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Brilliant band

Strathmore budget deliberations continue

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Budget discussions for the Town of Strathmore are in full swing with the first resolutions having been approved during the Nov. 20 meeting.

The overall strategy of the budget, as presented by administration, aims for stable and predictable municipal tax rates, as well as maintaining service levels for amenities across the municipality.

As it is currently written, the budget proposes a 2.8 per cent municipal property tax increase, which is supported by a 1.8 per cent growth in Strathmore's tax base. A one per cent increase represents approximately \$180,000 in revenue for the town.

The total property tax increase proposed is 13 per cent. This higher overall figure is due to the 20 per cent education requisition collected on behalf of the province and is outside of Strathmore council's control.

Overall, the 2026 budget has an operating impact of \$44,246,100, annotated before business cases and postponed motions, and the capital budget has an impact of \$8,721,000.

Coun. Claude Brown motioned for council to support the allocation of \$30,000 in the operating budget to conduct a feasibility study about the creation of a sound wall adjacent to Glennwood.

He cited that residents have been complaining about noise and raising safety concerns regarding crossing the highway in that region.

"My goal with tonight's budget is to work to try and get it down as low as possible and I think \$30,000 extra for a feasibility study is just something I am not going to support at this time," said Coun. Brent Wiley.

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Mental health gala



Dipsy doodle

Luigi Valente of the Wheatland Warriors U16AA club makes a move toward the net during the team's game versus Airdrie on Nov. 22 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Warriors, who used a third period goal to tie the game en route to a 3-3 draw, took part in the WAA Day, which saw every team in the Wheatland Athletic Association host a regular season home game. See Page 7 for more coverage.

Joe Lepage Photo

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Library gears up for upcoming holiday market

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The Strathmore Municipal Library is gearing up to host its annual holiday market, Nov. 29, adding to the festivities which will be taking place throughout the day.

Laura Henderson, public services manager for the library, explained the event will be very similar to previous years' events, taking place in the program room, featuring local vendors and artisans.

"We have 20 tables, so it is a smaller market, but because of all the other events going on that day through the town, we just like to piggyback off of those and just have it as another stop for shoppers," she said. "This is probably the seventh year we have done it. I know there was a couple of years off due to COVID-19, but I think we started it before (the pandemic). This is the fourth one that I have run."

Henderson explained the market has observed a growth trend as it continues to operate. Typically, the library is able to offer a few tables to vendors right up until the doors open on the market. This year however, table space was sold out prior to the end of October.

Participating vendors have historically featured goods and wares ranging from canned foods, knitwear, baking, handcrafted objects, and assortments of other handmade or artisan products.

"What we are trying to build is just that support local (opportunity) and there are four markets going on that day. Vintage and Vines, the Calgary Farmers' Market, Wheatland Lodge, and ourselves," said Henderson. "We all have markets and so we are all sort of advertising for each other and hoping to make it just one big festive shopping date for the community."

She added the folks behind Vintage and Vines have taken the lead in creating a sort of market passport.

For those who visit each market, they can be entered into a draw for prizes as the events conclude.

The markets will join a host of events taking place throughout Strathmore on Nov. 29, including Lake-wood of Strathmore's donations for the Wheatland County Food Bank, the Santa Claus Parade, and the start to the Celebration of Lights.

"We like to do this weekend just to join in on the festivities as they are all launching through town ... we tried to do something like this last year, just ourselves, but I really like this opportunity to work together in a more official capacity," said Henderson. "Our vendor fees are low; we don't charge a lot per table. We really just have a community event and it's great to get people into the library – it's an opportunity for us to highlight library activities."

The library's market will be running from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will also offer popcorn and hot chocolate for those who drop by.

County ASB assigns committee members

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Positions within Wheatland County's Agriculture Service Board and its associated committees were doled out during the Nov. 12 meeting in council chambers.

Shannon Laprise defeated Glenn Koester via secret ballot cast by board members to once again serve as chair. Subsequently, Berle Hebbes was appointed to serve as vice chair.

The Agriculture Service Board reviewed appointments for the ALUS (Alternative Land Use Services) Wheatland Partnership Advisory Committee, which is designed to have five voting members.

These are currently designed to be an Agriculture Service Board member, one alternate Agriculture Service Board member, two ASB members at large, and one non-ASB member who is to be appointed during

the next ALUS meeting.

Koester was ultimately appointed as the sitting ASB member for the ALUS committee after voicing his desire to continue from having previously occupied the role in the last council term.

Laprise, similarly, will continue serving as the alternate Agriculture Service Board member on the committee.

As there are currently two ASB members at large, and the ALUS committee requires two members at large to serve, both are required to continue fulfilling those roles. It was suggested that in the new year, this should be reviewed and potentially amended.

Regarding the Scholarship and Awards Committee, which may be occupied by between three and five members, no vote was required. Laprise, Koester, Berle Hebbes, Ryan Grier, and Keith Clayton each put their names forward to serve and were appointed without opposition.

The ASB will be advertising the need to recruit a new member at large for its Summer Tour Committee. In the meantime, Donna Biggar will resume her service as ASB member, joined by Koester, Clayton and Laprise. Scott Klassen will serve as an alternate member.

