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Municipal elections near

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The next municipal election is fast approaching, and residents of Strathmore, Wheatland County, and surrounding municipalities will have the opportunity to choose their next councils.

Eligible voters are registered residents of a respective municipality who are 18 years of age or older and who are Canadian citizens.

Voterlink is the Province of Alberta's online source which allows voters to register to vote for the first time, or to update their existing registration information. All voters must be preregistered prior to casting their ballot.

When going to vote, one piece of government-issued photo ID must be presented which indicates the voter's current name and address.

Alternatively, two pieces of ID, one bearing a full name, and the other an address may be used; a voter may be vouched for by another registered elector in their voting area; or an authorized signatory may complete an attestation on their behalf.

In Strathmore, both advance voting and election day ballots may be cast at the Strathmore Civic Centre between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on respective days.

Advance voting will take place on Oct. 15, and Oct. 17. Meanwhile, election day will be on Oct. 20.

For Wheatland County residents, advance polls will be open Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 15 from noon to 8 p.m., and Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wheatland County administration office.

Polling stations for the various divisions are located as follows:

Division 1: Standard Community Hall, Cluny Community Hall

Division 2: Wheatland County Administrative Building, Nightingale Community Club

Division 3: Carseland Community Hall
Division 4: Cheadle Community Club

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Finding treasures

Jo Wilson of the Strathmore United Church holds up some of the many items available during the church's fall thrift sale. Wilson, who has volunteered at the event for over 20 years, donated her time once again during the Sept. 25-27 thrift sale, which reinvests the profits from the sale back into the community.

Joe Lepage Photo

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Over the Moon

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

The folk-roots duo Over the Moon are bringing their signature mix of music and storytelling back to Strathmore on

Oct. 4 at the Strathmore Travelodge as part of the Musical Arts Society concert series.

“It was quite a few years ago, actually, playing for those people. That was one of the first shows we ever did as a group,” Craig Bignell recalled. “We have a lot of friends there now, so it’s always fun to come back and see them and play for people there in Strathmore, that’s for sure.”

For Bignell and his wife, Suzanne Levesque, the duo who formed the band, the name of the band comes from a personal story.

“That’s how I felt when she met me,” Bignell said with a laugh. Levesque quickly corrected him: “No, no, that’s how we feel about each other.”

The pair have been married for 11 years, together for 13 and now not only tour together, but also run a venue.

“We travel all over the world together playing music and now we bought a theatre two years ago in a little town called Hardisty,” Bignell said. “We worked on it for two years rebuilding it ourselves, doing everything, just the two of us. And we opened in May, and it’s been a huge success.”

Once a movie theatre, the renovated space now serves as an acoustic music studio named Bird Dog.

“We have bigger and bigger named artists coming all the time and now even some international artists. Next week we have a guy from the States named Martin Sexton, who’s a huge, huge famous artist in the acoustic world,” Bignell added.

As their music evolves, their songwriting continues to reflect both place and experience.

“We used to live down south of Longview on a ranch down there, so our writing was all about that area and the foothills. But lately we’ve been working more and more around the world, so we’re getting other stories. More world influences are coming in on our albums.”

Their setlists are tailored to the moment and the players joining them. This time, clarinetist and vocalist Cedric Blary is along for the ride.

“We’ll pick some more swing kind of tunes that feature Cedric doing what he does,” Bignell said. “Cedric’s also an amazing talented bass singer, so we get him to sing one song right at the end and it blows everyone’s mind. We’ll be doing that song for sure.”

What makes an Over the Moon concert unique is their approach to audience connection.

“We don’t take ourselves really seriously,” Bignell explained. “We basically treat our audience like 400 people are coming over in our living room and they’re all our friends and we just hang out and laugh and chat and fool around and that’s what we

do.”

As for surprises? The pair laughed as Bignell joked, “I might have a new shirt by the time we get there.”

Over The Moon performs Oct. 4 at the Strathmore Travelodge as part of the Strathmore Musical Arts Society concert series. Tickets are \$60 with doors opening at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7 p.m.

The show beginning at 8pm. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.strathmorearts.com.



Election 2025

STRATHMORE TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

The Strathmore Times, along with the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10, is hosting a forum for the candidates of Strathmore Town Council on

OCTOBER 6
STRATHMORE LEGION
located at 230 2 (Veterans) Ave, Strathmore.

Residents of Strathmore are invited to attend the forum, where a moderator will pose the same questions to all candidates. Each candidate can be expected to answer three questions, with a two-minute time limit for each response. Community members are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing election@strathmoretimes.com; the most popular submissions will be selected for the forum. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to speak with candidates one-on-one both before and after the event.

Candidates running as Town Councillors are Bev Bell, Claude Brown, James (Jim) Chisholm, Denise Geremia, Robert Gray, Matt Hyde, Melissa Langmaid, Debbie Mitzner, Jason Montgomery, Denise Peterson, Trevor Snyder, Richard Wegener, Dan Wiewel and Brent Wiley. Running for position of Mayor are Pat Fule and Jason Hollingsworth.

Doors Open 6:15 p.m. Forum Starts at 7 p.m.
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Tough outing

The Strathmore Badgers peewee football team suffered a tough loss on Sept. 27, falling 44-6 to the Red Deer Servus Bucks at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School field. Despite the loss, the Badgers continued to show determination on the field and gained valuable experience against a strong opponent.

