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Strathmore weighs tax increase

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore homeowners could face higher property taxes next year as council considers a proposed 2027 budget that balances rising costs with saving for future infrastructure work.

Administration presented the proposal at the Nov. 4 regular council meeting outlining a 6.9 per cent municipal property tax increase. Including the provincial education requisition, the estimated overall increase was 7.3 per cent.

That combined figure could change. Administration told council a recent provincial announcement affecting education taxes would require the town to recalculate its estimate before budget deliberations.

For the standard detached home used in the presentation, the proposed overall increase would mean approximately $295 more a year, or $24.60 a month. Individual tax bills will depend on property assessments and the final approved budget.

"The 2027 proposed budget is about finding the right balance between affordability today and financial sustainability for the future," the town's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Kevin Scoble told council.

The proposal includes $48.44 million in operating spending and $5.60 million in capital spending, according to the agenda summary. Administration described operating funding as increasing moderately, with less capital spending and a greater emphasis on reserves compared with 2026.

Scoble said departments had examined expenditures closely to find savings.

"These budgets are lean and leave little room for unforeseen pressures," he said.

Among the pressures identified were higher water purchase costs from Calgary, employee compensation and an expected increase in the town's share of RCMP contract costs.

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Tune up time!

Peyton Warrack celebrates a goal during the Wheatland Wranglers U15 exhibition game versus Olds on Nov. 8 at the Strathmore Family Centre. With the tiering round now complete, the female hockey team will begin its regular season on Nov. 21 when it travels to face Siksika before hosting Okotoks Gold the following day on home ice.

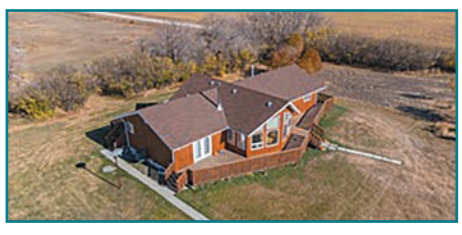
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A night in Hollywood

True North Society hosted its Hollywood Nights gala on Nov. 7 at the Strathmore Travelodge, bringing the community together for an evening of celebration, entertainment and fundraising. Proceeds support the organization's work providing shelter, counselling and support services to individuals and families impacted by domestic violence.

Joe Lepage Photos

Fellowship fundraiser

A gourmet meal prepared by Father Cristino Bouvette of Strathmore's Sacred Heart Parish was auctioned off for over $4,000 and was one of the many items donated to the church's annual dinner and auction fundraiser on Nov. 7 at the Strathmore Civic Centre. All proceeds from the event go toward the payment of the new church in downtown Strathmore, which opened in 2024.

Mario Prusina Photo



Bottle Rock-it and Chase Morgan bring classic favourites to Strathmore

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Chase Morgan is used to surprising people when he starts to sing.

"I'm surprisingly old school, I would say," said Morgan, who will open for Bottle Rock-it at the Strathmore Musical Arts Society's Nov. 21 concert at the Travelodge.

His musical influences include Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings and Ian Tyson, artists whose songs helped shape his taste long before he began performing.

"I grew up listening to all that stuff, and that's sort of where my voice naturally sits," he said.

Those country roots will open an evening that also promises plenty of opportunities to dance, with Bottle Rock-it bringing a mix of classic rock, country and familiar favourites.

For Morgan, picking up a guitar began with a much smaller ambition than taking the stage.

Growing up in High River, he started learning while recovering from a hockey concussion at 15, around the same time he was diagnosed with three autoimmune diseases. With his activities restricted, music gave him something to work toward.

He hoped he might eventually become good enough to play around a campfire with friends. Along the way, he discovered a music community that stretched well beyond the open mics he knew growing up.

Now usually a solo performer, Morgan particularly enjoys rooms where people settle in and listen.

"I love a smaller, sort of more intimate crowd," he said.

For a singer-songwriter, an attentive audience makes the work that goes into a song worthwhile. "Whenever that effort gets recognized in an audience like that, it's pretty special."

His Strathmore set will include songs by George Strait and Ian Tyson, along with material from his debut EP, which is nearing the final stages of production.

Morgan's project is called Neither Timid nor Bold with music beginning to roll out on streaming platforms early next year. Work began last October, and he has enjoyed developing a collection of songs together rather than releasing individual singles.

There may even be room for a seasonal request.

"I've always got a couple Christmas songs in my back pocket, especially around this time of year, if they get requested," he said.

When Bottle Rock-it takes over, the emphasis will shift to music that gets people moving

"Our design with this band is cover tunes that people want to dance to," said guitarist and lead singer Lewis Frere.

The four-piece band brings drums, bass and two electric guitars, with three members sharing vocals. Its repertoire draws on oldies, classic rock and country, honed through years of playing wedding receptions, rodeo dances and community celebrations.

Frere's own experience playing dances began at 15 in a family band started by his mother. They performed at weddings and New Year's Eve celebrations in communities along Highway 21.

That history remains part of the group's identity. Around the Trochu area, many people still know it as the Frere Band, despite the different names it has used over the years.

Frere also shares a long musical connection with lead guitarist Jason Birch. Both played in The Elastic Band while students at Rosebud School of the Arts in the 1990s. Bottle Rock-it's current line-up also includes Frere's nephew Nick and Calgary drummer Wes.

While audiences may recognize Frere from the comedy folk duo Lewis and Royal, he said this band offers a different kind of evening. Bottle Rock-it concentrates on familiar songs that suit a lively, social room.

"They love the energy of a live band doing cover tunes," he said.

A previous Strathmore appearance offered a memorable example of how those familiar songs can bring people together. Frere recalled inviting a local singer he knew through her school theatre days to join the band for "Hit Me with Your Best Shot." They launched into the song together without a rehearsal.

For Frere, that shared familiarity is part of the pleasure of playing covers and so is the easy rapport among the musicians.

"We just stand up there and have fun with each other."

Tickets are $60 and can be purchased through the Strathmore Musical Arts Society website strathmorearts.com. The night begins with cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. and Morgan will start the show at 7:30 p.m.



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Drew Gregory returns for Farming for Hospice harvest wrap-up concert

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With the crops in the bin and another harvest behind him, Drew Gregory is getting ready to celebrate a different kind of community effort.

The Farming for Hospice harvest wrap-up concert returns Nov. 27 at the Legion, bringing together music, a roast beef supper and support for the Wheatland Hospice Society.