"We are planning to hold a summer tour of 2026, so very soon ... there's a history of ag service boards who every year had been doing ag service board tours, which is a tour of your municipality and ag businesses, ag farming operations and anything that's interesting for people from far away to come and see to showcase our municipality," said Laprise. "The summer tour committee really is to provide some guidance but also boots on the ground for the day of and leading up to, to help coordinate and make sure that the event is a success. It could be anything from setting up tables to doing some speaking on the bus tours."

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Strathmore Fire Department shifts to 24/7 service schedule

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore's fire department has transitioned to a 24-hour staffing model, operating seven days a week.

The shift was implemented as of Nov. 10, which follows a decision made by council earlier this year. Mayor Pat Fule credits the ability to do so through the support of the Wildlife-Urban Interface Grant.

"We were really grateful that our MLA, Chantelle de Jonge, lobbied for the Town of Strathmore to get one of the Wildland-Urban Interface positions," said Fule. "They can be sent out during the wildfire season to support other communities who might be being threatened by wildfire. During the spring, summer and sometimes longer, with the way things have been going ... they are basically made available to help support other communities that are at risk."

At the end of the wildfire season, these additional firefighters rejoin the town's fire department staff and become firefighters for the local community.

Among the key benefits of the shift to 24-hour coverage are to be faster and more reliable response times to fires, rescues, and medical emergencies, as well as expanded coverage for new

subdivisions, commercial areas, and industrial growth.

"Council has prioritized community wellness and is committed to ensuring that our residents have the necessary services to support them when an emergency situation arises," said Fule. "With support from the WUI grant, we're ensuring that our firefighters have the resources they need to protect our residents, our homes, and our growing community – any time of day or night."

The shift comes ahead of plans from the town to move in the direction of constructing a new fire station within the next few years.

Fule ran for re-election with part of his platform being to continue the discussion about developing a replacement facility.

"The (current) building is not very big and it is just not upgraded to the current standards that are needed for firefighters," he explained. "We are adding more houses and more subdivisions every week. Lakewood is expanding at a solid rate, we have got some building going at the north end of Strathmore Lake, and Edgefield has been clearing land all through the spring and summer for their next phase. It is going to be essential to have this 24/7 coverage and this Wildland-Urban Interface Program."

Strathmore was awarded \$1.09 million through the grant program in May, as the Wildland-Urban

Interface Program was announced.

No discussions have yet to take place regarding the future of the funding and the program beyond the initial investment from the province.

"We are now in a position to respond to emergencies quickly and effectively, no matter when the situation arises," said Fire Chief David Sturgeon. "This transition allows our team to meet the needs of our growing community and improve our response times."

Town passes water administration bylaw update

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has updated their water administration bylaw, representing the first full update since the 2020 version.

Amendments to the bylaw largely focus on clarifying the existing regulations and addressing specific operational concerns. Though minor changes were made in 2021 and 2022, these represent a more fulsome update to the bylaw.

"The changes in the bylaw are mostly house-keeping in nature to reflect our current service levels provided by the town and to add some clarity definitions (and) practices. Major changes from the last iteration of the bylaw include clarity on billing responsibility of property owners in relation to meter repairs and fixes," said Riley Brolly, manager of financial planning, budgeting and reporting.

Additionally, he added the changes establish more clarity on utility bills being transferred to property tax roles for non-payments, as well as removal of references to the past practice of producing final notice letters and disconnection tags on non-payment of utility bills.

Coun. Melissa Langmaid raised that as of the Nov. 19 meeting, for those who opt to pay their utility bills on the last day of a given month, they are also prompted to pay the following month's utility bill at the same time, with no way to separate the payments.

"I wanted to share it as an issue because I have

been caught by it a number of times and I have been able to make it work in my budget, but for someone who is on a tight budget, it is not always viable to pay both of your utility bills on the same day and it can be a real crunch," she said.

Regarding leakages within water systems, for any problems that occur before water reaches a resident's or business' meter, the town is held responsible. Beyond the meter, the respective resident or business still pays for the water.

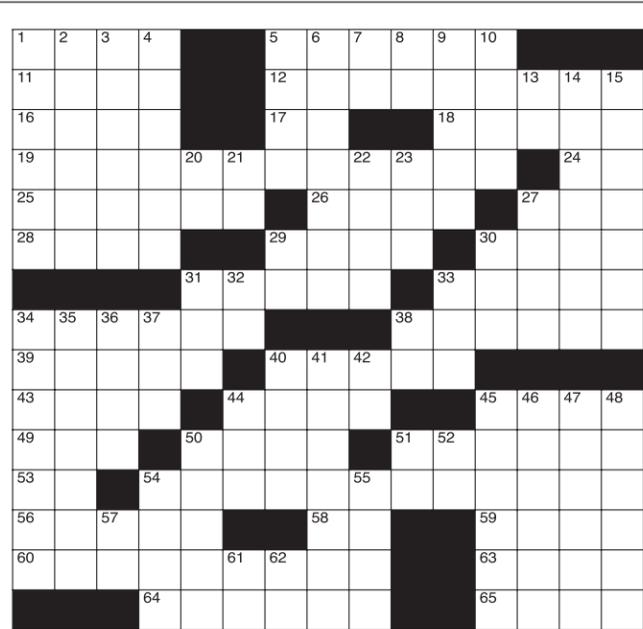
Should a meter itself be malfunctioning or leaking, it is the town's responsibility to see repairs completed and bear responsibility for any lost water.

