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Wheatland County drops WADEMESA

JOHN WATSON
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County is moving away from Wheatland & Adjacent Districts EMS Association (WADEMESA) and has selected Calgary 911 as its future provider for fire dispatch services.

A statement was released by the county, April 29, discussing the decision, citing it was based on cost, regional efficiency, operational performance, and the use of modern NextGen 911 technology – now mandated by the province for dispatch services.

“(WADEMESA) is a service that has been provided to the county area, was basically developed in house, but over the years it has always been trying to be competitive with other service providers, and it is just becoming not the case anymore,” said Reeve Scott Klassen. “We, the county, chose to do an RFP (request for proposal) approach which is why we went in camera, and we got current numbers and service levels. I truly wish that WADEMESA could keep going and provide the same level of service for the same cost, but it is simply not the case.”


Clarifying why the county discussed the change in camera instead of in public, the RFP process is noted to involve confidential and commercially sensitive information. Holding the discussion in closed session abides by Sections 19 and 29 of the Access to Information Act.

Klassen estimated the transition from WADEMESA to Calgary 911 will take approximately six months at maximum in order for it to take place as seamlessly as possible. In a statement, the county notes service levels are based on systems, training, and operational standards as opposed to geographic location.

“We did a comparative look at services and (WADEMESA) scored very low compared to the competitors. Anything like specific issues, I won't get into that because it is a lot of hearsay. My concern is firefighter safety and the safety of the public,” said Klassen. “The volunteer or the paid on call firefighters or whoever goes out and uses the apparatuses needed within the county of Wheatland, I want to ensure they have the best that we can give them and cost is not always the first factor, but it is a factor as well in these hard times.”

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Great performance



Perfect plants

There were quite a variety of plants available at the Strathmore Municipal Library's annual Plant and Seed Exchange on May 2. See Page 5 for more coverage of the event.

Joe Lepage Photo

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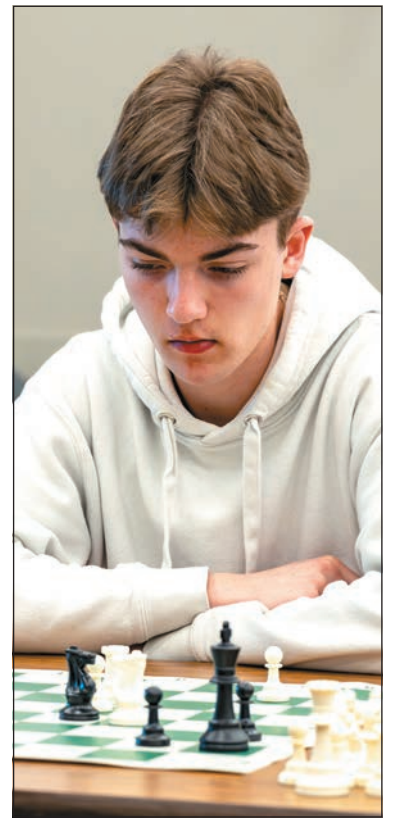
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Strathmore Chess hosted its inaugural CFC-rated Rapid Chess Tournament on May 2 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Eighteen of the 28 competitors who took part in the event are from the Strathmore area.

Joe Lepage Photos

Strathmore celebrates Red Dress Day

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

In celebration of Red Dress Day, the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS) partnered with Kickstand and FCSS to host an awareness event in Kinsmen Park on May 5.

The event featured a free barbeque, speeches, dancing, and resources to engage the community with missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

“We really want people to engage and realize this event is important and that violence happens in all cultures and backgrounds,” said Tiffany Carlson, Rocky View Wheatland local immigration partnership coordinator. “Red Dress Day is an annual event that happens every May 5, every year and this is important because when it comes to Indigenous stats, they are very high when it comes to domestic violence.”

Among the ongoing goals every year is to continue to raise awareness and have people stand up to the problem and aim to prevent it from occurring as much as possible.

Hosting the event in the evening, Carlson explained the aim was to make it convenient for as many people as possible to come out and attend, emphasizing that Red Dress Day is for everyone, not just those of First Nations backgrounds.

According to information made available by the Government of Ca-

nada, more than six in 10 Indigenous women have experienced physical or sexual violence.

More than half of all reported missing Indigenous persons cases in Canada are women as of 2024.

