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Councillor seeks legal advice

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County Coun. Rick Laursen recently hosted an open house to address questions and concerns from county residents.

Shortly prior to the organization of the open house, during the Nov. 1 regular council meeting, a motion was made to have an in-camera item brought forward into the public record.

The item was regarding the FOIP act, section 17 – Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy, Councillor Code of Conduct.

The motion was to bring the in-camera item into the public record, should it be in regards to councillors Laursen or Glenn Koester.

Laursen is currently seeking legal advice regarding an investigation into him regarding his conduct, to which under county bylaw he was unable to speak about further.

“I wanted this to be done in public because I have made it pretty clear that I’m acting in the best interests of the ratepayers, and nothing that I’ve done would be considered inappropriate,” he said. “The rest of council voted, and it wasn’t unanimous. I believe it was recorded vote. They decided to keep it in what’s called an in-camera session.”

Councillors Laursen, Koester and Shannon Laprise voted in favour of bringing the item into the public record and were defeated 4-3.

Koester was in a similar position in the spring, as during the March 22 regular council meeting, an issue was raised against him which was not allowed to be moved to the public record.

“You can’t defend yourself against this, and I feel sorry for Rick,” said Coun. Tom Ikert. “There was a motion to have an investigator look at the charges, and that’s all I can say.”

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Big battle

Wheatland Warriors defenceman Donovan Kautz darts up the ice during their battle with the Bow Valley Timberwolves on Nov. 19 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Despite falling 4-0, the local U15AA team remains in second place in the South Conference with an 8-5-1 record. The Warriors will now prepare to host the Taber Golden Suns on Nov. 26 (7:30 p.m.) in Hussar.

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New lodge discussed

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County Coun. Glenn Koester, representing the Wheatland Housing Management Board (WHMB), spoke to seniors at the Happy Gang on Nov. 17 regarding the current state of the planned new hospice lodge.

Discussions for a new lodge have been ongoing since prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Once the new facility is constructed, it would relieve pressure on the existing lodge for local senior populations who are no longer able to live independently.

“Before Sagewood was built or even thought about, we had the lodge. It was added on in the 80’s and 90’s ... and we had a waiting list there of 20 to 30 people, and that waiting list was consistently like that, it didn’t vary much,” said Koester, introducing the topic. “We decided we should look into building a larger facility. In talking to the government and meeting with everybody, the government decided to use a (public private partnership) ... and they got a partnership with a private individual

from the town once the new office was completed.”

Another suggestion was to have the new lodge adjacent to Kinsmen Lake on the undeveloped property. This prompted an environmental survey, but no construction took place. According to Koester, that location remains the current vision for the new lodge.

With regards to the waiting list for senior living facilities, Koester explained the only time the waiting list went down was during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when everything was locked up and people were not actively seeking to move in.

The Wheatland Hospice Society also remains adamant about being independent from AHS in order to specifically serve the communities within Wheatland County, as opposed to taking in potential residents from outside the local region.

Berry Architecture, a firm operating out of Red Deer, was engaged to create a schematic plan, and presented a design proposal for a five-storey building, featuring 165 beds.

During engagement sessions hosted

by the WHMB, the community had made it known that a pub or similar communal meeting place was desired to be integrated into the design, which was not originally present.

“It is a building, but most importantly it is your home and it can be whatever you want it to be. You have to live with everybody else, but it is still your home,” said Koester.

Plans for the building currently also leave room on the lot to add 60 more beds following the initial construction if it becomes necessary.

Koester estimated the hospice has raised roughly \$2.2 million for the project, out the projected \$6 million necessary to build the facility.

“We have a ways to go, but I’m confident that when people see a hole in the ground, the money will come a little easier,” he said. “We are waiting for the government to come and say ‘put your shovels in the ground,’ and in six weeks to two months, we could have blue-



Wheatland County Coun. Glenn Koester presented to seniors in Strathmore regarding the current state of plans for, and the future of a new lodge which aims to be constructed in town.

John Watson Photo

prints and we could be going full tilt.

To help speed up the process, Koester recommended for those interested in supporting development to be in touch with their local MLA. Currently that is Leela Aheer, then whomever will be replacing her post-election in the spring.

Operation Christmas Child collection week returned

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Operation Christmas Child returned to Strathmore, with boxes full of donations being collected at the Strathmore Alliance Church for distribution.

The fundraiser is part of Samaritan’s Purse, an organization which typically responds to disasters, or war, bringing much needed supplies to children and families.

Marianne Klassen, who volunteered her time to help with collection this year, said Strathmore tends to be a very generous community when collection week rolls around each year.

“Strathmore has been participating in the fundraiser for more than 20 years, and an official drop-off centre has been running for probably about nine,” she said. “Last year, I think we sent more than 600 boxes from Strathmore, and this year just up until yesterday (Nov. 16) we have collected 357 boxes.”

Generally speaking, Klassen recommended for those who are interested to budget around \$30 to \$40 to fill a box with supplies.

These can range from clothes, to hygiene articles, to school supplies, or toys. The recommendation is that what goes in will be able to be used by a child or a family.

“Some people put in maybe a hat or slippers, T-shirt, anything that can be useful for a child. And, there are different categories you can choose when you pack a box,” she explained. “You can choose either a boy or a girl, and then you can choose the age group from two-four, five-nine, or 10-14 years old, and then you can imagine what that particular child needs.”

This year, boxes collected from across



Collection week for Operation Christmas Child took place last week, with the local drop off location situated at the Strathmore Alliance Church

John Watson Photo

Canada will be distributed between El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Senegal, Guinea, The Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone, Philippines, and Ukraine.

Food items are generally not accepted as part of donation boxes as they may either expire or make shipping more difficult upon leaving the country.

“Violent toys, sharps, liquids, candies, those things are not allowed to go to those countries either because especially Africa, some of those candies can melt and it can draw insects, rats or mice,” Klassen added.

Strathmore’s is currently the sole drop-off point for Wheatland County, with the next closest being in Drumheller, and in Calgary.

Collection is always during the third week of November, and the boxes are distributed throughout the year.