Regarding residents who are absent from their properties for prolonged periods, consumption charges represent only water that is utilized.

Fixed charges cover the capital infrastructure of the system. CAO Kevin Scoble explained this is for the administration of the system which draws water from Calgary.

"We have a reservoir which we are upgrading right now at capital cost. We are decommissioning the Brentwood reservoir, which is a capital cost, and then there is all the distribution pipes from the reservoir. We all pay a share of that capital cost for that infrastructure whether you are using water or not," he explained.

Council voted to pass all three readings of the bylaw amendment during the Nov. 19 meeting, which required unanimous consent to hold third reading at the time.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Popular wine __ Spumante
- 5. Greatly impressed
- 11. __ and that
- 12. Uttered with passion
- 16. Boats
- 17. Veteran actor Harris
- 18. Casserole with game
- 19. Reprehensible acts
- 24. They precede C
- 25. Says under one's breath
- 26. Taxis
- 27. It transfers genetic info
- 28. NFL great Randy
- 29. Where college students sleep
- 30. Major European river
- 31. Taco condiment
- 33. -frutti
- 34. Polish city
- 38. Astronomy unit
- 39. Khoikhoi peoples
- 40. Bears QB Williams
- 43. Scrambled, fried, boiled
- 44. Price indicators
- 45. One-time world power
- 49. When you hope to get somewhere
- 50. Farm building
- 51. Choose carefully
- 53. Magnum was one
- 54. One who combines
- 56. Nursemaids
- 58. Partner to Pa
- 59. Notable river
- 60. Officially honors
- 63. Colorless compound
- 64. A fancy chair
- 65. Email function

CLUES DOWN

- 1. The central area in a building
- 2. Religion of Japan
- 3. Leggings
- 4. Officially distributes
- 5. Arabian Sea seaport
- 6. Spanish doctors
- 7. It cools your house
- 8. Currency of Poland
- 9. Slowly moves into
- 10. Days (Spanish)
- 13. Unit of volume
- 14. Emit
- 15. With two replaceable hydrogens
- 20. Title for a man
- 21. Equally
- 22. Scarlett's home
- 23. One-time tech titan
- 27. Subway dwellers
- 29. One-tenth of a liter
- 30. Central European river
- 34. Football equipment
- 35. Dance music
- 36. Russian river
- 37. Cosmetics giant Mary __
- 38. Gym class
- 40. Automobiles
- 41. Roman honorific
- 42. Losses in sports
- 44. Skin tone in summer
- 45. Distant planet
- 46. Critical humor
- 47. Illegally obtained
- 48. Go back over
- 50. Home appliance brand
- 51. Unit of radioactivity
- 52. Home of the Flyers
- 54. Short official note
- 55. Emit coherent radiation
- 57. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)

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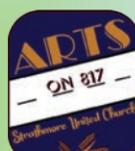
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RCMP warn public of high-risk offender

GLEICHEN RCMP

In the interest of public safety, Gleichen RCMP are issuing the following information and warning regarding the release of high-risk offender Cody George Manyshots on the completion of his federal sentence today, and his plans to reside in Siksika Nation.

Cody Manyshots, 32, is described as: 175 cm (5' 9"), 73 kg (161 lbs), medium complexion, brown hair and brown eyes.

Manyshots has been convicted of multiple offences including possession of a scheduled substance for the purpose of trafficking, assault, kidnapping, sexual assault causing bodily harm, robbery, and uttering threats.

The RCMP is issuing this information and warning after careful deliberation and consideration of all related issues, including privacy concerns, in the belief that it is clearly in

the public interest to inform the members of the community of the release of Manyshots. The RCMP believes that there is a risk of significant harm to the health and safety of the public.

The RCMP has made an application to the courts to have Cody Manyshots bound by conditions upon his release. These conditions are to assist with his reintegration back into the community and for public safety.

Members of the public are advised that the intent of the process is to enable members of the public to take suitable precautionary measures and not to embark on any form of vigilante action. Anyone believing that a crime has been or is about to be committed is encouraged to call police. If the matter is felt to be of an urgent nature, please call 911 immediately.

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- Allow yourself extra travel time in poor weather.
- Ensure your headlights are working and always on.
- Increase your following and braking distance on icy roads.
- Travel with a fully charged cell phone for emergency situations.
- Slow down and drive to conditions.

Keep an emergency road kit in your vehicle, with the following supplies: a blanket or sleeping bag, extra clothing and footwear, candle and waterproof matches, first aid kit, flashlight with extra batteries, booster cables, ice scraper and snow brush, sand, road salt or kitty litter, and a shovel.

RCMP recommends checking road reports at 511.alberta.ca before travelling on Alberta highways as conditions can change quickly.

Town budget sees community group funding

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Brown's motion was ultimately defeated in a vote of 6-1 against.

Several community groups received specific funding approval, including \$10,000 to STARS, \$40,000 to the Wheatland Society of Arts, \$394,600 to the Municipal Library Board, \$30,000 to the Happy Cat Sanctuary, and \$11,000 for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10.

