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Cardinal visit

Town discusses Intermunicipal Development Plan

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore Council discussed their Intermunicipal Development Plan By-law, 24-15, during the Oct. 2, regular meeting, which began with a public hearing before moving into its readings.

Following advertising of the bylaw giving notice to Strathmore residents, it was noted to council that one written submission in opposition had been submitted prior to the regular meeting.

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) requires all municipalities that are not members of a growth region that have common boundaries to adopt an Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Strathmore and Wheatland County both vacated the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB), being such a growth region, in March 2022, triggering the necessity to develop an IDP.

The deadline set for the Town of Strathmore to adopt an IDP has been extended by the Alberta Minister of Municipal Affairs to Dec. 31.

Wheatland County Council and the Town of Strathmore council both adopted the same IDP document.

Town of Strathmore administration had recommended that council pass first and second readings of the IDP, with the third reading to be returned before council, Oct. 16.

Development of the IDP was broken down into six phases. The first of which occurred from September to October 2023, and focused on building an understanding of the interface between the town and county, as well as identifying the study area.

Phase 2, which occurred from October to December 2023, consisted of a technical analysis of the IDP study area in order to inform decisions regarding opportunities and constraints within the area.

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Hawks soar



Cheering on the Badgers

Cheerleaders provided the entertainment during the Strathmore Community Football Association's doubleheader as both the peewee and bantam teams were in action. It was a special day for the SCFA as they also received a donation from Brandt Tractors LTD. See Page 10 for more coverage.

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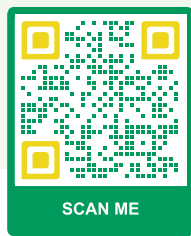


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Cardinal Thomas Collins was invited by local parish priest, Father Christino, to celebrate mass at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Oct. 4. **Manny Everett Photos**

Cardinal celebrates Mass at Sacred Heart

BRAD EVERETT
Times Contributors

It's not often a rural parish has the opportunity to welcome one of the Roman Catholic Church's 122 Cardinals to celebrate mass, but Sacred Heart Catholic Church had that honour Oct. 4.

Cardinal Thomas Collins celebrated the First Friday Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and blessed the parish's new baptismal font, with about 80 in attendance.

Cardinal Collins was in Calgary earlier in the week to speak at a gathering of priests from across Canada who serve as Vocations Directors in their various dioceses, providing direction and guidance to young men considering or preparing for the priesthood. Sacred Heart's priest, Father Christino Bouvette, also serves as the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Calgary.

"Father Christino just asked me to come out for the service and I was pleased to do so", said Collins.

Collins noted that since he retired as Archbishop of Toronto in 2023, he has enjoyed a schedule which allows more freedom for him to speak at events and retreats such as the one in Calgary. Bishops are required to offer their

resignation to the Pope once they turn 75. As a Cardinal, Collins is still eligible to participate in the Conclave which gathers to elect the Pope, until he is 80. He was part of conclave that elected Pope Francis in 2013.

Collins' homily reflected on suffering as described in Luke 10 and Job. "Sometimes it's better to just be with someone than to try and offer an explanation of their suffering," he said.

He related the story of how his sister taught him to ride a bike, by first showing him how it was done, noting that likewise Jesus has come to show us how to love and live – to love God and our neighbour.

He commented on how often we focus on God's power and majesty, but there is more at work.

"God is glorious in majesty, but even more so in loving mercy," Collins said. "Jesus came to be with us, so we could see the love of God among us."

It's that love and presence we look for in the midst of suffering that God provides for us.

Before becoming Archbishop of Toronto in 2007, Cardinal Collins spent 10 years in Alberta serving as the Bishop of St. Paul from 1997-1999 and then Archbishop of Edmonton from 1999 to 2006.



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East Pine Road officially closed

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council discussed the East Pine Road Closure Bylaw, 23-11, during the Oct. 2, regular meeting, returning it to council chambers after 18 months since last reading.

Administration had recommended in council's meeting agenda that second and third readings of the bylaw both be passed during the meeting.

