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The face of democracy

All 14 candidates running for Strathmore Town Council and the two running for mayor took part in a candidates forum, hosted by the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 and the Strathmore Times on Oct. 6 at the Legion hall.

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Strathmore Times and Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 host all-candidate forum

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

An all-candidate forum was held at the Strathmore Legion, hosted by the Strathmore Times and the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10, Oct. 6, for the aspiring members of Strathmore's next town council.

Each of the 14 candidates running for council and the two candidates running for mayor, Jason Hollingsworth and Pat Fule, were in attendance for the forum, which filled the legion hall.

The format presented three predetermined questions, to be answered in turn, with strict time limits given to each in order to ensure smooth and timely proceedings.

Due to space and time limitations of publication, the first question asked of candidates is summarized in this article.

The question posed to candidates asked how they, as council members, would work to strengthen relationships with Strathmore's regional partners to ensure Strathmore not only benefits from its growth, but also contributes to a strong

shared future where all communities in the region can thrive together.

Brent Wiley, referencing time spent door knocking and speaking to members of the community throughout the summer, described that among the challenges and considerations, would be how to grow the town prudently, intelligently, and with solid planning.

"Some of the things that people have related back to me is that this town is friendly; they have gotten to know their neighbours, the streets are safe, there is a variety of housing available here, there are miles of pathways and bridges, green spaces, playgrounds and parkland," he said.

"There are developers who already own all the land surrounding the town; they already have permission through area structure plans to build it, and so what we need to do as a council is meet with those developers as a group, one on one, and discuss with them what's their current vision for this town, what's our vision for this town, and find overlap so that as we grow, we can grow and continue to be the kind of town that we love."

Dan Wiewel aimed to emphasize the importance of planning and zoning for Strathmore's imminent growth as it approaches the size Chestermere was when it became a city.

"Strathmore isn't ready to become a city yet - far from it, but we have to start thinking like one. We have to start planning our zoning. If we don't use this land that we're gonna be acquiring soon and developing properly, we may end up in the same boat as so many cities that we've seen that have had to do blanket rezoning across the entire area, and all of a sudden a street that was nothing but single family homes now is free rein to put up whatever a developer would like," he said. "If we want a strong economic growth to follow with our population growth, we need places for business owners like myself to rent. I've spoken to more than one business that has had their rent double in the last few years. I spoke to one that they're in the middle of negotiating their next lease, and their landlord wants triple what they're paying right now. That is not sustainable."

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Candidates take part in forum

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Richard Wegener, acknowledging the impending boom in and around the town, suggested leveraging the incoming corporate developments to establish ancillary facilities in town to benefit from additional tax dollars.

“As it stands with De Havilland and the CGC, all the tax money is going to the county. We want to make sure that we can leverage that to build, to bring our tax rate up. Right now,

our tax rate, residential to non-residential is about 78:22, a good, healthy [ratio] would be 70:30, or even less than that,” he said. “As far as the housing market goes, Federations of Communities Municipalities says that for every house build in a subdivision, it costs the municipality \$107,000, so that is going to be a huge burden on our tax rate – it is going to be a huge burden on our facilities. If we can leverage these companies to help with that, maybe help with the building of roads, help with the building of fire halls, looking at sports facilities, we can do it and grow.”

Trevor Snyder suggested that the way to tackle imminent, substantial growth is with a forward-thinking council, in order to develop appropriate area structure plans, and improve intermunicipal relationships, in this case in particular with Wheatland County.

“There are so many ways to improve these relationships, and it all just starts with a few meetings, introduction meetings, and it can grow into amazing opportunities. And it’s one of those things where you have to take a look at where do the residents want the future of our town,” he said. “Do we want a big city? Do we want to keep things medium size or midsize? So, we need feedback from residents as well. That’s pretty much generalizing.”

Denise Peterson opted to focus on the issue of potable water and ensuring the town, in the long term, is able to sustain a significant population boom from an infrastructure and services perspective.

“I think we’ve taken water for granted and we shouldn’t ... we obtain our water through the pipeline from Calgary and our sources of Bow River, which we know is running at 37 per cent and there’s significant evidence that it’s continuing to decline. We saw firsthand during the Calgary infrastructure failure in 2024 that Strathmore’s potable water is subject to the decisions made by the city, and we should be concerned about how this is going to impact our future,” she said. “There are measures that we can undertake. In our last term, I was strongly in favor of setting up a water reserve in order to purchase additional water licenses. We’ve done this and we’ll continue to do it, and I think that it’s going to be critical to our future success. We need to urge the Alberta government to consider different legislation for water

usage in our land use bylaws. We need to consider how we’re going to run our wetlands and how we’re going to mitigate the water situation that’s happening in many of our communities going forward.”

Jason Montgomery chose to emphasize the importance of diplomacy and intermunicipal relations, particularly with Siksika Nation and Wheatland County in order to collaborate about the future of Strathmore.

“When we have good relations with our partners, they’re gonna be more willing to come in and collaborate with us. So, for example, the sports center in town here, that’s a three-way partnership between, the town, the county, and the school board,” he said. “What currently what happens is the county actually kicks in hundreds of thousands of dollars every year into our budget go – that goes towards things like sports amenities and stuff like that. And even just paying for the use of the roads. And that’s a result of the good relations that we have had with partners like Wheatland County.”

Debbie Mitzner explained she aims to expand the town’s local non-residential tax base, and use those developments to fuel residential expansion.