Additionally, \$5,000 was to be budgeted for the Christmas Hamper Society, \$5,000 for the Celebration of Lights, \$10,000 for the Kristian Ayoungman Foundation, \$5,000 for the Strathmore Youth Theatre Company, \$5,000 for the Strathmore Performing Arts Festival, \$3,300 for the Hope Bridges Society, \$4,000 for the Happy Gang, and \$2,500 for Foothills Advocacy in Motion.

Council also directed administration to develop four-year operating agreements with STARS, the Wheatland Society of Arts, the Municipal Library Board, Happy Cat Sanctuary, and the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society.

This is intended to provide both stability and consistency for each respective group regarding their funding, as well as to allow new council members one year of experience each term before revisiting the funding agreements.

"It would allow community groups more predictability as to what their funding would be year-to-year as well as it would allow council to have a better sense of what our budget item lines are going to be to help support these amazing groups," said Wiley.

"I do believe that this will be an improvement for community groups in their experience with dealing with the town, and in accessing and receiving funding. I think they will see an expedited process, as well as clearer guidelines on applications," said Coun. Melissa Langmaid.

At the start of 2025, the town's operating reserves totaled approximately \$3.5 million. This was anticipated to drop to \$3.2 million by the end of the year due to commitments including economic development activities, and physician sponsorship grants.

Council is aiming to approve the budget in its entirety on Dec. 3, which will satisfy conditions outlined in the Municipal Government Act.

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Hawks grab silver

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks JV volleyball team hosted the zone championship Nov. 21-22 and walked away with a silver medal. The Hawks battled Trochu Valley School on Nov. 21, before earning silver after a battle with Edison School from Okotoks the following day.

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Kings maintain narrow south division lead

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings continue to maintain their narrow lead over the South Division and are nipping at the heels of the North Division leaders.

Nov. 21-22 closed out with a pair of wins for the Kings, besting Airdrie Techmation Thunder, 5-3, in their arena, followed by the obliteration of the High River Flyers, 12-1, back home in Strathmore.

“We were firing on all cylinders there on Saturday. It was an important game for us because we are hosting the all-star game in a couple of weeks, we wanted to try to finish the weekend in first place in the south,” said Doug Raycroft, head coach of the Wheatland Kings. “We came out and we just were first to pucks all night and right from the first period, we were just all over them and we were able to get lots of goals. It was a pretty good 60-minute effort from us.”

Raycroft added he was glad to see his team not become complacent when squaring off against the Flyers, despite their current record planting them firmly at the bottom of the south division.

The Kings currently boast 26 league points, with a record of 13 wins and one loss. Just behind, are the Medicine Hat Cubs, and the Coaldale Copperheads, both with 25 league points.

In the North Division, the Red Deer Vipers and Sylvan Lake Wranglers continue to lead with 30 league points each, followed by the Mountainview Colts at 24.

“For us, it is about how we are playing. We don’t worry too much about where we are, but it is pretty close in the south. The difference between first and fourth is only two points, so for us it’s about trying to get better all the time,” said Raycroft. “We have been working really hard on our defensive side of the game and that is one of the areas that we hope to

continue to improve.”

Despite their satisfaction with their current place in the standings, Raycroft added he does not want the team to rest on their laurels. Throughout the rest of the season, the emphasis will be on improving the Kings’ defense.

Next up on the schedule for the Kings is being back on the road to Medicine Hat for Nov. 28, followed by returning home, Nov. 29, to square off against Okotoks.

“It’s a tough weekend for us, obviously two teams that we are basically almost tied with in the standing. It’s a big weekend so we will be trying to get the boys ready,” said Raycroft.

For the upcoming all-star game, scheduled for Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. at the Strathmore Family Center Arena, representatives from across the league will be coming into town to participate. The Kings will be putting forward four representatives.

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Sparks fly

The Strathmore High School band presented its fall performance, *Sparks* on Nov. 18 at the school's theatre. Under the direction of Brian Allsopp, students from Jazz 2, Jazz 1 and the Concert Band showcased their talent in a high-energy night of live music.

Joe Lepage Photos



The Strathmore Musical Arts Society hosted Bill Hamm and Big Bill's Band on Nov. 22 at the Strathmore Travelodge.

Melissa Piche Photos



Big Bill's Band shines on stage

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Strathmore was treated to an evening of high-energy brass, classic tunes, and local talent when Bill Hamm and Big Bill's Band performed at the Musical Arts Society concert on Nov. 22.

The performance also featured a special appearance from Strathmore's own Deanne Bertsch, the long-time drama teacher at Strathmore High School, who appeared in the chorus.

In the days leading up to the show, Hamm said pulling together a 15-member band was no small task.

"It's a lot to try to pull everybody together for a rehearsal," he said. "There's so many of us and we're all, you know, some from Calgary, some from Three Hills, some from Rosebud and Drumheller, and so it's tricky."

Hamm explained that the large ensemble, complete with brass, saxes, drums, guitar and vocals started as a playful experiment during Rosebud's long-running 15 Minutes of Fame outdoor festival.

"We learned a couple of tunes that I

just wanted to do on a lark," he said. "All of a sudden, we had other people saying, 'Hey, do you guys want to do a gig for us?'"