“Hopefully people were able to pick up their kids, get off work, and get to the park to enjoy the barbeque, look at the resources, hear the speeches, and then participate in the walk around the park and watch the jingle dress dancing and the drumming,” she said. “The jingle dress dance is important because ... it is called the healing dance, so that is why we have the jingle dress dance at Red Dress Day and at Truth and Reconciliation because we believe that it heals when we have that dance.”

Carlson added historically, Red Dress Day events have been well attended, however numbers have been dropping off in recent years.

She estimates this may be in part due to timing, as several iterations have taken place during the day when the majority of the community is at work.

“Also, sometimes people think that if it is an Indigenous event that they are not invited, but everyone is welcome to come. We want you to come,” she said. “You do not have to stay the whole time if you are unable to, or if you show up late, that is fine, but we would really like you to come and at least learn about it because sometimes people don’t understand what the intention is or why something is important.”



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CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

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Classrooms in Alberta are growing faster than ever, and with that growth comes a responsibility to ensure that every student has access to a great teacher. That's why our government is introducing new expedited teaching certificates to help qualified individuals enter classrooms sooner. Whether it's final-year education students, internationally trained teachers, or skilled professionals and tradespeople, these new pathways will bring real-world experience into schools while maintaining strong teaching standards. With 80,000 new students in just three years and a record \$10.8 billion investment in education, this approach ensures Alberta's education system continues to adapt, support teachers, and meet the needs of students across the province, especially in rural and hard-to-staff communities.

At the same time, our government is strengthening local economies by supporting the ideas and innovation that come directly from Alberta communities. Through the Northern and Regional Economic Development program, our government is investing in projects that help municipalities, Indigenous communities, and local organizations attract investment, grow businesses, and plan for the fu-

ture. With nearly \$6.5 million supporting 66 projects last year, and \$9 million committed over the next three years, this program is empowering communities to take the lead in building their own economic success. From tourism development to downtown revitalization and film industry attraction, these investments are creating opportunities that reflect the unique strengths of each region across Alberta.

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In our constituency, AgeCare Chestermere is set to open this Spring, adding 111 long-term care and 96 supportive-living spaces. Meanwhile, the Strathmore Care Community currently under construction will include 54 long-term care, 36 supportive-living and six hospice spaces.

Finally, our government is taking strong action to protect Alberta's lakes and rivers by expanding efforts to prevent aquatic invasive species. With a record number of inspection stations, increased enforcement, and new tools like environmental DNA testing and K-9 detection teams, Alberta is leading the way in proactive prevention. These measures protect ecosystems, safeguard critical irrigation and other water infrastructure, and prevent costly damage to industries like agriculture and tourism. By acting early and decisively, our government is preserving Alberta's natural environment and the economic opportunities it supports.

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

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

Wheatland County to adopt new fire dispatch service provider, local concerns raised

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The county noted specifically in a public statement this decision does not reflect poorly on the dedication of WADEMESA staff and local first responders. The review was to ensure the county meets procurement and contract standards set by the Province of Alberta.

Since the decision was made, concerns have been raised by those who are the effective boots on the ground within the county.

Veteran firefighter, Mark Lewandowski, who serves with Rosebud Fire, explained he and many of his fellow firefighters have significant doubts about the merits in outsourcing fire dispatch services to the city.

He explained that historically, lines of communication between fire chiefs and incident commanders have been very open and constructive with dispatch, helpfully in part due to the organization being within the local region.

"We have had situations where the dispatcher is able to help us understand something in terms of the geography and knowing what they know in the rural areas because they live in this area, they know how we are dealing with it," said Lewandowski. "A number of us in our department particularly, and I know that the other associations are concerned about the move to Calgary because they don't understand necessarily the process of fire fighting in a rural setting."

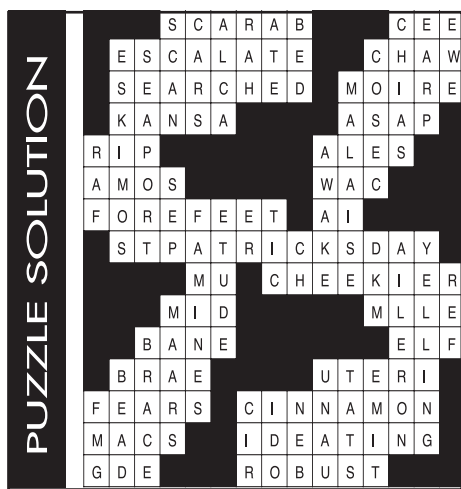
Another amongst local concerns is the regularity of losing radio connections to dispatch and being occasionally reliant on cell service to communicate.