East Pine Road is an access road on the east side of Strathmore, south of Highway 1, and borders the Legacy Farm development.

Town administration determined it is not a necessary road, as it currently only provides access to one location, and is already barricaded from access to Spruce Park Drive.

Under an access agreement, access to the Klamber Historical Barn will be left open until a suitable alternative is provided through the Legacy Farm Development.

Regarding the town's strategic priorities, passing of the bylaw would allow the town of hold title on the parcel of land to which the bylaw refers, and it is anticipated that in conjunction with the development of the Legacy Farm, the parcel will either be used for highway beautification, or

amalgamated with the development area.

First reading of the bylaw was passed by Strathmore council, and then the bylaw was differeed to the province for approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors.

Among the conditions provided by the province was the contingency that the East Pine Road remain open until a suitable alternative is provided.

The closure of the East Pine Road allows the town to have more flexibility and control over that particular highway corridor area. The roadway is not required for development access, as future connections will be constructed.

A motion for second reading, proposed by Coun. Melissa Langmaid, was passed unanimously by council without further discussion or debate.

Coun. Denise Peterson motioned for council to pass third reading of the bylaw. Prior to voting, Coun. Brent Wiley inquired as to whether town administration had already contacted the developer of the Legacy Farm in order to ensure they support the action by council.

This correspondence was confirmed by administration.

Council voted to pass Peterson's motion unanimously and without further discussion, adopting the bylaw.

County council amends land use bylaw regarding former Cluny Fire Hall location

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council opened discussions regarding the proposed bylaw 2024-26, being a bylaw to redesignate an area of community service district to hamlet commercial district.

This change in land use would facilitate the commissioning and future sale of the former Cluny Fire Hall.

Prior to the opening of the public hearing to discuss the land use amendment bylaw, no concerns were raised by the public in regards to the change, following circulation of notice of the public hearing.

The subject lands are located in the Hamlet of Cluny, east of 2 St. and 1 Ave, across from the railway. Land uses adjacent to the parcel are largely residential.

County council voted to close the former fire hall in June 2021 and relocated some of its resources to other fire halls in the relative nearby vicinity.

Changing the land use to commercial district will allow for private business development on the parcel, and facilitate a higher likelihood of sale of the old fire hall building.

"Hamlet commercial district is an appropriate land use district, as future commercial operations can make use of the existing infrastructure and

are less likely to present land use conflicts than an industrial designation," said Jessica Russel, planner with the county. "The proposal was evaluated against the municipal development plan's commercial policies which encourage commercial uses that provide employment opportunities and diversifies the local economy."

No members of the public stepped forward to make their support or objections known to county council during the public hearing prior to its closure.

Coun. Shannon Laprise, immediately following the closure of the public hearing, motioned to pass first reading of the land use amending bylaw.

Prior to the vote, upon question from Laprise, it was clarified that the change of land use is simply to facilitate a future sale of the building and a sale has not yet been queued in regards to the facility.

First reading was passed unanimously by council without further discussion or debate.

Coun. Donna Biggar motioned for council to hold second reading. This was also passed unanimously without further discussion.

Coun. Ikert motioned for council to grant permission to hold third and final reading of the bylaw during the same meeting as the prior two readings. This was carried unanimously.

Laprise motioned to hold third and final reading of the bylaw, which was passed by council.

