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Kings sweep

Town signs lodge letter

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore discussed the potential authorization of a letter to the Wheatland Housing Management Board (WHMB) during the Oct. 16 regular meeting.

A letter was received by the town from the WHMB requesting approval from all member municipalities to create a Capital Reserve Fund.

The town discussed this once previously during the Oct. 2 regular meeting, regarding possible replies and requested administration to draft a response for council's review.

Coun. Jason Montgomery motioned for council to authorize the mayor to sign the response letter to the WHMB as presented by administration.

Coun. Brent Wiley stated he would not be supporting Montgomery's motion to send the letter as it had been initially drafted.

"What we are being asked here tonight is that money be set aside as a reserve. There is no question that we need to set money aside as a reserve, protect our current investment in the seniors' lodge, but my disagreement is where that reserve money should sit," said Coun. Wiley. "My preference is the reserve money should sit in the Town of Strathmore, and we would have 100 per cent control over the money and the letter is starting to direct Wheatland (Lodge) into what it would look like if they had a repair and maintenance reserve on behalf of us."

Wiley explained he would prefer that the town be completely and singularly accountable for the money from taxpayers.

Coun. Denise Peterson added to the discussion a clarification that the WHMB is legislated under the provincial government and maintains both the right and legislative requirement to make requisitions necessary in order to carry out work that they are mandated for.

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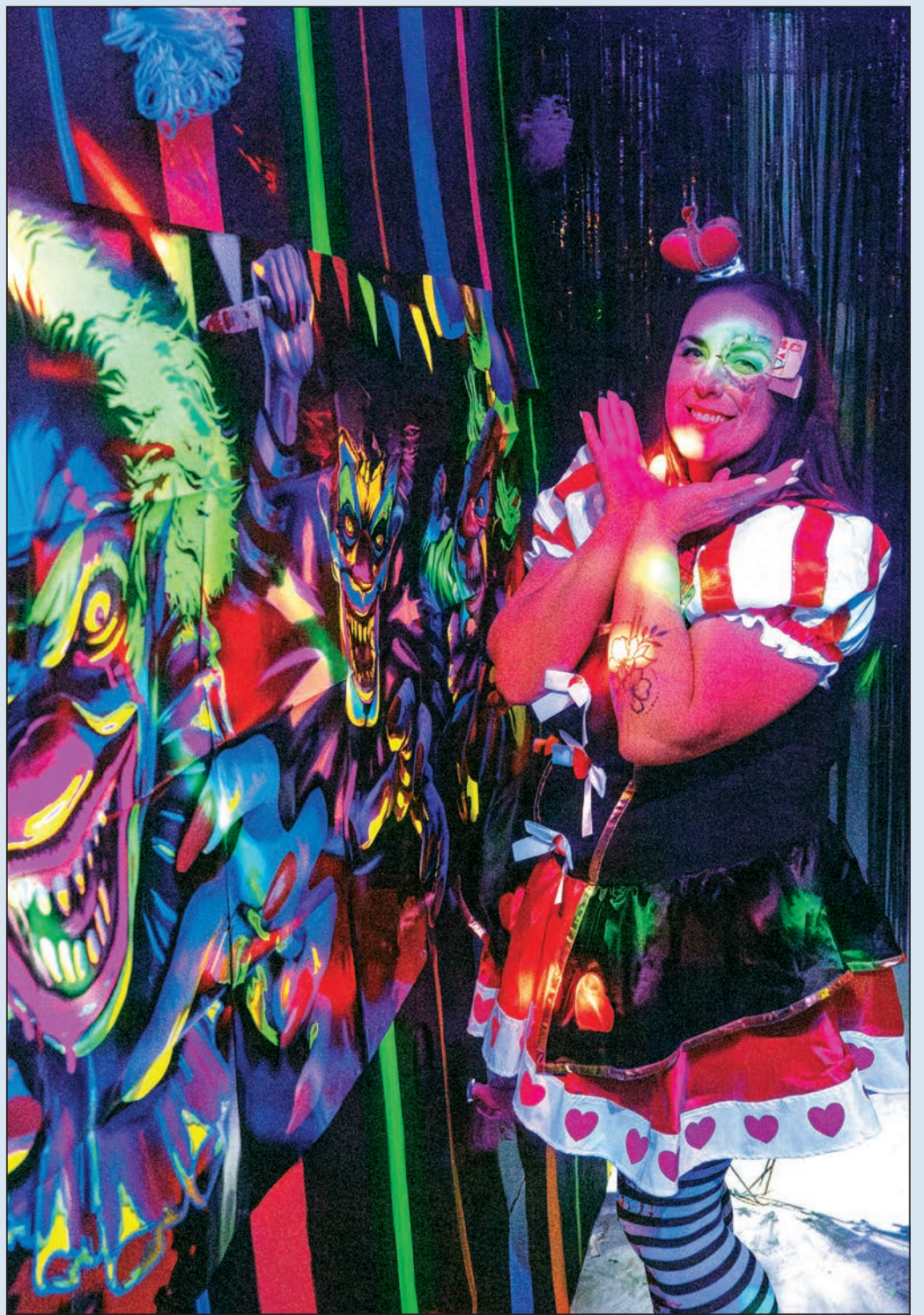
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Let's get spooky!

Chelsea and the rest of the Deen Family held a VIP sneak peak for their annual charity Halloween Walkthrough on Oct. 19. The Halloween Walkthrough will be open daily from Oct. 26-31 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 216 Cambridge Crescent. The family will accept nonperishable food items to be donated to the local food bank, while cash donations will go towards True North. See Page 2 for more coverage.

