Alyssa, who, according to Bertsch, handled the complex material and layered metaphors of the script with maturity and skill.

"There's a lot of metaphor in the play, and Alyssa did a fantastic job helping the cast and crew understand and represent the relationships and themes," said Bertsch. "She was amazing."

Being selected for provincials is no small feat. Only 25 plays from across the region are chosen to compete, and Bertsch wanted the experience will be as inspiring as it is rewarding for her students.

"I hope they (got) to see other plays and be inspired," she said. "(I was hoping) the adjudicator is really good with them and inspires them and their future endeavours with performing arts."

With more performances on the horizon, including a performance of *New Blood* at the Jubilee Auditorium in Calgary on June 22, the legacy of this year's drama season is one of dedication, cultural celebration, and the transformative power of storytelling.

When Alberta is strong, Canada is strong!

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Recently, Premier Danielle Smith addressed Albertans following Mark Carney's election victory on April 28. Like many Albertans, our government is deeply frustrated with the last 10 years of Liberal governance which have severely undermined Alberta's economy and prosperity. Albertans have witnessed a steady onslaught of anti-energy, anti-agriculture, and anti-resource policies, which have placed unfair stresses on their livelihoods.

Alberta's government recognizes the importance of productive, positive relationships with the federal government; however, we will not acquiesce to Ottawa's agenda at the expense of Alberta's economy. We wholeheartedly support Albertan sovereignty within a united Canada and recognize how crucial our resources are to Canada's economy and prosperity amid rising trade tensions.

With a newly elected Prime Minister and Alberta's strategic importance in confederation, our government has made it clear we will continue to hold a strong position to forge a new relationship with Ottawa – one that respects Alberta's constitutional right to autonomy over its' own natural resources, and repeals harmful legislation like Bill C-69 and the tanker ban which have effectively land-locked our resources.

To that end, Premier Smith has announced bold, practical steps to ensure Alberta is no longer sidelined in national decision-making affecting our province.

First, Alberta will appoint a Special Negotiating Team to engage directly with the federal government on key reforms. These include: securing guaranteed access to tidewater for our resources; repealing harmful federal laws like the emissions cap, the oil tanker ban, the net-zero electricity regulations, and the net-zero vehicle mandate; ending Ottawa's interference in provincial matters – from plastics to industrial emissions to the commercial speech of Alberta's energy sector; refraining from imposing export taxes or restrictions on the export of Alberta resources without the consent of our government; and finally, providing Alberta the same per capita federal transfers and equalization as those received by the other three

largest provinces – Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

Second, while these negotiations with Ottawa are ongoing, Alberta's government will appoint the Alberta Next panel, chaired by Premier Danielle Smith. The panel will be composed of some of our best and brightest economic, judicial, and academic experts, who will engage the public through a series of town halls and online consultations to explore how our province can better protect itself from current or future federal overreach and hostile policies. After their work is finished, their recommendations could form the basis for a province-wide referendum in 2026, giving all Albertans the opportunity to vote on some of the more popular ideas.

Albertans have always been loyal, proud and generous Canadians, but we will no longer allow our own federal government to attack our province's economic prosperity. For too long, Ottawa has governed by unleashing a tidal wave of laws, policies and political attacks aimed directly at Alberta's free economy, and as a result, Canada has fallen to dead last in economic growth among industrialized nations.

We are not asking for special treatment or handouts. We just want to be free. Free to develop and export that incredible wealth of resources we have for the benefit of our families and future generations.

We will continue to support Alberta's sovereignty within a united Canada. We know that when Alberta is strong, Canada is strong.

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)



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Obituary



BERGQUIST, Thomas
1956 – 2025

Mr. Thomas Ray Bergquist of Red Deer, Alberta passed away at the Red Deer Hospice on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at the age of 68 years.

Thomas was born and raised in Standard, Alberta, and moved to Red Deer after finishing High School. He then began working in logistics for Coca-Cola and eventually transferred to his lifelong career at CP Rail, where he earned the position of Engineer. Thomas proudly operated trains on frequent endeavours throughout Alberta, making lots of friends along the way.

He enjoyed camping, spending time outdoors, and he could always be found at the Three Mile Bend with his dog, Dono. To whomever he met, he was always willing to lend a helping hand. Thomas loved a good card game and was skilled at games like War and Crazy Rummy.