For Gregory, the evening has become a tradition rooted in the people and communities he knows well. Having grown up in Standard and lived in Strathmore for many years, he was drawn to a fundraising initiative that reached across Wheatland County.

His involvement began through Project Wild, an artist development program that included a charitable component. Farming for Hospice was already underway, and Gregory saw an opportunity to contribute through music.

What started as part of that program became something he wanted to continue. Along with raising awareness of Farming for Hospice, the annual concert helps highlight the broader work of the Wheatland Hospice Society.

The connection is also personal. Gregory's wife, Erin, is a nurse whose work has included end-of-life care and time in hospices. Hearing about her experiences has strengthened his commitment to the cause, as have the people behind the society.

This year's concert will return to a Nashville-style songwriters' night, with Gregory inviting fellow artists to share their music and the stories behind it.

The guest songwriters had yet to be announced at the time of the interview. The Wheatland Hospice Society is celebrating its 10th anniversary, Gregory performing alongside his full band for five years and counting.

"It's so nice to have an attentive crowd and singing songs that maybe we aren't singing on the big, loud, crazy party stages," Gregory said.

The setting gives songwriters an opportunity to share songs with personal meaning and spend time explaining how they came to be.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., followed by a roast beef supper at 6 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m.

Supporters will also have a chance to enter a raffle for a private acoustic concert with Gregory. Previous performances have taken place at farms, in shops and in other spaces chosen by the winners.

"We'll play wherever, wherever you want us to play," he said. The raffle will run throughout the month leading up to the concert.

Beyond attending the show or entering the raffle, supporters can sponsor an acre through Farming for Hospice. Acre sponsorship continues year-round, with the wrap-up evening providing an opportunity to recognize those who have contributed.

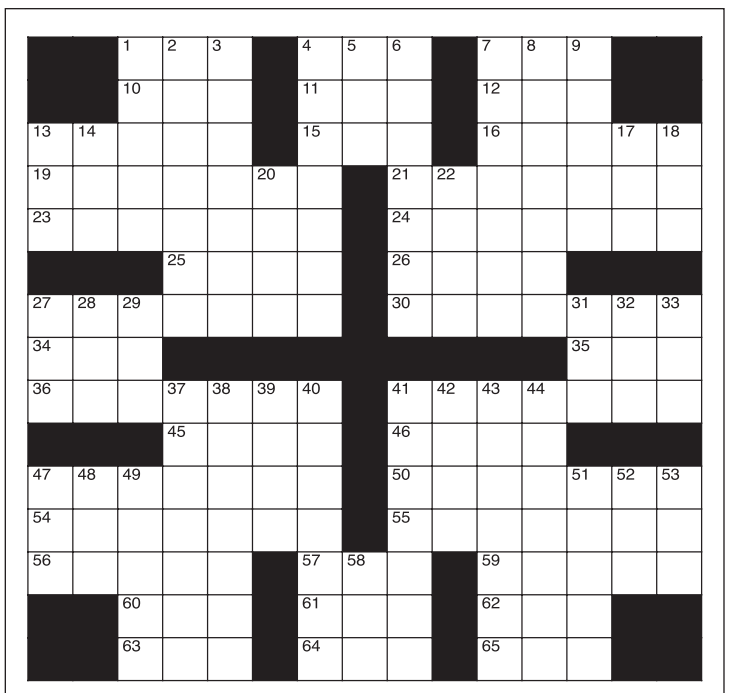
For Gregory one of the most meaningful parts of returning each year is seeing the community's enthusiasm endure.

"I think the first one was really special," he said.

That first evening left an impression, but the continued support has mattered just as much. While some fundraising ideas lose momentum after their first few years, Gregory said the passion behind this effort has remained strong.

The November gathering offers a chance to recognize that commitment, celebrate the year's fundraising and enjoy an evening together after harvest.

Ticket information will be available through Gregory's and the Wheatland Hospice Society's online channels; tickets went on sale Monday, Nov. 2.



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1. Tire pressure metric
4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator Fleming
11. Male adult
12. Norse mythological figure
13. Coffin cloths
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Nobleman's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Unable to move
26. Type of horse
27. Parted
30. Woman's cloak
34. South American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Something one takes
41. Dish detergent manufacturer
45. Romanian river
46. Personification of pity
47. Makes upset
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Support
56. Informal term for money
57. Catch doing something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Automobile
62. "Losing My Religion" rockers
63. High-resolution scientific instrument
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Irish rap group
7. Ageless
8. Lists indicating curriculum
9. Pokes at
13. Public television station
14. They __
17. Cooking tool
18. Separately managed account
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
49. Most worthless parts
51. Type of "bear"
52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
58. Swiss river

Council puts community funding commitments into proposed budget

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Five organizations serving Strathmore residents are a step closer to more predictable municipal funding after council approved starting allocations for inclusion in its proposed 2027 operating budget.

The motion passed Nov. 4 following a closed session. It includes $435,000 for the Strathmore Municipal Library Board, $40,000 for Wheatland Society of the Arts, $30,000 for Happy Cat Sanctuary Society of Alberta and $25,000 for the Strathmore Handy Bus Association, along with funding for STARS.

The allocations remain subject to adoption of the town's 2027 operating and capital budget. Council also directed administration to execute the funding agreements once that budget is adopted.

Coun. Brent Wiley introduced the motion and emphasized that distinction before discussing the organizations' work.

"Council still needs to deliberate and discuss the budget," Coun. Wiley said.

The proposed agreements are intended to give the organizations greater certainty about municipal support over several years.

"I've really wanted to see something that's predictable for these amazing user groups," he said.

The library would receive increased funding, according to Coun Wiley, who described its role as extending well beyond lending books.

"Our library has always been more than just a place with books," he said. "It's a place where families and seniors find connection and community and they're able to gather there."

Classes, events and space for community groups all contribute to its value, Coun. Wiley continued.

Wheatland Society of the Arts was praised for the number of residents it reaches. The councillor said the organization serves more than 10 per cent of the town's residents and has repeatedly been identified as important to the local arts community.

The discussion also highlighted transportation and emergency medical services. Coun. Wiley described the Handy Bus as "literally a lifeline for some of our residents that require medical services" and said several people they personally knew had been rescued by air ambulance.

The stated goal for STARS is to bring the town's contribution to $1 per resident over four years. Happy Cat's allocation drew an acknowledgement that its funding can generate debate. The councillor defended the contribution pointing to the organization's volunteer workforce and the cost of providing a comparable service.