Klassen recommends for those who are interested in participating, an easy way to go about it is to collect small items for a donation box throughout the year and spread out the cost instead of adding something else to a shopping list right before Christmas.

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Youth Theatre Classes come to Strathmore

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Youth Theatre Classes Strathmore is officially entering stage right.

The new non-profit theatre group is currently the fall session open to students Grade 2-4.

However, because of a spike in demand, they will be offering two classes in the new year; one for Grades 2-4 and a second for Grades 5-7.

Lynn Elkin was approached by a few families to start a youth theatre class here in Strathmore. Once she received the go ahead from The Strathmore Theatre Players' Guild, she was all set to get going with this exciting project.

Other members of the team include Mandy Ball, lead instructor along with Elkin and Chelsea Hall, who have a background in vocal and costume design.

"I agreed to lead the classes because, as a mom and grandma with 25 years of community theatre background, I believe that every child should have the opportunity to experience these types of activities right in their own community and should have opportunities outside of school for sport, service and the arts in their lives," she said.

Currently the classes are run out of The Vault, however in the new year the youth theatre will be moving practices to the Strathmore United Church where the students will have more room to explore all the different forms of theatre.

"The Vault was very generous when helping us get started," she said.

Elkin clarifies that they've just outgrown the space. "Theatre involves a lot of movement and dance and physicality," said Elkin. "Theatre helps them express themselves in different ways. It

helps them build a little bit of self-confidence and risk taking."

Elkin emphasize the importance of theatre to a community like Strathmore.

The fall class will have 11 sessions (including the final show). After Christmas the classes will consist of 11 sessions and a finale. In these sessions the students will work on mini plays, small skits, and theatre games as well as explore the different aspects of theatre

"Theatre is both on stage and off," she said.

Elkin explains other than acting, theatre also includes props, costume design and set design.

For the final class the students' families are invited to attend so that they can see what they've been working on.

"I think the kids are really excited," she said.

Elkin calls the session finale "their works in progress."

It's described as "a special night where the family can come together to watch and be a part of their final time together."

Numbers are limited to 8-10 students per class. Winter registration is open and will run from Jan. 18 to April 5. Classes run for Grade 2-4 from 6-7 p.m. and Grade 5-7 from 7-8:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

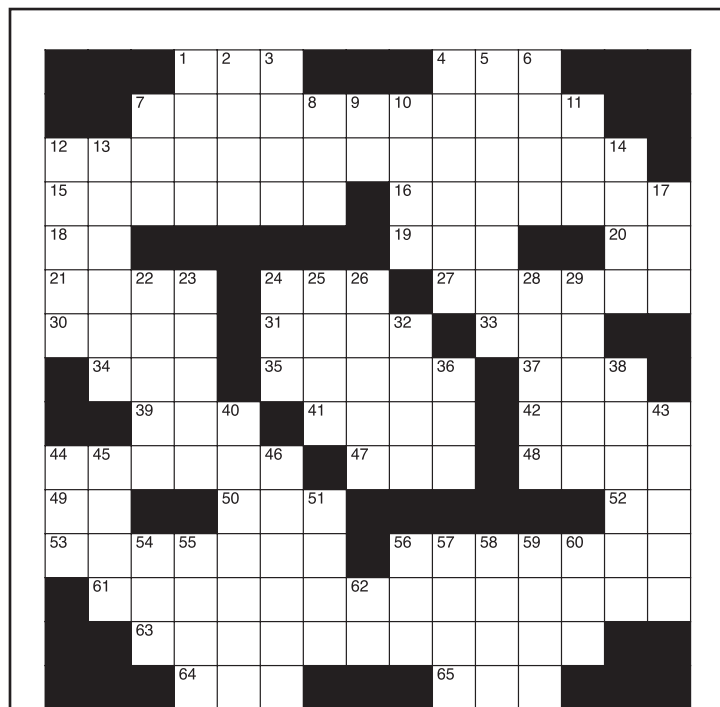
There will be an information session for enrolled students and their families Jan. 11 at the normal scheduled time for each class. Classes are \$100 and the fees go towards supplies, as everyone involved is a volunteer.

If you would like more information or to register you can visit their website at youththeatreclasses.ca, on Facebook (Youth Theatre Classes Strathmore) or contact Lynn Elkin directly at 867-446-2873.



Youth Theatre Classes Strathmore is currently in the fall session, open to students in Grades 2-4. They meet once a week at The Vault in downtown Strathmore.

Photo Courtesy of Lynn Elkin



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| 4. Clairvoyance | 39. Cool! |
| 7. One who works under you | 41. Matchstick games |
| 12. What happens there stays there | 42. Thick piece of something |
| 15. Not ingested | 44. A state that precedes vomiting |
| 16. Got the picture | 47. Burned item residue |
| 18. One thousandth of a gram | 48. Jaguarundi |
| 19. Breakfast item | 49. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord) |
| 20. About | 50. The home of "60 Minutes" |
| 21. Tall deciduous trees | 52. Dorm official |
| 24. Safe keeping receipt | 53. Give cards incorrectly |
| 27. Cowardly | 56. One who is learning the job |
| 30. Pueblo people of New Mexico | 61. Popular R.L. Stevenson novel |
| 31. Herring-like fish | 63. Attentively |
| 33. A very large body of water | 64. CNN's founder |
| 34. Angle (abbr.) | 65. Criticize |
| 35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation | |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Fijian capital | 26. Hand gesture popular on social media |
| 2. Assist | 28. Renters have one |
| 3. Elected lord in Venice | 29. Tubular steel column |
| 4. The capacity of a physical system to do work | 32. Database management system |
| 5. 2012 Oliver Stone Film | 36. Similar |
| 6. Parent-teacher groups | 38. Providing no shelter/sustenance |
| 7. Midway between south and southeast | 40. Death |
| 8. Moved quickly on foot | 43. What a sheep did |
| 9. Handheld Nintendo console | 44. Midcentury Asian battleground |
| 10. "Top of the Stairs" playwright | 45. Horizontal passage into a mine |
| 11. Electronic data processing | 46. Mortified |
| 12. "Dog Day Afternoon" director | 51. Improper word |
| 13. Leaned | 54. No seats available |
| 14. About aviation | 55. Financial obligation |
| 17. Mountain is a popular type | 56. It can be hot or iced |
| 22. Lake along Zambia and Congo border | 57. Tough outer skin of a fruit |
| 23. Heroic tales | 58. ___ Spumante (Italian wine) |
| 24. Soviet Socialist Republic | 59. Misfortunes |
| 25. "Star Trek" villain | 60. Negative |
| | 62. Camper |

County Councillor speaks to Freedom Convoy donation

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

During the activity of the Freedom Convoy which occupied Ottawa, and inspired similar protests in other parts of the country in February, Wheatland County Coun. Tom Ikert made a donation to the cause.