Joe Lepage Photos

Town discussing 2026 fees bylaw

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Discussions remain ongoing for the Town of Strathmore regarding the 2026 fees bylaw, as second reading was passed during the Sept. 17 meeting of council.

Town administration recommended that council review and set the rates for the 2026 fees in advance of their budget deliberations in order to provide clarity and direction in terms of projected revenue for next year.

Approximately 30 per cent of the town's revenue is derived from fees and charges authorized in the annual rate bylaw.

These are reviewed and adjusted annually in order to reflect changes in levels of service, as well as to adjust for inflation.

"We are recommending a few inflationary increases to water and wastewater consumption rates; we are recommending reallocating some infrastructure reserve fund charges to better align with where we project the highest need for spending in the coming years," said Riley Brolly, manager of financial planning.

For the upcoming fiscal year, administration had recommended the town's fees largely either remain the same or increase to demonstrate inflationary increases.

Several changes to the application of utility billing components were recommended. These included both increases and decreases.

Increases included \$0.08 per cubic meter to water consumption charges, \$0.16 monthly to water infrastructure, \$0.06 per cubic meter to wastewater consumption, and \$1.59 monthly to wastewater infrastructure.

Recommended decreases included \$0.47 to storm infrastructure, and \$5.50 monthly to solid waste fees.

Brolly explained the recommended decrease stems from provincial rebates the town is anticipating receiving in the upcoming year.

The net impact of the recommended changes to a household using 12 cubic meters of water per month would be a decrease of approximately one dollar

to their utility bill.

Additional recommendations included two per cent increases to ice and room rentals of the Strathmore Family Centre, pool and room rentals at the aquatic center, rentals at the Motor Products Sports Centre, and generically for use of the Strathmore Civic Centre.

"Especially when it comes to the fees that we are charging for using the facilities – mainly the sports facilities ... I would like to see more creativeness and attention paid to looking for ways to better fit what the residents are looking for or need," said Coun. Jason Montgomery. "One of the things I have brought up in the past for example is, at the swimming pool, when it is the last hour of public swim for instance, most people are not going to want to walk in the door and pay full price for about 45 minutes of swimming. We should see something in here that [discounts] the last hour or something like that."

Montgomery suggested creating more flexibility and incentives to keep residents wanting to utilize local services more and potentially make it more affordable for them to do so.

Despite the recommendation by administration to pass the bylaw, council did not give unanimous consent to hold all three readings during the Sept. 17 meeting.

Council will not be meeting again until after the Oct. 20 election unless a special meeting must be scheduled.

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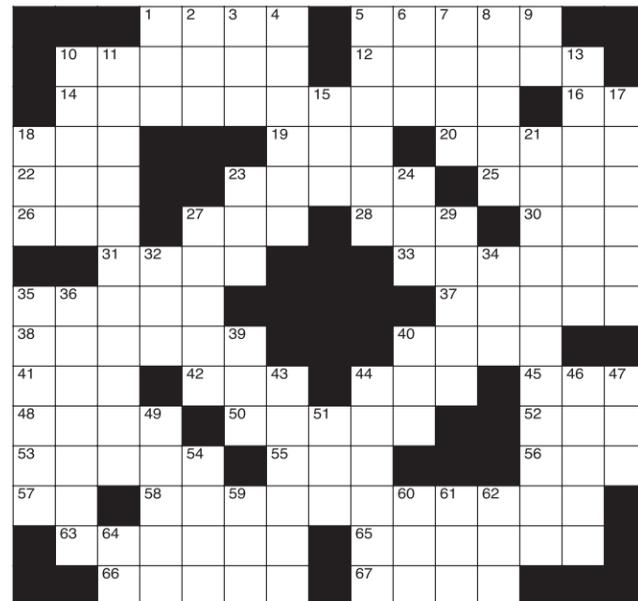
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- 5. Long periods of time (Brit.)
- 10. Classroom tool
- 12. Rods
- 14. One who renews
- 16. They start the alphabet
- 18. Periodical (slang)
- 19. Smooth singer Cole
- 20. Dorsal sclerites in insects
- 22. One from Utah
- 23. The world of the dead
- 25. Singer Redding
- 26. Mafia head
- 27. Wrongly
- 28. Unhappy
- 30. Anger
- 31. Dark olive black
- 33. Places to sit and eat
- 35. Made a mistake
- 37. Damp
- 38. Banned fuel type
- 40. Actor Damon
- 41. What thespians do
- 42. A polite address for a woman
- 44. Disallow
- 45. Swiss river
- 48. A banana has one
- 50. Afrikaans
- 52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 53. Agave
- 55. Journalist Tarbell
- 56. One-time tech leader
- 57. Incidentally (abbr.)
- 58. Intestinal bacterium
- 63. Loose sheats around the spinal cord
- 65. Accompanies nook
- 66. Vogue
- 67. Highly excited