Council carried the motion, placing the proposed allocations into the budget that will be debated later in November. Final budget approval is proposed for Dec. 2.

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Spurs begin busy season

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Strathmore Rusty Spurs Reporter

The Strathmore Rusty Spurs 4-H club recently began their 2026-2027 year. Members started the year with club elections and weekly lessons. The club was more than happy to welcome some new members into the club and have their first ever meeting of the new year on Oct. 8.

Elections in the club were led by members. Those who received titles will be listed as follows: Abby was elected as President, Kayla was elected as vice-president, Ariah was elected as secretary, Kynsley was elected as both roll call coordinator and district representative, Gabe was elected as snack organizer, Nicole and Jessica both took on roles as club reporter, and Jessica also took on the role of treasurer.

On Oct. 25, members took part in a Halloween fun ride at the Siksika Agriplex and had their health check for their horses that was led by senior members.

Next month, Strathmore Rusty Spurs plans to hold a liquor basket raffle fundraiser. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased at Phoenix Signs. The fundraiser money would go towards having more fun activities with the club such as club bonding experiences or renting the Siksika Agriplex for more riding time.

To keep updated on what the Rusty Spurs are up to, follow us on Facebook and Strathmore Rusty Spurs 4-H Club and Instagram at stratmore_rusty_spurs_4h_club.

Furnace scam leaves consumers feeling cold

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As the cooler weather approaches, so does the furnace scam.

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Strathmore budget proposes 6.9 per cent municipal tax increase

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Proposed wage and benefit spending would rise 7.8 per cent, including a 2.5 per cent cost-of-living adjustment and step increases for eligible employees.

Administration also expects the town's share of RCMP contract costs to rise from 70 to 90 per cent as its population passes 15,000. Money set aside in previous years would begin being drawn from reserves in 2027 to soften the tax impact.

Infrastructure maintenance is another consideration.

"Our infrastructure is like a car with 160,000 kilometres on it," Scoble said.

Some repairs must be addressed next year, while other expenses are approaching further down the road, council heard. Administration pointed to those future needs in explaining the proposed emphasis on reserves.

The Nov. 4 presentation introduced the budget for information. Council did not approve it.

Residents will have an opportunity to discuss the proposal with council at a Citizen Budget Cafe scheduled for Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. in council chambers. Administration said residents unable to attend could submit questions in advance and a recording would be posted after the session.

Budget deliberations are scheduled for Nov. 17 and 24, with Nov. 25 available, if needed. The final budget is expected to come before council Dec. 2.





Strathmore Theatre Players Guild is putting on their latest show, *Murder on the Orient Express*, from Nov. 6-21 at Hope Covenant Community Church.

Joe Lepage Photos

There's a killer on board and a few surprises offstage

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A scream from offstage had an entire audience jumping. For director Robert Cole that was a good sign the Strathmore Theatre Players Guild's *Murder on the Orient Express* was right on track.

The opening performances have brought laughter, suspense and the satisfaction of watching an audience get thoroughly caught up in a mystery.

On opening Friday, Cole said, one particularly well-timed interruption made it clear the production had its passengers aboard.

"And then there's this scream from offstage, and I don't think there was a single person in the audience who didn't jump," he said.

Apparently, nobody needed a second invitation to remain in their seats.

The guild's production brings Agatha Christie's murder mystery to the stage through an adaptation by playwright Ken Ludwig, whose work made choosing the show an easy decision for Cole.

"I just love his writing, it's so much fun," said Cole.

Getting the production ready, however, came with a plot twist nobody ordered. A cast member's injury meant another guild member had to step into the role of Ratchett, complete with a glued-on moustache.

The replacement also changed the way the cast interacted with the character, requiring adjustments as the company worked to keep the show moving. Cole credited the performers with bringing plenty of willingness and personality to the task. "They're a great group."

That enthusiasm extends to the production's assortment of accents, including Belgian, Hungarian, French and Swedish. The cast embraced the challenge, giving Cole an abundance of choices as he shaped the performances.

"This cast has been over the top, since the beginning," he said.

For a director, having that much energy to work with is a welcome problem. For an audience trying to determine who deserves suspicion, it makes for quite the carriage of characters.

Of course, a murder mystery needs more than convincing accents and questionable passengers. It needs clues.

Cole said the production puts them in plain sight, although first-time viewers may not recognize their significance. A small detail can pass almost unnoticed until the story reveals why it matters.

"I'm absolutely blatantly obvious on the clues," he added.

The guild gives audiences a chance to test that claim. Cole said patrons who have paid to see the production can return to watch it again, an approach the group introduced several years ago. With the mystery solved, a second visit becomes an opportunity to spot what slipped past the first time. Consider it another crack at the case and also an opportunity to spread the word of live theatre throughout the community.

Behind the scenes, Cole singled out Tashina Mackenzie for helping bring the production together. The guild co-chair and stage manager has taken on prompting, dressing and props, as well as calling the show.

With three productions being prepared in Strathmore, backstage help has been stretched. Mackenzie's contribution has been especially valuable.

"So, she has really come through," Cole said.

For anyone who has never attended a guild production, Cole's invitation is straightforward: come comfortably, settle in and enjoy the story. There is no dress code demanding passengers arrive as though they have booked first class.

"You don't have to sit there and wear a suit to the show, and it's not pretentious; it is very relaxed," he said.

There is also the pleasure of discovering a familiar face has an unexpected talent perhaps someone usually encountered at work, around town or across a counter.

"You will suddenly discover that your local granite cutter is a fairly good actor," he laughed.

And because it is live theatre, even a carefully plotted mystery leaves room for a surprise. "And sometimes … it's live, so you get to see extra stuff," he added.

Tickets can be purchased online through their website (strathmoreplayers.ca), at The Vault or at the door. The show runs Nov 6-21 at the Hope Covenant Community Church; evening shows begins at 7:30 p.m., matiness at 2 p.m. Nov. 14 and 15. General admission is $22 while youth and seniors are $17.

That calendar invitation could be a scam

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"This scam was circulating a few years ago and is now back with a twist," says Mary O'Sullivan-Andersen, President and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Alberta and East Kootenay. "In one version, the scammer asks an unsuspecting staff in the business to pass on a meeting invitation to another employee – for instance a member of the sales staff. The staff member receives the invitation from someone within the company and accepts it. The scammer establishes what is known as a chain of trust. Once the invitation link is clicked on, it presents a real danger with malware often being loaded on to the recipient's computer, leading to a potential data breach. These meeting invitations are couched in a sense of urgency, such as an overdue payment. Be aware some online calendars also automatically add invitations, further creating a context where the invitation is viewed as legitimate."