Lewandowski explained the potential loss of being able to speak with dispatchers via cell phones and having direct communication lines could be a massive blow to local services.

To date, local fire units have yet to apply to speak with the county during a council meeting as a delegation, or to present before the Public Presentation Committee.

Though Klassen did not have an exact timeline, he estimated that the county's partnership with WADEMESA had been in place for nearly the last 20 years.

At the time of writing this article, the Town of Strathmore had yet to finalize its decision regarding whether they would cease their own local partnership with WADEMESA.

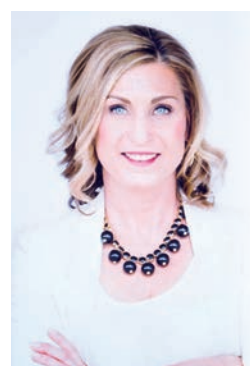


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Library hosts annual plant and seed exchange

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Spring planting is upon Strathmore, and the local municipal library is here to get the season started with a bang for the local community.

The Strathmore Library hosted their annual Plant and Seed Exchange on May 2, inviting the community to swap their botanicals or find a new project for the growing season.

“It is very straightforward; you bring in your plant, and/or seed, and then you can exchange it for something else that someone has brought in,” said Laura Henderson, assistant library director. “We (were) also accepting donations for if there were extras at the end of the day, so people could just take what was left, and then our board was also doing a seedling fundraiser at the same time in the lobby.”

According to library staff, the annual event has been ongoing for more than 20 years and has only continued to maintain its popularity.

Henderson added the event has continued for so long simply due to the love of the hobby both for library staff, and the local community who never fail to participate.

“There was sort of an uptick in interest in gardening. A lot of people took it up as a hobby (during the pandemic) and that definitely is reflected,” she said. “A lot of programs, I think, sort of run their course. You run something for a number of years and as the community changes or the need in the community changes, they lose their popularity. But the plant and seed exchange, it really does not have a lull at all. It is always popular.”

Available stock at the library is entirely based on what the surrounding community brings in. However, a number of the library’s staff being passionate about gardening themselves, they tend to bring in some of their cultivations ahead of time, according to Henderson.

Beyond that initial setup, she explained that the free to attend drop-in event tends to run itself.

Should there be any plants leftover at the conclusion of the event, library staff will keep them on site and watered until an interested community member decides to give the

plants their forever home.

In previous years, the plant and seed exchange has seen upwards of 50 participants, though the library does not tend to keep an official attendance count.

“It’s spring, so everyone is planning their outdoor gardens



The Strathmore Municipal Library hosted its annual Plant and Seed Exchange on May 2 at the library.

Joe Lepage Photo

for sure, so I would say that is the majority of the exchange, but there is always a healthy amount of indoor plants available as well,” added Henderson. “These are plants, particularly the outdoor ones, that are already growing in the community and have the hardiness that they need to be transferred to somebody else’s garden.”

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- May 12, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
- May 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m. | Public Presentation Committee
- May 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m. | Committee of the Whole

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Public Hearings



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wheatland County Council Chambers June 2nd, 2026 at 9 a.m.

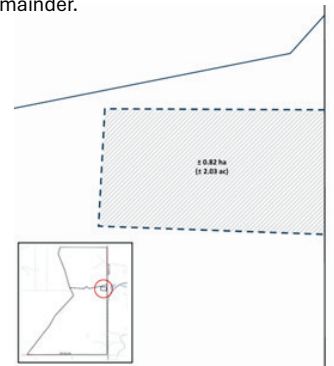
Wheatland County will consider the following application(s) for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026.

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

Bylaw #: 2026-01 (LU2025-011)

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

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



Wheatland County Council Chambers May 19th, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following application(s) for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026.

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

Bylaw #: 2026-05 (LU2026-003)

Legal Description: NE-22-27-23-W4M and SE-22-27-23-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate the subject lands from AG District to DC-3 District, in order to facilitate the future development and expansion of the Hutterian Brethren Church of Springvale. The proposed district provides a mix of uses, including multi-unit dwellings, schools, churches, agricultural operations, abattoirs, farm and accessory buildings, market gardens and farm markets, communal childcare facilities, and other compatible uses.