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Witch
- 2. Utilize
- 3. Writing utensil
- 4. Where rockers work
- 5. Becomes less intense
- 6. Consume
- 7. Type of catfish
- 8. "Horsetown, U.S.A."
- 9. Atomic #50
- 10. The Muse of lyric poetry
- 11. Brings back to life
- 13. Humorous critiques
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Worst
- 18. Wet dirt
- 21. Useful
- 23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- 24. High schoolers' test
- 27. Internet device
- 29. City in India
- 32. A place to rest
- 34. Chat responder
- 35. A way to move on
- 36. What consumers are given
- 39. Digital audiotape
- 40. More (Spanish)
- 43. Disfigured
- 44. White (Spanish)
- 46. Church building
- 47. Georgia rockers
- 49. Surgeon's tool
- 51. "Much ___ about nothing"
- 54. Make by braiding
- 59. Local area network
- 60. Unit of work
- 61. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 62. Liquefied natural gas
- 64. Distance to top

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Division forum

Moderator Terry Nicholls (l-r) and Wheatland County Division 3 incumbent Coun. Donna Biggar took part in a candidate forum on Sept. 27 at the Carseland Community Hall.

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RCMP issue warning regarding 'Grandparent Scheme'

ALBERTA RCMP

Southern Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit has been investigating numerous recent complaints involving the grandparent scheme. They are issuing a warning to people in Southern Alberta, specifically Cardston, Vulcan, Fort MacLeod and Claresholm. For these particular cases, the suspects are asking the victims to meet them at a bank in Lethbridge.

At this time, RCMP have arrested one person for this scheme; however, they believe there are more involved and are continuing to investigate.

These scams often involve a phone call being placed to the victim claiming a loved one is in trouble with the courts or law enforcement and a payment is needed to help them. The suspects will often pretend to be a police officer, judge, or family member. Suspects will usually ask for cash; however, they may also ask for payment in gift cards, bitcoin, or e-transfers.

RCMP want to remind citizens of the following:

- Bail is always paid in person at a courthouse or correc-

tional centre.

- Never send money to anyone you don't know.

If a person claims to be a police officer or judge, call that police service or courthouse directly to confirm the situation – police and courts will never demand cash be picked up in person or mailed.

- Never give out personal information over the phone or online to someone you don't know – the police or courts will not ask for personal information over the phone.

Should you have fallen victim to this or any other scam, please call your local RCMP, as well as the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca or 1-888-495-8501). To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play.

Town and county prepare for municipal election

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Division 5: Lyalta Community Club
 Division 6: Rockyford Community Centre, Level Land Hall, Nightingale Community Club, Rosebud Memorial Hall

Division 7: Hussar Community Hall, Dalum Community Hall, Rosebud Memorial Hall

The Division 1 candidate, Shannon Laprise, has been acclaimed, as no other candidate stepped forward to run against her.

Each resident is entitled to the right to vote and may take the necessary leave from their place of employment, if required, to participate in voting during polling station operating dates.

The Strathmore Times and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 will be hosting a candidate forum for Strathmore candidates at the Legion on Oct. 6. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. with the forum beginning at 7 p.m.

Each candidate will be expected to answer three questions with a two-minute time limit for each response.

Community members are encouraged to submit their questions to election@strathmoretimes.com. The most popular questions received will be selected for the forum.

Attendees will also have an opportunity prior to and following the forum to speak with candidates.

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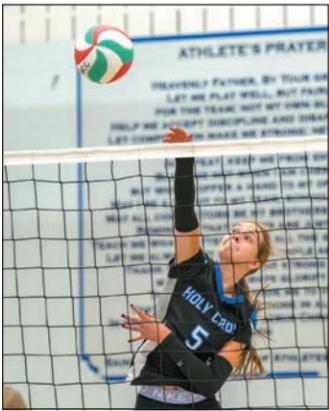
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Hawks soar to win

The Holy Cross Collegiate senior girls volleyball team defeated the Brant Christian Eagles in two sets on Sept. 24 at the school gymnasium.

Joe Lepage Photos



Hawks host

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks hosted Rundle Academy during the Jr High A girls volleyball tournament Sept. 26-27. Trochu won the tournament, while the Hawks finished in fifth place.

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NEXT HOME GAMES

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Come Cheer on Your Agra Risk Wheatland Kings

Kings back to .500 after pair of losses

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Notions of a hat trick to open the new season died on Friday (Sept. 26) with the Agra Risk Wheatland Kings suffering a 5-2 defeat on home ice to the Red Deer Vipers.

The following night, the Kings were also defeated by the Cochrane Generals during their away game, 4-1.

Head Coach, Doug Raycroft, explained despite what is reflected by the final scores, the games which took place were for the most part, very close contests.

"We were hoping to get the victory, but they (Red Deer) are a good team ... to be honest, it was a really close game; we pulled the goalie, they were up one goal, and unfortunately they scored - we couldn't get the equalizer, and then they got an extra one late," he said. "It was basically a one goal game. And then, we went to Cochrane, and it was the same kind of thing. We got up on them, but we had a ton of scoring chances; we just couldn't beat their goalie and then they got ahead of us."

Raycroft added, once again, the Kings pulled their goalie, to no avail, leaving them further behind as they surrendered a goal through their empty net.

Not being one to wallow in the defeats, Raycroft said they would serve as learning experiences, particularly this early into the new season.

Following the second weekend of play, the Sylvan Lake Wranglers lead the league with a perfect record. Red Deer, Coaldale, and Cochrane trail immediately behind, each having taken one loss thus far.

The Kings currently sit tied with Airdrie, Mountainview, and Medicine Hat, each sporting two wins a piece.