Joe Lepage Photo

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Kings pass Coaldale

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings improved to 6-3-0 on the season after sweeping a home-and-home series with Coaldale over the weekend, including a 4-1 win at the Strathmore Family Centre on Oct. 18. The local Junior B team then traveled to Coaldale the following day and took a 3-0 shutout victory to leapfrog the Copperheads in the standings. The Kings will now host a pair of home games when they tangle with Cochrane and Medicine Hat on Oct. 25-26 respectively. Game time for both games is 8 p.m.

Joe Lepage Photos



Halloween preview

Ghosts and gobbling's were out in full force for the Deen Family's charity Halloween Walkthrough on Oct. 19. If you're ready for a quick scare, head over to 216 Cambridge Crescent beginning Oct. 26-31 from 5-9 p.m. for a charity walkthrough.

Joe Lepage Photos



Origin partnering with Bayer to host new contest, opening new taproom

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Origin Brewing and Malting has partnered with Bayer to host a contest to win a chance to be a part of the brewing process for a new beer.

The contest opened Oct. 15 and will be operating until Nov. 15. Entries into the contest will be accumulated by completing tasks within the FieldView app, such as sharing data with another farmer, purchasing a premium FieldView service, utilizing certain app features, and so on.

"We were approached by some of the team at Bayer ... they approached us with this idea of holding a contest to promote their app, FieldView, and in which they would encourage farmers to use that to be a digital solution for the farming community and help them get their records on a digital forum," said Alisha Beyer, taproom manager for Origin.

The winning farmer will have their farm featured on the beer can and will work alongside Origin Brewing to craft the new beer.

Once produced, the brew will be available through Origin's e-commerce site, with a portion of all proceeds generated going to charity.

"We have done other partnerships supporting the ag community; obviously, we are an ag family that opened up Origin as a value add to our family farm operation ... it is just one of

those things where we are closely related; we have lots of similar clientele and we have had such strong support from the ag community in Strathmore," said Sterling Hilton, president of Origin Brewing. "Anytime we can partner with an ag company to do something that is neat and raises awareness for making the farming community better, then that is something that we would jump at."

Upon the contest conclusion, Origin's team will sit down to collaborate with the winner to decide how to construct the new beer – taking into account different styles, seasonality of ingredients, and what the winner has an affinity for.

Beyer added inviting farmers to collaborate on more new beers is something Origin may continue to explore in other future circumstances.

More information regarding the contest is available online for those who may be interested in participating.

Origin is also announcing they will be officially opening a second taproom location in Calgary, Oct. 25.

"We have been in Calgary from the beginning, but Strathmore and the surrounding community have been very supportive; we owe a lot of our early success to Strathmore and the surrounding area ... this gives us just another ability to get access to a big market like Calgary," said Hilton.

The new taproom is located at 943 28 St. NE in Calgary. More information is available through Origin's website.

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Town reviews citizen satisfaction survey

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council discussed the 2024 citizen satisfaction survey during the Oct. 16 regular meeting, which had followed a similar method to the 2021 and 2022 surveys.

A third-party contractor, Framework Analytics Inc. (Framework) conducted the 2021 and 2022 surveys respectively.

During council's 2023 budget deliberations, it had been decided that citizen satisfaction surveys would be conducted every second year instead of annually.

A budget of \$14,000 is set aside by the Town of Strathmore to conduct the citizen satisfaction survey every second year.

The 2024 survey utilized the same methodology as the previous two surveys in order to maintain a viable comparison.

A total of 3,496 residents were invited to participate in the survey, and a public link was shared with residents who did not receive an invitation. It was indicated the survey response rate was 43 per cent, being 1,491 respondents.

The objectives of citizen satisfaction surveys are several-fold, including to gauge satisfaction with municipal services, perception of community and municipal government performance, top of mind local issues, quality of life, and resident needs and priorities, among others.

Responses to the survey were gathered between

Aug. 7, and Sept. 6, with all responses to the survey being accounted for, including such surveys which were abandoned prior to their completion.

Of the 1,491 respondents, 1,144 surveys were seen through to completion, with the rest being abandoned prior to finishing.

The survey was made available online during its duration in order to give all interested town residents an equal opportunity to participate.

Results indicated those who were between 20 and 29 years of age responded noticeably less than older residents in town.

From 2022 to 2024, a five per cent drop in satisfaction in quality of life was indicated by responding residents. This was represented by a drop from 84 per cent, to 79 per cent.

Similar municipalities across the country experienced in the realm of 10 per cent drops to quality-of-life satisfaction during the same time period.

Satisfaction levels indicated by Strathmore's youngest, and Strathmore's oldest generations were noted to be highest, while young adults to those in their middle ages indicated lower levels of satisfaction and happiness.

Smaller households have indicated lower drops in quality of life versus larger households. Additionally, those who own their homes indicated less of a drop than those who rent.

The full details of the survey are available publicly through the town's meeting agenda and on their YouTube channel. Council accepted the results of the survey as information.

County discusses land use redesignation bylaw

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council has begun discussions regarding Bylaw 2024-06, being a bylaw to redesignate a 32-hectare portion of land from Agriculture General District to Natural Resource Extraction and Processing District.

A public hearing discussing the potential redesignation was held in council chambers during the Oct. 15 regular meeting.