Ikert's donation, however, was made in the name of Town of Strathmore Mayor Pat Fule, unbeknownst to him.

The intent of his action, according to Ikert, who freely admitted to doing so, was as a prank on his fellow politician which was never meant to have been discovered.

"Have you ever done a prank that has gone completely sideways? That is what happened. There was no maliciousness involved," said Ikert. "I was sitting in the middle of lockdown, surfing the internet with my credit card in hand, which is a recipe for disaster, so I made a donation to the GoFundMe for the Freedom Convoy."

Ikert explained he put Fule's name on the donation line, thinking the action comedic, which he admitted was a "terrible misjudgement on (his) behalf."

He added the prank was sent to four people, of whom he did not name, who agreed with his sentiment.

According to Fule, he was made aware of the donation by a resident who sent him a screenshot of the convoy's donor list bearing his name.

"I think the list is public knowledge, and someone saw it and just took a shot of it and sent it

to me. So I saw that it was there was made in my name," said Fule. "I mentioned it to (Reeve Link), and I said that I would be contacting Mr. Ikert and I did and then he sent me an email apology. So I accepted his apology and it's pretty much done."

Fule added he hopes since the apology has been made, both the town and the county will simply move forward instead of dwelling on one poor decision.

"I'm looking at the big picture and we have just so much to gain by working together that we can just move on from this," he said. "I just want to look beyond just my own personal situation and just look at the big picture, and just move on from here."

Ikert explained when he discovered Fule had been made aware of the prank and was displeased, he attempted to reach out by his own volition to make amends.

"I tried to reach out to him and couldn't get a hold of him, so I reached out to my Reeve ... told her what I had done and I said 'can you find out, is there something I can do to make this right?'" said Ikert.

"Amber talked to Pat, Pat said he wanted an apology. I gave Pat an apology, Pat accepted my apology. And that was back in February and I completely forgot about it."

Ikert wished to reiterate he bears no ill will, maliciousness or animosity towards Fule; the action was a mistake, and he owned up to it.

The Freedom Convoy remain a controversial topic which continues to be investigated federally.

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A terrific trio coming to town

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

The Aurora Trio will be returning for a concert fit for the holidays on Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Strathmore United Church.

People may remember the group as the trio that played in the Season 1 of the concert series.

The trio consists of Timothy Steeves on violin, Max Geissler on cello and Jani Parsons on the piano

The group was founded in 2012 and at the time there were three Canadians and three Americans who formed the group, calling themselves Latitude 49. The name is inspired by the border that rests between Canada and the United States, representing ‘a bridge between artists, composers and listeners of today.’

“They love to play together, they are great friends and great collaborators” said Carolyn Steeves, chair of The Vault Cultural Collective. “They wanted to play a concert together so they found time where they get off and can perform a concert together.”

Steeves explains that life has taken the friends in all different directions, from North Carolina to Vancouver, so getting together to play has been a struggle.

“We are very happy to have them back,” said Carolyn.

Both Timothy and Parsons are well known to the Strathmore United Church – Timothy having grown up in Strathmore and Parsons having played for the congregation in the past, so revisiting old stomping grounds will be sure to conjure up feelings of nostalgia.

“It’s going to be an amazing concert,” said Carolyn. “The arts were hit incredibly badly by Covid people couldn’t perform.”

She explains that it’s been over two years since some artists have performed publicly.

“Performing is just coming back to life and it’s not just another concert for this group,” said Carolyn. “It’s going to be very special.”

Timothy is the Associate Concertmaster of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, while Max Geissler is doctorate candidate at the Rice University in Houston, Tex. Jani Parson is the head pianist at the University of Calgary.

If you would like more information on the other concerts in the series you can visit thevaultonline.ca

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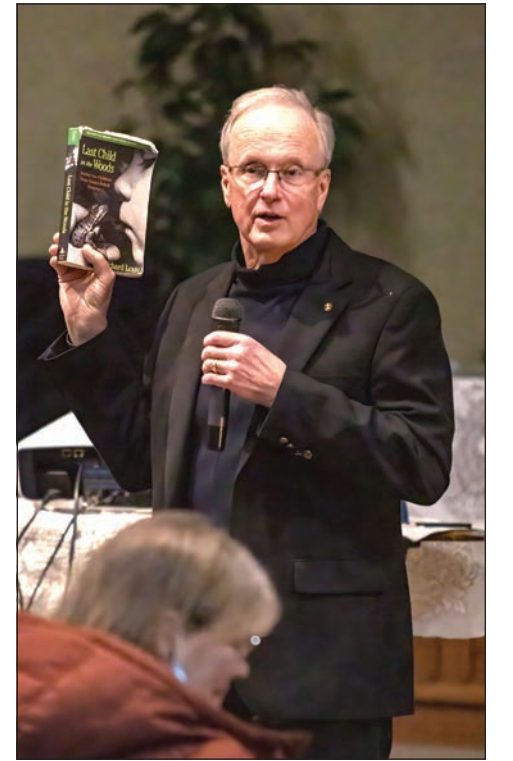
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Brian Keating in Strathmore
The Vault Cultural Collective hosted Brian Keating, “adventurer, pilot, naturalist, scuba diver, mountaineer, children’s author and wildlife tour guide extraordinaire,” at the Strathmore United Church, Nov. 17. Keating discussed many of his adventures during the event, with a nearly sold out house in attendance.
John Watson Photo

Wheatland County Councilor under Code of Conduct investigation

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During an organizational meeting of council prior to the Nov. 1 regular meeting, according to Ikert, included in the package was the County’s code of conduct bylaw which was signed off on that all code of conduct complaints would be taken in-camera.