“As a council, we need to create more industrial spaces, retail and commercial spaces. This will increase our tax base and take a lot of the pressure off the residents as we’ll help generate more income for the town. So that’s my goal, is to create more spaces for people to work at home, live at home, more tax dollars from the commercial source and the industrial source versus it all in the residents,” she said. “We are going to grow and there is going to be a lot of growing pains, but we need to stay together as a community. We need to work together as a community. We need to maintain our neighbours. Growth can affect our neighbours; growth can affect our friends.”

Melissa Langmaid stressed the importance of the land use bylaw and the municipal development plan as Strathmore begins its period of rapid development and expansion, with the aim to maintain a community that works for everybody.

“That work will be incredibly vital, and I hope to see all of the faces that are here today in the meetings that we have when we’re consulting on the work that we need to do for those plans, because those are the plans that are going to outline the future of our community,” she said. “Those are the plans that are going to determine what Strathmore will look like a decade from now, or two decades from now.”

Matt Hyde suggested he believes the key to a successful Strathmore will be with establishing better relations with municipal partners.

“The key is relationship. That’s where it starts because if you don’t make the effort to make sure that your partners around you recognize that you’re open for business, then you don’t have a place to start the conversation,” he said. “One of the challenges that I’ve identified in Strathmore ... is that there is an imbalance between residential, commercial and lack of industry. I see us needing to bring more industry into the Town of Strathmore so that more people can work where they live. Also, with industry comes higher paying jobs, brings a broader tax bracket so that we can take some of that tax burden away from the residents.”

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Three candidates gunning for two School Board Trustee positions

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Three candidates are vying for two Golden Hills School Division Board of Trustees positions this election cycle.

Of these, Rob Pirie and Jennifer Mertz are incumbent, and Steve Durrell is challenging for a seat for the first time.

The candidate profiles have been arranged in alphabetical order for publication.

Steve Durrell

“There is a lot changing in classrooms right now; they are becoming more complex, teachers have a harder job dealing with those complexities with the tools that they have available,” he said. “I felt that the best way for me to be involved and try to advocate for (my kids’) schools to have the things that they need, and the teachers to have the tools that they require to be able to teach my kids and other kids in the town ... would be to get involved in the school board.”

Durrell added he currently has three children enrolled in the Golden Hills School Division, one in each level of education from elementary, junior, and senior high schools.

Among his goals for the board is to be able to provide teachers and classrooms with more resources that do not have to be at the personal expense of the teachers themselves.

“One of the things that I found particularly shocking with this year was (for) a new teacher looking at their classroom, just how little supplies and such as provided for them to be able to do their job effectively,” he said. “A lot of supplies come out of their own pockets, and it is my hope to be able to push the board in a direction where some of those supplies are coming from the board to support them, rather than just the absolute minimum bare bones. Especially for teachers who are just starting up.”

He emphasized he wants to bring a new perspective from a parent to the table, who is ready to talk about the needs of all levels of local education.

Jennifer Mertz

A resident of Strathmore for the last 22 years, and a trustee for the last two terms, Mertz explained she feels she maintains a strong understanding of the position and its requirements.

Her husband also being a local teacher, she added, offers an opportunity for insights into some of the challenges and opportunities being experienced within the local school division.

“As a trustee, I understand my role as an advocate, leader in the organization and strategic partner in getting our initiatives to the finish line. I do not do this work in a silo; trusteeship is a team effort and working together with a shared focus is key to delivering excellence in Golden Hills,” she said. “We are in a tricky time right now with con-

tract renegotiations and the looming strike and I am sure that there will be other new challenges come our way in the next four years that require the collaborative approach of our division, and I look forward to being a part of the solution.”

Mertz described the role of trusteeship as being one that is largely student-focused, with a significant amount of work being done outside the classroom to encourage student success.

Some of her goals for the upcoming term include advocating for more classroom funding that aligns with the unique needs of the division, seeing shovels in the ground for the new Westmount School build, and continuing a relationship with the local government.

She added she, at the core of her campaign and trusteeship, values collaboration, authenticity, and curiosity in order to serve as a local leader and advocate for the division as well as for the students.

Rob Pirie

Pirie emphasized the process required to develop effective leadership, as well as the necessity for trustees to be transparent and accountable to parents, students, and residents within Strathmore.

Having come from a background lacking an emphasis on education, Pirie said growing up, his parents encouraged he and his brother to pursue it, as education would open greater doors for them.

“I believe, as for my brother and I, we want to make sure that door is open for everyone. It should not matter how much money you have, the opportunity should be the same, and I think public education allows opportunities for all,” he said. “We have to make sure that we are accountable, fiscally (responsible), and that we need to make sure that the students are receiving the best product ... I believe, and we advocate for more local decision making.”

He added one thing that the school division needs to continue working on is the sharing of information.

More information regarding what is going on within the schools, as well as within the division needs to be pushed out to the parents and community.

“People need to know what is going on at the table ... obviously, the big-ticket items, as a trustee I am going to be pushing that we need from the government to increase base spending,” said Pirie.

He intends to advocate for more support from the government for existing classrooms and teachers, not just for growth from the provincial government.

“School divisions are struggling; we have an increasing amount of complexity, but social agencies are experiencing cutbacks, and the funds are being left up to the schools,” he said. “Students deserve every opportunity as every other student and so the government needs to come forward with the funds.”