The purpose of the land use redesignation would be to allow for the future development of an aggregate extraction and processing operation.

Presented in council's public meeting agenda, it was noted the projected lifespan of the project at the site is approximately 40 years, and the operational features would include excavation, crushing, screening, hauling, and reclamation. There are three similar aggregate extraction operations indicated to be within five kilometers of the proposed site.

Currently, the lands are used for agricultural production, primarily as hay land, as well as for occasional livestock grazing.

With the exception of three grain bins on the northern property boundary, the site is not currently developed.

The remaining approximate 32.7 hectares of the site not indicated for excavation would continue to be utilized for agricultural purposes, as well as the preservation of existing wetlands.

The project proposal suggested the excavation would occur in three phases and would be progressively reclaimed. Dry excavations would ex-

clusively make up the project operations, with no groundwater disturbance or wet excavations to occur at any time.

Pending approval of the land use redesignation, a development permit will also have to be issued prior to operations at the site being allowed as proposed in the project report.

During the public hearing, support for the project was presented by the applicant, and was met with concerns both by adjacent landowners, as well as by members of council.

Coun. Koester expressed concerns that adjacent landowners, though they did receive correspondence regarding the proposed project, were not given so in a timely manner prior to the start of the Oct. 15 public hearing.

Concerns from adjacent landowners largely consisted of considerations for dust and silica. A letter from a neighbouring landowner indicated airborne dust and silica would not only be disruptive to their greenhouse business operations, but would also be hazardous to the health of the residents.

In order to mitigate dust and silica, dust suppression was indicated to be of planned use via a water and calcium mixture which would be applied to the project site during operations.

Dust control may also be written into a development permit agreement with the county at a later date prior to project approval.

Council passed second reading of the land use redesignation, however permission to hold third reading during the Oct. 15 regular meeting was not granted. The bylaw will return before council at a later date.

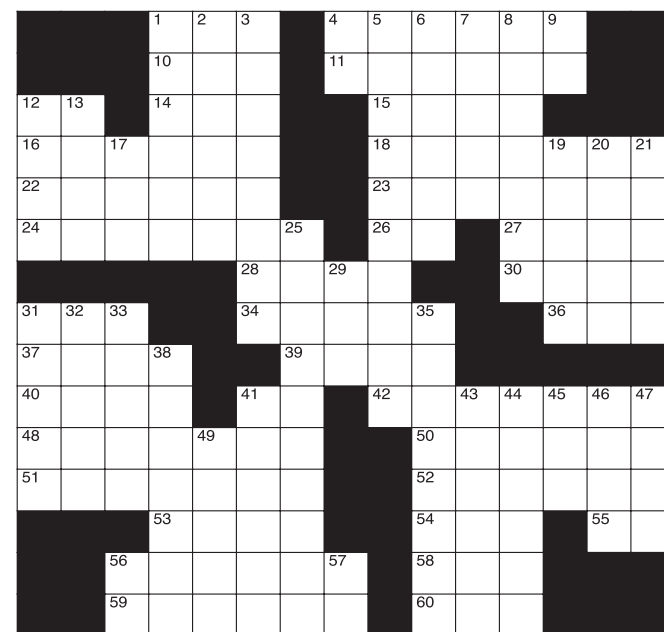


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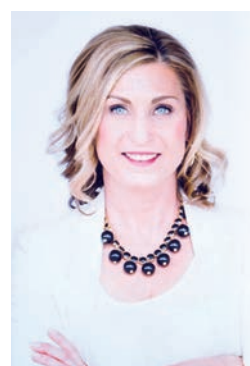
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Playoff bound

The Strathmore Badgers peewee football team closed out the regular season with a 25-14 win over the Rocky Mountain House Rebels on Oct. 19 at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School field. The Badgers will now open the playoffs with a road game versus Sylvan Lake on Oct. 25 in Lacombe.

Joe Lepage Photos

County signs MoA with province regarding CCBF

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council voted to sign a memorandum of agreement regarding the Canada Community Benefit Fund during the Oct. 15 regular meeting.

During the Aug. 13 regular meeting, county council reviewed a correspondence received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding Wheatland County's allocation under the Canada Community Building Fund.

In order to receive funds allocated for Wheatland County, a memorandum of agreement must be signed and returned to the minister.

"I appreciate accountability and the strong controls that have been built into the agreement by the government. I think it is fantastic - I know I have heard some feedback from particularly small municipalities that the requirement to set up a separate bank account to hold these funds is found to be arduous for some but for us it will be fine to accommodate that requirement," said Reeve Amber Link.

According to the agreement as worded by the Government of Alberta, the aim of the agreement is to help communities build and revitalize their public infrastructure, thus supporting national objectives for productivity and economic growth.

Wheatland County is effectively responsible for providing the Minister of Municipal Affairs with applications for each eligible project to be initiated under the Canada Communi-

ty Building Fund, as well as financial statements and required financial and outcome reporting documentation in accordance with project guidelines.

Responsibility also is defined under the agreement that the county will continue to develop and implement asset management strategies and plans for assets under their control and to make use of such plans to inform local community infrastructure-related decision making.

Funding made available to the county through the Canada Community Building Fund has been defined for explicit project use under the memorandum of agreement guidelines and may not be utilized for any other purposes or county remuneration.

It is defined that any breach of the agreement on the county's part may result in notification from the Minister to remedy the breach at their sole discretion. Should the breach not be remedied during a reasonable time period defined by the Minister in the initial notice of violation, the province may require the county to repay part or all of the resources used for project funding.