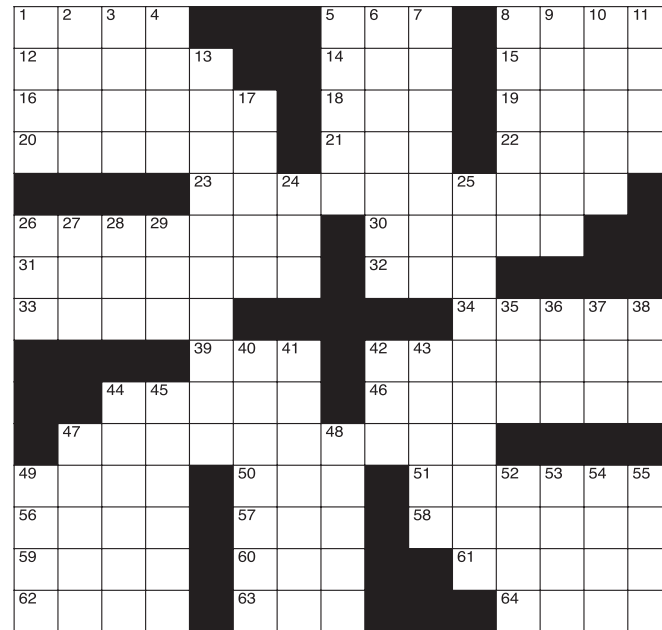


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- 14. Exclamation
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- 16. Popular type of device
- 18. Alcoholic beverage
- 19. Ancient Olympic Site
- 20. Sharpshoots
- 21. Tyrion Lannister was characterized as one
- 22. Pointed ends of pens
- 23. Measuring instruments
- 26. Midsection body part
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Adjusted
- 32. "Partridge" actress Susan
- 33. Yell
- 34. Civil rights city in Alabama
- 39. Young boy
- 42. Type of sea bass
- 44. To call (archaic)
- 46. Unfortunate
- 47. Separate oneself from others
- 49. Hero sandwiches
- 50. Spy group
- 51. Florida is famous for them
- 56. Irritating individuals
- 57. Luck
- 58. Hunting expedition
- 59. WWII diarist Frank
- 60. Peyton's younger brother
- 61. Type of wrap
- 62. Type of overseas tax or levy
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. Wake up

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Works of body art
- 2. Israeli politician Abba
- 3. Renowned desert
- 4. Eat greedily
- 5. She didn't make it through the Fr. Revolution
- 6. Beat
- 7. Bloodsucker
- 8. From a place already noted
- 9. Counted on
- 10. Alberta Assn. of Baccalaureate World Schools
- 11. Something one can make
- 13. One who abstains
- 17. Wild ox
- 24. Type of student
- 25. Bacterial infection of the skin
- 26. Expresses surprise
- 27. What engaged couples ultimately say
- 28. Crony
- 29. Where one begins (abbr.)
- 35. Architectural designation
- 36. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
- 37. More (Spanish)
- 38. Autonomic nervous system
- 40. Indigenous peoples
- 41. Deflections
- 42. Circulating life force
- 43. Executes with a rope
- 44. Natives of an island nation
- 45. Girls
- 47. Logician and philosopher
- 48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
- 49. Relaxing spaces
- 52. From a distance
- 53. Form of Persian language
- 54. Amounts of time
- 55. Mathematical designation

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Hitting the right note

Ally Brigley (soprano) hosted an intimate concert on Oct. 4 at the Strathmore United Church. Brigley, along with pianist Terrah Harper and special guest Tynan Thorogood (baritone), delighted audience members with songs from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart to more recent numbers such as "Good Night Moon" by Eric White.

Melissa Piche Photo

Village cuts taxes after paying off loan

FERNANDO MORENO-PRADO
Times Contributor

The Village of Hussar has rewarded its residents with lower taxes after cutting its budget to a "bare minimum." This comes in the wake of being debt free after the repayment of a loan taken out about 12 years ago to pay for a lagoon. "We were very frugal in dealing with our budget this past year," said village Mayor Les Schultz. He expects this tax cut to benefit local residents by saving them money on expenses in an era where many people struggle to pay inflated prices on goods and services. "We didn't want to be one of those extra costs that people had to deal with," Schultz said. Hussar is home to approximately 175 residents and taxes are the primary sources of revenue. Nevertheless, Schultz explains that the council was very diligent with the budget and taxes.

The plan is to avoid going into any new debt in the future while also doing what is in the best interest of the community. Schultz emphasizes how new debts would have to be added to people's taxes and he would rather avoid that. The latest main project for Hussar last summer was the redoing of water and sewer lines for about a block and a half

of the village - the cost came to about \$800,000. Now, the council is looking into the option of adding liners to existing lines in lieu of digging up streets to replace them. Such a project would cost about \$200,000, says Schultz. Budget talks for 2025 will begin in November and are expected to be sorted out by March or April of next year. Another infrastructure project is likely to begin in 2026 says Schultz.