"It is so early in the year, we are still learning (on) some of the weaknesses we have. We have been working on them ... we have not had a chance to actually work on them a ton yet," said Raycroft. "It is a process. I think after two weekends, we are two and two. It could be worse, and I think there is a lot of parity in the league right now."

Okotoks, the team which has for the last several years dominated the regular seasons, is currently sitting last in the league, having yet to achieve a win.

"Every game, we are thinking about the next practice and what we have to do, and I have got a long list of things to work on for sure. I have made a list of things and mostly our defensive zone stuff - there is a lot of things we need to

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings travelled to Cochrane to take on the Generals on Sept. 27. Despite taking an early lead in the first period, the Kings were ultimately defeated 4-1.

John Watson Photo



improve," said Raycroft. "We lost a lot of really good players that were defensive-minded last year. We got a lot of good players back, but maybe not quite as defensive minded as the other guys were."

The Kings will now play a trio of road games - facing off against Okotoks, Coaldale and Rocky Mountain House - between Oct. 3-5. Their next home game is slated for Oct. 11 (7:45 p.m.) when they host Sylvan Lake.

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Shingles vaccine (2 doses) is strongly recommended for seniors as well as those with medical conditions causing the immune system to be suppressed. The risk of developing *herpes zoster*, the virus that causes shingles, increases with age. Even younger persons will benefit from the vaccine. However, it's not recommended while a woman is pregnant.

Are you allergic to penicillin? The UK National Institute for Health and Care Research looked at 811 people whose medical records were flagged with a penicillin allergy. It concluded that almost 90% were not truly allergic and this label was removed from their record.

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George Freeman School hosted the École Okotoks Junior High School Ocelots during the Jr High B volleyball tournament Sept. 26-27 in Strathmore.

Joe Lepage Photos

Alberta to stand firm against dangerous threats to democracy

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

When Pierre Trudeau brought in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in 1982, Premiers like Peter Lougheed agreed to it because they were promised that provinces could still make important decisions for their people. The notwithstanding clause was a key part of this agreement. It was included in the Charter so provinces could stop the courts from reversing their laws, making sure the voices of families and communities were protected.

Forty-three years later, the federal government is now trying to weaken that clause. If Ottawa succeeds, it will break the promise it made nearly four and a half decades ago and shift power away from the provinces and into the hands of unelected courts. That means more control in the hands of judges and politicians in Ottawa, and less in the hands of the people we elect here in Alberta.

This isn't about politics, it's about fairness. Families in Alberta expect government to respect their way of life and not impose rules through judges who are unelected, unaccountable, and often politically motivated. The notwithstanding clause is one of the few tools that

guarantees these local voices are respected.

The federal government claims it's protecting Charter rights by limiting the notwithstanding clause. But these rights are already protected. The clause doesn't get rid of them, it simply allows provinces to act in urgent or important cases without waiting years for drawn-out court battles.

Taking away or weakening the notwithstanding clause would tilt the balance of power and make it harder for provinces to make their own decisions. It would allow Ottawa to rewrite history and ignore the agreement that built modern Canada, while silencing the will of local communities.

Alberta's government will always stand firm against dangerous threats to our democracy. We won't allow Ottawa to break the promise of 1982. We must ensure that democratic, political decision making remains in the hands of elected governments, and not the hands of appointed judges.

When it comes to protecting Alberta families and our way of life, decisions should always rest with the people of this province – not Ottawa.

To turn this commitment into action, Alberta's government is taking concrete steps to defend our constitution-

nal rights and provincial autonomy. Last week, Premier Danielle Smith issued mandate letters that direct ministers to take decisive action to increase Alberta's sovereignty within a united Canada.

Alberta's Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services Mike Ellis, Minister of Justice Mickey Amery, Minister of Children and Family Services Searle Turton and the Ministry of Intergovernmental and International Relations have been tasked with pushing back on federal overreach and standing up for Alberta whenever and wherever laws or policies do not align with provincial priorities, or harm our people, economy or constitutional rights.

The new mandate letters focus on putting Albertans first, promoting our core industries, asserting our constitutional jurisdiction in key areas, and building a future where Alberta continues to lead Canada in growth and opportunity.

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)

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.

- October 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting**
- October 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission**
- October 14, 2025, Following MPC | ASB Meeting**

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



2025 Election Advanced Voting Polls

Advanced voting polls for the 2025 Municipal Election will take place at the Wheatland County Administration Building during the following times:

- Saturday, October 11 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
- Wednesday, October 15 - 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- Saturday, October 18 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**



Notice is hereby given: That an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Electoral Division
County Councillor	1	2
County Councillor	1	3
County Councillor	1	4
County Councillor	1	5
County Councillor	1	6
County Councillor	1	7

Voting will take place on the 20th day of October, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voting stations will be located at:

- Wheatland County Administrative Building - Division 2
- Nightingale Community Hall - Division 2
- Carseland Community Hall - Division 3
- Cheadle Community Hall - Division 4
- Lyalta Community Club - Division 5
- Rockyford Community Centre - Division 6
- Level Land Hall - Division 6
- Nightingale Community Club - Division 6
- Rosebud Memorial Hall - Division 6
- Hussar Community Hall - Division 7
- Dalum Community Hall - Division 7
- Rosebud Memorial Hall - Division 7

In order to vote, you must produce identification for inspection. The identification must be one or more of the Acceptable Forms of Identification found at <https://www.elections.ab.ca/voters/id-required-to-vote/> as required by section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

DATED at the County of Wheatland, in the Province of Alberta, this 22nd day of September, 2025.