Coun. Scott Klassen motioned that council authorize the reeve and the county's chief administrative officer to sign the Canada Community Benefit Fund memorandum of agreement.

This motion was passed unanimously by council without further discussion or debate.

Town discusses Wheatland Lodge reserve fund

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Additionally, she explained the WHMB has a long history of taking into consideration any concerns brought up by the member municipalities which participate in its discussions.

"Our response is not necessarily setting the parameters for this reserve fund, or even how reserve requests will be handled - this is just our response back to WHMB for them to consider and then for them to put forward some other ideas," added Coun. Montgomery.

One contingency noted in the letter which Coun. Montgomery was in support of is a note indicating that council wishes for all capital requests to come before council in order to be discussed publicly in open session and be voted on before being set in stone.

Council voted 4-1 in favour of signing the letter to the WHMB, and a draft was approved to be brought to a WHMB meeting the following day with indication that the vote in favour of signing had happened and the letter would be signed by the mayor.

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Trinity Christian Academy hosted a Book Character Day on Oct. 18. Students and staff could dress as their favourite book characters.

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Standard gets better internet plan as it awaits new funding

FERNANDO MORENO-PRADO
Times Contributor

The Village of Standard has entered the autumn season and left behind a summer of “business as usual.” Such business brought some changes including more activity at the sportsground with the annual Standard Rodeo, along with ball tournaments and multiple Gymkhanas events.

Standard recently partnered with Connect Mobility “when there was demand for reliable, fast and affordable internet,” said Mayor Martin Gauthier in an email message. “They now offer Rally TV and continue to work on adding more options to provide bundle packages. We hope to get more funding to expand this internet to our rural neighbours.”

The village is awaiting funding for industrial developments. Gauthier mentioned a proposal to provide solar energy to municipal and non-profit buildings and “help reduce the ever-increasing cost of power.”

The village council has updated their land use bylaw and is currently reviewing all bylaws, policies and procedures to meet legislative requirements.

The past year has not been without challenges for Standard, particularly the budget challenges where the council seeks to meet consumer expectations for goods and services, while also keeping taxes down and replacing aging infra-

structure before an emergency arises from any lack of upgrades. Gauthier mentioned that it can be rather challenging to attract small and large business into the village.

For the future of the village, Gauthier assures there is a plan to build amenities for families. This will be done by “beautifying the village” through the development of Centennial Park, walking paths and the Broadway. Economic development will take place through the selling of residential lots and the finishing of 14 one-acre parcels in the industrial park.

“Our strategic plan is to create opportunities,” said Gauthier. “We have large residential lots for sale and industrial lots will soon be available.”

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The amount of caffeine that Health Canada allows in energy drinks is 150mg per drink. These drinks are not recommended for those under 14, those who are pregnant or breast-feeding or those sensitive to caffeine. The labels also must indicate the limit on the number of servings per day that can be consumed. The main side effect of these drinks is headaches. They should not be consumed with alcohol because energy drinks make a person feel it's OK to drive drunk.

Montreal researchers have developed the use of microrobots made of magnetizable iron oxide nanoparticles to treat certain liver cancers. These miniature robots are guided by an external magnetic field that help to reach the site of the cancer. Studies are still being done animals to prove the concept is worthy but use in humans is still a long way off.

As many as one million Canadians suffer from gout and it affects men more often than women. Diet can play a part in the progression of the disease. Red meat, shrimp and oily fish, alcoholic beverages (especially beer), sugar and fructose found in soft drinks are not good for gout patients.

According the the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in the U.S. 41.9% of Americans are obese and 31.7% of adults are overweight. As a result there is a great demand for weight-loss products offered on-line and many of them are scams. Before ordering anything on-line, be sure of the legitimacy of the vendor. If they ask for money in cryptocurrencies or gift cards it's probably a scam. Be very careful.

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- November 19: Municipal Planning Commission**
- November 19: Public Presentation Committee**

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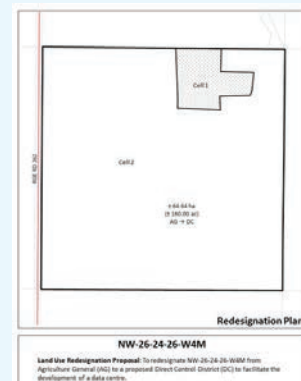
Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers November 12, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, November 12th, 2024.

The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

Bylaw #: 2024-31 (LU2024-010)
Legal Description: NW-26-24-26-W4M
Proposal: To redesignate the subject lands from Agriculture General (AG) District to Direct Control District (DC) to facilitate the establishment of a data centre.



Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 40 (1) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 33 (c) and subsequent versions of the Act.

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Council addresses report regarding kennel operations

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is aiming to address its animal boarding and control capacities, as a report provided before council was accepted through an omnibus motion during the Oct. 16 regular meeting.

Through the town's agenda, it was addressed that though the existing animal shelter would be an ideal central location for an animal rescue organization, the current footprint is not large enough to support both an animal rescue organization, and be suitable for Municipal Enforcement's kenneling requirements.

Town administration has indicated that access and availability of an animal shelter is crucial to maintaining the existing service level for the local community.

According to the presented report, 24-hour access for animal sheltering was noted to be necessary to ensure that town residents continue to have a facility which can safely house animals.

The Town's Municipal Enforcement department staff have already been noted to have met with prospective animal

rescue organization representatives regarding a proposed animal rescue and boarding centre concept as it relates to the needs of Strathmore as a municipality, and the town-owned kennel.