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- 13. Own (Scottish)
- 14. Notable F1 racing team
- 15. Upper bract of grass
- 16. Tax collector
- 17. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 18. Informal loan clubs
- 20. Skeletal muscle
- 21. Popular fish type
- 22. Salts of acetic acid
- 25. Arriving early
- 30. Worded
- 31. Single Lens Reflex
- 32. Amphibians
- 33. Warm greeting
- 38. Belonging to a thing
- 41. Segmented worm
- 43. Concerns
- 45. Audacious
- 47. Wings
- 49. Type of drug
- 50. Wind chill formula scientist Charles
- 55. Island close to the U.S.
- 56. “To the ___ degree”
- 57. Daniel ___, French composer
- 59. A way to march
- 60. Where golfers begin
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Of she
- 63. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- 64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Engine additive
- 2. Amounts of time
- 3. Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
- 4. Color properties
- 5. One who hands over
- 6. Thieves of the sea
- 7. Put in
- 8. Nocturnal rodents
- 9. Pouches
- 10. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 12. Greek alphabet letter
- 14. Greek goddess of youth
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Partly digested food
- 24. Dictator
- 25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 27. A major division of geological time
- 28. Angry
- 29. St. Francis of ___
- 34. Romanian monetary unit
- 35. Stale
- 36. Go quickly
- 37. Commercials
- 39. Canadian city
- 40. One who slices
- 41. Perform perfectly
- 42. Nest of pheasants
- 44. Tactile sensations
- 45. Sword
- 46. Climactic
- 47. Adrenocorticotrophin
- 48. Fisherman’s tool
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Plant that makes gum
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of

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Strathmore hosts candidates forum

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Jason Hollingsworth said that with the advent of an imminent economic boom in Strathmore, comes the opportunity to examine how not to approach the situation, referencing the City of Chestermere as a prime example.

"I would like to see light industry brought here. Perhaps some partnership with companies like De Havilland. As far as I'm aware, they only make approximately 25 per cent of

the components that go into their airplanes. Why can't we bring some of that manufacturing here so people can live and work here? And if you're living here and working here, you're spending money here and that's going to support other businesses that are in town as well," he said. "As we grow, we also need to make sure that we have (the) appropriate amount of infrastructure. It's things like recreational complexes, underground infrastructure, other businesses like that. I would like to see us partnering with some of these large businesses that we can hopefully bring in and we can build some of these facilities so that it is not on the back of the taxpayer."

Robert Gray suggested Strathmore missed the prime opportunity to plan for a boom such as the one currently impending and must immediately begin work on developing its relationships and strategies for the future in order to avoid disaster.

"(We need to) provide the right economic environment for growth. The other thing that we need to be concerned about is ... our infrastructure. There's no sense planning for growth if we don't get the infrastructure in place to support that growth," he said. "It's going to take some significant leadership ... as the council that leads us for the next four years. We need to make sure that our interests are being represented for the people that are here today and the people that are going to be here for tomorrow. It would be wonderful if we could build a community that people could live here, work here, and retire here."

Denise Geremia emphasized her belief in the importance of developing services to accommodate what will be a rapid population growth in town over the next several years.

"I really hope that, you know, with all this boom, it helps us get more schools because we need more schools in this town. We need more doctors. We, with all this boom, we're going to need so much more stuff, which means we have to have more infrastructure and all of these other things," she said. "Basically, what we have to do is be able to also afford everything and so that our taxes don't go crazy. I hope we can get sports and recreation places and more things to do for families, single people and seniors."

Pat Fule said he aims to reestablish a strong working relationship with the county once the new councils are elected and further develop intermunicipal collaboration, similar to the framework laid out during the previous term.

"I will have to admit that our relationship in this latest

term with Wheatland County was very strained. But in my three previous terms, they were very solid and very strong. We have a very solid relationship with Rockyford Standard and Hussar, as well as Siksika Nation," he said. "We have successful partnerships with Rockford, Standard, Hussar. In fact, in Rockyford, we sent our street cleaner there at a reduced price for them to use."

"I suggested to our CAO that we have a town-organized open house for commercial realtors in the Calgary area to showcase the town, showcase the various sites that are empty, see if we can find a way to get them housed."

James Chisholm suggested to buckle down with the logistics and planning side of development, in order to establish a strong plan and framework throughout the upcoming term.

"It all starts with a strong vision statement. If you have a strong vision statement, then that transitions into strategic priorities. And when you have strategic priorities, which this would fall under, you go to strategic objective," he said. "Building strong alignments, building strong relationships with community leaders will help us in achieving our vision statement ... we strongly recommend Strathmore to be a place where we can live our entire life cycle, and (you do that by) having controlled growth in residential, commercial, recreation, (and) arts; you have strong financial management that will be (good) in good times, and great in bad times."

Claude Brown suggested his background as a data analyst, and his diverse array of careers gives him the ability to carefully analyze potential problems and shortfalls.

"I believe that collaboration with the communities and surrounding communities will provide opportunities for council to see what can and will happen to measure our growth and have it progress at a rate that is going to be sustainable and will not burden the taxpayer," he added. "It's really important that we don't take the burden of everything that comes so rapidly and so quickly."

Bev Bell brought forward a suggestion to take a more unified approach alongside Wheatland County in sharing resources to ensure the success of both municipalities through the imminent business and population surge.

"So we all talk about bringing in more business and trying to lower the tax base with more commercial business, which I think is a necessary thing to do, but I'm wondering if this is going to be the thing of the future where we have more and more people coming, businesses coming in to purchase rural land, to start their businesses up because it's cheap ... but we're kind of the guys left holding the bag here," she said. "They're saying to us as a community, 'We want you to bring in those 10,000 homes to us. Hey, we've got people here that need a place to live,' and the cost was, I believe, \$107,000 for each home ... I think what we need is a way to get along with our neighbours, particularly the county. We need to find a way to say what's fair for them is fair for us because we can grow together, we can share our resources, and the same with Siksika."

To view the entire candidates' forum, visit the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10's YouTube page.