Laursen, after the motion was defeated, excused himself from the in-camera session regarding the item in order to seek further legal advice.

Koester, at the time of the regular council meeting, noted more than one third of council meeting time has been in-camera, based on a report from early in the fall.

He added he believed it appropriate for a councilor being accused to want the discussion on the public record, and finds it difficult for so many proceedings to be confidential to the public.



The Strathmore Spartans football team will be competing in the provincial finals for the first time in the team's 25 year history. The game is set to take place at Shouldice Park in Calgary on Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. The Spartans take on the Holy Rosary Raiders in the provincial championship.

Photo Courtesy of Crystal Johansen

Seeking a provincial title

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For the first time in the team's 25 year history, the Strathmore High School (SHS) Spartans football team is headed to the provincial finals.

The Spartans took on H J Cody High School, from Sylvan Lake in Red Deer on Nov. 19, claiming a 48-31 victory in the semi-finals.

"We got off to a really good start. We were leading them 24-7 at halftime. We let them creep back in a little bit – they got hot on offense like we expected, and they ended up making it a closer game than I thought it was," said head coach, Danny Warrack. "Our offensive line really took over in the fourth quarter and our special teams as well and we ended up getting a couple more touchdowns that secured the victory."

According to Warrack, the game was never not in the Spartans' favour, though the closest points gap between the two teams closed to a mere seven points.

Regarding his team's overall performance, he added it was some of their

best that he has seen out of the boys all season.

"Our run game had his best game of the year, and our offensive line played really well. And then guys like Jacob and Jaden Robson and Brady Johansen were able to run behind our own line with ease," he said. "We had five rushing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown. So, it was a pretty good game."

Coming into the provincial finals, the Spartans will be squaring off against the Holy Rosary Raiders, hailing from Lloydminster.

Warrack added he is aware of a few things the boys need to practice and fix up coming into the finals to give them the best chance possible at victory.

"I think we have to get our pass game shored up a little bit, and then our defense," he said. "I thought they did well in pass coverage ... so we have to smarten that up a little bit."

This year will mark the seventh in a row that the Holy Rosary Raiders have made an appearance at the provincial finals, though they have been defeated in the last six.

Warrack said both teams will be coming out with everything they have, wanting to take home the win come game time.

"I know our guys ... there is a lot of belief in that locker room and a lot of buy-in, and that means something," he said. "I think you can play a little above your abilities when you really believe."

Leading up to the semi final game, the Spartans squeaked out a win over Crescent Heights School, hailing from Medicine Hat.

According to Warrack, his team was trailing though most of the quarterfinals, only overtaking Crescent Heights in the bottom of the fourth quarter.

At the conclusion of the regular season, the Spartans were ranked sixth in the province coming into provincials.

The finals will take place Friday, Nov. 25 at Shouldice Park in Calgary. The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

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Stuff a Stocking for Seniors campaign returns

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Rack on Third's annual Stuff a Stocking for Seniors campaign is back and seeking folks to support the project once again.

Marlene Risdon, owner and operator of The Rack on Third, is once again organizing the campaign, and aims to see more names than ever supported for the holiday season.

"This is the third year I've done it. For the month of November, I get names of seniors and what they might want to receive," she said. "Then, Dec. 1, people can start collecting those names and filling those requests. It has been great – I'm getting emails asking when folks can come get a name and I have already had people reserving names."

Risdon explained things to fill senior's stockings with often includes things like chocolate, playing cards, word search games, scarves, gloves, mittens, and other simple things to make life easier.

She said she is hoping to see the names of 700 seniors come into her collection to be supported this year.

For those who are interested in collecting a name, once the request has been filled, it is the person who collected the name's responsibility to en-

sure the package gets delivered.

"The donor delivers it to whoever they've got. They may have a phone number which they can arrange a time for drop off, or if the senior lives at a lodge, they can drop it off there," said Risdon. "I get reports back a lot. People will take something to a house and the person will start crying because some strangers actually thought of them to buy a present for."

She added, often families will drop by The Rack on Third and will all collect names to get presents for. Another option is to simply drop off some cash at The Rack and let Risdon know which name to buy something for.

She is requesting for those who are interested in supporting the project to have collected a name and filled a request by Dec. 23 so there is time before Christmas to ensure all the deliveries are made.

Folks can drop by The Rack anytime during open hours to collect a name or drop off a donation, once Dec. 1 rolls around.

Risdon recommends budgeting around \$20 to \$30 for the senior who they intend to support, but noted some people have taken that a bit further.

"I know some people who have spent over \$100, which is a bit much to spend on one person. I'd rather they take two or three names," she said.

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A documentary series filmed in Langdon for the Telus Storyhive, Langdon's Heroes, premiered Nov. 15. The series focuses on Langdon's volunteer firefighters, their training, and the calls they respond to.

Photo Courtesy of Bull & Ship Films

Telus Storyhive docuseries filmed in Langdon

JOHN WATSON
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A six-episode docuseries filmed in Langdon premiered on Tuesday, Nov. 15, spotlighting the Langdon Fire Service and the volunteers dedicated to protecting their community.

The series was filmed for the Telus Storyhive by director Robert Peddle over three months, beginning in the spring of 2022.

"The project is called 'Langdon's Heroes' (and) it is about the Langdon Fire Service and basically the volunteers," said Peddle. "I used to be a volunteer firefighter myself about 20 years ago back in Nova Scotia; now I live in Langdon ... when Langdon got its new fire hall, I thought it would be a good time to do a documentary with the firefighters."

Peddle described a fire service as "a bit of an unseen group," as generally speaking, most people will not see them unless requiring their services.

The angle Peddle took to approach the project was to show what Langdon's volunteer firefighters go through at home, at work, and with their training.

In order to finance the project, Peddle applied for a grant through the Telus Storyhive, which upon his suc-

cess, gave him a budget of \$10,000 to see the series to completion.