Municipal Enforcement was approached in 2023 by Alpine Pet Resort concerning the town's current animal shelter and the possibility of Alpine Pet Resort utilizing the town's space as an animal rescue facility.

In April, representatives from Rescued Paws at Alpine Foundation contacted Municipal Enforcement again to inquire about the town's current animal shelter.

The recurring debate between organizations is regarding having adequate staff and space for operations.

Municipal enforcement staff require a dedicated space to ensure stray, lost, abandoned, or surrendered animals are properly housed and/ or quarantined until suitable and appropriate arrangements can be made for more permanent solutions.

Town administration noted there are no immediate costs to the town regarding this development, though future costs may arise should changes to ser-

vice levels be requested, or external funding be solicited.

Rescued Paws at Alpine Foundation presented before town council as a delegation during the April 3, regular meeting of council to present their concept for decision.

Council directed administration at the time to look at the feasibility of the capacity to form a value-added partnership with the Rescued Paws at Alpine Foundation.

In addition to concerns regarding currently inadequate space for expanded or collaborative operations at the town's current kennel, administration noted there would be potential liability introduced when boarding dangerous animals with unknown illnesses, and commercially boarded animals.

No further direction or communications have been thus far indicated by council or by administration regarding the topic.

Cleanfarms do their part and clean up

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Cleanfarms is operating 20 single-day collection events throughout Alberta at local agriculture retailer locations to collect unwanted and expired pesticides and livestock medications for safe disposal.

The collection events made scheduled stops in Carseland, Drumheller, and

Hussar on Oct. 21 and 22 respectively. Other stops will be running until Oct. 25.

"The reason why we are organizing the pesticide and old livestock and equine medication collections is to make sure that farmers have an opportunity to properly dispose of their materials," said Christine Lajeunesse, eastern Canada director for Cleanfarms.

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Starting October 24, 2024, Citizens can request pins for electronic voting by visiting metiselectionsab.com, or contacting the Chief Electoral Office.

For more information visit www.metiselectionsab.com



Concert of hope

The Hope Bridges 17th annual Artists Among Us gala and dinner was held on Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Hope Community Covenant Church. The church was filled to the rafters with enthusiastic audience members ready to embrace the spirit of music and fellowship. The funds raised will help support the community by providing inclusive music, movement and arts activities in the community.

Melissa Piche Photos



Hawks soar to win

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks Jr boys volleyball team claimed the gold medal at their home tournament on Oct. 19. The Hawks defeated Weber Academy in the final, en route to the gold.

Joe Lepage Photos



Time to rise

The RISE U12A ringette team opened their regular season with a loss to CVB on Oct. 19 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The RISE will now host the Foothills Freeze on Oct. 25 (3:15 p.m.).

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Storm surge

The Strathmore Storm U18 T2 team opened their new season with a 7-1 victory over Cochrane on Oct. 18 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Just two days later, the team played their first road game, earning a 2-2 draw versus Chestermere. The Storm will play their next tiering game on Oct. 25 (7:15 p.m.) when they host Airdrie.

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Kings give back

Members of the Agra Risk Wheatland Kings donated their time to help set up for the annual Celebration of Lights, which is set to open on Nov. 30.

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Crosstown showdown

The Trinity Christian Academy and George Freeman School development volleyball teams played their first game at Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre on Oct. 17.

Photo Courtesy of TCA

Morton in Strathmore for *Strong and Free* book launch

BRAD EVERETT
Times Contributor

Dr. Ted Morton was in Strathmore on Oct. 8 to speak on his new book *Strong and Free: My Journey in Alberta Politics* to a crowd of approximately 40 at the Canadian Legion.

The event was sponsored by Project Confederation, a group dedicated to working for a better deal for the west within Canada, by addressing issues such as equalization, health and social

transfers, and federal policies regarding resource development for oil and gas, forestry and agriculture.

“The event was fantastic!” said Josh Andrus, President of the Advisory Board and Executive Director at Project Confederation. “The crowd was very engaged and asked insightful questions during the Q&A – always a highlight of our gatherings.”

“His [Morton’s] book serves as a reminder that power imbalances within confederation lead to division, and Al-

berta’s role will remain diminished until those imbalances are addressed. It’s also a call to action for the next generation of Alberta leaders to build on these foundations and achieve great things for the province.”

Morton, is professor emeritus of Political Science at the University of Calgary, and also served as the MLA for Foothills-Rocky View from 2004-2012 which included terms as Minister of Sustainable Resources Development (2006-09), Minister of Finance (2010), Energy (2011-12).

He was also involved in federal politics, elected as one of two Senators-in-waiting in 1998 and was in 2001 Director of Policy and Research for the Office of the Official Opposition (Reform Alliance Party) in the House of Commons.



Author Dr. Ted Morton discussed his new book, *Strong and Free: My Journey in Alberta Politics*, to a crowd at the Royal Canadian Legion on Oct. 8.

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Road safety week

ALBERTA RCMP

From Oct. 20-26, Alberta RCMP is helping to promote road safety for all youth road users. The annual campaign aims to increase road safety awareness in youth ages 15 to 24. This year’s campaign theme is #OurFutureRoads, focusing on empowering youth to shape the roadway systems being built today to ensure everyone can travel safely.

Road crashes are the third-leading cause of death among young people aged 15 to 24 in Canada; for this reason it is vital to ensure youth are part of the safety conversation.