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The Strathmore Badgers bantam football team was defeated by the Carstairs Tigers, 46-22, on Oct. 6 at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School field.

Joe Lepage Photos

Kings retake top league position

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings have catapulted themselves back to the top of the South Division standings, after sweeping a three-game road trip Oct. 3-5.

Respectively, the Kings took on Okotoks, Coaldale, and Rocky Mountain House, each in their home arenas.

Head Coach Doug Raycroft said he is happy with the results of the weekend, which bring the Kings back to being tied for the top position within the division.

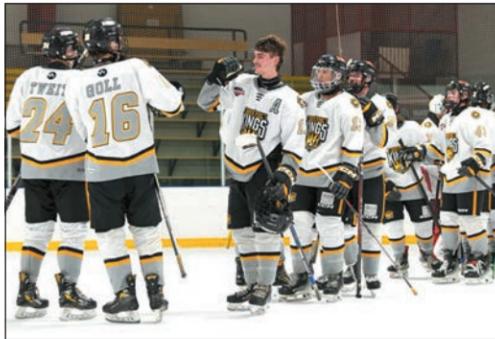
“All things considered, it’s the beginning of the year with a lot of new players, and a lot of growth still needs to happen, but to be first place and get three wins in a weekend is a pretty good thing,” he said. “Last weekend we played a couple of good teams, and we could have won either one of those games. It fell on the unhappy side of both, so it is good to get the three wins this (past) weekend.”

As the standings currently sit, the Kings are on top of the South Division with a two-point lead over both Cochrane and Coaldale, while in the north, both Sylvan Lake and Red Deer tie the Kings with 10 points apiece.

Raycroft said several of his returning players are starting to once again find their footing and score more goals, while in the first few weekends, the team struggled to find the back of the net.

“This weekend, we were able to get some goals. Luke Nottveit got two hat tricks. He got a hat trick on the Saturday, and the Sunday game. It is a lot easier to win when you’ve got some goals being scored,” he said. “We are still not very good in our own end in my opinion. We are going to continue to work on that and we will get better. Right now, it’s next weekend we only have the one game and it is against Sylvan Lake. They are the defending champions, so it will be a big test for us.”

Raycroft said the team must stick to their systems against a team like Sylvan Lake by keeping up communication, mo-



The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings, with their sharp looking road whites, outscored their opponents 15-6 on their recent three game road trip.

Photo Courtesy of Carter Lawrence

ving the puck, defending well, and avoiding taking penalties.

“I thought there was a big step forward this weekend with our leadership group and especially with our captains. They led the way and all of our veterans played pretty well. It sure helps a lot,” added Raycroft. “We really worked hard this week, and sometimes going on the road is a good thing. You spend a lot of time together on the bus and so I think it was good to have that tough week of practice and then to get three wins is kind of a rewarding thing.”

Sylvan Lake will visit the Strathmore Family Centre Arena to challenge the Kings on Oct. 11, with puck drop taking place at 7:45 p.m.

NEXT HOME GAMES

Saturday, October 11
• 7:45 pm vs Sylvan Lake

Friday, October 24
• 7:45 pm vs Okotoks



Strathmore Family Centre - Gold Arena

PLAYER OF THE GAME

Oct 3
Luke Nottveit

Oct 4
Charlie Goll

Oct 5
Luke Nottveit

Come Cheer on Your Agra Risk Wheatland Kings

YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE
Gord Morck Pharmacist

Capsule Comments

Cervical cancer is usually slow-growing and seldom has symptoms. Pilot projects are underway in most provinces to make home testing kits available. Contact your provincial government cancer centres where you live for more information. As with most cancers, early diagnosis means earlier treatment and better outcomes.

Cannabis use disorder is on the rise in Canada. Symptoms include clinically significant cognitive impairment, decline in school or work performance, relationship difficulties, and social withdrawal. This disorder is especially dangerous in younger persons, which could lead to more frequent use or even concurrent use of other substances.

Recent studies have shown that up to 1 in 4 lung cancer cases worldwide are in people who have never smoked. The group most often affected were women, people of Asian descent and those with a family history of lung cancer. Also affected were people who had a high exposure to fine-particle air pollution from vehicles, industry and forest fires. Mask-wearing would be advised, especially in forest fire situations.

One of the side effects of the recent COVID-19 epidemic was an increase in obesity at rates greater than any in the 11 years before. This increase was greater among young adults, particularly females.

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Preparing for winter

BBB RELEASE

While most of the province of Alberta enjoys unseasonably warm weather, Better Business Bureau advises consumers that this is the time to weatherproof your home and automobile.

"It's hard to think about the 'W' word right now but cool and just plain cold weather is right around the corner," says Mary O'Sullivan-Andersen, President/CEO of Better Business Bureau Serving Alberta and East Kootenay. "Your home and car both require attention before winter hits. We all can plan ahead by scheduling maintenance now to avoid future headaches, stress and unexpected costs."

BBB offers these tips when preparing for the colder weather:

- Clean those gutters. A build-up of leaves and other debris can cause your gutters and downspouts not to drain correctly. Improper draining can make water spill over your gutters, leading to foundation/basement damage and damage to your fascia boards. In the winter, ice dams can form that can let snow melt underneath your shingles.
- Inspect your roof and gutters. Inspect your roof for loose or damaged shingles and make any necessary repairs. Damaged or loose shingles can let in water and ice during the winter, creating interior damage. Clean out gutters to prevent ice dams and water build-up.