This performance in Strathmore marked only their second concert outside the festival.

"This is our second gig. Ever," Hamm said with a laugh.

Hamm described the band's sound as a vibrant mix.

"It's sort of a bit of classic rock, old-time jazz, some gospel," he said.

Audiences heard everything from Route 66 to Gershwin's "Summertime," along with "some big, flashy kind of things" and songs they would "hear and know."

For Hamm, who recently retired after 36 years as music director at Rosebud, performing again on trumpet felt like coming full circle.

"In this band, I'm playing trumpet," he explained, recalling how the instrument had sat mostly unused during his decades focusing on choral music and theatre. His career, he said, was shaped by being a generalist in music moving fluidly between choral work, guitar,

bluegrass, folk and theatre productions.

Even in retirement, Hamm wasn't slowing down creatively.

"Once I have space created, we'll see what fills it," he said of life after leaving his long-time role.

As for the Strathmore audience, Hamm promised they would be well entertained.

"They're just gonna have a good time," he said. "There's a lot of big, loud music; they'll hear familiar things and hear it played live, which is fun."

The concert also gave local audiences the joy of seeing Deanne Bertsch, a beloved figure in the Strathmore arts community, take the stage in the production's chorus. Her contribution added a hometown highlight to an already energetic evening of music.

Despite the band's growing momentum, Hamm said they were still keeping things simple.

"We haven't been looking to promote ourselves; maybe it'll take on a life of its own," said Hamm.

With requests already coming in for 2026, that possibility seems increasingly likely.



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.

- December 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting
- December 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission
- December 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting

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CONVERSATIONS WITH A COUNCILLOR

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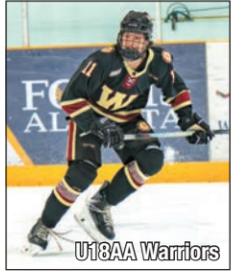
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AA day

The six Wheatland Athletic Association teams each played a home game at the Strathmore Family Centre on Nov. 22. The U11AA, U13AA, U13AAA, U15AA, U16AA and the U18AA teams each played a regular season home game during the day. Shown here are the U13AA and U16AA teams, along with the U18AA team, who also played on Friday night.

Joe Lepage Photos

Town heeds petition regarding Westmount Drive intersection

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Despite being technically declared insufficient under the Municipal Government Act, Town of Strathmore council is engaging with a petition regarding traffic safety on Westmount Drive.

Town administration received the petition, Oct. 22, containing 31 signatures requesting a review of an issue about safety when drivers turn onto Westmount Drive from Westlake Bay. The petition outlined public concerns, as well as proposed solutions for remediation.

“It is a concern for the town to be safety conscious and I think we are very, very fortunate here that we have

not had an accident at this intersection, and I do not want to see that happen, not only for us driving on the road coming out, but people on Westmount, they are moving along there,” said Kenton Ziegler, speaking on behalf of the petition to council. “We are concerned about the configuration ... when this community was established, that really was not an issue; there was not a lot of traffic and people were a lot slower, and there was considerably less movement along there.”

Ziegler added another common observation in that location is impatient drivers rapidly accelerating once they are no longer waiting for school busses to vacate.

The concerns outlined in the petition describe low visibility in both traffic

directions while exiting Diamond Shore Villas, which has led to a number of near collisions with oncoming drivers. Additionally, residents have complained about vehicles travelling at excessive speeds and “hugging the shoulder” while passing by.

Potential solutions to impact the problem presented by the petition included reducing the speed limit on Westmount Drive, enhancing signage to improve awareness of the hidden intersection, improving road markings, installing rumble strips on the road, creating a bike lane adjacent to the curb, or to install a fully illuminated crosswalk.

“All you need to do is set up a radar trap just to the west of our entry every morning for a week between 6:30 and 8:30 and you’ll get enough revenue from tickets that you will be able to pay off some of these suggestions,” said Ziegler.

Town of Strathmore CAO, Kevin Scoble, iterated to council that he spoke with the town’s engineer prior to the meeting about local engineering stan-

dards, as well as transportation advisory council (TAC) guidelines regarding the intersection in question.

“The cross section is sufficient, the road cross section is actually wider than, and it is more generous than our minimum standards. The radius of curvature is within the TAC guidelines. The sight distance is within the recommended guidelines, the stopping distance is within the recommended guidelines, the sign height is within the recommended guidelines,” said Scoble.

For the immediate future, some low-cost solutions including use of durable oil-based road paint in order to improve lane visibility at the intersection were proposed.

Passing a motion made by Coun. Brent Wiley, council has directed administration to engage with the Diamond Shore president, or delegates regarding the current situation, infrastructure, current town plans, and potential mitigations.

Long-term solutions aim to be discussed during such engagement sessions.

Handi-Bus Association reports financial challenges

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Handi-Bus Association continues to face financial challenges in continuing to be able to provide their services.

Meeting with Wheatland County, representatives of the association spoke during the Nov. 12 Public Presentation Committee meeting.