Bylaw #: 2026-03 (LU2026-002)

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

Municipal Address: 1 Muirfield Blvd

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



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

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

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- (Weather permitting, application will occur starting June 8)

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Reds win pair

The Strathmore Reds U13AA (Team 1) won two of three home games this past weekend, including an 8-7 win over the Webber Wildcats on May 2 at the Hillview Baseball Diamonds. The Reds outscored their opposition 35-27 in the trio of home games.

Joe Lepage Photos



Thunder struck

The Strathmore Thunder U13 and U15 A&B teams hosted the Spring into May Tournament May 1-3 at the Ag Grounds. It was a great weekend early in the campaign to prepare for the new softball season.

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Concert dinner

The Strathmore Musical Arts Society hosted an evening of live music on Saturday, May 2 at the Strathmore Travelodge, featuring opener Lyndsay Butler and headliners the Blake Reid Band. Both performers delivered a mix of original songs and covers, including a rendition of Ian Tyson's 'Something Soon' entertaining an engaged and entertained audience.

Melissa Piche Photos



First concert

The Strathmore Performing Arts Festival hosted its inaugural Alumni Concert on May 1 at the Strathmore United Church. Alumni Rayanne Laycock was the featured singer along with collaborative pianist Terrah Harper and the trio of Rebecca Taylor, Rayah Sale and Finley Watson, who took part in this year's Strathmore Performing Arts Festival.

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Moose Hide Day to be recognized for second time in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS) is partnering with the Strathmore Municipal Library and FCSS to recognize Moose Hide Day, May 15, with the local community.

Tiffany Carlson, Rocky View Wheatland local immigration partnership coordinator, explained Moose Hide began as a grassroots movement recognizing missing and murdered, and violence towards Indigenous people. Though most of the country recognizes the event on May 14, the local event will be held the following day at the Strathmore Municipal Library between 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Hide represents a focused opportunity for men to stand up against violence towards women and children and is open to all cultures and backgrounds.

“We need allies, and we want other men and boys in the community to be healthy and stand up against violence,” said Carlson. “The Moose Hide campaign has been going on for years now and it is spreading. They actually have a website and on May 15, they showcase every town’s and province’s Moose Hide events. That is really interesting that you can see how large this is and the impact it is having across Canada.”

Last year was the inaugural Moose Hide event to take place in Strathmore, which issued a challenge to 10 men of various backgrounds within the community to stand up and be faces against violence towards women and children.

This year, Carlson explained the team putting the event together is seeking an additional five men to add to the roster of faces against violence.

“We are going to have two of the past healthy men facilitating a drumming workshop and they are both Blackfoot. Then, we have Trevor Ward, who is the citizen’s representative for Otipemisiwak Metis Government. He is going to be talking about what a healthy Metis man is,” said Carlson. “We also have engaged

some local men in the community what we are hoping will attend, and because this violence can happen in all cultures and backgrounds, we want all men and boys in the community to come and stand up against violence.”

Last year’s male representatives were reported to be from Blackfoot, Irish, English, Nigerian and South African backgrounds, among the representatives.

“Violence towards Indigenous people has been going on for a very long time, but violence towards all cultures is also important and still going on. So that’s why we need to stand up and stop violence altogether,” said Carlson. “When it comes to Indigenous – being First Nations, Metis, and Inuit, we still have the highest rate of harm, domestic violence, death by partner, missing ... so we need to bring awareness that this is important, and people should care about it whether you’re Indigenous or not.”

More information is available online through the Moose Hide website.

RCMP seizes large quantity of GHB

ALBERTA RCMP

On April 22, at 8:15 p.m., officers of the Alberta RCMP Roving Traffic Unit conducted a traffic stop on Highway 1, east of Calgary. During the stop, officers observed indicators consistent with drug possession and entered into a roadside drug investigation. As a result of this investigation, 250 litres of suspected gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) were located concealed in the vehicle and seized.

Nicon Pyllog (50), a resident of Newmarket, Ont., was arrested and has been charged with the following:

- Possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking contrary to Section 5(2) of the Controlled Drugs & Substances Act.