Tips:

- Verify calendar invitations by checking with the person who sent the invitation.
- Never click links in unexpected calendar invitations.
- Verify payment issues directly through the person responsible for business accounts.
- Review calendar settings to prevent unwanted invitations from automatically populating.

"Never click on links until you have verified the information," says O'Sullivan-Andersen. "Never."





Tough weekend

The Wheatland Warriors U15AA suffered a pair of home defeats over the weekend, including a loss to the Lethbridge Hurricanes on Nov. 8 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Warriors will now hit the road for a pair of games Nov. 14-15 before returning home to host Airdrie on Nov. 21.

Joe Lepage Photos











Home tourney

Strathmore High School's senior boys defeated Foothills Composite en route to the gold-medal game at the school's annual Spartan Classic volleyball tournament, held Nov. 6-7 at various schools in town. The Lady Spartans also hosted WH Croxford at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre during the round-robin portion of the tournament.

Joe Lepage Photos





Giving Back Gala to support access to local mental health care

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For residents struggling with their mental health, waiting weeks for counselling can leave a difficult gap between asking for help and receiving it.

The Giving Back Gala: Winter Wonderland, taking place Nov. 21 at the Strathmore Civic Centre, aims to help close that gap by raising money for mental health services and education in Strathmore and Wheatland County.

Emily Pye, chief administrative officer of Wheatland Family & Community Support Services (FCSS), said more residents are seeking assistance as financial pressures affect their ability to meet basic needs and access support.

"A lot of people are needing support to survive," said Pye. "Quite a lot of folks are accessing services more than they ever have before, whether it is for basic needs, food, clothing, definitely transportation."

Alongside those needs, Pye said the organization is seeing increased demand for financial assistance and mental health services. Through the Elks Mental Health Project, organizers are working to make counselling more accessible for residents with low to moderate incomes.

The project has set aside $10,000 for subsidized counselling, with plans to continue that commitment in the coming year. Pye said the program aims to connect applicants with counselling within a week, sometimes sooner.

The support generally covers three to five sessions per person, helping residents while they arrange longer-term care.

"So, we provide the short term so that they can get into the long term, so they don't feel left unsupported," she said.

For someone already struggling, Pye said, a lengthy wait can increase the pressure on both individuals and families. Providing help sooner is one part of the project; helping people recognize when support is needed is another.

Some funding also supports educational workshops and local mental health initiatives. Planned partnerships include speaking opportunities with the Happy Gang and presentations involving counsellors and Strathmore FCSS representatives, covering subjects such as mental health, dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Pye said the goal is to help residents recognize signs that a friend or family member may be struggling and understand where to turn.

"So, whether it is educating about our program or other programs that are available or just knowing signs and symptoms and mental health, that's our goal," said Pye.

The gala will bring that educational focus into an evening of dinner, music and fundraising.

Beginning at 4:30 p.m. the event will open with a cocktail hour featuring live music by Melissa Metheson (and friends), a slideshow, followed by welcoming remarks and a catered roast beef dinner. Guests can also expect a presentation from a Strathmore FCSS representative, a silent auction and live music.

An interactive mental health panel will feature three psychologists who have worked with the organizing committee over the past year. Audience members will be able to participate and vote on questions they feel are particularly relevant to the community.

All funds raised through the gala will support local mental health services and education.

Organizers are also seeking silent auction donations from businesses, organizations and community members. Contributions may include items, gift cards, experiences or services. Those interested in donating can contact Pye through Wheatland FCSS, which also has a donation page on its website; alternatively, she can be reached directly via email (cao@wfcss.org).

Beyond the gala, Pye hopes to expand the project's reach into rural communities, where accessing services can mean travelling to Calgary or facing a lengthy wait.

Future plans include educational seminars and informal coffee gatherings to help residents learn about available support closer to home.

"And what we really want to do is to show them that we know they're there, and we're doing what we can to support them," said Pye.

WHEATLAND COUNTY

Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference.
For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

November 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | MPC | COW | PPC
November 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m. | ASB Org Meeting

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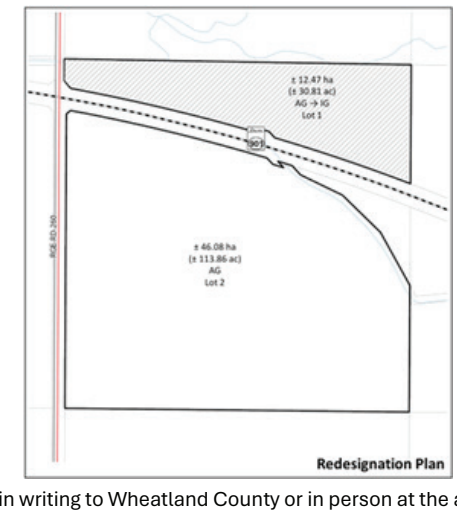
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Public Hearings
Wheatland County Council Chambers December 1st, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, December 1st, 2026.
The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:
File No: LU2025-010
Bylaw #: 2025-37
Location: NW-30-22-25-W4M
Proposal: To redesignate a ± 12.47 hectare (± 30.81 acre) portion of NW-30-22-25-W4M from AG to IG District to facilitate a future subdivision and development of a Recreational Vehicle Storage business



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

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The Strathmore Badgers peewee football team capped off its season as C runners-up. The Badgers lost 52–13 to the Lacombe Explosion in the final on Oct. 31 in Lacombe. The squad earned compliments for its sportsmanship and cheered on teammates throughout the game.

Miriam Ostermann Photos

Bantam Badgers wrap up season with plenty to build on

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Silver medals, decisive wins and plenty of progress gave the Strathmore Community Football bantam and peewee Badgers good reason to celebrate this season.

Both teams finished with silver in their respective pools, but their coaches had just as much to say about the players' determination, friendships and growing confidence as the results.

For bantam head coach Dan Bouchard, the way his players connected helped make his first season leading the team memorable.

"Everybody clicked with everybody," he said. "It was awesome."

The bantam Badgers recorded several convincing victories, including a 51–0 shutout against Carstairs on Sept. 5, a 53–20 road win in Hanna on Oct. 17 and a second shutout against Carstairs, 57–0, on Oct. 24.