“The reality is, we lose money on every trip. If things start to deteriorate, if we lose track of our finances, things could slide down pretty quickly,” said Brian Grier, finance chair with the Handi-Bus Association. “When the association was founded in 1985, its mandate was to provide transportation for those unable to use a car or taxi. Over time, not necessarily intentionally, it evolved to become transportation of seniors to medical appointments, then to all seniors.”

Between 2021 and October 2024, the number of registered clients with the Handi-Bus Association grew from 229 to 537.

Due to this, the association increased their rates, took buses out of service, reduced their number of trips, and returned to their original mandate of serving those who are mobility challenged. Following the changes, there remains approximately 250 registered clients with the association.

The association was incorporated under the Societies Act in 1986. Four years later, they received a bus grant to purchase a new bus, and several donations were received to upgrade the fleet with smaller vehicles able to carry one or two wheelchair-bound passengers at a time.

Through the Seniors Physical Challenge Trust, Wheatland County put forward \$10,000 in 2020 towards the Handi-Bus Association to assist with their operating costs.

“The Handi-Bus in the county of Wheatland was originally started by the Royal Canadian Legion in Strathmore mostly to service their veterans and they ran it on a volunteer basis with buses that were capable of (carrying) five to seven passengers,” said Mark Gibeau, chair of the Association. “That served them well, but the volunteer system strained their resources. In 1985 or 1986, there was a move to start the Strathmore Handi-Bus Association. It was made up of different people from the Valley General Hospital, Strathmore and District Health Services, the Wheatland Lodge, and representatives from the Town of Strathmore.”

Operations were previously administered by the association but were run through the Town of Strathmore. Bus drivers were also employees of the town.

In 2021, the Handi-Bus association took over the physical operations. The team currently maintains one dispatcher, five drivers, and we have five buses on the road, and one spare vehicle.

Service is provided to the entire boundary of Wheatland County; most of the trips taken by the handi-buses are into Calgary, however excursions have also been taken to Medicine Hat, Vulcan, High River, and Drumheller.

“The Strathmore Handi-Bus Association board of directors’ goal remains that the contribution of each municipality, the other being the Town of Strathmore, is in alignment with the number of clients from each area, and that’s not as easy as it sounds,” added Grier. “Many residents of seniors facilities in Strathmore are former residents of the county, and a few are still current ratepayers.”

As the report was made before the Public Presentation Committee, no decisions regarding operations or finances were finalized at the time.



Giving back

The Whealtand Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and the Strathmore FCSS, along with the Strathmore Elks and the Cheadle Lions Clubs hosted the first ever Giving Back Gala on Nov. 21 at the Strathmore Civic Centre. The gala was supported by proceeds from the Strathmore Elks 491 Golf Tournament which was held earlier this summer. Throughout the evening, speakers shared personal stories, professional insights, and messages of hope. The gala featured a wonderful dinner, a silent auction, powerful speakers and was capped with live music.

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Harvest gala

The Wheatland & Area Hospice Society hosted their 10th annual Harvest for Hospice Gala on Nov. 22 at the Strathmore Civic Centre. There was a delicious meal, speeches, a silent auction and music provided by Standard's own Drew Gregory.

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Strathmore players compete for Vanier Cup

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

A pair of Strathmore football standouts - Brady Johansen and Jack Warrack - competed for the prestigious Vanier Cup in Regina on Nov. 22

Despite their University of Saskatchewan Huskies team falling 30-16 to the Montreal Carabins, the moment was bigger than the result.

Speaking the night before the game, Johansen explained how deeply the season had prepared the team for the challenge.

"I think that we've been mentally preparing all season for this. This is our 15th week of the season, which is the longest football season I've ever had," he said. "Our leadership group has been a huge contribution to our success; we have a really veteran leadership group this year. The coaches have just been great all year round."

For Warrack, the connection to home ran strong. Warrack has a deep connection to his former head coach of the Spartans, Danny Warrack, who is also his cousin. Danny made the trip to watch the young players along with a number of other fans from Strathmore.

Strathmore High School coach Danny Warrack remembered both players clearly and said their talent and character were evident early.

"Good athletes, outstanding guys to ... coach and we won a lot of games when they were there," he said. "We talked with other coaches, (we knew) we'd probably be seeing these guys playing football after Strathmore High School and that's exactly what they did. Those guys deserve a lot of the credit - the fundamentals of football growing up made it pretty easy for me when I got them in high school."

Badgers coach Doug Thiessen coached both athletes at the very beginning.

"I coached both of them in peewee," he said. "Did I expect them to go (this) far? Not really - we hadn't had a lot of kids come out of our program and go to university level."

But what he did see was unmistakable leadership.



Strathmore's own Jack Warrack and Brady Johansen, graduates of SHS and former Strathmore Badgers and Spartans, took part in the Vanier Cup on Nov. 22 in Regina.

Photo Courtesy of Crystal Johansen

"In their last years, they became the leaders, the ones that would lead through the warmups, make sure everybody would get in a lap in," said Thiessen. "(In university) all your courses have to be done by 1 o'clock because starting at 2 o'clock you're doing film study, weight training, practices, the whole nine yards."

From their earliest practices to the national stage, Johansen and Warrack carried their town with them. And regardless of the scoreboard, Strathmore has already won.