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- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Making sure these essential safety tools are in proper working condition is manageable and vital to ensuring the safety of those in your home.
- Check your window and doors for air leakage. Adding caulk and weather stripping helps prevent cold air leakage into your home and prevents spiders and insects from entering. Also, check where pipes and wires enter your home.
- Schedule HVAC maintenance. Having your heating system serviced and filters replaced will ensure your system works efficiently.
- Tend to the outside water supply. Cover up your outdoor water fixture (s). Spigot covers are reasonably priced at your local hardware store and help keep the exterior pipes from freezing. Empty hoses of any water and move them indoors.
- Protect pipes. Insulate pipes in unheated areas, like attics, basements, and crawl spaces. Running a slow drip of water from faucets during extremely cold weather can also help prevent pipes from freezing.
- Prepare the garden and yard. Trim trees and bushes away from your home to prevent heavy snow or ice damage. Clean up leaves and debris to prevent pests from finding shelter.
- Store patio furniture and other outdoor items. Put away or cover outdoor furniture, grills, and other summer items to protect them from winter weather.
- Stock up on winter supplies. Have salt or ice melt, shovels, and other winter supplies for snow and ice removal.

- Sweep your chimney. If you have a fireplace, clean and inspect the chimney before using it. Ensure the damper works properly to prevent drafts when the fireplace is not used. Having the soot and possible blockages or creosote build-up removed helps reduce the risk of a chimney fire and can improve the efficiency of your fireplace.
 - Reverse ceiling fans. In the colder months, you want your fan to move the warm air down, which means having your blades turn clockwise.
 - Test backup generators. If you have a backup generator, test it to ensure it's in working condition in case of power outages.
 - Review your emergency plan. Review your family's emergency plan, including how to stay warm, communication, and evacuation procedures.
 - Check the fluids. Make sure your car has enough coolant, oil and washer fluid. The coolant must have the correct antifreeze/water levels to prevent the fluid from freezing in your radiator.
 - Double check your tires and battery. Tires lose air in cold weather, so make sure that the tire pressure matches the manufacturer's recommendation. Frigid temperatures can also impact your car's battery.
 - Check for BBB Accreditation for any professionals you may hire. Go to BBB.org to check the trustworthiness of a business. Do a general online search on a company to see what reviews and other information may be available.
- "Planning ahead is the key to successfully navigating those first weeks of winter," says O'Sullivan-Andersen. "Enjoy the warm weather while it lasts but remember to get ready for what's coming."

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- October 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m. | Municipal Planning Commission**
- October 14, 2025, Following MPC | ASB Meeting**
- October 20, 2025 | Election Day**

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 of Election

Wheatland County, Province of Alberta



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
- Carsland 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

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 - Ensure applications align with the Municipal Government Act, County policies, and bylaws

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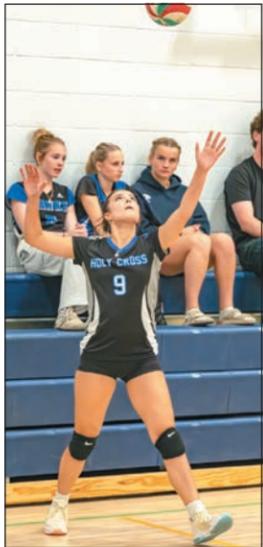
No prior experience is required, with training being provided to all successful applicants. If you live in, or own land in, Wheatland County and want to play a meaningful role in shaping its future, we encourage you to apply.

For more information or to submit your application, email sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca or call 403.381.2000. Apply by November 8, 2025.



Address: 242006 Range Rd 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4
Phone: 403-934-3321 www.wheatlandcounty.ca
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.





Hawks host

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks senior girls volleyball hosted the Carstairs Kodiaks during their home tournament on Oct. 3-4 at the HCC gym.

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Spartans host

The Strathmore Spartans junior varsity boys and girls volleyball teams hosted their annual tournament Oct. 3-4. The tournament utilized three venues in town, including Strathmore High School, Crowther Memorial Junior High School and the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre.

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Close battle

The Strathmore Spartans high school football team hosted the Monsignor McCoy High School Colts from Medicine Hat on Oct. 3. Despite a valiant effort, the Spartans fell 20-14.

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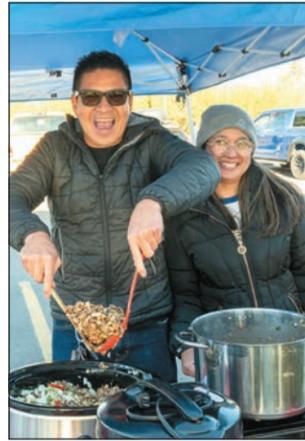
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Perfect pageant

Eighteen students from five schools took the stage at the Golden Hills School Division Princess and Warrior Pageant on Oct. 1 at the Strathmore High School Theatre. The third annual pageant brought together participants from Strathmore High School, Crowther Memorial Junior High, Wheatland Crossing, Wheatland Elementary, and Westmount School. Each student delivered a short speech introducing themselves and sharing why they wanted to represent their school as a Princess or Warrior – a role that offers leadership opportunities and the chance to serve as a liaison during powwow events. Students also showcased their talents through traditional dances in their respective styles, celebrating culture, pride, and community spirit throughout the evening.

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Festival debut

The Strathmore Filipino Canadian Association hosted its first-ever Filipino Fiesta at Kinsmen Park on Oct. 5, celebrating the rich culinary traditions of the Philippines. The event featured a variety of dishes representing different provinces across the Philippines, offering attendees a taste of authentic culture and cuisine. The goal is to make it an annual tradition, with hopes of expanding in future years to include even more regional dishes and cultural activities.