Returning Officer

STAY ON TRACK – PROPERTY TAXES DUE

Property owners are reminded that property taxes left unpaid after November 30th will incur a 5% penalty on the outstanding balance.

To avoid additional charges, please ensure your payment is made on time. Taxes can be paid:

- At the Wheatland County office
- At your bank
- Through online banking

If you are enrolled and in good standing with the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) you are not affected by penalties.

For more information visit: <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/taxes>

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The Green House is being performed until Oct. 25 at Rosebud Theatre & School of the Arts.

Photo Courtesy of Rosebud Theatre & School of the Arts

Green House hits the stage

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Something smolders beneath the surface at Rosebud Theatre this fall.

The Green House, which opened Sept. 19, is an energetic yet unsettling journey into memory, family and the fragile walls we build to feel safe.

Shadows of the past flicker like flames and what begins as a homecoming quickly unravels into a captivating exploration of truth, loss, and resilience.

The cast brings fierce vitality to the stage. Matthew Boardman anchors the story as Jameson, a man wrestling to hold control as the ground shifts beneath him – caught between control and chaos.

Kate Corrigan, with this being her debut on the Rosebud Opera House stage, infuses Susu with both charm and grit, a true spark in the darkness. Heather Patengale plays a dual role of mother Kit Corinne and reveals the fractured layers of Susanne from an adult perspective –

peeling back layers of tenderness and torment. Camille Pavlenko's Ava Green burns with restless energy and Nathan Schmidt's Struthers unsettles with his quiet intensity.

Together their performances breathe energy and tension into a story where home is both sanctuary and battleground. Each line crackles, each silence feels like the hush before something breaks.

Rosebud Theatre has long been known for its intimate productions and emotional storytelling and *The Green House* is set to continue that legacy in a way that is at once captivating and unsettling.

It asks audiences not just to watch, but to question: what happens when the walls we trust collapse and the fire comes too close?

The Green House runs from Sept. 19 to Oct. 25 with both matinees and evening shows. Tickets are available through Rosebud Theatre's box office and online.



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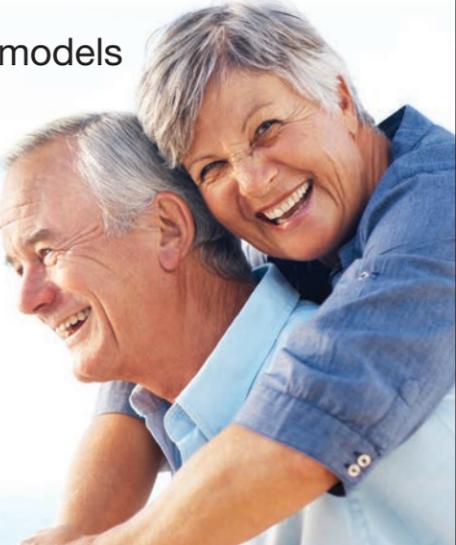
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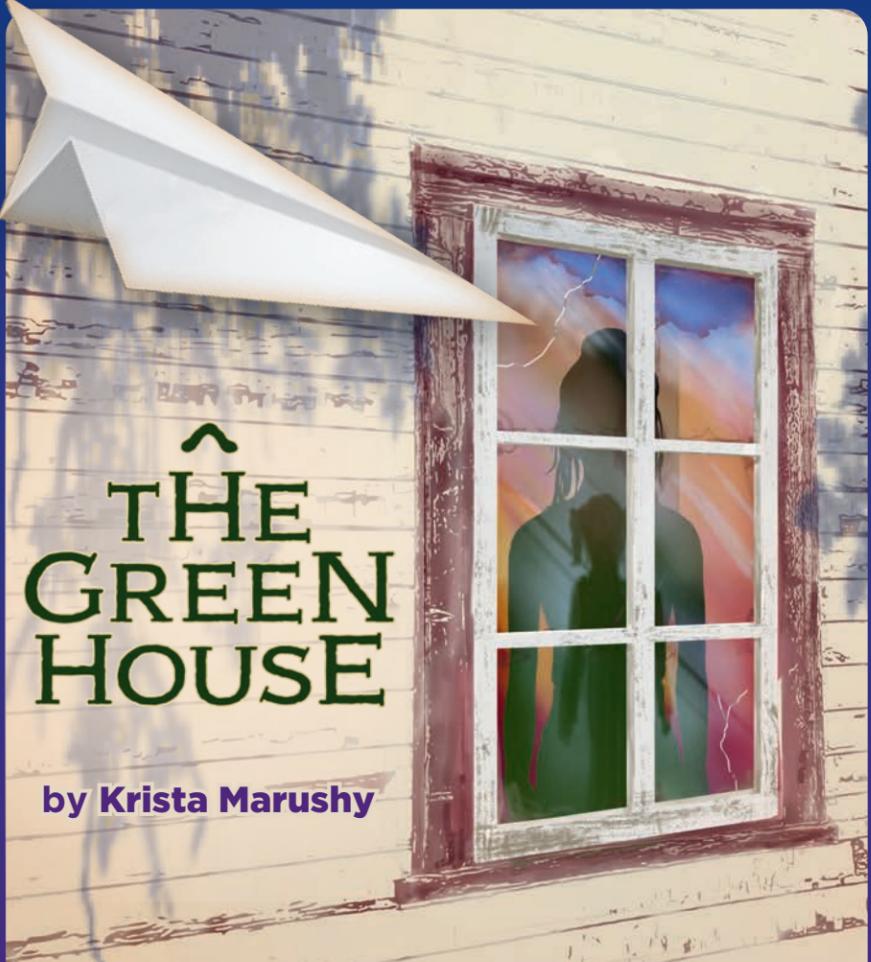
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Upcoming Council Meetings

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.