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Brian Henderson, CAO

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CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Across Alberta, families want to know that when they or a loved one need help, our health care system will be there for them. Whether you live in a city, small town, or on a farm far from the nearest hospital, timely and reliable care matters. That's why Alberta's government launched the Acute Care Action Plan, a major initiative to strengthen Alberta's health system today while laying the groundwork for long-term improvements.

It's a plan that will add more than 1,000 new hospital beds in Edmonton and Calgary, including new buildings for patients at the Grey Nuns, Misericordia, and South Health Campus.

These beds will play a critical role in relieving pressure on emergency rooms, helping patients move through the system faster, and making sure support is there for serious medical concerns.

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While addressing immediate pressures is a priority, the Acute Care Action Plan lays out a long-term vision to prepare for the future. That includes larger ambulance fleets, improved access to non-urgent services outside of emer-

gency rooms, and workforce planning to attract and retain dedicated health care workers.

All of this is backed by \$81.5 million in immediate relief to address urgent pressures in the health care system, especially in hospitals and emergency departments.

With January getting closer, work is already underway for next year. Alberta's government has launched public consultations for Budget 2026, and all Albertans are invited to share their thoughts. A province-wide telephone town hall hosted by Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board Nate Horner is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Those wanting to join, can visit alberta.ca/budgetconsultation to listen and participate online. An online survey will also be open until Jan. 15. I encourage families, farmers, energy workers, and business owners across our province to take part and help shape the decisions guiding Alberta's future.

A strong health care system requires planning, investment, and a clear focus on what matters to Albertans. The Acute Care Action Plan is part of that work, and your feedback for Budget 2026 will help guide the next steps. Alberta's government will continue listening to the families and communities we represent as we build a better health care system for everyone who calls our province home.

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

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

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Obituary



KOEN, Gawie

Gawie Koen, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on November 12, 2025, at the age of 86 in Strathmore, AB, Canada. Born on September 25, 1939, in Hartbeesfontein, South Africa, Gawie's life was a testament to his love for his family, his faith, and the great outdoors.

Gawie is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Maria Koen, and their four devoted children, Hannelie Cilliers, Daniel Koen (married to Adele), Carolina Geldenhuys (married to Heinrich), and Mariette Muller (married to Emile). He was a proud grandfather to Liza Peoples (married to Nick), Gawie Koen Jr. (married to Wendy), Letitia Koen (engaged to Jason), Albertus Geldenhuys (married to Chelsea), Iris-Louise Geldenhuys, Sam Muller, Gabriel Muller, and Elizabeth Muller. His legacy continues to shine in the lives of his great-grandchildren, Annabeth Peoples, Jack Koen, Audrey Koen and Wyatt Geldenhuys.

Gawie's life in South Africa as a farmer was marked by his love for the land and his passion for hunting. After moving to Canada in 2006, Gawie brought the same passion and dedication to his new home.

A man of deep Christian faith, Gawie lived his beliefs through his actions, embodying the love and grace taught in the scriptures. His wisdom and faith-filled perspective were a source of comfort and inspiration to all who knew him.

Not one to sit idle, Gawie had a great passion for travelling and also for building and fixing things, a testament to his resourceful and inventive nature. There was no challenge too great for him to tackle and he approached each project with enthusiasm and precision.

His love for good food was matched by the joy he found in visiting with family and friends, where his stories and laughter would fill the room.

Described as loving, wise and faith-filled, Gawie's influence and memory will live on in the hearts of those he touched. His life was a journey of love, commitment and service, and his presence will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

Gawie's journey on this earth has concluded, but his spirit continues to guide us. As we remember him, let us celebrate the love he shared, the wisdom he imparted, and the faith that sustained him. Gawie Koen's story is one of a life well-lived, and his legacy will endure for generations to come.

The family would like to thank Dr. Piesas, the staff at Strathmore Hospital, and Strathmore Home Care for their care and compassion that they gave Gawie.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 27, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m.

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Obituary



YULE, Randolph David

Randolph David Yule, known affectionately to all as Randy (Buzzard), embarked on his final road trip across the great divide on November 18, 2025, at the age of 69. Born on October 27, 1956, in Calgary, Alberta, Randy was the kind of guy who could fill a room with laughter without even trying. His journey through life ended in Gleichen, AB, surrounded by the rolling plains he so dearly loved.

Randy's early days were spent in Cluny, AB, where he learned the fine art of combining humor with education. He later channeled his passion for all things mechanical into a successful apprenticeship at SAIT, graduating as a top-notch automotive mechanic. Randy's pride in his work was only matched by his ability to crack a joke, even under the hood of a car.

After years of turning wrenches, Randy shifted gears in 1991, steering his career toward the agriculture and trucking industry. He became a familiar face on the highways of North America, sharing his sharp wit over CB radios and at truck stops from coast to coast. Randy hung up his trucker hat in 2020, but the stories of his adventures on the road could fuel a cross-country trip twice over.

Family was the cornerstone of Randy's life. He was the loving father of Dallas (Xiomara), Scott, Grandkids Tyler, Elisha, and Olivia. His daughter Twylla (husband Wes) gave him the title of 'Grandpa' to Ashton and Halli, a role he cherished above all. Randy's siblings, Ann Marie, Mike (wife Sherril), Stan, and numerous nieces and nephews. Randy was predeceased by his parents, Glen (Sam) and Eileen (Granny) Yule, who surely welcomed their son with open arms and a hearty chuckle.