Presently, the council is looking into getting a new backup generator for the water treatment plant which could come down to \$35,000.

"They're not cheap," said Schultz. "So, we're looking at our options for that."

Funding will be mainly sought out through grant applications and saving up those funds, in addition to capital received from the provincial government such as Local Government Fiscal Framework and Municipality Stability Initiative Funding.

The council has taken possession of the Hussar Masonic Hall since July 1, and is pursuing grants to upgrade the venue and its heritage value with the hope of making it their new office. The building has potential uses for a variety of events, activities and spaces that could be rented out.

Town passes first reading for IDP bylaw

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Between December 2023 and January, public feedback was collected during Phase 3 of the IDP development. This included public engagement regarding findings from earlier stages.

During Phase 4, which operated from February to March, the IDP plan area was identified, policies were drafted, and a preliminary Future Development Scenario was prepared.

Public feedback was collected between May and June, which saw the drafted IDP shared with local residents. The plan was also circulated to referral agencies for a formal review. During this phase, a public engagement session was held in Strathmore, June 18.

Appearing before councils, the IDP is now in its sixth and final stage of development, pending final readings by both the town and county.

Following the public hearing, Coun. Denise Peterson motioned for council to grant first and second readings to Bylaw 24-15, being the bylaw to adopt the IDP. First reading was passed unanimously. Discussion regarding second reading was deferred to a later council meeting.

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Kings season-opening win streak broken

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings four-game winning streak to open the new regular season was broken, Oct. 5, at the Strathmore Family Centre.

The local Junior-B team fell 5-4 to the Cochrane Generals in a back-and-forth contest.

Down 4-2 at the end of the second period, the Kings claimed two back-to-back goals in the middle of the third. Immediately following, the Generals answered with their fifth goal to seal the game.

“Nobody likes losing, so I think the boys are a little bit upset. We did not really play good in the first period and got behind,” said Doug Raycroft, head coach of the Wheatland Kings. “We really battled back – we made it close, we had a couple bad breaks, but whenever you do not play 60 minutes, it is hard to win against good teams. Cochrane is a good team.”

Raycroft added the Kings line broke down with a defenseman falling on the ice, leaving two Generals to break away with the puck and taking the opportunity for a shot to retake control of the game.

He emphasized that fifth goal was not at the fault of any one player in particular and it is simply what happens sometimes in hockey.

As the Kings prepare for their next set of games, Raycroft said a big part of being ready is in a player’s and a team’s mentality.

“(We need to be) ready for the game mentally, and we did not start very well and a lot of that is just being prepared ... we need to make sure we are not making those little defensive errors where we are being too aggressive or we are not moving the puck good enough and we are giving them opportunities,” he said. “To work on and improve, we need to stick together as a team and not worry about all the little things that are going on during a game. If we can be a little bit better as a team and start games better, that is what we

are going to focus on.”

This weekend, Raycroft added, he felt his team was moving the puck better than they previously had and they are showing noticeable improvements as the season settles into its early stages.

The Wheatland Kings currently sit fourth in the league standings at eight points overall. This however is representative of the five recorded games played, compared to six games played represented by each of the other teams.

Raycroft added going forward he hopes his team forgets some of the bad habits picked up during “blowout” games such as against the Red Deer Vipers (8-1 Kings victory on Oct. 4), and against the Ponoka Stampeders (11-0 Kings victory).

“It is good to play some of these tough games where you are playing a good team with good structure because you can’t make mistakes,” he said. “The 11-0 game did not help us at all. To be honest, we got some bad habits because things were going in and guys started going for goals instead of playing in the right spot. It is good to have some of these close games and not just blowouts because it gets everybody ready for the real tight games.”

Come Oct. 11 and 12, the Kings are queued up to square off against the Okotoks Bisons and the Sylvan Lake Wranglers respectively.