- Possession of property obtained by crime contrary to Section 355.4 of the Criminal Code

Pyllog was released to appear in Alberta Court of Justice on the Siksika Nation on June 11.

GHB is a potent central nervous system depressant. It is sometimes referred to as a “date-rape drug” and is also abused

as a recreational “club drug.” Typical illicit doses range from approximately one millilitre to four millilitres, depending on potency and user tolerance.

The quantity seized is estimated to represent between 60,000 and 250,000 individual doses. The street value of the seized GHB is estimated to be between \$300,000 and \$750,000, depending on the market and location of distribution.

Investigators believe the substance was destined for major urban centres, including Toronto and Ottawa, and that the trafficking operation was connected to organized crime.

This seizure highlights the Alberta RCMP Traffic Services’ ongoing commitment to public safety – not only on provincial highways, but within communities across Canada – by disrupting the movement of illegal drugs before they reach the public.

NOTICE OF ANNEXATION

TOWN OF STRATHMORE PROPOSED ANNEXATION
ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

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

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

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

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

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Case Manager
Land and Property Rights Tribunal
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Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9
Phone: 780-422-8652
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To call toll free from outside the Edmonton region, call 310-0000 and follow the instructions.

For more information about the annexation and/or the agreement, please view the information available online, or contact:

Vicki Dodge
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RCMP marks Emergency Preparedness Week

ALBERTA RCMP

The Alberta RCMP is marking Emergency Preparedness Week, a national awareness initiative running May 3-9, aimed at encouraging community members to ensure preparation for yourself, your family, and your community during an emergency.

This year's theme is "Be Prepared. Know Your Risks." By understanding the risks in your area, you can learn which actions to take to protect yourself and your household in the event of floods, wildfires, severe storms, power outages, and more.

Be prepared to face a range of emergencies by taking a few simple steps:

- Know the risks. Knowing the specific types of disasters that pose a risk to your community and region can help you better prepare.

- Make a plan. A plan outlining how to evacuate, who to contact, and how to proceed during an emergency can be essential for you and your family's safety.

- Get or create an emergency kit. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Think about food, water, medications, important documents, etc.

Just as community members prepare for emergencies, so does the Alberta RCMP.

The Alberta RCMP's Operational Readiness and Response Unit is equipped to respond to any emergency through business continuity planning, the Division Emergency Operations Centre (DEOC), emergency operational plans, and search and rescue. During an emergency, the Alberta RCMP is prepared to protect Albertans and ensure minimal or no interruption to critical services. Planning and logistics are already in place for Alberta's wildfire season, with DEOC engaged and ready to support decision-making and support at all levels for a rapid response to any emergency.

The Alberta RCMP will be sharing emergency preparedness information throughout the week. Check out canada.ca and follow our Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and X @RCMPAlberta.

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Obituary



DE RYBER,
Frans Herman Pieter
December 19, 1934
- April 30, 2026

Frans de Ryber, beloved husband of the late Gerarda Agnes Maria de Ryber (nee van der Meer), of Calgary, AB, passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at the age of 91 years.

Frans was born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, on December 19, 1934. He became a carpenter and cabinet maker, then served in the Dutch military for two years. Frans met the love of his life Gerarda. They married on September 24, 1959. Before immigrating to Canada in 1969, Frans and Gerarda had two girls, Marianne in June 1962, and Pauline in June 1964. Juanita was born in October of 1972.

Frans was a devoted Roman Catholic. He was active in various ministries in the church, including leading Bible studies, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, and participating in live-ins and retreats. He also volunteered wherever he could.

He accomplished much throughout his life and was particularly proud of his family, devoting much time with his daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Frans was never afraid to try new things. He built houses, did electrical and plumbing. He wasn't afraid of the computer and installed solar panels. He enjoyed gardening, teaching kids at the elementary school about his trade, and starting new businesses. His passion was his woodworking and his train sets. His most memorable vacation was with his sister Tonya and brother-in-law, Joop seeing Europe, with Medjugorje and the Vatican as the highlight.

He will be most remembered for his strong Catholic faith, assisting those in need, and his tremendous love for his family.