Peddle and his partner at Bull & Ship Films, Kim Kelln, created the docuseries with the help of roughly 31 paid-on-call volunteers.

Upon its release, it will consist of six 30-minute episodes, which was outlined as a requirement of the Telus Storyhive grant awarded to the project.

"I live in Langdon, and one of the requirements of the grant was it had to be something local, from your hometown. That's why I picked the Langdon Fire Department," said Peddle. "The guys were really great on camera. We did a lot of interviews with a lot of the firefighters, and we basically wanted to tell their story and what they go through, especially some of the bad calls."

Langdon's Heroes is Peddle's second documentary as a hobbyist filmmaker. His first focussed on cyclists in Calgary who ride to work in the winter.

A significant focus of the series, Peddle added, is on the stress of duty, as well as on the rigorous training firefighters will go through in order to protect and serve their community.

The series was made available to stream on Telus Optik TV as of Nov. 15. Following that, Peddle said the series would also be available through the Bull & Ship Films website.

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Dan Wiewel has accomplished a decade-long dream to open his own recording and rehearsal studio. The roughly 400 square foot space now offers a convenient and affordable location for artists in Strathmore to produce industry quality sound bites.

John Watson Photo



Thunder struck

Despite firing 32 shots on goal, the Wheatland Kings fell 2-1 to the Airdrie Thunder on Nov. 19 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local Junior B team is back in action this coming weekend when they host the High River Flyers on Nov. 26 (8 p.m.) and the Red Deer Vipers the following day at 4:30 p.m.

Joe Lepage Photo

New local recording studio opens

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A new audio rehearsal and recording studio has officially opened in downtown Strathmore, aiming to help artists produce professional quality sound bites.

Dan Wiewel, owner of Max SPL Music, held a grand opening for the studio space on Nov. 19, showcasing what the space is capable of.

“The space can be used for recording and rehearsal, but largely recording aimed more at small bands, solo artists and those who are looking for a comfy spot to record in,” said Wiewel. “If you have never been in a recording studio, it can be pretty intimidating, so having something nice in town that is welcoming and affordable is preferable.”

He explained establishing a dedicated recording space has been a goal for roughly the last 10 years, though one he was more actively pursuing for the past three.

The studio was able to take off in earnest once Wiewel was able to partner with a sound engineer who moved to Strathmore from Edmonton.

“He approached me and we said ‘let’s join forces,’ and put together a studio here in

the building. We combined his equipment with mine, both of our expertise, and here we are,” said Wiewel.

Currently, the space features a piano, electric drum kit, amps, synthesizers, and a soundboard ready to use and help artists assemble their music.

The plan is to expend the local arsenal of equipment as the studio develops and attracts local artists to make use of the space.

“There is a fairly big music scene in Strathmore of musicians who just really like playing music. We don’t have a large professional scene like Calgary or Edmonton, but we have had musicians in town who have gone professional,” said Wiewel. “It is every musician’s dream to have their own recording studio. I have done a lot of recording in my old basement and things like that. It is just the dream to have your own space and finally, we had room to do it here.”

He added generally speaking, creating industry quality recordings can be cost prohibitive to many an aspiring artist.

In addition to offering recording and a rehearsal space as a service, Wiewel plans to begin offering classes in the new year for those

who wish to learn how to record for themselves.

“We’re set up to record everything from a solo artist to a full band live off the floor. We’ve got a very large system, and we are also working towards being able to do on location recording as well,”

he said. “Our space, this isn’t a multimillion dollar studio, but I think people will be really surprised at the quality that we can put out being in downtown Strathmore.”

The studio began availability for bookings as of Nov. 19.



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YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE
Gord Morck Pharmacist
Capsule Comments

Corns are annoying and painful. They are usually caused by poor-fitting shoes. Corns can be treated by buying roomier shoes and applying medications to remove the corn. Diabetics and the elderly are warned to seek advice before using these product with can cause skin irritation, inflammation and occasional ulcers due to impaired circulation.

Humidifiers and vaporizers. What’s the difference? They both work equally well in adding moisture to the air. The humidifiers generally mist cool water into the air while vaporizers boil water to create steam. Use caution while using vaporizers around small children because of the higher temperature of the steam. Also, these units should be cleaned often using white vinegar or 3% hydrogen peroxide. Adding oils to the water in vaporizers don’t give any better results.

People often get suggestions from friends and relatives about medications they “should try because it worked for me”. A golden rule about this sort of thing is *Before you take it, talk about it.* Talk to your doctor or pharmacist to get a professional point of view. Another person’s medication may conflict with those you are already taking.

Haven’t had your flu shot yet? It’s not too late. It’s OK to get your shot in December or even January. If you haven’t done it yet, do it now. You could spare yourself, and your family, a lot of misery.

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- December 6: Council Meeting**
- December 13: Municipal Planning Commission**
- December 20: Council Meeting**

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted. Agenda packages can be found on our website.



WHEATLAND COUNTY IS ACCEPTING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

EAGLE LAKE CAMPGROUND OPERATIONS

Wheatland County has an approximate 24.6 acre campground site next to Eagle Lake, which includes 62 serviced campsites with water and power. The site has washroom and shower facilities, and various outbuildings.

The Request for Proposal: Eagle Lake Campground Operations was posted on November 2, 2022, and **closes December 1, 2022.**

For more details on this opportunity, visit our Wheatland County website: www.wheatlandcounty.ca



Environmental Stewardship AWARDS

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This award recognizes a Wheatland County community member or group that has made an outstanding contribution to environmental sustainability in the municipality. All Wheatland County residents or community groups are eligible for this award.

Youth Stewardship Award

This award will be given to an individual or group of individuals under the age of eighteen who have shown leadership or strong interest in environmental stewardship. Wheatland County residents, community groups, and school groups are eligible for this award.

J. Laslo Legacy Award

This award will be given to an agricultural producer in Wheatland County who has shown leadership in the implementation of beneficial management practices. The winner is dedicated to reducing the environmental impacts of their operation, and has an interest in promoting positive efforts to others in the industry.