They closed the season with one of their most exciting games, finishing just short of the B pool title in a 41–40 loss to the Stettler Cougars on Oct. 31.

A strong second half kept Strathmore in contention until the end. Bouchard said the players returned from halftime with renewed energy and held Stettler to 13 points over the final two quarters.

The silver medal finish gave the Badgers something to celebrate and something to work toward. "You want to use it to come back better next year," he said.

Earlier in the season, the team had already shown how well it could pull together. Following a difficult second game, players and families reached into the community to recruit more teammates. By that weekend, the roster had grown to 18 players.

As the season progressed, Bouchard saw that effort reflected on the field.

For him, helping players find their place is part of football's appeal.

"There's a spot for everybody on it," he said. "We need the big guys, we need the small guys, we need them all."

That same opportunity to learn and contribute was central to the peewee Badgers' season under first-year head coach Sean Meston.

The peewees earned C pool silver with Meston reporting a 2–3 regular-season record and another win in the playoffs for a 3–4 overall finish.

With a younger group and only eight players moving up to bantam, the season gave many players valuable experience against older, larger opponents.

"What we did pull together this year did fantastic," Meston said.

He was particularly pleased with how the defence worked together.

"Defence was really good cohesively," he said. "They were really, really good as a unit."

The offence also found its rhythm as the season went on, with the passing game becoming a highlight in the closing games.

Following their playoff game in Lacombe, Meston said the Badgers received praise from the opposing team for their passing attack. It was an encouraging sign that the work players had put into learning the offence was paying off.

Their conduct earned recognition, too. Meston said parents and opposing coaches consistently commented on the players' sportsmanship.

"The attitudes were good," he said.

For Meston, some of the season's best moments came from players who surprised him with their progress. When it came time to consider year-end awards, narrowing down the choices is posing a challenge as he said every player is deserving of recognition.

"I could give away 15 awards," he said.

With a strong group eligible to return to peewee next season, he sees plenty of promise ahead.

"I hope all those kids come back, and if they do, they're gonna have a really, really good core in the next year," Meston said.

Both teams also benefited from parents, coaches and volunteers who gave their time throughout the season. Bouchard credited the work behind the scenes that keeps the organization running while Meston said he had good help in his first year as head coach.

The Badger banquet on Nov. 29 at the Strathmore Civic Centre will give the teams another opportunity to recognize those contributions and celebrate the players.

There will be silver medals to recognize, wins to remember and plenty of individual achievements to applaud as the Badgers look ahead to another year.







The Wheatland Kings earned a point in a 4-3 shootout loss to the Sylvan Lake Wranglers on Nov. 6 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Nash Wassing scored once and added an assist, while Koen Wainwright and Jagger Hiebert also scored. The Kings play road games in Sylvan Lake on Nov. 13 and Okotoks on Nov. 20 before returning home to host Rocky Mountain House on Nov. 21 at 7:45 p.m.

Joe Lepage Photos

Kings earn point, look ahead to rematch

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings came away with a point Friday night, falling 4–3 in a shootout to the Sylvan Lake Wranglers before getting a welcome break from the schedule.

Nash Wassing and Koen Wainwright scored on the power play, while Jagger Hiebert added a third-period goal to help send the game to overtime. After the extra frame settled nothing, Sylvan Lake's Cooper Lawrence scored the lone shootout goal.

Connor White kept Wheatland in the game with 44 saves as the Kings were outshot 47–35.

General manager Cody Holdaway said Wassing has been a strong addition to the line-up.

"He's definitely one of our top-producing players for sure," said Holdaway.

With Saturday and Sunday off, the Kings had time to recover before preparing for another meeting with the Wranglers on Friday.

"The boys had a much-needed rest weekend," said Holdaway.

The rematch gives Wheatland a quick opportunity to turn a close result into a win on Friday, Nov 13.



Golden Hills seeks more classroom space at Strathmore High School

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Golden Hills School Division is asking the provincial government to fund additional modular classroom space at Strathmore High School as enrolment growth and expanding programs put pressure on the school's capacity.

Superintendent Jeff Grimsdale said the school's student population has grown from about 600 in 2020 to around 800 in 2026. Although a modular classroom was added a year ago, the school still needs more room.

"We did put a modular in there a year ago, but we still need more space for some of the programming that's going on there," he said.

The division's board of trustees approved its modular classroom request on Oct. 27. School divisions submit a prioritized list of their needs to Alberta Education each year by Nov. 1, but provincial funding is not guaranteed.

Grimsdale said the division likely will not learn whether its request has been successful until the spring.

Alongside its growing enrolment, Strathmore High School has added digital arts and esports programming through a partnership with Bow Valley College. Students can take courses in areas such as esports production and broadcasting while earning both high school and post-secondary credit.

Grimsdale said several factors help determine which schools are included in the division's annual request.

"We look at kind of utilization rates, the number of students, if there is an increase in population in the schools and programming," he said.

Division staff review enrolment and space use figures, with input from the secretary treasurer and maintenance staff. They also speak with school principals about growth and the need for additional space.

Prairie Christian Academy in Three Hills was also included in this year's request because of growth at that school.

Meanwhile Grimsdale said two modular classrooms approved through an earlier request for Trinity Christian Academy are expected to arrive in the spring.

For Strathmore High School, the next step is waiting for the province's decision. Grimsdale said the division has previously gone multiple years without receiving funding for its requests.

"All we can do is send in the request, and hopefully we'll be one of the priorities that is selected," he said.

Staying safe during low-light conditions

ALBERTA RCMP

As daylight hours decrease and more Albertans commute during periods of limited visibility, the Alberta RCMP is reminding drivers and pedestrians to take extra precautions to stay safe on roadways.

Motorists should remember:

• Be especially mindful when driving in school and playground zones during periods of low light.

• Always obey the posted speed limit so you can stop safely when necessary.

• Never pass vehicles that are stopped at a crosswalk. There may be pedestrians crossing that you cannot see.

• Never assume pedestrians can see you. Before turning at an intersection, make eye contact with pedestrians whenever possible and ensure the crosswalk is clear before proceeding.

• Drivers should be aware that both marked and unmarked crosswalks may exist at intersections and must yield to pedestrians who are lawfully crossing.

Pedestrians should remember:

• Follow the rules of the road and obey all posted signs and signals.

• Always try to cross at marked crosswalks. If a crosswalk is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic, and only cross when it's safe.