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ELKS OF CANADA

Strathmore Elks host inaugural Mental Health Golf Tournament

The Strathmore Elks proudly hosted the first annual Mental Health Golf Tournament on August 16, which raised \$14,000 that will be going to the Giving Back Gala on November 21 in Strathmore. The Gala will feature speakers regarding suicide prevention and mental health awareness. A heartfelt thank you goes to Brother Sean Duthie, whose leadership and dedication as the event's primary organizer made the day a resounding success. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the Strathmore Elks volunteers and the Elks mascot Charlie for their outstanding efforts in hosting the tournament.



Elks give back

The Strathmore Elks were honoured to once again host the Strathmore Oilmen's Fall Golf Classic at the scenic Strathmore Golf Club on September 11. Participants enjoyed a delicious BBQ pork on a bun lunch, generously prepared and served by Elks volunteers, before teeing off in support of a meaningful cause. Proceeds from the event were directed toward local food security initiatives. Greg Whiteley, Exalted Leader, and Brother Doug Slatnick proudly presented donations of \$1,500 each to the Wheatland County Food Bank and the Strathmore and Wheatland County Christmas Hamper Society – reinforcing the Elks' ongoing commitment to community support and charitable giving.



Appreciation luncheon

On September 19, the Strathmore Elks proudly hosted a beef-on-a-bun luncheon in appreciation of the 40 dedicated volunteers from the Strathmore Food Bank. This heartfelt gesture recognized the tireless efforts

of those who serve our community with compassion and commitment. Special thanks to Brother Mike Ramsay for preparing the delicious beef, and to Brothers Fred Sweere, Gus Cammer, Bill Jones, and Skip Wolstenholme for generously donating their time to serve the meal. Their teamwork and hospitality made the event a memorable celebration of service and gratitude.

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.

TICKET COST
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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Powerful talks on mental health & local support
- Live music performances
- Catered dinner by the Cheadle Lions
- Silent auction with local items and experiences

NOVEMBER 21
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Hand paint

Prospect's Rocky View and Wheatland Employment Services hosted a grand reveal of their hand paint display at the Strathmore Skate Park on Oct. 3 featuring live music, food, games and prizes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shocking and disappointing conduct

To the Editor

Here is an open letter I wrote as a concerned citizen:

To the Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta,

And to Mr. Bruce McAllister, Moderator of the Alberta Next Panel,

I am writing on behalf of many concerned Albertans who were both shocked and deeply disappointed by the conduct of Mr. McAllister at the recent "Alberta Next" panel in Calgary – specifically, his cutting off the microphone of 17-year-old high school student Evan Li, McAllister's dismissive attitude toward Li's question, and McAllister's statement, "Your parents should turn you over their knee."

Recent media coverage confirms these actions.

An apology posted on X (formerly Twitter) is wholly insufficient to remedy the disrespect shown, not just to Evan Li, but to the audience, to Alberta's youth, and to Albertans at large. This was not a matter of mere impropriety but of silencing a student in a public forum, discouraging free expression, and resorting to language evoking physical discipline toward a minor.

Let me be unequivocal:

- The apology does not erase the harm. The act of cutting off a teenager's microphone mid-question, dismissing his voice, and invoking corporal imagery contradicts the values of respectful civic discourse.

- The community demands accountability. Albertans did not invest in "town hall" formats so that voices can be muzzled or ridiculed. This event was meant to foster dialogue, not censorship.

- This matter remains open. In the minds of Albertans, the issue is not resolved simply

because an apology was issued. We expect tangible consequences and institutional safeguards so this cannot happen again.

To that end, I call on you to take the following concrete actions:

- Remove Mr. McAllister from his role moderating public forums unless he demonstrably commits to and enacts protocols of respectful, impartial moderation.

- Issue a full, public apology directly to Evan Li, his family, and the Albertans who witnessed this exchange — one that acknowledges what was done, why it was wrong, and how it will be prevented in the future.

- Commit to transparent oversight of event moderators for all future "Alberta Next" panels, including explicit rules against cutting off participant microphones without fair cause and recourse.

- Affirm your government's support for free speech and youth participation, particularly in civic forums. Public trust is at stake whenever young voices are silenced.

- Respond with clarity on how you as Premier plan to address this in future town halls so that every question — even if critical — is heard, not shut down.

Albertans expect and deserve public engagement that honours democratic values, civility, and respect, especially toward young citizens brave enough to ask hard questions. This is more than political theatre; this is about how our leaders listen (or refuse to) in public life.

I look forward to your formal response and to seeing concrete steps taken to restore faith in Alberta's civic process.

Sincerely, Marcy Field
Carseland

Time to support teachers

To the Editor

I believe it's time for Albertans to wake up to the fact that Danielle Smith is unfit to serve in public office. Time and time again she shows herself to be disagreeable, unreasonable and unwilling to work productively with others.

She might easily have expressed her concern, respect and appreciation for the people educating the leaders of tomorrow even while putting forth the government's position. But that's not really the Danielle Smith way, is it? Instead, she sneers with disdain, dismissing teachers' concerns and refusing to negotiate in good faith. And just in case anyone had doubts about her contempt for teachers, she then one-ups herself by promising parents \$150 per week, per child for the inconvenience of a strike. This is simply a disgraceful and hostile act and, furthermore, a stunningly irresponsible waste of taxpayer money. But both the attitude and the ideology are very much on brand for the premier. She wants to destroy public education and so she starves the system by underfunding it in a malevolent effort to create the conditions and chaos that allow for radical change.

In her political infancy, Danielle Smith was elected to the Calgary School Board. Despite being a rookie trustee, she quickly and confidently began advocating for the closure of dozens of schools. Soon thereafter, Smith suffered the first of her many political humiliations when she and her fellow trustees were fired by the education minister for their inability to work together.