Award recipients will be recognized by Council at Wheatland County's Annual General Meeting, their name will be added to a plaque displayed at the County office, and they will receive a \$250 cash prize!

Nomination Information

Contact the Agriculture and Environment Department:

Ph: 403-361-2007

Email: AgandEnv@wheatlandcounty.ca

Submit nominations by **January 1st, 2023**

For more information wheatlandcounty.ca/documents/environmentalstewardshipawards

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Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Call for Members

Wheatland County is seeking a representative from Division 2 and Division 6 to sit on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB). If you reside outside of these Divisions and still wish to apply, please submit your application for consideration.

The SDAB reviews subdivision and development appeals in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act; and shall exercise any other powers, duties, and functions as assigned by Wheatland County bylaws or policies. Members of the SDAB serve a three-year term and meet as necessary during the day or evening.

Following your appointment to the Board, SDAB members must successfully complete training provided by Municipal Affairs. This training may be in person or online and members will be financially compensated for their training and their attendance at appeal hearings.

For more information regarding training, please go to:

<https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-and-development-appeal-boards-training.aspx>

If you require additional information, please contact the Wheatland County Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Clerk, Michelle Van Haarlem, at (403) 361-2000.

Please forward letters of interest to michelle.vanhaarlem@wheatlandcounty.ca.

LADIES LIVESTOCK LESSONS

**Mountain View Heritage Center
January 20, 2023**

This year's event will include sessions on grassland management, nutrition, mental health, livestock first aid, and more!

For more info visit www.RedBowAg.com



Gleichen 2022 CP Holiday Train

The Canadian Pacific (CP) Holiday Train will return to the rails this season on its first cross-continent tour in three years!

Join CP on December 7th in Gleichen in support of our local food banks.

- Local Vendor Market in the Gleichen Community Hall 5:00-9:30 PM
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Matt Gingras and Spice (the horse he trains) have qualified for the National Reined Cow Horse Association's Kalpowar Quarter Horses Celebration of Champions in Fort Worth, Tex. Feb. 11-20.

Photo Courtesy of Matt Gingras

Spice is ready to shine

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Matt Gingras of Gingras Performance Horses showcased the talent of a horse named Spice (Metalic Cat Itchi) in Ponoka in the Northern Alberta Reined Cow Horse Club Oct. 12-16.

Gingras has qualified for the National Reined Cow Horse Association's Kalpowar Quarter Horses Celebration of Champions in Fort Worth, Tex. Feb. 11-20, 2023. Spice and Gingras will be competing in the hackamore event. Hackamore is headgear for a horse that doesn't have a bit. She will also compete in the snaffle bit derby, which is an aged event.

"They're essentially aged events because they're for (horses) three, four, five and six years old," said Gingras.

The owners of Spice, John and Suzette Krug of Wheatland County, who own and operate JSK Arena and Boarding Facility, will be attending the Celebration of Champions with Gingras in February.

"The mare is a Canadian bred horse," he said. "There have been a few Canadian bred horses that have done really well over the last few years."

Gingras explains that Spice isn't very big.

"She's tiny, like the size of a pony. She's very small only 13.2 (hands)," said Gingras. "She's got a really big heart, just a really nice horse."

Gingras has shown horses in competition for other events before, but this is his first time participating in the derby categories.

Spice and her team have done other competitions this year - she won in Saskatoon and placed in the Montana Reined Cow Horse Futurity

"She had a really great year," he said.

On top of winning buckles and a chunk of the \$1 million in prize money, Gingras hopes to come home with a world title. For more information on this event you can visit the National Reined Cow Horse Association website (<https://nrcha.com>).

Seeking the highest things at Holy Cross Collegiate

TOMÁS ROCHFORD
HCC News

What is truth? What is courage? What does it mean to be an excellent human person? Why seek wisdom? For 12 years high school students at Holy Cross Collegiate (HCC) have been blessed with the opportunity to explore such questions in an extra-curricular option, named the Dead Philosophers Society. By reading and discussing the great books of human civilization, students are offered the chance to better understand themselves and the world around them.

During the past decade students have had the chance to struggle with Plato as he seeks to define justice in "The Republic;" walk with Aristotle as he lays out the path to excellence and true friendship in the Nichomachean Ethics; seek to understand the real nature of love and virtue with the help of Jane Austen's heroines; explore the architecture and residents of Hell, Purgatory and Heaven through the poetry of Dante Alighieri.

Dead Philosophers Society students at Holy Cross Collegiate are reading Plato's Republic.

Photo Courtesy of Mary Kruse, Holy Cross Collegiate



To engage with such writers is a key element of the classical liberal arts and humanities tradition: as G.K. Chesterton reminds us, to know only the ideas and concerns of our own time is to be a slave trapped by the whims of history. On the other hand, to enter the great and timeless conversation about the good, true and beautiful, is to be truly free.

This year's students in the Dead Philosophers Society are discussing the last dialogues of Socrates; readings which challenge them to live virtuously and seek truth regardless of the attrac-

tions of shallow popularity or fleeting success. In the second semester they will shift to reading St. Augustine's "Confessions," the world's first major autobiography and one of the deepest reflections on the human condition and the nature of evil.

Something similar is now being offered to junior high students. This September the Great Books & Great Ideas Club was started, with students reading re-telling of Homer's "Iliad" and "Odyssey" to begin the year, followed by reading and discussing Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" in the second semester.



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Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Wheatland County will offer for sale, by public auction, at the Wheatland County Council Chambers on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., the following lands:

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Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

These properties are being offered for sale on an "as is" basis. Wheatland County makes no representation and no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, vacant possession, or the development ability of the subject land for any intended use by the Purchaser.

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Wheatland County may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.

Redemption may be affected by certified payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Wheatland County, Alberta, November 16, 2022.

Brian Henderson, CAO

Have your say

LEELA SHARON AHEER
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere Strathmore readers. The province is gathering public input on spending a potential surplus. Albertans can rate their priorities from a list of affordability supports, healthcare funding, and economic diversification. The online survey is open until Jan. 15.