• Make sure motorists can see you and that traffic has come to a complete stop before entering a crosswalk.

• If you are walking when visibility is low, consider wearing high-visibility gear or clothing.

• If no sidewalk is available, walk facing oncoming traffic and keep as far from vehicles as safely possible.

"Reduced visibility can make it harder for drivers to see pedestrians and for pedestrians to accurately judge approaching traffic," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic Services. "A few extra seconds of caution can help prevent serious collisions and keep everyone safe."

For more traffic safety information, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta

Priorities for Alberta

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Albertans deserve the confidence that comes with predictable costs, reliable health care, and strong protections for their families. Last week, our government took action to deliver on those priorities by reducing and freezing provincial education property tax rates, building on Alberta's record health care growth, protecting freedom of expression on campuses and helping students manage the cost of post-secondary education, and strengthening protections for vulnerable children.

Our government is delivering tax relief and making property taxes more predictable for Alberta families and businesses. Starting in 2027, our government plans to reduce the provincial education property tax rates and apply the same rates across Alberta, regardless of where Albertans live. The new rates will be frozen for three years, giving property owners and municipalities greater certainty when planning their budgets. These changes are expected to save Albertans nearly $100 million in 2027-28. Families in communities where the new rate would be higher than their current rate will also receive a one-time tax credit to help with the transition. This means lower property tax costs for many owners while continuing to support Alberta classrooms.

Alberta is leading the country in growing its health care workforce and increasing surgeries. New national data shows that surgeries in Alberta have increased by 15 per cent since 2019, while our province now performs more surgeries per person than the national average. Alberta also has a record 14,661 registered physicians, an increase of 1,244 over the past year, and is leading the country in nursing workforce growth. Building on this progress, our government has introduced new legislation to better protect Albertans receiving care. This legislation would hold care providers accountable and help people facing the most severe addictions access treatment with appropriate safeguards. We remain focused on ensuring Albertans receive safe and reliable care when and where they need it.

Our government is also taking action to protect free expression on campus and help limit tuition increases at post-secondary institutions for students and families. Under proposed legislation, Alberta's colleges and universities would be required to remain neutral in their official statements on political and social issues outside their educational responsibilities. Students and faculty would remain free to express their own views and debate ideas openly. The legislation would include clearer rules and fair processes to address conduct issues when they arise. It would also regulate maximum tuition amounts for programs, with tuition increases for existing domestic students limited to two per cent in 2027-28.

Alberta's government is strengthening protections for vulnerable children and helping families stay connected. Proposed legislation would prioritize placing children who cannot safely remain at home with relatives or trusted family friends whenever possible. This would help children maintain important family and cultural connections while finding safe and stable homes. The changes would also give caregivers a greater voice in decisions affecting children and strengthen protections against online sexual exploitation, including grooming and online luring. Every child deserves to grow up feeling safe, supported and connected to the people who know and care for them.

From easing costs for property owners to strengthening health care and protecting students and families, our government is focused on making life better for Albertans. We are delivering solutions today while building a stronger and more prosperous Alberta for tomorrow.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disillusioned with democracy

To the Editor

Across Canada and much of the western world, growing numbers of young adults are becoming disillusioned with democracy. This trend should concern anyone who values democratic institutions.

Many young people face challenges that previous generations did not encounter to the same degree. Home ownership has become increasingly difficult to achieve, rents continue to rise, student debt remains a burden, and wages often fail to keep pace with the cost of living. As a result, many young adults believe they may never enjoy the standard of living their parents achieved. The wealth of Canada's natural resources ends up in the pockets of wealthy foreign investors.

Economic concerns are only part of the problem. Repeated political promises are often followed by limited action, leading many voters to question whether governments are truly responsive to ordinary citizens. Growing wealth inequality, the influence of powerful corporations and lobby groups backed by the wealthy one per cent, and the perception that political leaders are more concerned with winning the next election than solving long-term problems have further weakened public trust.

Young adults are also witnessing increasing political polarization, endless partisan conflict, and a flood of information and misinformation through social media. Many feel their voices are lost in a system that moves too slowly to address major issues such as housing affordability, climate change, healthcare, and economic insecurity.

Most young people are not rejecting democracy itself. Rather, they are questioning whether today's democratic institutions are capable of responding effectively to rapid economic, technological, and social change. If governments want to restore confidence, they must demonstrate greater accountability, transparency, and a genuine willingness to address the issues that matter most to younger generations.

Democracy depends not only on citizens having the right to vote, but also on their belief that the system can produce meaningful results. Rebuilding that confidence may be one of the most important challenges facing Canada in the years ahead. I believe the Alberta UCP gerrymandering will further disillusion urban young adults. Perhaps older rural voters might keep in mind that the majority of their children and grandchildren live in urban areas.

Ken Riley,
Bassano

Tips to prevent seasonal property crime

ALBERTA RCMP

With colder weather approaching and seasonal properties seeing less activity, the Alberta RCMP is reminding Albertans to take steps to protect their property from theft and other property crime.

Property crime is often a crime of opportunity. As seasonal properties, recreational areas, and farms experience reduced use during the fall and winter months, offenders may target locations where there are fewer people around. The Alberta RCMP encourages property owners to take the following precautions:

• Store off-road vehicles out of sight, ideally in a locked garage, shed, or storage unit. Empty fuel tanks when possible and use physical barriers, such as fencing or wheel clamps, to make vehicles more difficult to remove.

• Secure farm equipment in locked buildings. Use wheel clamps or remove batteries when equipment is not in use, and keep keys in a separate, secure location. Maintain a record of serial numbers and equipment descriptions, and consider marking equipment with identifying information, such as your postal code in a discreet location.

• Remove valuables from seasonal properties, including expensive tools and electronics. Securely lock any items that must remain on site and consider posting signage indicating that valuables have been removed.

• Store outdoor furniture and other portable items indoors.

• Ensure all doors, windows, gates, and outbuildings are properly secured before leaving the property unattended.

• If storing firearms or hunting equipment, ensure they are secured in accordance with applicable legislation and regulations.

• Consider installing security cameras, motion-activated lighting, and GPS trackers on high-value equipment.

To learn more about preventing seasonal property crime, follow Alberta RCMP on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta) and X (@RCMPAlberta).

The Alberta RCMP encourages the public to report suspicious activity to police. If you witness a crime in progress, call 911. To contact the RCMP non-emergency line within any Alberta RCMP jurisdiction call 310-RCMP (7267).