This year Alberta RCMP encourages youth to speak up about road safety issues in their communities, such as:

- Dimly lit roadways that could use more lighting for pedestrian safety

- A busy intersection that could use traffic calming measures

- Areas in the community that lack bike lanes for safer cycling

“Youth use many modes of transportation, from driving to cycling, and even public transit,” states Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. “It’s important that they feel heard regarding issues in their communities that relate to their safety, such as roadways. Together, we can help ensure that everyone feels safe when commuting, no matter their mode of transportation.”

Alberta RCMP wants to remind the public that road safety is important for all ages and is the responsibility of all road users. For traffic safety information, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and X @RCMPAlberta.

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Scrap the cap

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

The federal government has imposed an oil and gas emissions cap that will only result in replacing sustainable Canadian energy production with high-polluting, less responsible foreign energy. In response, Alberta's government has launched a national "Scrap the Cap" campaign to spread the word: Trudeau's emissions cap is really a cap on Canadian prosperity. Under the current federal government, Canadians have felt the sting of inflation and an increased cost of living. Now, the feds want to pile even more onto the financial burdens of Canadian families. An energy production cap will make basic life's necessities we rely on every day even more expensive.

Alberta will not stand by while the Trudeau government imposes their radical ideology on our province and nation. We know that oil and gas remain the economic engine of Canada. The emissions cap proposed by Ottawa is not about reducing global emissions – it's about shutting down Alberta's energy industry. In fact, federal policies like this one will scare off investments in key technologies, like Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) that allow the sector to thrive.

In 2023 alone, Canada exported more than \$152 billion in oil and natural gas – 25 per cent of our total exports. The Trudeau government's emissions cap puts this vital sector at risk, undermining Canada's energy security at a time when the world needs reliable, responsible energy sources.

Alberta's government is raising awareness that this emissions cap will not only increase the cost of living for all Canadians but fails to reduce global emissions. Notices will run in Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and British Columbia informing Canadians that Ottawa's energy production cap will make groceries more expensive, and lead to up to 150,000 fewer jobs by 2030.

Canadians need to know the truth. The feds themselves claim that their emissions cap aims to reduce emissions, not production. However, the Deloitte Report estimates that this

emissions cap could lead to a 10 per cent reduction in Canadian oil production and a 12 per cent drop in natural gas output by 2030. It also projects that the Alberta GDP will shrink by 4.5 per cent by 2040. While the federal government may not care if the economy shrinks – especially if the jobs threatened are in Alberta – we will fight for our energy sector and families in every province. We simply cannot afford further interference from Ottawa; it's time to scrap the cap.

In addition to these pressing economic concerns, Alberta is making strides in health care with the launch of Primary Care Alberta, the new provincial health agency overseeing and coordinating the delivery of primary health care services. Primary Care Alberta will create a modern, more responsive, and unified health care system that prioritizes patients, empowers front-line health care professionals and helps reduce pressures on the entire health system. The immediate priority of Primary Care Alberta is to ensure every Albertan has access to high-quality primary care services in all areas of the province, so all Albertans and their families are supported in their day-to-day health needs through every stage of life. The new primary care agency will focus on supporting integrated teams of family physicians, nurse practitioners and pharmacists to provide patients with the best care possible.

Furthermore, on Oct. 28, one of the largest government infrastructure projects in the province's history, the Arthur J.E. Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre (Arthur Child), will officially open services to patients. The Arthur Child has an extensive scope and integration of cancer care services, making it one of the most advanced cancer centres in the world. The centre will open in phases to ensure that the final stages of quality assurance around every aspect of the building are carried out. With 127,000 square metres of space, including 160 inpatient beds and more than 9,200 square metres dedicated to research, the Arthur Child will provide world-leading care and treatment to patients while driving innovation and working towards a future without cancer.

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

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

Tips to keep your seasonal property safe

ALBERTA RCMP

As cooler weather rolls in, many Albertans are closing up their seasonal properties for the year. While crime prevention should be part of our everyday habits, it's especially important to consider when vacating your property for an extended period.

In Alberta RCMP jurisdictions, there have been 348 break and enters to seasonal properties and cottages so far this year; this is an eight per cent increase from the previous year. The off-season tends to be when these incidents occur the most, as there are fewer people around and fewer chances of being disco-

vered quickly.

Help keep your property safe in the off-season by following these tips:

- Take home all valuables, including expensive tools and electronics, and properly lock up anything left behind. Consider posting signage that states all valuables have been removed.
- Put away any outdoor furniture.
- Make sure all doors, windows, gates, and outbuildings are secured.
- If you have a hunting property, always ensure that your firearms or any other hunting equipment is properly stored and secured, even inside a locked property.

- If storing off-highway vehicles, empty all gas from the tank and block the vehicle so it cannot be easily removed from the premises.
- Trim shrubs and trees to create clear sight lines.
- Install timers on interior lights to give the illusion the property isn't vacant.
- Install exterior motion sensor lights at entrances, sheds, or out-buildings.
- Try to visit your property regularly, clear snow off paths to give the illusion of use, and inspect for any damages or thefts, so they can be reported in a timely manner.
- Installing security cameras and an alarm system lets you monitor your property from a

distance and is a deterrent to thieves.

For more tips on how you can keep your properties safe, visit the RCMP YouTube Page: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design - YouTube, or follow #SeasonalSafety on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and X @RCMPAlberta.