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings split a pair of home games Oct. 4-5 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Kings hammered the Red Deer Vipers 8-1 to open the weekend, before falling 5-4 to the Cochrane Generals the following day.

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It’s flu vaccine time again. Since it takes up to two weeks to build immunity after the shot, it’s important to get your shot as soon as possible. Who should get a flu shot....everyone! But especially adults over 65, people who are residents of nursing homes (and their caregivers!), young children especially those age 12 months and younger and people who plan to be pregnant or recently gave birth.

Speaking of immunization, measles vaccine is still recommended for all children. For Adults born before 1970, you were probably exposed to measles and are considered immune. Those born between 1970 and 1996: most of these people have had 2 doses and do not need a booster. Those born after 1996 will have had 2 doses but many children missed their second dose or even their first dose. Parent should fix this.

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Spartans host tourney

The Strathmore High School JV boys and girls volleyball teams hosted their annual tournament Oct. 4-5. The Lady Spartans hosted the Cochrane Cobras on Oct. 4 at George Freeman School, and the boys hosted the Oilfield Drillers on Oct. 5 at Crowther Memorial Junior High School.

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Halloween costume exchange returns

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library will be hosting its annual costume exchange, Oct. 12, and is encouraging local residents to donate old costumes.

Laura Henderson, public services manager with the library, explained the aim of the event is to create an opportunity for affordable costumes, as well as to reduce waste around Halloween.

“The costume exchange is just such a neat event – I think it is so beneficial to families. You wear those costumes once a year unless you have a daughter like mine who dresses up every day,” said Henderson. “You buy it and then it just sits. On top of that, kids grow out of their costumes so quickly so by next year, you have to buy another one. It becomes costly, and then what do you do with those costumes, you hold on to them

for a long time or you donate them or try to sell them.” The library is offering the costume exchange as an alternative for folks to bring in their old costumes and pick up another donated costume instead.

A stock of previously contributed costumes is available from the library’s collection, and folks are invited to bring anything they might have that is clean and in reasonable condition.

Upon donation, they will be presented with a “costume ticket” which they can then exchange for a costume on the day of the event.

“We have already collected a few, and we anticipate they will continue to come. We will even accept those donations the day of the event,” said Henderson. “It is an opportunity to save a little bit of money instead of having to buy a whole costume. We try to run it earlier in the month just so that there is still time after the event for people to find any remaining missing pieces

for their costumes.” Henderson added the program suffered during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic – however, it has steadily seen rising number of people participating again.

Prior to the pandemic, she said, the library would see lineups out the doors of the facility with people waiting to participate.

“It has been a complicated program to bring back following the pandemic ... but even last year, we had well over 100 attendees and I had 60 costumes go out the door easily,” said Henderson.

She joked it is almost akin to hermit crabs trading their shells for larger ones, as participating children and families trade their old costumes for new and better-sized fits.

The costume exchange will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference.

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Spartans win

The Strathmore Spartans high school football team defeated the Crescent Height Cowboys on Oct. 3 at the SHS field. The Spartans will now host Bowness on Oct. 10.

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Hawks fly

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks senior boys' volleyball team hosted the Brant Christian School Eagles on Oct. 4 during their home tournament.

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Library to host diverse Thanksgiving event

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Library will be hosting an event they are calling "A World of Gratitude," Oct. 11, as a way to share Thanksgiving traditions amongst local residents.

The event aims to explore how different families and cultures express gratitude in their homes, thematic to Thanksgiving.

"What we want to do is sort of look at Thanksgiving in a refreshing kind of way. There is a lot of conversation around Thanksgiving these days and so we wanted to reframe it just a little bit and focus on the gratitude side of it," said Laura Henderson, public services manager with the library. "We wanted to look at the side of sharing, and not just sharing food or time or that sort of thing, but also sharing your culture, sharing how you express gratitude and that sort of thing."

Kicking the event into motion, Henderson explained diversity and inclusivity were important points amongst the library team.

With Strathmore being the culturally diverse town it is attributed to be, the library wanted to give everyone the opportunity to share their family and cultural traditions and celebrations.