We have received many emails regarding the building of schools. Thank our school authorities for their incredible work alongside our municipal partners.

It is vital for residents to participate in civic discourse and even more vital for that discourse to be civil and professional. I share your concerns and would like to share some facts drawn from the MGA. The MGA states that where there is a joint reserve agreement between the municipality and the school board, that agreement must be adhered to. In Rocky View, we have this important agreement that clearly outlines the obligation of each party, including the provision of the land regarding schools in Chestermere.

Each party will do what is needed and what is in their power to get this school site ready. Purchasing the necessary acres is a vital step. Doing this in a timely manner will increase our chances of being approved for funds for the school. Thank you to all for advocating for schools, our municipalities, and school authorities who work together to get this critical infrastructure built. Thank you again for your advocacy as parents and residents!

Canada-Alberta Job Grant is available for “eligible employers can get government funding to help employees, and unemployed Albertan’s access training opportunities.”

The Canada-Alberta Job

Grant is a training program where employers apply for eligible training costs on behalf of their present or future employees. Employers decide who gets training and what type of training may be needed for their employees.

Funding is provided by the Government of Canada is through the Workforce Development Agreement. This is an amazing opportunity, and eligible employers must contribute a minimum of one-third of the training costs for existing employees. Government contributes two-thirds of the cost to a maximum of \$10,000 per trainee per fiscal year. If hiring and training an unemployed Albertan, up to 100 per cent of training costs could be covered, up to \$15,000 per trainee.

Individual employers will have a cap of \$300,000 for the grant funding they can receive per fiscal year. This ensures that funding is available for as many Alberta employers as possible.

The CAJG is available for direct training costs only, including:

- tuition fees or instructional fees charged by the training provider
- mandatory student fees
- examination fees
- textbooks or software
- other required materials directly relevant to the training course and distinct from materials required to run the employer’s business

- eligible travel cost for participants and trainers (outside of Edmonton and Calgary) when training is over 100 km one way within Alberta for small and medium-sized organizations. Please visit their website for more information (the above Canada-Alberta Job Grant information has been copied from that site).

As always, we love to hear from you.

(Leela Sharon Aheer is the MLA Elect for Chestermere-Strathmore)

Free weekly skates hosted at Family Centre

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Local families in Strathmore will be able to enjoy a full season of indoor skating thanks to a community investment made by the United Farmers of Alberta (UFA).

The Strathmore Family Centre will be hosting free weekly public skating events for the duration of the 2022-23 season. The first of which, occurred on Nov. 20.

The Sunday public skate events are aimed to encourage recreation, as well as to make it more accessible for local families.

“Community wellness is one of council’s strategic priorities. Working with partners like UFA, who support this programming, benefits families in Strathmore,

Wheatland County, and Siksika Nation,” said Mayor Pat Fule. “Free programming is important during times of high inflation. The Town of Strathmore is grateful to UFA for their financial support.”

The free Sunday skating events will take place each week throughout the season, with the exception being on tournament dates at the arena.

“Having a weekly time for skating gives families something to build a schedule around – it can really become a regular event,” said Craig Dilts, manager of the Strathmore Family Centre. “Making it free helps to ensure we’re supporting all families.”

More information about the Sunday public skate days is available at www.strathmore.ca/UFA-skates.

Obituary



SANDERSON, Nola Ann (nee Feser)
November 15, 1939 - November 13, 2022

It is with profound sadness that the family of Nola Ann Sanderson announce her peaceful passing on November 13, 2022, just a few days shy of her 83rd birthday.

She will be lovingly remembered by her daughters, Cecilia (Ronnie) Roberts and Belinda (Shane) Armstrong; grandchildren, Maddy (Nathan) Plewis, Jesse Roberts, and Aaron (Caroline) Armstrong; great grandchildren, Kingston, Joshua, Nathan, and Nolan; and brothers and sisters, Linda (Ken) Lesperance, Dwight (Linda) Feser, Ed (Joan) Feser, and Wendy (Larry) Feser.

Nola’s greatest joy was spending time with her family. From Feser family reunions to shoe shopping with her granddaughter, or playing cards with her grandson, it didn’t much matter what it was, as long as it was done with family. Nola also had a great love of dance and music. In her younger years she was a dance instructor out of Drumheller, AB at “Nola’s School of Dance”. Throughout her life, many will remember her with the radio always playing in the background, usually to the tune of Elvis or Tina Turner. She was also a true Calgary Flames fan, family and friends knew not to call her when the Flames were on TV.

A Celebration of life will be held in the spring of 2023 for family and friends. Special thanks to the doctors, nurses, and support staff at AgeCare Skypointe. In lieu of flowers, Nola wished for donations to be made directly to the Alberta Children’s Hospital (online at childrenshospital.ab.ca).

To send condolences, please visit Nola’s obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

Wheatland Funeral Home
Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

Obituary



SEVCIK, Donna Marie (Anderson)

With tremendous sadness we announce the passing of Donna Marie (Anderson) Sevcik, our loving and devoted Wife, Mother, Gramma and friend to all whose lives she touched, on November 7, 2022.

Donna was born in Calgary in 1946 to parents, Murray and Jessie and started her life on the Anderson farm at De Winton. Unfortunately, her father, Murray Anderson passed away when she was 8 years old, and the family moved to Calgary. When she was 16, her mother Jessie married Ralph McElroy and they moved to Hussar. It was here where Donna met and married her loving husband, Marvin and they started a family. Blessed with two boys and a girl, David, Russell and Colleen, Donna dedicated her life to her family and raised them with love and support. She treasured her children and embraced every moment with them. She especially loved her role as Gramma. Donna loved to love and care for people. She was an excellent gift giver, an amazing listener, always knew the right thing to say, a loyal friend, and never missed a special date. Donna was active as the Brownie leader in Hussar for many years and was on many different boards, committees, and groups that her family was involved with. Until her health made it impossible, Donna was active in St. Magloire’s Anglican Church, garden clubs, and the local stitch and chat group. Donna is lovingly remembered by her husband of 54 years, Marvin, children, David and his wife Margo, Russell, and Colleen Sevcik. She is forever remembered by her four loving grandchildren, Susanne, Luke, Jake and Marika, her sister Bette-Jean McElroy and sister-in-law, Ileen Beatty, nephew Dale Beatty, his wife Mona Lisa and their children Cole and Analise.