Your Alberta RCMP encourages everyone to report any suspicious activity to police. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

Cleanfarms returns for free collection event

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"These collections are really important ... we have collected 4.52 million kilograms of unwanted pesticide since the beginning of the collections in 1998. If there were no collections, farmers would have no way of disposing of these products safely."

Once materials are collected and packaged, parcels are sent for incineration in order to ensure it is broken down safely.

Cleanfarms collections are free of charge to farmers, which offers agriculturalists an alternative to potentially costly collections elsewhere.

Lajeunesse explained the free collection program has become one of Cleanfarms' most popular since its inception.

"Farmers have an opportunity to safely dispose of their products for free and most of the products we collect are about six years old, but sometimes we collect some products that are over 20 years old," she said. "It is a really good program to keep our environment safe and clean. It is a program that is offered every three years in different localities. This year it is in Southern Alberta, and next year it will be in Northern Alberta – so we rotate and it will come back to Southern Alberta in three years from now."

The crop protection industry in partnership with the Cana-

dian Animal Health Institute covers the full cost of operating the program and disposing of the materials safely.

Materials accepted in the Cleanfarms program include unwanted or obsolete agricultural pesticides including seed treatment, commercial pesticides and pest control products, and livestock/equine medications used for rearing livestock, poultry, or horses in an agricultural context.

The program notably does not accept treated seed, fertilizer and diluted solution, full and unopened jugs of adjuvant or surfactant, needles and sharps, medicated feed, aerosols, domestic pesticides, and household hazardous wastes.

"Every time we're here, farmers participate in this program because having safe, reliable ways to manage these materials is important to them. Collection events offer an opportunity for farmers to dispose of the materials that may have built up on their farms over the past few years at no charge," said Barry Friesen, Cleanfarms executive director.

"It is beneficial to our team as well because these events allow us to connect with farmers in different regions each year and learn more about their circumstances, all while providing a service that's valuable for them and their community as a whole."

More information about the program is available online through the Cleanfarms website.

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Obituary



STANFORD,
Dwight Jesse
July 26, 1946
– October 16, 2024

It is with saddened hearts that the family of Dwight Stanford announce his passing on October 16, 2024, at the Peter Lougheed Hospital, at the age of 78.

Dwight will be remembered by his children, Cameron (Nichole) Stanford, Kyle (Jan) Stanford, Diane (late Ryan) Campbell, Michelle (Ben) Tatlow, Graham (Ann) Stanford, David (Heidi) Stanford, Sheldon (Tawsha) Stanford and Clark (Cassie) Stanford. Dwight is also survived by his 31 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Dwight was not only a wonderful father but also a true friend and mentor to many. His unwavering dedication to our community in Strathmore, Alberta and his countless contributions to his church will always be remembered. Thank you to everyone who supported our family during this difficult time.

The Funeral Services will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Strathmore Chapel, on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 1:00 pm. The address is 60 Maplewood Dr, Strathmore, AB. Everyone is welcome.

Obituary



WARK, Noreen
17-May-1950 - 8-Oct-2024

Beloved Sister, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Auntie and Friend, Noreen Wark passed away peacefully

on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 surrounded by loved ones.

Noreen is survived by her daughters Sue Ann, Sherri (Kevin) and grandchildren Jordan, Matthew, Samuel, Dylan and great grandchildren Bryson and Kailey. She is also survived by her sisters Karen Ann (Earl), Ivy (Larry), and Winnifred (Greg) and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Garry and brother Terry.

A Celebration of Noreen's Life will be held at Lambert Village, 3 Parklane Way, Strathmore, AB on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm.

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Notice of application to be filed for approval of the natural gas distribution franchise agreement between the Village of Standard and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

Application summary

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. to approve the existing current and valid natural gas distribution franchise agreement with the Village of Standard. This application for approval is required due to changes made by the *Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, to various statutes governing franchise agreements.

The current franchise agreement, which took effect in January of 2022, grants ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Village of Standard for approximately ten years.

No changes to the franchise agreement or to the franchise fee rate rider percentage are being made as part of this application. The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain at its current rate, which is 4%. Including linear taxes, the resulting average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer will remain the same at approximately \$3.74. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 105 gigajoules per year.

You may send your concerns about, objections to, or support for the application in writing to the Village of Standard or to ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. on or before **November 13th, 2024** at:

Village of Standard, Attn: Yvette April, PO Box 249, Standard, AB, T0J 3G0.
phone: 403-644-3968; email: cao@villageofstandard.ca.

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Attn: Franchise Agreement Coordinator,
5302 Forand Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4, phone: 310-5678 or 1-888-511-7550;
email:franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either the Village of Standard or ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. at the addresses listed above.

For more information:

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 310-4AUC or at info@auc.ab.ca.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

October 23, 2024 | 6:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole

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.



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Notice of application to be filed for approval of the natural gas distribution franchise agreement between the Town of Strathmore and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

Application summary

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. to approve the existing current and valid natural gas distribution franchise agreement with the Town of Strathmore. This application for approval is required due to changes made by the *Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, to various statutes governing franchise agreements.

The current franchise agreement, which took effect in June 2021, grants ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Town of Strathmore for approximately 15 years.

No changes to the franchise agreement or to the franchise fee rate rider percentage are being made as part of this application. The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain at its current rate, which is 35%. Including linear taxes, the resulting average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer will remain the same at approximately \$17.20. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 105 gigajoules per year.