Dress up for a second chance at rescue's Wear It Again Gala

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

That wedding dress, bridesmaid gown or special-occasion outfit tucked away in the closet could help give a rescue dog a fresh start.

Rescued Paws at Alpine Foundation is inviting residents to its first Wear It Again Gala on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 in Strathmore.

The evening will raise money for veterinary care while giving guests a reason to wear something they rarely get to take out.

Founder and president Kyla Janes said the idea dates back about 13 years, when she and a few friends organized a gathering for women who wanted another chance to wear their wedding and bridesmaid dresses. Around 40 attended the celebration at the Legion.

Now she is bringing the idea back as a fundraiser for the rescue. The foundation hopes to raise at least $5,000 toward a veterinary bill sitting at approximately $8,000.

"We would like to be able to fundraise at least $5,000 to help us pay our vet bill, which is currently sitting around $8,000." Janes said.

Doors open at 5 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. Tickets are $95 and include a served chicken dinner with sides, dessert and a drink ticket. A silent auction and 50/50 draw will also help raise money throughout the evening. The foundation is still accepting silent auction donations.

Behind the evening's dress-up theme are medical expenses that can quickly add up.

Janes pointed to Polly, a dog surrendered to the rescue with a mass on her back that the organization had not been told about beforehand.

"When I got her, we were not informed about a big mass that was on her back," she said.

Removing the mass and sending it for a biopsy cost approximately $2,000. In another case, a puppy's fractured tooth required an extraction costing about $1,100.

Those unexpected bills go beyond what adoption fees cover, Janes said. Senior dogs can also need ongoing care and treatment, adding to the rescue's fundraising needs.

The work began in 2019, Janes said, and grew during the pandemic after she and her husband helped find homes for dogs whose families could no longer care for them.

Along with financial support, the foundation needs foster homes suited to the different dogs coming into its care.

"Every dog is different and then every home is different," Janes said.

Some dogs need a home where they are the only pet, while others benefit from being around other friendly animals. Having a range of foster homes available helps the rescue find the right fit and make room for another dog in need.

Donations of collars, leashes, treats and other dog supplies are also welcome.

For gala guests, the invitation is simple: look through the closet and bring out an outfit that deserves another evening out.

Tickets and information about the gala, fostering and adoption are available at their website (rescuedpaws@alpine.com).

Strathmore Skating Club welcomes skaters back to ice for new season

ARIANNA LEE
Times Contributor

Strathmore Skating Club is showing promise early in the 2026-27 season, with strong numbers in the club's Starskate program.

"Our numbers for the StarSkate Freestyle Program are higher than normal for the season, which is really good that skaters have progressed to be in that program," said head coach Breanna Zarowny.

With more skaters progressing into Starskate, Zarowny said coaches are looking forward to seeing returning skaters continue to develop their skills and reach new milestones.

For skater Ashlynn Pierson, this season comes with new goals to work towards as she continues developing her skills on the ice.

"I want to land my Axel this season and my Flying Camel," said Pierson.

Pierson has been skating for four years and first became interested in the sport through CanSkate, the club's beginner program. She has since progressed into StarSkate and continues to work towards new skills.

"It's taught me courage. I've gotten a lot braver since I've been on the ice," said Pierson.

Another skater looking ahead to this season is Stella Haugen, who has been skating with the club for three years. This season Haugen is hoping to pass Star 2 and land her flip.

Beyond learning new skills, Haugen said skating has taught her lessons she carries beyond the rink.

"It's taught me to be patient and balanced," said Haugen.

The club offers a range of programs for skaters of different ages and experience levels, from beginners learning the basics to those developing their figure skating skills.

Zarowny said Pre-CanSkate, designed for children ages three to six, continues to be one of the club's most popular programs.

"Every year our Pre-Can … is the most popular and it fills up the quickest," said Zarowny.

Interest in the club's Pre-Star program is also growing, with more children interested in learning to figure skate.

While most programs are nearing capacity, Zarowny said there are still spots available in CanSkate and AdultSkate for families looking to register.

One challenge the club continues to face is access to ice time, as demand for rink space remains high among local sports.

"Obviously, it would be nice to have more ice time to offer more programs more frequently," said Zarowny.

Despite the challenges, Zarowny said the club remains focused on creating a welcoming environment where skaters and their families can build connections.

"We're a very open, welcoming, friendly club that is here to help everyone learn to skate and be part of a community," said Zarowny.

The club will also host its holiday show in December and year end show in April, giving skaters an opportunity to showcase what they've been working on throughout the season for friends and family.



Tips to prevent identity theft

ALBERTA RCMP

On Oct. 29, Red Deer RCMP received multiple reports of fraudsters posing as RCMP officers, including individuals claiming to be Sergeants or other RCMP representatives.

The scammers are providing false regimental numbers and using technology to "spoof" telephone numbers, making it appear as though the calls are coming from the Red Deer RCMP.

Victims reported being told that police were investigating their involvement in a crime or that their personal information had been compromised. The callers then attempted to obtain personal information. In some cases, victims were directed to follow a link. Reports indicate these fraudulent calls have targeted individuals in both Alberta and Ontario.

RCMP is advising anyone who receives these calls not to provide personal information.

Tips to Protect Yourself from Fraud and Scams:

• Protect your personal information. Never share personal details such as your name, address, date of birth, banking information, or passwords unless you initiated the contact and have verified who you are speaking with.

• Don't be afraid to say no. If someone pressures you to send money or provide information immediately, end the conversation. You are not being rude; you are being safe.

• Verify before you act. If you are unsure about a message, email, or phone call, speak with a family member or someone you trust. You can also visit the organization's official website and contact them using a verified phone number.

• Report suspicious activity. Even if you did not lose money or share personal information, reporting scams helps protect others. Contact your local police service or the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

RCMP encourages anyone who believes they may have been the victim of fraud to report it to their local police service and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre also recommends the following if you believe you have been targeted by a scam:

• Gather all information related to the fraud, including documents, receipts, copies of emails, and text messages.

• Contact the financial institution involved in any transfer of funds.

• Share your experience with family, friends, neighbours, and co-workers to help prevent others from becoming victims.

RCMP continues to investigate these incidents and asks anyone with information regarding this or any other crime to contact Red Deer RCMP at 403-406-2200.

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Obituary



RISSEEUW,
Mary Irene

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved Mother, Mary Risseeuw, on November 4th, at the age of 94.