Frans leaves behind his three daughters: Marianne (George), Pauline (Joe), and Juanita; seven grandchildren: Jessica Payne, Christopher Payne, Nicole Payne, Robert Payne, Robert Hammel (Nika), Francesca Yngst (Dallas), and Ellena Hammel; three great-grandchildren: Atlanta Payne, Scarlett Hammel, and Daniel Hammel.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Ascension Catholic Parish (1100 Berkshire Boulevard NW, Calgary, AB) on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Family and friends who are unable to attend in person are invited to join Mr. de Ryber's service streamed live on the day of the service at www.MHFH.com. For those who are unable to view live, a recording of the service will be posted.

If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to Chalice Canada, www.chalice.ca. Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Frans's family at www.MHFH.com. In living memory of Frans de Ryber, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes.

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Card of Thanks

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love, and support so many have extended to our family during the loss of our Greg.

Special thanks to all Greg's relatives, many friends, Pastor Dawn and church members, Wheatland Funeral Home, Mountain View Cemetery, Springvale Colony and Arrowwood Colony for their many kindnesses.

*Michelle, Carter, Nash
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Temporary water restrictions while Wildlife Reservoir is offline for enhancement work. More information available at Strathmore.ca/ConserveWater. For questions or concerns, call 403-361-2108 or email infrastructure@strathmore.ca.

From biweekly to weekly. Green Cart/Organics Collection.

The Town of Strathmore provides residential waste collection and disposal services to over 4,500 properties, including household garbage, organic and heavy item garbage, and recycling. Starting May 1, 2026, green cart/organics pickup will switch to weekly service for the season (May to October). Reminder that the only holidays that affect garbage collection are Christmas Day and New Year's Day. All other collection days remain unchanged. For the full collection schedule, route info, and other key dates, visit our website: Strathmore.ca/WasteCollection

Tender and major project updates. Municipal tenders.

The Municipal Tenders page has been updated with new opportunities for 2025. In accordance with Procurement Policy 1808, all tenders valued at \$75,000 or more are now available for public viewing. Visit Strathmore.ca/tenders to explore current opportunities. Work on our major project, reservoir upgrades, is scheduled to begin this spring. Expect Maplewood Drive to be busy with construction, road closures, and underground infrastructure upgrades. You can stay informed on major project developments at Strathmore.ca/reservoirupgrades.

Spring cleaning for the streets. Street sweeping.

Each year, the Town of Strathmore sweeps up tonnes of sand and debris from hundreds of kilometers of roads and pathways across the community. This important work helps keep material out of our storm drain system and leaves our streets and pathways looking their best. You may also notice our Parks crew sweeping grassy areas along pathways and boulevards. This helps improve turf quality, reduce weeds, and helps prevent mowers from shooting rocks when cutting grass. Street sweeping starts April 28, 2026. Where "No Parking" signs are posted, please ensure your vehicle is moved so our crews can sweep right to the curb. For more information, visit Strathmore.ca/SeasonalPriorities

Wildflower Reservoir Upgrade & Temporary Water Restrictions.

Starting around May 4, the Town of Strathmore will be completing a planned upgrade to the Wildflower Reservoir. This important work is part of a long-term strategy to strengthen our water system and support future growth. To complete the upgrades, the reservoir will be temporarily taken offline for approximately 10 days. During this time, Strathmore will continue to receive water through the East Calgary Regional Waterline (ECRWL) and the Brentwood Reservoir. While supply remains sufficient, temporary measures will be in place to help maintain stable system performance.