Thomas will be lovingly remembered by his two sons, Christopher (Miriam) and Devon (Jordan) Bergquist, and his daughter, Katrina Bergquist; his nine grandchildren; his brother, Lonnie, and his sisters, Bonnie, Jo-Anne, and Linda. Thomas was predeceased by his father, Ole and his mother, Benita, his brother, Danny, and his daughter, Raelena.

A Celebration of Thomas' Life will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 40 Holmes Street, Red Deer, Alberta, on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. If desired, Memorial Donations in Thomas' honor may be made directly to the Red Deer Hospice Society at www.reddeerhospice.com. Cremation entrusted to Parkland Funeral Home and Crematorium, Red Deer, Alberta. **Condolences, memories and photos may be shared and viewed at www.parklandfuneralhome.com.**

Arrangements in care of Parkland Funeral Home and Crematorium, 6287 – 67 A Street (Taylor Drive), Red Deer. 403.340.4040.

Obituary



PECK, Teresa

We mourn the loss of Teresa Peck, loving wife, mother and grandmother. Who after a courageous battle with cancer. She passed away on Monday, May 19, 2025, in her home.

Teresa (Terri) is survived by her husband Jason, daughter Brittany, mother Fran, sister Holly as well as her grandchildren Ava and Brandon.

Terri had such a loving impact on her entire family, as well as many other family, and friends. She will be lovingly remembered and missed by all who's lives she touched.

For all wishing to attend Terri's Celebration of Life, it will be held June 1, 2025 at noon, at the Civic Center. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Arther J.E. Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre, Calgary, Alberta

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

Obituary



GLYDON, Stanley R.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Stanley R. Glydon on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at the age of 95 years.

Stanley is the beloved husband of Myrtle Glydon, Calgary AB. and was predeceased by his parents Carrie and Harold Glydon, son Douglas Ross Glydon, sister Mary Joyce Forsyth (nee Glydon) and brothers John Douglas (Jack) & Wesley J.E. Glydon.

He is survived by his daughter Wendy MacMillan (nee Glydon), sons Garth (Frances) and Dale (Chris) Glydon, as well as seven grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Stanley was born into a vibrant farming community, near Windthorst, Saskatchewan, at the beginning of the great depression. His mother (Carrie Glydon (nee Black)) became ill and passed when he was very young, and Stanley was moved (with his sister Joyce) to the care of his mother's family on the Black family farm near Oak Lake MB. Stanley and Joyce returned to the Glydon farm a few years later once his father was able to secure the services of a full-time child-care worker.

Stanley had a life constantly filled with new opportunities and our family was glad to have participated in the journey during our early years. He worked in the Co-operative Retailing system starting in Kipling SK and transferring to other positions/locations in the organization including Smeaton SK, Eston SK, Regina SK, Saskatoon SK, Winnipeg MB, Campbell River BC, Nanaimo BC. One of Stanley's greatest accomplishments was helping to establish a network of retail Co-op stores serving settlements throughout Canada's Arctic region.

It should also be noted, in his early years in Winnipeg, Stanley was involved in the establishment of Willow Park Housing Co-operative, one of the first and largest Co-operative housing developments in Canada. He served as volunteer President for the Willow Park Housing Co-operative Board from the date of its inception for approximately eleven (11) years.

Following his retirement, Stanley and Myrtle settled in Marysfield (Kimberly) BC, then a couple years later moved to Sardis BC before finally settling down in Strathmore AB where they lived until 2019. They moved to the Prince of Peace Retirement Residence located in NE Calgary in 2019.

Stanley was an active member of the Strathmore United Church and a Life Member of the Strathmore Lions Club. Throughout his life and outside of work, Dad's had a passion for music, and he had amassed a large collection of albums that reflected his favorite styles.

At his request, Stanley will be interred in Winnipeg at a future date.

Our family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the incredible health care aids, nurses, staff and doctors working in the Prince of Peace Retirement Residence where Stanley had been a resident for the past 6 years.

Finally, we would like to thank the management and staff working at the South Calgary Funeral Centre for the kind, caring and professional support provided to our family to determine and complete the final arrangements for Stanley.

Obituary



SPECHT, Donna Louise

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Donna Louise Specht (Sailer) who went home to her Lord on May 23, 2025.

Donna was born July 19, 1944 in Trochu to Emma and Henry Sailer. She was the youngest of six children and raised on their family farm outside of Huxley, AB.