She was predeceased by her father, Murray Anderson, stepfather, Ralph McElroy, mother, Jessie McElroy, brother, George P. Anderson, brother-in-law, Cliff Beatty, and nephew Darren Beatty.

Funeral Services will be held on December 21st at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Hussar at 2:00pm followed by reception at the Hussar Community Hall.

If friends so desire memorial donations may be made to Wheatland and Area Hospice. Courtney-Winter’s Funeral Homes are in care of the arrangements.

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WALLS, Barb (nee Geeraert)

It is with profound sadness we announce the passing of our Mother, Barb Walls (nee Geeraert) on Sunday November 6, 2022.

Barb was born in Calgary to Lillian and Louie Geeraert of Rockyford, Alberta. Barb was the fourth oldest child in the family. Barb was raised on the farm and went to school in Rockyford and Strathmore. At a dance in Rockyford she met the love of her life Tim Walls. They were married and had three beautiful children Brad, Corey and Tara. Barb and Tim first resided in Calgary then moved to Ardenode where she took care of her family on their farm. Barb and Tim grew a successful business called Wheatland Blasting, but she also worked at the Wheatland Lodge and at the Home Hardware in Strathmore where she loved selling flowers and helping customers. She had a love of gardening and a green thumb to go with it. Every time there was an opportunity to work in the garden, especially taking care of her flowers, it made her incredibly happy. Lastly, although she did not work there, you could also find Barb at the Tim Hortons in town getting her one of many coffees throughout the day that always had 3 cream and 1 sugar. When you saw mom, you saw a Timmie’s coffee close by, sometimes four! Through the years mom’s health unfortunately depleted and therefore had to step away from both jobs. However, she did enjoy the fact that she got to spend the newfound time with her grandchildren, a total of six and many more that called her nanna. She loved spending time with her grandchildren teaching them how to drive the gator, garden and cook. She had a caring heart, a great sense of humor, a helping hand, and was there when you needed her. Mom also loved Christmas and if you had ever been to her house, you could easily tell this to be true from the Christmas villages to the thousands of decorations that were always put up. She also loved Christmas Markets, and it did not matter if it was a friend of the families, you were carrying something out of there for her!

Barb is survived by Tim her best friend, sons Brad (Crystal) and Corey (Kendra) and daughter Tara (Barb) and eight grandchildren: Jared, Emma, Arianna, Mya, Logan, Payton, Kaiden and Riley. She is also survived by Brothers: Ron Geeraert (Dani), Murray Geeraert, Gary Geeraert (Kim), Sisters: Brenda (Paul) Marshall, Laurie-Anne Keeler (Howard), Lenora Bigelow (Dale) and numerous cousins and great cousins. Barb is predeceased by her parents Lillian and Louie Geeraert, sister-in-law Gwen Geeraert, and Nephew Trevor Marshall.

Sadly, God took our mother way too soon after she suffered a massive stroke on Friday November 4, 22 and passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on Sunday November 6, 2022.

The family wants to thank Dr. Demchuk, Head Nurse Heather and their teams for the exceptional care they gave our mom at the Foothills Hospital. We also want to thank everyone who has reached out to the family during this time, we all appreciate your love and support.

As per her wishes no funeral service will be held. A stop in and visit with the family memorial will be held at the Strathmore Legion, upstairs, on December 10, 2022 from 1-4pm.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made directly to the Foothills Hospital Neurosciences Unit 112 in her memory.

To send condolences, please visit Barb’s obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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The **Speargrass Community Association (S.C.A.)** would like to thank

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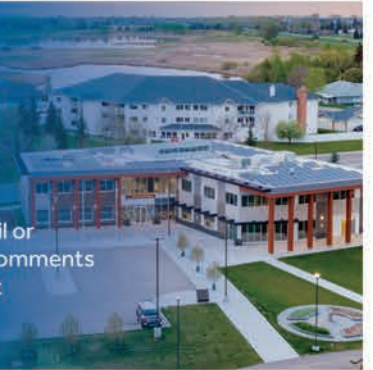


Upcoming Council Meetings

- November 22, 2022 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting
- November 24, 2022 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting
- November 29, 2022 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting

Want to speak at a Council Meeting?

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Notice of Public Hearings Dec 7, 2022 at 6 p.m.

1. Public Hearing for Development Permit D22-097

The Town of Strathmore has received an application for a six-unit townhome at 401-411 Strathcona Circle. The applicant has requested the following variances:

- A +/-0.8m decrease to the 1.5m west side yard setback,
- A +/-2.3m decrease to the 3m east side yard setback,
- A +/-2m decrease to the 4m front yard setback,
- A +/-0.6m decrease to the 2m rear yard setback (for the detached garage)
- An exemption to the bicycle parking requirements (asking to not provide indoor or outdoor bicycle parking),
- A +/-7.86m decrease to the 30.5m site depth (property length),
- A +/-46.18m2 decrease to the 175m2 minimum lot area for condo units 76-79 (internal lots),
- A +/-30.33m2 decrease to the 175m2 minimum lot area for condo units 75 & 80 (end lots).

2. Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 22-25

The Town of Strathmore has received an application for a redesignation of Lot 127, Block 3, Plan 211 0103 from R3- High Density Residential District to R2 Green Meadows Crescent Duplex District Overlay.

This redesignation is proposed to facilitate the development of duplex housing. The proposed District Overlay contains all the provisions of the R2 – Low Density Residential District but reduces the minimum site width for duplex housing to 13m from 15m.



Public Hearing Process

A copy of the application may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB). 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, December 7, 2022**, commencing at 6 p.m. with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #22-10 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 development permit may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the Council meeting. Written submissions to the Council meeting or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Council meeting must be sent to Johnathan Strathdee at Johnathan.Strathdee@Strathmore.ca by Noon **December 7th, 2022**.

Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes. Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

Please contact Johnathan Strathdee 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.

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