Give your elm trees a haircut. Elm Tree Pruning Season.

Prevention of Dutch Elm Disease starts by keeping elm trees healthy, and part of that prevention is pruning. However, that pruning can only occur during certain times of the year due to one bothersome bug, the Elm Bark Beetle.

Elm Bark Beetles are responsible for spreading the deadly Dutch Elm Disease, a fungus that can quickly kill an elm tree within a year. Elm Bark Beetles carry the fungal spores with them and spread it to healthy elm trees they burrow into and feed on. If elm trees are pruned in the warm spring and summer months, the beetles are drawn to the scent of fresh pruning cuts, potentially infecting an otherwise healthy elm tree.

These beetles are not active between October 1 and March 31, making it a safe time to prune your elm trees. The pruning ban period for elm trees in Alberta is April 1 to September 30. For more information, call the STOPPED hotline at 1-877-837-ELMS or check out <https://www.alberta.ca/society-to-prevent-dutch-elm-disease>. To find an ISA Certified Arborist in your area, visit www.isaprairie.com

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

Making the hard conversations, easier. October Program FCSS.

Get ready for FCSS's upcoming workshop, Navigating Life Transitions, a session focused on advance care planning (including understanding Green Sleeves and how to start meaningful conversations with family about future care.)

This workshop is done in partnership with the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society and takes place on October 28, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Strathmore Library. For more information, visit our website, Strathmore.ca/FCSS

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.

We've recently launched our new Planning Application Dashboard (PAD) that shows current development and permit applications throughout town. 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.

The new interactive map makes it easy to stay informed about local developments. Each application is pinned to its location on the map and includes information such as application type, status updates, and contact information for the file manager.

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

LOVE LOCAL

Whenever you can, shop local. It might sound cliché, but it really matters.

Strathmore

Ready for the election?

Municipal elections are where the decisions that impact your daily life are made—choices about the roads you drive on, the parks where your kids play, and the services that keep our community strong. Those decisions are made by people just like you; your neighbors, your friends, and maybe even you. Our town council is built on the voices of residents who care deeply about where we live, work, and grow.

Who's running for Councillor?

The following are all candidates running for Councillor:

- Bev Bell
- Claude Brown
- James (Jim) Chisholm
- Denise Geremia
- Robert Gray
- Matt Hyde
- Melissa Langmaid
- Debbie Mitzner
- Jason Montgomery
- Denise Peterson
- Trevor Snyder
- Richard Wegener
- Dan Wiewel
- Brent Wiley

Mark your calendars.

Important election related dates.

- **Advanced Voting Station:** October 15 & 17, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Strathmore Civic Centre.
- **Election Day Voting Station:** October 20, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Strathmore Civic Centre.

For more information about our upcoming election, visit our website, Strathmore.ca/election.

Who's running for Mayor?

The following are all candidates running for Councillor:

- Pat Fule
- Jason Hollingsworth



Voting made easier. Special Ballots.

We know life can get busy, and sometimes it's not possible to vote in person, at an advanced voting station, or on Election Day. That's why special ballots are available to eligible voters.

If your name is on the permanent electors register (voterlink.ab.ca) and you're unable to make it to the polls, you can apply for a special ballot. It's a simple way to make sure your voice is heard in the upcoming election.

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Wednesday

- ☀ 8:30 a.m. | Spin & Strength ●
- 🌙 5:30 p.m. | Cardio & Strength ●
- 🌙 6:45 p.m. | Yoga Recovery ●

Thursday

- 🕒 11:45 a.m. | Results ●

Saturday

- ☀ 9:30 a.m. | Lift/Core/Release ●
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clarity is important, but now we need answers

To the Editor

I questioned, in my previous letter to the editor, why WHMB was building a competing facility to Shasta, and I appreciate Shasta expanding on the details of their facility.

Shasta is an Alberta Health project offering levelled care and hospice services. I decided to review articles and minutes since 2019 to find why I thought WHMB was building a similar facility.

WHMB told the public through their "Seniors' Housing Needs Assessment and Business Case for 2019" about their plans for a new facility. What stands out in my mind is: "they were building to meet current and future needs and would consider adding higher levels of support."

The "scope section" mentioned a mix of continuing care services, ranging from SL2 lodge to SL4D. On Page 23, WHMB listed 3 options, replacing the existing lodge as the priority in each. Option 1 SL 2/3, Option 2 SL2/3 SL4 and SL4D and option 3 SL1 SL2/3 in a 165-bed facility.