Randy's interests were as varied as his expertise. He was devoted to his grandchildren, loved nothing more than conversation and could BS with anyone for hours. His sons could always count on his supervisory presence (and unsolicited advice) while working on vehicles. Randy was a card shark, a backroad navigator, a horse breaker alongside his mom, and the unofficial chauffeur to countless hockey games and rodeos. His faithful dog, Keyston, was his co-pilot on many a backroad adventure.

To say Randy was funny, handy, and loving would be an understatement. He was a master of 'smart assary,' with a heart as big as his humor. Randy's legacy is one of laughter, love, and a life well-lived, with a toolbox of memories left behind for all who knew him. His was a life that reminds us to take the scenic route, play one more hand, and always keep the conversation lively.

So, here's to Randy, a man who could fix anything but a broken heart. Let us not mourn, but rather celebrate the man, the myth, the legend. We'll miss his jokes, his helping hands, and most of all, his loving presence. Randy, may the roads you travel now be smooth, and may you always have the wind at your back. Keep the laughter rolling, until we meet again.

A Celebration of life for Randy was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at the Gleichen & District Community Center at 12:00 p.m.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

- November 25, 2025 | 6 p.m. Budget Deliberations
- November 26, 2025 | 6 p.m. Budget Deliberations (tentative)
- December 03, 2025 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council

Come Say Hi

Hearing from the community is really important to us, so you're welcome at any Council or Committee of the Whole meeting. You do not need to call ahead or register to observe Strathmore Council in action. There is ample public seating and additional standing room if needed. You can also watch livestreamed meetings online as they happen, or catch up later on YouTube.

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

The Good Food Box is a non-profit organization offering access to nutritious, quality produce while ensuring variety, freshness and affordability. This program is accessible for everyone regardless of income level. For more information visit Strathmore.ca/GoodFoodBox

Help keep hydrants from looking like snowmen. Adopt a hydrant.

In the winter months, heavy snowfall turns hydrants into snowmen lookalikes, making it difficult for firefighters to locate and access them during emergencies. By adopting a hydrant and keeping them clear all year long, you're helping firefighters help others.

Visit Strathmore.ca/adopt-a-hydrant to learn more, or be the proud adopter of one of the 370+ hydrants in town.

Curious about your neighbourhood? Planning Dashboard.

Curious about what's being built down the street? Now you can find out with just a few clicks.

Our Planning Application Dashboard (PAD) is an interactive map that makes it easy to stay informed about local developments. Whether it's a proposed new subdivision, commercial development, or secondary suite, you can now see where projects are happening, what stage they're at, and key details about applications received on January 1, 2025 or later.

View the Planning Application Dashboard at Strathmore.ca/PAD.

Now with new signs! 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 for those 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.

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.

We have new signs!



Have an old sign and need a new one? Drop by and exchange your sign at the Strathmore Municipal Building.



Snow's here and so are we.

Winter in Strathmore means snow—sometimes a lot. We're prepared, and your cooperation helps keep things moving. Here's what to know about snow removal this season.

Our Operations Team maintains priority roads, sidewalks, and pathways to keep Strathmore safe. We clear over 160 km of roadways and 120 km of sidewalks and paths. Note: the Town does not maintain strata properties, private roads, Wheatland Trail, or the Trans-Canada.

Snow clearing focuses on keeping emergency routes safe and restoring reasonable travel conditions as quickly as possible. Our ability to respond to changing weather conditions must always be weighed against the availability and cost of resources. Each year, Council reviews our Winter Maintenance Policy to set service levels and guide our snow response.

Some FAQ

1. When will my street be cleared?

It depends on where you live and available Town resources. Roads are cleared by priority to keep key infrastructure, emergency services, and schools accessible. Crews stay on priority routes until they're safe, then move to second and third priority roads.

Clearing third priority roads can take up to 72 hours. If it snows again, crews must return to first priority routes before continuing.

Priority roadway details:

- First priority:** includes high volume and strategic arterial and collector roads, emergency service access roads, school zones when in session, etc.
- Second priority:** includes major collector roads linking neighbourhoods, central business district (downtown), etc.
- Third priority:** includes minor collector roads, commercial roads, roads where drainage issues have been identified, Town owned parking lots, etc.
- Non-priority:** includes local residential roads, lanes, cul-de-sacs, and alleys, etc.

2. When do priority roads get plowed?

Snow plowing begins when five-centimeters of newly fallen snow has accumulate and it is likely to remain on the ground. That's roughly the height of a AA battery.

Who ya gonna call? Snow plows! We're here for you.

If you have a concern about your street or suggestions about winter maintenance, let us know. There's a few ways you can reach out:



Fill out a Citizen Communication Form at Strathmore.ca



Call or email Operations during office hours at Operations@strathmore.ca or 403-361-2126

Please do not direct any concerns or suggestions about snow removal to the equipment operators. After regular working hours, on weekends or statutory holidays, emergency calls can be directed to 403-899-1428.

It's almost parade time.

Have you registered yet?

Visit Strathmore.ca/SpiritofChristmas2025 and see the full Christmas events breakdown.