She was married in Trochu in 1963 where she had two daughters; Faye and Wanita. She then farmed in Huxley for 3 years. Her and her little family relocated to Bluffton to own and operate a Dairy Farm, it was during these years that she had two more children; Haldon and Tammy. In 1984 she moved to Morrin and stayed a short time and then on to Trochu where she met the love of her life Dan Specht. In 1986 Donna moved her two kids that were still residing at home to Carbon where her and Dan got married in 1990. In the fall of 1997 after the youngest daughter had ventured to college Donna and Dan settled down in Strathmore. Where she resided until her passing after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

Left to cherish her memory is her Husband; Dan Specht, four children; Faye (Johnny), Wanita (Mike), Haldon (Nicole), and Tammy (Duncan). Her beloved grandchildren Jeff (Chele-Mae), Rashel, Tina (Erion), Hailey, Keegan, Delsin and Westin. Her two step daughters Susan (Terry) and Heather (Sean). Her step-grandchildren Wes (Bernadette), Stacey, Jessica (Jamin), Evan (Kate) and Avery (Kaden). And nine wonderful great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Donna was predeceased by her parents; Henry and Emma, all five of her siblings; Ray, Irene, Alvina, Jake, and Jim; nephew Brian; and step son Robert.

Memorial Service for Donna will be held Thursday May 29, 2025 at The Strathmore Alliance Church at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Strathmore Handi Bus Association.

To send condolences to the family, please visit Donna's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca

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Obituary



CRILLY, William (Bill) Gordon

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our dad, William (Bill) Gordon Crilly on May 8, 2025, at the age of 87 years.

Born on October 18, 1937, in Calgary, Alberta, dad grew up on the family farm northwest of Langdon and continued to farm until he could no longer get up the combine ladder.

His love of farming, hockey, baseball and his grandchildren, made him a familiar face around the community, especially at the rinks and ball diamonds. Always quick with a joke, he will be remembered as someone who enjoyed a great story and a laugh and was never afraid to strike up a conversation with anyone who might be passing by.

He was predeceased by his parents, Gordon & Emily Crilly, as well as his brother Tom. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of almost 57 years, Sandra (nee Groves), and their 3 daughters, Denise McComber (Allan), Corinne Davidson (Gerry) and Robyn Wortman (Shane); 6 grandchildren, Emily & Will McComber, Brynn Crilly, Zack, Luke & Ty Wortman; as well as his sisters, Betty Hilton & Doreen Knight and numerous other family members and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on **June 6, 2025, at 3:00pm at the Indus Rec Centre**. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to 'Wheatland & Area Hospice Society' in Bill's memory.

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Tuesday, June 11, 2025

7:00 PM

Strathmore Station – Lower Tower
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NOTICE OF ELECTION

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

Western Irrigation District
in the Province of Alberta

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Bylaw 2025-007

Village of Rockyford

Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter M-26 of the Statutes of Alberta, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Village of Rockyford will hold a public hearing prior to the second reading of Land Use Bylaw 2025-007. Bylaw 2025-007 proposes to replace the current Land Use Bylaw 2014-002 with an updated Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

An LUB serves as the “rule book” for the development within the Village of Rockyford. The LUB regulates the development of land and buildings on a site-specific basis, based on the policy directions set by the Municipal Development Plan. The LUB regulates how land can be used, including what uses are appropriate and where they can be located. The LUB aims to balance landowner’s rights with the interests of the community.

Some of the key changes in proposed Land Use Bylaw 2025-007 include:

- Reformatting and reorganizing the Land Use Bylaw to make it more user friendly;
- Meeting the new requirements of the Municipal Government Act related to development permit processing;
- Increased the clarity on the application process and required content for development permits;
- Addition of Manufactured Homes as a permitted use in the Residential-Detached District (R-1);
- Merged the old Commercial Restricted District (C-R) and Industrial Restricted District (I-R) into the Commercial General District (CG).
- Addition of the Wild Game Bird Hatchery as a discretionary use in the Commercial General District (CG); and
- Adjusted the variances of power of the Development Officer from 100% to 20%. The Municipal Planning Commission will decide on cases requiring greater than 20% up to 100%.

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

Additionally, written comments may be delivered to 110 Main Street, Rockyford, AB, T0J 2R0 or emailed to cao@rockyford.ca; submissions will be received up **June 6th, 2025 at 4:30pm**.

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



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- 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
- July 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting

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