By 2018, Smith's commitment to private education had grown, as she said in a March 7 opinion piece: "Maybe every independent school needs to be fully funded, and we need to phase out every union-controlled public

school more interested in indoctrinating students than teaching them critical thinking skills."

Now that Smith is premier, she is committing hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to the construction of private schools, while at the same time deliberately underfunding the public system.

Teachers are hardly being 'unreasonable' in their wage demands, as the premier claims. Let's look at some facts: from 2012 through 2023 teachers received wage increases of 6.75 per cent. They received no wage increases in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020. According to Statistics Canada, inflation over that same period was more than 27 per cent.

There is also the obvious and overwhelming need for more teachers and educational assistants as our population continues to grow. Alberta is the richest province in the country but has the lowest per student funding.

Danielle Smith wants you to believe she's working for Albertans. But the list of Albertans she's actually working for is rather short: hockey team owners, oilfield executives, surgical facility operators – oh, she can't wait to 'roll up her sleeves' for those people – but teachers, healthcare workers, public sector workers of any kind, AISH recipients or people on minimum wage? Not so much.

Peter Lauridsen
Rosebud



NOTICE OF ADVANCE VOTE, ELECTION DAY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER IDENTIFICATION

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION ACT (SECTION 12, 35, 46, 53 AND 74)

LOCAL JURISDICTION

GOLDEN HILLS SCHOOL DIVISION
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

ADVANCE VOTE

Notice is hereby given that Advance Vote will take place **Wednesday, October 15th and Friday, October 17th from 10:00am – 8:00pm.**

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division	Location/Voting Hours
School Trustee	Two	Ward 4 (Strathmore)	Strathmore Strathmore High School 100 Brent Blvd, Strathmore, AB 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

ELECTION DAY

Notice is hereby given that Election Day will take place **Monday, October 20, 2025, from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm.**

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division	Location/Voting Hours
School Trustee	Two	Ward 4 (Strathmore)	Strathmore Strathmore High School 100 Brent Blvd, Strathmore, AB 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

In order to vote, you must produce identification for inspection one or more of the acceptable forms of identification required by section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

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Notice of Election

*Local Authorities Election Act (Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)
Alberta Senate Election Act (Sections 5, 37)
Referendum Act (Section 7)*

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Village of Standard, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given:

A. That an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Village Councillor	5	N/A

B. That an election will be held for the election of a Senate nominee for the purposes of the *Alberta Senate Election Act*;

C. That a vote of the electors will be held on the following referendum question(s) under the *Referendum Act*:

Specific referendum question(s) to be voted on

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

Village of Standard Office 120 Elsinore Avenue, Standard, AB T0J 3G0

In order to vote, your name must appear on the list of electors. If your name does not appear on the list of electors, the person vouching for you must produce identification for inspection. The identification must be one or more of

Operators/Drivers License, Gov. photo ID, Passport, Voter's Utility Statement, Lease or Mortgage
List Acceptable Forms of Identification

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DATED at the Village of of Standard , in the Province of Alberta, this 7th day of October , 20 25 .

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Wheatland Lodge new build: what happens now?

To the Editor

In July, Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB) and The Wheatland and Area Hospice Society (WAHS) were unsuccessful in receiving the Affordable Housing Partnership Program (AHPP) in 2025. This was disappointing news; however, it doesn't mean that the WHMB and WAHS are walking away from the new build project.

So, what does this really mean? Here are some of the questions we are hearing about the project status.

Is the project on hold, or going forward?

Both! You may have heard that the project is 'on hold,' because WHMB has completed all the project planning that can be done to this point. The next step of the process is to secure funding. As such, WHMB's application to AHPP will remain submitted for consideration in the next round in 2026.

WHMB continues to explore other sources of funding as well.

What will happen to the work that has been done to date?

Believe it or not, this project has been an eight-year journey (so far!), with many moving parts. Projects of this scale are a major undertaking. A lot of work, time and dollars must go into the initial planning stages before funding is secured. These steps are required by the Alberta Government. These includes a demonstrated need for the project, as well as viability, projected operating costs, and building design and location.

The board of directors identified the need for a new lodge as far back as 2017, when the then almost 60-year-old building (now 65 years old) was beginning show signs of aging. The building itself was (and still is) in need of several major repairs and upgrades, such as new boilers and updated plumbing. These issues, coupled with the consistent wait list of anywhere from 25-37 people, raised concerns that a new building would be required in the near future.

A needs assessment was conducted in 2019. Public engagement sessions took place throughout 2021 to gather public input and gauge community support for the project. There were also several re-designs as WHMB sought to have the best possible building while working with a tight budget.

At this point, the completed work is still usable and relevant. Depending on when WHMB receives funding, there should be no need to re-do assessments, blueprints or planning. However, time is of the essence, as some of these studies, estimates and projections will expire.

How was the planning work paid for?

As a non-profit organization, WHMB re-invests any revenue back into the Lodge. It uses some of this revenue to build a reserve fund, a common practice for non-profit organizations, that can be used for non-operating costs, such as emergencies and larger expenses that may arise. Some of these funds were used to begin the project.

This may seem like putting the cart before the horse. Since the need was already evident, wouldn't the province fund the project? Unfortunately, no. There are criteria that WHMB must meet before it can apply for funding.

All of these expenses were accounted for in annual financial statements that are vetted by the Alberta Government and can be accessed online.

Has the Cost of the Project Gone up?