Mom, born October 1, 1932, lived her whole life in the Strathmore area. She attended Orange Valley School, just south of Strathmore, before moving on to Samuel Crowther High School where Mom met our Dad, Gerry. They were married at the Anglican Church in Strathmore in 1957.

Mom and Dad purchased land SE of Strathmore, where they successfully operated a chicken business and grain farm. It was a busy time while raising four children, but it was a life they loved.

Mom was an avid volunteer from a young age. She was a 4-H leader, a lifetime member of ACW (Anglican Church Women), and a member of the Strathmore Hospital Auxiliary. She was also a Life Member of the Provincial Auxiliary Association.

Mom moved into Sagewood on the Independent side, when Dad required more medical care on the long-term side of Sagewood. Even after Dad's passing in 2015, Mom kept busy volunteering. She also enjoyed her monthly book club and her prayer group. Most of all, Mom enjoyed her many friends at Sagewood. She looked forward to baking her yummy treats to share at Tuesday morning coffee with her lady friends on the 3rd floor. Those friendships, conversations and little routines brought her so much joy.

Mom is survived by her four children, Bonnie (Gary) Wolf, Terry Risseeuw, Lorne (Linda) Risseeuw, and Colleen (Greg) Romaniuk; nine grandchildren, Tara (Derek), Devon (Quinn), Justin (Kara), Annaleise (Brandon), Graham (Tanisha), Layne (Diana), Shayla (Blayze), Leah (Brian) and Adam (Kayla); and seventeen great grandchildren, Ryder, Jaxson, Skyler, Taylor, Zachary, Adley, Ayvie, Noah, Paisley, Casen, Dominic, Bentley, Piper, Brinley, Rozlyn, Miller, and Romi.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thank you to Dr. Lori Lobay, her very special doctor of many years, and the amazing staff at Valley Medical Clinic. Mom enjoyed the quick check-ins from Dr. Fanning and Dr. Clarke as well. Another heartfelt thanks to Dr. Ben Sader and Dr. David Pieses at the Acute Care of the Strathmore Hospital. The care, compassion and support shown by everyone throughout this journey will never be forgotten.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at Lord of All Lutheran Church, Strathmore, at 10:00 am. A private family interment will follow at Strathmore Cemetery with lunch to be served at the church afterwards.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made directly to the Strathmore Hospital Foundation (200 Brent Blvd, Strathmore, AB. T1P 1J9 - cheques only please).

To send condolences, please visit Mary's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

November 17, 2026 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council (Budget)
November 18, 2026 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council
November 24, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council (Budget)

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.



Good food, great food.

Get the Good Food Box.

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

From weekly to biweekly.

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 November 1, 2026, green cart/organics pickup will switch to biweekly service for the season (November to April). 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**

Help Keep Hydrants From Looking Like Snowmen.

Adopt a Hydrant.

Winter's heavy snowfall can quickly turn fire hydrants into snowmen lookalikes, making them difficult for firefighters to locate and access during emergencies. By adopting a hydrant and helping keep it clear of snow, ice, and other obstructions year-round, you can help emergency crews save valuable time when every second counts.

Visit Strathmore.ca/Adopt-A-Hydrant to learn more and sign up. With more than 370 hydrants located throughout town, there are plenty of opportunities to become a proud hydrant adopter and help keep the community safe.

Join our team.

Career opportunities available.

Are you looking for a new opportunity? The Town of Strathmore is hiring! We have a variety of positions available across different departments.

Check out **Strathmore.ca/Careers** for more information about current opportunities and discover your bright future with the Town of Strathmore.

In the arms of the (snow) angel.

Be Someone's Snow Angel.

While the winter season makes for a beautiful snowscape, it also comes with its icy challenges. Navigating icy sidewalks can be daunting, especially forthose who face mobility limitations or health concerns. Shoveling those same sidewalks is an even more daunting challenge. This is where the Strathmore Snow Angels Program comes in. Here's how it works:

- **Identify those in need.** Residents needing snow removal help are marked with a Snow Angel sign, letting you know they could use a helping hand keeping their walkways clear during the winter months.
- **Be a Snow Angel.** Spread you snowy wings and help out your neighbour by clearing their sidewalk, driveways, and paths. You don't need to register, just look for a Snow Angel sign and help out.

Need the Snow Angels help? Call FCSS at 403-934-9090 to request a sign or visit the Strathmore Municipal Building. Visit **Strathmore.ca/SnowAngels** for more information.

Notice of Public Hearing.
November 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Bylaw No. 26-07, Municipal Development Plan Amendment No. 3 (MDP Review - Module A)

Public Hearing Process

Please be advised that the Town of Strathmore is proposing a series of modular update amendments to the Municipal Development Plan that will collectively amount to the completion of the Town's Municipal Development Plan Review. **Bylaw 26-07** is the first modular amendment to the Municipal Development Plan and focuses on growth management, fiscal sustainability, economic development, and agricultural operations. Bylaw 26-07 also includes implementation, monitoring, and review policy updates, as well as updates to introductory sections, along with a range of technical and stylistic updates.

A copy of the proposed bylaw can be found on the Town of Strathmore website or may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Strathmore Municipal Building (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB). 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, November 18, 2026,** commencing at **6:00 pm** with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw No. 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 **Thursday, November 12, 2026**, 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 **Thursday, November 12, 2026**, as outlined in Bylaw No. 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 your time.

Water Restriction Notice.

Starting **November 4, 2026,** Stage 4 Outdoor Water Restrictions and indoor water conservation measures will be in effect for approximately four weeks while crews connect the new Bearspaw South Feeder Main to Calgary's exisitng water system.

Stage 4 Outdoor Water Restrictions mean no outdoor water use is permitted, including:

- No watering lawns, gardens, flowers, trees, or shrubs using City water.
- No washing down outdoor surfaces, including exterior building surfaces, windows, sidewalks, driveways or walkways, unless required for health and safety reasons.
- No water use for construction purposes such as grading, compaction or dust control.
- No washing vehicles outdoors, unless required for health and safety reasons.
- No outdoor snow or ice making.

Indoor conservtion measures include:

- Runnig dishwashers and washing machines only when full.
- Flushing toilets only when needed.
- Taking shorter showers, aiming for three minutes.

For more information, visit: **https://www.calgary.ca/water/drought/outdoor-water-restrictions.html?redirect=/restrictions#cocis-maincontent**