"We always have a craft of some sort available, so we are going to be doing

that – and then we are going to have a collaborative gratitude tree. Participants are invited to decorate a leaf and then write what they are grateful for, how they express gratitude, or something like that," said Henderson. "That will be a collaborative project that we will display in the library, and we are inviting participants to bring a baked good or a recipe. Baked goods we know we can share safely, but other food items are sort of touch and go."

This aspect of the event, she explained, will be focusing on the sharing aspect of the season and the holiday.

With every family doing Thanksgiving very differently, Henderson said the library would love to hear about how that is expressed and hosted between homes and throughout the local community.

"We are not asking for a registration for this program; it is a completely drop-in program. Typically, we anticipate 40 to 50 participants, but you just never know. At our Back-to-School party we saw 75 participants," she said. "We do like to change it up every year, but we hope this one is successful because we really like the angle of celebrating each other's diversity."

The "World of Gratitude" event will be hosted at the library from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. More information about the event is available through the library.

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Hob's Hobbies migrating from longstanding downtown storefront

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Hob's Hobbies, after eight years of operation in the downtown core of Strathmore, is migrating locations and will now be situated in Crystal Ridge.

John Hilton-O'Brien, who co-owns Hob's Hobbies, explained the new store will be a slightly larger space, and will offer more amenities going forward.

"We have outgrown the space a little bit. There are things that are hard to do at the old space, the electrical does not work quite right for some of the things we want to do, and the old space got quite hot in the summer," he said.

Prior to Hob's Hobbies, a comic bookstore, "We've Got Issues," occupied the 2nd Avenue storefront. Hob's assumed their lease as the previous business was aiming to cease operations.

In its infancy, Hob's began by offering games,

books, coffee, and a variety of hobby supplies such as model railroading, generalist models, and RC cars.

"We relatively quickly discovered that people were not buying a lot of model trains, RC cars, or models around here, or used books for that matter. We wound up focusing on what became our core market, which is the hobby games market," explained Hilton-O'Brien.

This included games such as Dungeons and Dragons, Pathfinder, Warhammer, Magic the Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh, and Pokémon, among others.

Hilton-O'Brien explained though the space on the main floor of the new storefront will be slightly smaller, it is an upgrade in functionality and storage over their previous location. It also offers a developed basement area which will be utilized as a play space for hobbyists visiting the store, or for regularly scheduled events.

"We were not able to use the basement of the old space because the building was built in the 1920s, and the basement still has the 1920s dirt floor, which is musty. Being in the basement, it will be less disturbing to the residents who are on the floor above the store which is of course, very handy," he said. "The play space is very important to us. A big part of the reason for starting the store in the first place is that if you are not doing say, high school athletics, there is not a lot of things to do in town ... and we set out to fix that problem."

In addition to the upgraded store and play space, Hob's Hobbies intends to host more workshops for hobbyists such as painting lessons. Information for such events will be released as they become scheduled.

Hob's Hobbies will take possession of the new space Oct. 12, though will have their official re-opening on Nov. 1.

Rural Health Action Plan

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Albertans living in rural and remote communities face unique challenges that require tailored supports and approaches to deliver safe, high-quality and sustainable health care services. Our government understands that all Albertans deserve access to the health care services they need, regardless of where they live.

To help guide actions, overcome challenges, and improve outcomes in rural and remote health care, Alberta's government is launching a Rural Health Action Plan. As some of the first steps being taken under the Action Plan, Alberta's government is introducing three key initiatives: the Rural and Remote Family Medicine Resident Physician Bursary Pilot Program, the Medical First Responder (MFR) Grant program, and the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Education Grant program.

To support family medicine residents interested in practicing in rural or re-

mote communities, we are introducing a Rural and Remote Family Medicine Resident Physician Bursary Pilot Program, which will provide up to \$16 million over two years to support future doctors who are committed to serving in rural areas. This bursary is part of the broader Primary Care Stabilization Fund, created through a federal-provincial agreement aimed at enhancing primary health care services across Alberta. Applications for 2024-25 will open in December.