The estimated cost of the new build currently remains the same as it was, at approximately \$60 million. However, that estimate was made in 2021. It is possible that once the project is complete, the cost may be higher due to the rising cost of material and labour. That said, WHMB will always strive to keep costs as low and close to the estimate as possible.

Who will pay more for the project should the cost increase?

Should the total cost of the project be higher than anticipated once completed, a longer mortgage will be required. However, projected operating costs will remain the same. Thus, there will be no extra expense to municipalities to run Wheatland Lodge.

During public engagement sessions, taxation was discussed. It is estimated that approximately \$12/year of individual taxes will go toward the new build. That doesn't mean that citizens will see a rise in your taxes though; it is a taxation allocation.

Further, extra costs will never be passed along to residents. Wheatland Lodge is part of the Alberta Seniors Lodge program which ensures that eligible seniors are left with at least \$365/month in disposable income after rent (indexed annually). This affordability and inclusivity are key to serving all members of our community, regardless of financial status.

What are the next steps?

As indicated above, WHMB's application to AHPP will remain submitted for considering in the next round in 2026. WHMB will also evaluate any other opportunities for funding that may arise and continue the journey to make this a reality for the deserving Seniors of Wheatland County, Strathmore, Rockyford, Standard and Hussar.

Look to the WHMB Facebook page and website for updates in the coming months.

WHMB Board

Obituary



HOFF, Sarah Jade

It is with broken hearts that we announce the loss of our precious daughter Sarah Jade Hoff in a motor vehicle accident outside of Taber, Sept 28th, 2025.

Erich and Tammy were blessed with Sarah's arrival on April 17, 1999, fourteen days late but worth the wait. Sarah was born in Calgary and brought home to Gleichen, AB where her family farms. Sarah attended school in Gleichen and Strathmore. She earned her Bachelor of Agriculture from Lethbridge College and was enjoying the start of her career with Richardson Pioneer in Bow Island.

Hockey played a huge role in Sarah's upbringing, she was able to forge many strong bonds through sports, although she was known as a bit of a goon both on and off the ice. She enjoyed all things artistic and dabbled and often excelled in many.

Sarah was a spitfire, full of sass and quick wit. She was unapologetically authentic. She was smart and so funny and definitely demanded her spotlight.

Sarah is survived by her parents Tammy and Erich; Brother Simon; Great Grandmothers Corrie and Merle; Grandparents Vern, Debbie, William and Patricia; Aunts and Uncles David (Kira (Ryan), Declan) Eldon and Ellie (Carlee, Lonnie, Janelle) Paul, Mike and Kathy (Rachel, Logan), Will and Brianne (Weston, Walker), Kate and James; and Aunties Dorrit, Brenda and Fiona. Sarah was blessed with many more very special Aunts, Uncles and Cousins who will all miss her greatly.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, October 13th, 2025, at the Hussar Community Centre at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made directly to The Alberta Children's Hospital or Stars Air Ambulance, both charities are close to our hearts.

Wheatland Funeral Home
Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

Obituary



HEATHER, Terry Marlene

Terry Marlene Heather passed away peacefully at her residence in Seasons High River on September 27, 2025.

Terry was born January 19, 1950, to Hap and Ethel Heather. She grew up on the family farm East of Milo, taking part in all the activities of a farm kid at the time. Terry loved her horses, the family's dogs, sports, swimming, playing with the Deitz neighbours, and spending time with her grandparents.

At 17 Terry left home to pursue beauty school in Calgary. Terry had a long and very successful career doing hair in many locations, owning salons in both Milo and Strathmore over the years, and was known among many ladies as the "only hairdresser who can do my hair." Terry closed shop and retired in Strathmore for many years before moving "home" to Milo in 2019.

Terry is survived by her beloved son Danny (Kelly) Westgard, grandchildren Jase and Tori, sister Brenda (Len) Orlita and children Brittany and Tate, and brother Warren (Penny) Heather and children Russel (Jackie), Deanna, and Tracy (Curtis). She was predeceased by parents Alvin "Hap" and Ethel Heather.

Inurnment with the family will be held at the O' Perfect Peace Cemetery October 25th at 12:30pm. A memorial service will follow at 2:00pm at the Milo Community Hall, which all are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Alzheimer's Society of Alberta <https://alzheimer.ca/ab/en> in honour of Terry.

Arrangements in care of Snodgrass Funeral Home - High River (403) 652-2222



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of CARLEE MARY ANN PILIKOWSKI who died on July 7, 2025.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by November 1, 2025, with Getz Collins & Associates, attention: Micah Boyes at 225A Wheatland Trail Strathmore, Alberta, T1P 1T5, Solicitors for the Personal Representative. If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can be lawfully distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

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Our family wishes to thank each and everyone of you for your heartfelt condolences and support during this difficult time of the passing of our dear Todd. Your genuine support by way of social media, cards, flowers, hugs, visits and phone messages is greatly appreciated. Sharing in our grief has helped immensely.

Carol Giroux & Family
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- October 17, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Election Day: October 20, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Learn more at Strathmore.ca/Election

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

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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

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Boards and committees have always played an important role in our community. If you're looking for a way to make an impact, this is your chance to get involved. The Town is currently accepting applications for the following boards or committees:

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- Community Improvement Program Committee - 3 positions available.
- Family and Community Support Services Advisory Board - 2 positions available.
- Municipal Library board - 4 positions available.
- Municipal Policing Committee - 4 positions available.
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board - 5 positions available.

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Strathmore



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

Office (s)	Number of Vacancies
Mayor	1 (ONE)
Councillor	6 (SIX)

Voting will take place on the 20 day of October, 2025, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Voting stations will be located at:

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