In April 2023, a news article stated, "WHMB proposed developing of a senior lodge project estimated at \$63.5 million. The proposal included 165 lodge units with support from living levels two to four (SL2 to SL4), designated a supportive living level four dementia (DSL4D), six hospice care units, and three independent living units. Wheatland County indicated it would provide matching funds, equal to the value of land to WHMB".

Recently, in an article in the Strathmore Times, WHMB explains that the county taxpayer will not be on the hook for more than \$700,000 without explaining what changes have been made, and new to me,

the \$700,000 is now a mortgage payment. In 2019 I understood that the facility would pay for itself through rent and grants and have the sale of the old lodge and profit to reduce debt.

Somewhere during the last six years, the initial public presentation has changed from 165 mixed care beds to a 120-room SL1/2 lodge. The replacement of the old lodge is no longer the priority. WHMB has been sidestepping the taxpayer money issues, the \$3,985,914 and the grants spent toward the project to date.

The infighting in the town and county councils is concerning. The unanswered requests for WHMB finance updates are concerning. The continual expenditure of money after two failed attempts for an AHHP approval is concerning. When a Wheatland councillor publicly states that five of the seven members of the board have written letters of concern regarding this project to the government, it is concerning. The WHMB member at large publicly resigning with complaints is concerning.

This entire process is frustrating and confusing, and Wheatland County has asked publicly for transparency and accountability. We deserve answers about where millions of dollars have gone and what is next.

This project should have a foundation to pursue donations and funding avenues.

With the election, every candidate should take a stand and firmly reject this project based on the lack of transparency and fiscal irresponsibility. Our future depends on leaders who put residents first, not costly, uncertain ventures.

Cheryl Marshman
Rockyford



Cake for cancer

Strathmore High School's Spartan Leo Council (SLC) turned baking into a powerful act of giving last week, raising \$4,085 for the Terry Fox Foundation through its annual Cake for Cancer Auction on Sept. 26. This year's auction featured 48 cakes and cupcakes, baked by students with help from friends and family. Designs ranged from colourful and imaginative to carefully themed creations, with the highest-selling cake selling for \$310. The day wrapped up with their annual Terry Fox Run.

Photos Courtesy of Strathmore High School

Giving Back Gala

ABOUT THE CAUSE
Proceeds from the Strathmore Elks 491 Golf Tournament support the Giving Back Gala: An Evening for Mental Health. This powerful event will shine a light on the mental health struggles in our community and explore how we can come together to heal, support one another, and build a stronger future—together.

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Election 2025

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located at 230 2 (Veterans) Ave, Strathmore.

Residents of Strathmore are invited to attend the forum, where a moderator will pose the same questions to all candidates. Each candidate can be expected to answer three questions, with a two-minute time limit for each response. Community members are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing election@strathmoretimes.com; the most popular submissions will be selected for the forum. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to speak with candidates one-on-one both before and after the event.

Candidates running as Town Councillors are Bev Bell, Claude Brown, James (Jim) Chisholm, Denise Geremia, Robert Gray, Matt Hyde, Melissa Langmaid, Debbie Mitzner, Jason Montgomery, Denise Peterson, Trevor Snyder, Richard Wegener, Dan Wiewel and Brent Wiley. Running for position of Mayor are Pat Fule and Jason Hollingsworth.

Doors Open 6:15 p.m. Forum Starts at 7 p.m.

Coffee and Water will be provided.

Avoiding cybercrime

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This fall, your Alberta RCMP is providing tips to help you avoid becoming a victim of cybercrime.

Cybercrime refers to criminal activity in which the Internet and information technologies, such as computers, tablets, and mobile devices, have a substantial role in the commission of a criminal offence.

To help avoid becoming a victim of cybercrime, practice the below tips:

- **Use strong passwords:** Avoid simple, easily guessable passwords and use a unique password for each account. Consider using a password manager that can store and manage your passwords.
- **Enable multi-factor authentication:** Add extra security to your accounts by enabling multi-factor authentication whenever available.
- **Update software:** Keep your operating system, browsers, and applications up to date to avoid security vulnerabilities.
- **Secure your computer:** Activate your firewall, use anti-virus/malware software, and block spyware attacks by installing and updating anti-spyware software.
- **Secure your network:** Secure your home's wireless network. Do not use public Wi-Fi for financial or corporate transactions.
- **Be social media savvy:** Ensure your social networking profiles are set to private. Be careful about what you post online.
- **Protect your e-identity:** Be cautious about giving personal information on the Internet. Make sure that websites are secure and that you've enabled privacy settings.

• **Avoid scams:** Always think before clicking a link or file from an unknown origin. Don't feel pressured by emails or messages. Verify the source of each message and never reply to emails requesting user IDs and passwords.

If you believe you may be a victim of fraud, or are currently being targeted by fraud, please report it to your local law enforcement and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) at 1-888-495-8501. Instances of compromised personal and/or financial information should be reported to your bank and credit card company. To learn more about the various types of frauds and scams, please visit the CAFC's scam webpage.

For more cybercrime prevention information and resources, please follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta, X @RCMPAlberta, and on YouTube @RCMP-GRC Alberta.