Alberta's government is also implementing two new grant programs to strengthen rural, remote, First Nation, and Metis communities by attracting and retaining paramedics.

The Medical First Responder (MFR) Grant program will invest \$800,000 to foster the establishment of new rural and remote MFR agencies in eligible communities. The Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Education Grant program will provide \$600,000 to EMS services to train and recruit a local workforce. These programs will help close

gaps in emergency response and ensure that Albertans living in rural areas have access to life-saving services when they need them most.

The Rural Health Action Plan is designed to be responsive, evolving as the needs of rural communities' change. It will be reviewed and updated every three years, with a focus on five key areas: workforce, access, models of care, community care, and prevention and wellness. By taking a long-term

approach, our government is not only addressing immediate challenges but also building a foundation for sustainable health care solutions that will serve rural communities well into the future.

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)

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Badgers in action

The Strathmore Badgers peewee team hosted the Red Deer Bucks on Oct. 5 at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School football field.

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The Strathmore Badgers hosted a double header on Oct. 5 in Strathmore. Prior to the games, the teams welcomed local Indigenous Drummers Ben Spring Chief and Christopher Chief Calf to help raise awareness for Every Child Matters and to honour the innocent lives lost. The day was also a special day as the Badgers were able to receive a grant from Brandt Tractors LTD. The money will go towards ongoing field improvement to help build the association.

Melissa Piche Photo

Making coffee connections

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library has created a new weekly meetup, inviting older adults and seniors in the community to connect over coffee around the fireplace.

“We just wanted to offer another opportunity for adults in the community to meet and connect with other older adults in the community,” explained Laura Henderson, public services manager with the Strathmore Municipal Library. “We know there is a lot going on in the community; we are in the same building as the Happy Gang, so we know there are activities going on right next door to us; we know that Bridging the Gap has activities typically on Tuesdays and/ or Thursdays, so we wanted to have something going on ourselves that was sort of in that connection piece.”

Henderson said the library wanted to create an avenue for people to connect which did not require a lot of commitment or investment from attendees in order to make it easy for them to participate.

During the weekly events, hosted on Mondays, the library will have conversation prompts available to help get attendees started.

“The first one that we hosted was Sept. 23, and then we did not host one Sept. 30 because we were not open, but (attendees) chatted about worry, stress, and everyday frustrations,” said Henderson. “It will not always be that type of conversation; they might chat about activities or fun things, it will just be varied and then if conversation flows on its own that is even better.”

Going forward and as the event develops, the library aims to connect with more local groups around town such as the Happy Gang, local churches and the seniors lodge to spread the word.

According to Henderson, the library aims to continue hosting this type of event weekly on Mondays for the foreseeable future, as long as it maintains traction and support.

“We would love to see it get some traction and then see it running itself. We just want to provide the space and some coffee and tea and that sort of thing,” she said. “We can fit a lot of people around that fireplace so we would love to see it filled. Because we knew it was a one-off in September and then we had a holiday Monday, we did not want to start confusing people so we put it out there to see what happened but now we will be advertising it a little heavier.”

Future instances of the event may vary in topics from past fashion to activities, to deeper conversation topics.

More information about the weekly meetups is available through the library.

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Obituary



CAMPBELL, Allan Francis

It is with saddened, heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Allan Campbell, age 72 of Strathmore AB, formerly of Grand Tracadie P.E.I. He was a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend. He is survived by his wife Charlene Campbell (nee Baker), his children Amber and Josh, his mother Jean Campbell, brothers Ronnie (Bernie), Raymond (Lena), sister Madeleine McQuaid (Paul). Nieces and Nephews, Marc, Marcy, Elizabeth, Jessica, Derrick and Jordan. A small celebration of life will take place Saturday, October 12th, in Namaka between 2 and 4. A memorial for Allan will take place at a later date in P.E.I.

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Obituary



DERRAUGH, Donald

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dad, father-in-law, grandpa and friend Don Derragh. Don passed away on Sunday September 29, 2024, at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary, Alberta. Don and his twin brother Dave were born January 25, 1958, in Kitchener, Ontario, and raised by Jack and Alice Derragh.