You may send your concerns about, objections to, or support for the application in writing to the Town of Strathmore or to ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. on or before **October 30, 2024** at:

Town of Strathmore, Leana Ashbacher, 1 Parklane Drive, phone: 403-464-5067; email: lsadmin@strathmore.ca.
ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Attn: Franchise Agreement Coordinator, 5302 Forand Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4, phone: 310-5678 or 1-888-511-7550; email: franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either the Town of Strathmore or ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. at the addresses listed above.

For more information:

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 310-4AUC or at info@auc.ab.ca.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications.

Issued on October 16, 2024.
Alberta Utilities Commission

Offsite Levy Bylaw
Upcoming Public Hearing

1. **Purpose:** to update the Town's offsite levy bylaw.

Bylaw #24-17

The Town of Strathmore regularly updates its Offsite Levy Bylaw to reflect new fee structures and payment of Offsite Levies in respect of land that is to be developed or subdivided. These Offsite Levies pay for the capital cost of infrastructure required to service the growth of the Town. This Bylaw currently exists as Bylaw No. 21-07 in which Bylaw No. 24-17 would replace it.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed bylaw can be found at strathmore.ca/PublicHearings or may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Strathmore Municipal Building (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB). Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held via Zoom AND in Council Chambers at the Strathmore Municipal Building on November 6, 2024, commencing at 7 p.m. with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedure Bylaw No. 23-17 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any or all of the proposed bylaw, may present their concerns and/or suggestions by making a submission at the public hearing. Please contact Legislative Services by email at lsadmin@strathmore.ca no later than noon on October 28, 2024, in order to register to speak at the public hearing.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received prior to noon on October 28, 2024, as outlined in Bylaw No. 23-17 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

*Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

Please contact Legislative Services at 403-934-3133 prior to attending a Public Hearing to determine the order of Bylaw presentations in the Council Agenda to ensure efficient use of time.

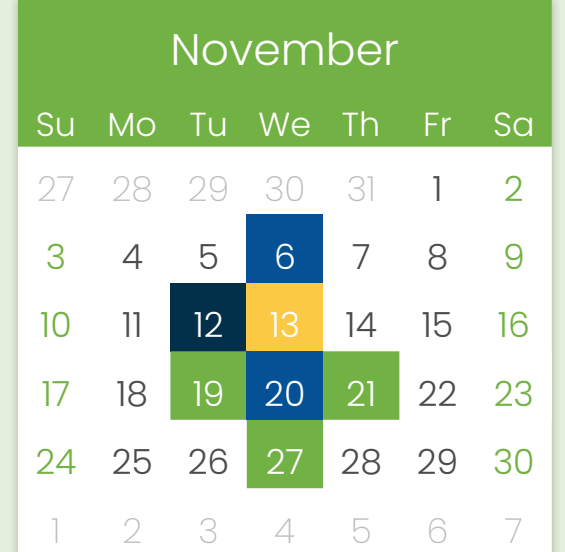
Budget your time wisely...

Budget Meetings Timeline.

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers at the Strathmore Municipal Building (1 Parklane Dr., Strathmore, AB T1P 1K2)

- Regular Council Meeting
- Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Annual Organizational Meeting
- Budget Meeting
- Coffee with Council (at 10 a.m.)



October 23, 2024 | 6 p.m.

Community Delegation Night.

Every year, Town Council dedicates an annual meeting to hear from community organizations seeking funding support. If you are part of an organization who provides a community service in Strathmore, this is your chance to apply for funding.

At the Community Delegation Night on October 23, Council will review community group funding requests to help ensure the success of local service clubs, non-profits and sports organizations. Considering all requests at once allows Council to budget accurately while preventing unexpected mid-year requests that could cause strain on the planned budget.

Get involved and learn more at Strathmore.ca/DelegationNight



Volunteer on a Town board or committee.

Bored? Join a board.

Serving on a board is a great way to make an impact in your community. Applications are still open for the following public positions on the Town's boards and committees:

- The Assessment Review Board has 2 positions open.
- The Community Improvement Program Committee has 5 positions open.
- The FCSS Advisory Board has 1 position open.
- The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board has 5 positions open.

For more information about available positions, visit Strathmore.ca/Boards. For questions about Volunteer Boards and Committees, please email lsadmin@strathmore.ca or call 403-934-3133.

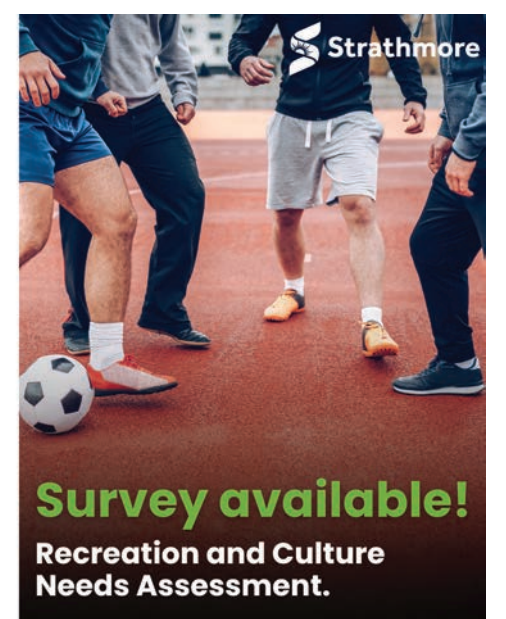


Budget 2025.

A grande budget discussion.

Coffee with Council.

Nov 12
10 a.m.



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Recreation and Culture Needs Assessment.