Temporary Stage 3 Outdoor Water Restrictions

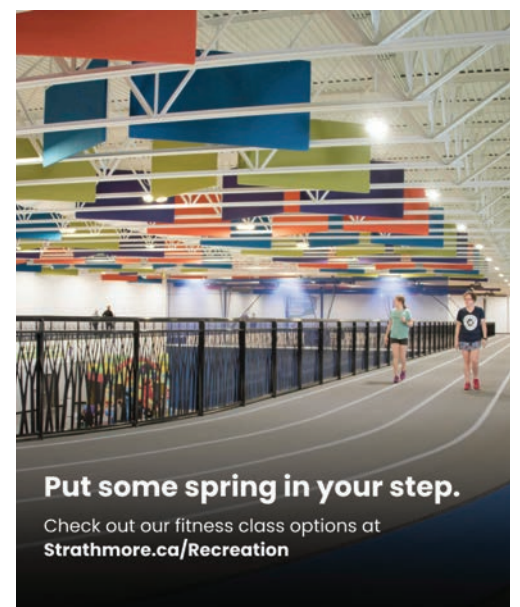
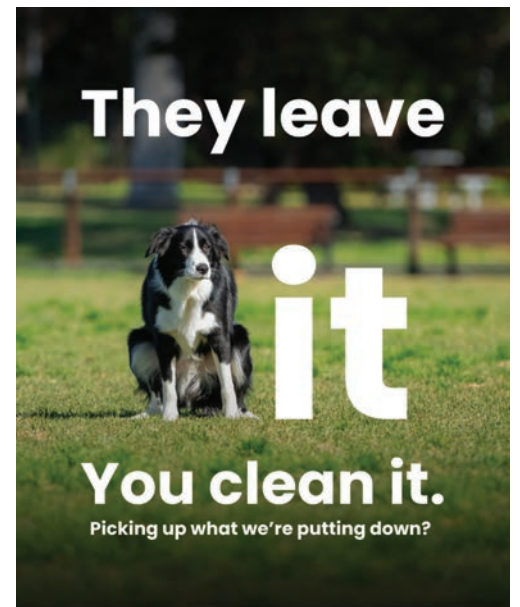
Beginning May 4, restrictions such as the below will apply:

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

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

Why this work matters

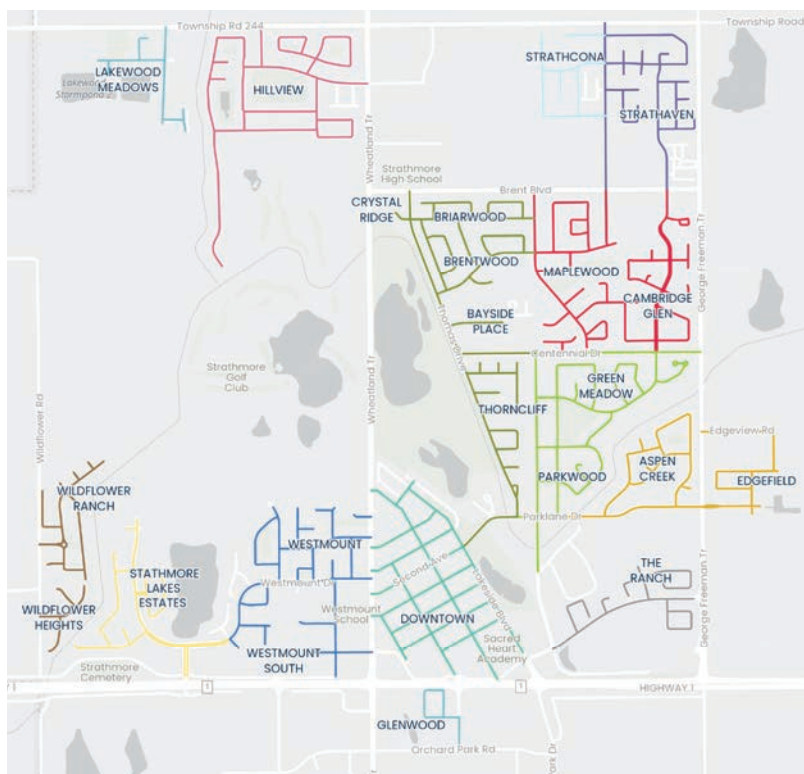
The Wildflower Reservoir upgrade will expand storage and pumping capacity, improving reliability and allowing the system to better support Strathmore as it grows. This is a proactive investment in the Town's infrastructure to ensure dependable water service for years to come. Questions? Give us a call at 403-361-2108 or email infrastructure@strathmore.ca



We've got some fun and safe alternatives to boredom for ages 4 to 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-filled summer!

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

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



APRIL 28	Wildflower Ranch Wildflower Heights	APRIL 29	Strathmore Lakes Estates
APRIL 30	Westmount & Westmount South	MAY 1	Hillview
MAY 4	Glenwood & Lakewood Meadows	MAY 5	Maplewood & Cambridge Glen
MAY 6	Green Meadow & Parkwood	MAY 7	Aspen Creek & Edgefield
MAY 8	Strathaven	MAY 11	Strathcona
MAY 12	Thornciff, Bayside Place, Brentwood, Briarwood, Crystal Ridge	MAY 13	Downtown
MAY 14	The Ranch		