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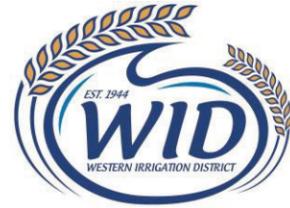
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The 4th annual **Councillor Richard Wegener's Charity Challenge** is underway to support Wheatland Lodge and its residents.
 With only three weeks remaining on October 15, 2025, I will present a check to WHMB matching donations up to \$2,000. Please consider donating to support this worthwhile cause, which helps seniors in our area.
 Over the past three years, about \$10,000 has been raised for various local charities in Strathmore and the surrounding area. Your generosity can make a meaningful difference in the lives of local seniors and communities.
 How to donate:
 Online: <https://www.wheatlandhousing.ca/>
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NOTICES



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Town or city? *The pros and cons*

By Cal Braid for Debbie Mitzner

What time is the right time for a town to shake off its rural identity and embrace city status? For some towns in Alberta, the time is now, and for Strathmore it's a move worth considering going into October's municipal election.

In Alberta, there are two basic thresholds that a town must meet to be eligible for the move to city status. First, it must reach a population of 10,000 residents. Second, the majority of buildings must

be situated on land parcels smaller than 1,850 square metres. Additionally, it must be ready to move to a four-year election cycle in which a mayor and an even number of councillors are elected by the public. At least 10 Alberta towns, including Strathmore, meet those criteria.

The final step is an application under the Municipal Government Act to the minister of municipal affairs. If the minister approves it, the

decision goes back to council for the final vote.

If a town wants to redefine itself as a city, the first thing residents are likely to ask is, "Why? What's the point?" The pros might surprise you, and the cons might not.

The PROS are actually broader in scope than might be expected and show a real upside to change. The potential advantages are as follows:

PROS

Economic Growth

City status could draw new businesses and investors to Strathmore. Those new businesses and new jobs could result in a decreased tax burden on property owners. Investors and companies often choose cities over towns, and city status may attract more of those. In addition, cities often receive greater recognition in media, on maps, and in government rankings. A city can also attract more tourism than a town.

Infrastructure Development

City status can lead to increased funding for local infrastructure projects like roads and public utilities. City status often attracts more developers, potentially creating a wider range of housing options – including affordable and rental units – and stimulating real estate growth.

Potential for Public Services Improvement

As a city, Strathmore could advocate for better healthcare and education services with the Province, which has jurisdiction over those sectors. Generally, cities have a more commanding voice at the provincial level. Additionally, Strathmore could offer more programs and activities for kids and youth, making it a more attractive home for families and young professionals.

Stronger Regional Influence

With city status, Strathmore could have more influence in regional planning and development, allowing for stronger collaborations with neighboring municipalities.

No Major Taxpayer Impact

Higher taxes are not automatic if a town becomes a city. It's possible to reduce the tax burden on residents by making Strathmore more attractive to businesses. A greater business tax base could reduce Strathmore's reliance on residential taxes, creating a more balanced and sustainable local economy. Local signs would need to be replaced, but the logo, supplies and stationary labelled 'Town' could be used up rather than discarded.

Pride for the New Status

City status shows a history of hard work, community pride, and confidence in the growth of the community. Strathmore could become Alberta's 20th city and the first this decade to do so.

The CONS are worth considering as well. They are identified as follows:

Perceived Loss of Small-Town Feel or Rural Identity

Some residents may be concerned that becoming a city could disrupt the town's close-knit, small-town feel. An adjustment to a new identity could be difficult for some, but a small-town vibe is as much an attitude as it is the title and the landscape. Hospitality, generosity, and good will are shared traits of the people in a community.

Perceived City Problems

Even small towns have some element of unrest: drug use, crime, and social disorder are potential downsides, but wouldn't necessarily rise sharply with a change of title. Strathmore would be one of Alberta's smallest cities, and problems like traffic jams, overcrowding, and poor air quality wouldn't develop overnight. More importantly, it's healthy families, schools, businesses and community organizations that define a community's character.

Uncertain Real Estate Impact

Strathmore could become a more attractive living destination, potentially increasing property values, which may be a concern for current residents. If affordable housing is a priority for the municipality, it can use tax incentives and access provincial funding programs to achieve those goals.

Minimal Immediate Changes

Improvements to public services and infrastructure would take time. Those would require careful budgeting and a fiscally responsible approach to upgrading.

No Immediate Changes to Healthcare and Education

Services like healthcare and education are provincially controlled and would also take time to improve upon. However, Strathmore could use its city status to lobby harder for increased service levels common to other cities.

Community Division and Opposing Views

Would the change create division within the community between those for and those against it? Possibly. Nevertheless, it's important that residents participate in the process as the Town asks for engagement. The starting point is to be informed and then proceed with a constructive debate.

CONS

A few stats and facts from Alberta's 2021 census of population:

- At last count, Strathmore's population was listed at 14,399, but has since grown.
- Wetaskiwin was listed as Alberta's smallest city, with roughly 12,500 residents.
- Cochrane was listed as the province's largest town, with over 32,000 citizens.
- Beaumont is Alberta's newest city. It became one on Jan. 1, 2019 and was then approaching 21,000 inhabitants.
- In late 2024, Taber concluded a town survey that showed a majority of residents did not support the council's ambition to achieve city status. It will remain a town for the foreseeable future.
- Alberta's cities, towns and villages represented over 83 per cent of its population, but covered only 0.6 per cent of its land mass.



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