Don went to Sherwood Secondary School, where he graduated in 1976. He went to study creative advertising and business at Mohawk College, from 1977 to 1980. After moving to Alberta, Don followed his passion for teaching and went to college to become an Education Assistant through Bow Valley College and later he worked with adults with special needs. Don enjoyed many activities, such as camping, football, wood burning and playing crib. He also loved spending time with his daughters and his grandchildren.

Don will always be loved and remembered by his three daughters, Kaila, Tarynn and Rochelle (Francis), along with his two grandchildren, Berlin and Athanasius.

A funeral service for Don will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Hope Community Covenant Church in Strathmore, Alberta.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

October 9, 2024 | 6 p.m. Committee of the Whole
 October 16, 2024 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council
 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.

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.

Your organization is invited to participate!

- Determine what funds your organization requires and how they will be used to help deliver programs, services or supports in Strathmore.
- Complete the Application for Funding Form by October 13, 2024.
- Gather additional accompanying documents. These can be letters of support, statistics or community impact reports.
- Complete the online Delegation Form.
- Send your Application for Funding Form and accompanying documents to LSAdmin@Strathmore.ca by October 13, 2024.

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.

These groups play an important role in our Town's decision-making, offering essential perspectives and recommendations on civic issues that matter to all Strathmore residents. 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.

Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, 2024.

Safety starts with you.

"Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a home fire, giving people the time to get out safely," says Deputy Chief Eric Alexander.

The Strathmore Fire Department is teaming up with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" Smoke alarms play a crucial role in fire safety, reducing the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (54%). They can be the difference between life or death as roughly three out of five fire related deaths happen in homes without functioning smoke alarms.

Safety starts with you, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleep area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

In part with FPW, the Strathmore Fire Department is offering a FREE smoke/CO alarm test or Home Safety Inspection to Strathmore residents. This program is available every Tuesday in October (1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th) from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To sign up for a free safety inspection, visit our website: Strathmore.ca/en/residents/strathmore-fire-department.aspx. For information about Fire Prevention Week, visit fpw.org



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 current planned projects, update construction costs and estimate future growth. This bylaw currently exists as Bylaw 21-07 in which Bylaw 24-17 would replace it.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed bylaw can be found on the Town's website at Strathmore.ca/PublicHearing 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 Procedural Bylaw #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 Monday, 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 by the Planning and Development Department prior to **noon on Monday, October 28, 2024** as outlined in *Bylaw #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.

Buckle up, it's budget time!

Budget Meetings Timeline.

The Town of Strathmore's budget covers all the essential services that our residents use each and every day. Whether you're diving into the Aquatic Centre, borrowing a book from the Strathmore Municipal Library, having your garbage or compost picked up, drinking clean water from the tap, riding the handibus on a road, or having emergency services rush to your aid – you're using a Town of Strathmore service. Why not get involved in the organization of 2025's budget?

Budget meetings take place in November and are open to anyone who would like to attend. You don't need to call ahead or register to observe Strathmore Council in action. If in person's not your thing, you can also watched livestreamed meetings online as they happen, or catch up later on Youtube. The dates below are set unless otherwise amended by Council Resolution.

Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers at the Strathmore Municipal Building (1 Parklane Dr., Strathmore, AB T

- Regular Council Meeting
- Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Annual Organizational Meeting
- Budget Meeting
- Coffee with Council

November						
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Recreation and Culture Needs Assessment.

Survey now available.

A household survey is now available for Strathmore (and area) households to share their perspectives on recreation and culture services. Whether it's about amenities you'd like to see, challenges you face, or what you'd love to see in Strathmore's future, this is your chance to join the conversation! There's a few ways you can fill out the survey:

- You can access the survey online at our website, Strathmore.ca/recculturena/
- You can request a paper copy of the survey at the Strathmore Municipal Building.
- Watch your mailboxes for the Rec and Culture Needs Assessment postcards. The postcards include a link to the household survey.

The survey will be open until **October 25, 2024**. Join the conversation and fill out your survey before then.

