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Giving back

## Planning for the future

**JOHN WATSON**  
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council was presented with an opportunity to discuss and ask questions regarding Bylaw 24-17, being the Offsite Levy Bylaw, during the Sept. 11 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Being strictly a question and conversation period, there was no presentation which was brought before council.

Offsite levies are designed to provide necessary funds for projects which are required due to new developments.

Local infrastructure is provided to all residents through utilities charges and taxes, while offsite levies allow for new developments to pay their proportionate shares to the town.

Bylaw 24-17 is presented as an update to the current offsite levies bylaw, 21-07 currently in effect, ensuring funds collected by the town match anticipated future expenditures.

“As master plans change, as construction costs change, it is prudent to update the offsite levies bylaw,” said Ethan Wilson, manager of infrastructure for the Town of Strathmore. “We have hired Corvus Business Solutions to do the background report that goes along with this bylaw. The one benefit of going with Corvus’ solution is it provides us with an opportunity to update in house more regularly. My intent would be to do this every 12 to 18 months if possible.”

Offsite levies are standard to have in place for the majority of municipalities across Alberta. These are periodically evaluated and updated in order to assure their alignment with community plans.

The proposed rates within the bylaw are higher than those featured in the current bylaw, which was recommended in response to inflation and timing.

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## Moving the chains

Mason Keeler darts between defenders as the Strathmore Badgers peewee football team defeated Red Deer 36-22 at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School field on Sept. 14. The Badgers will now travel to Ponoka on Sept. 21 before hosting the Red Deer Bucks on Oct. 5.

Joe Lepage Photo

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### Teddy Bear fun

Kinsmen Park was filled with teddy bear mascots and kids' activities during the annual Teddy Bear Picnic on Sept. 14. The family-friendly event is sponsored by Coun. Debbie Mitzner of RE/MAX Landan Real Estate.

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# Alzheimer's Awareness Day approaching

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

World Alzheimer's Day is approaching, set for Sept. 21, and Alzheimer Calgary is gearing up to raise awareness for and open discussions about dementia.

"We really want to raise awareness not only about Alzheimer's Disease, but all types of dementia, and really challenge the stigma associated with the diseases," said Cindy Bond, caregiver support and educator with Alzheimer Calgary. "We have got a lot going on here internally in terms of the celebration of the day, but I guess the overarching theme or message that we want is that we want people to know they can live well with dementia if they have the right supports."

Alzheimer Calgary promotes the availability of several resources in Strathmore for patients struggling with dementia, directly through their website.

"There is a lot going on in Strathmore, as I understand it. There is the County Seniors' Resource Handbook that is available online; there are adult day programs available for people living with dementia and their care partners to get some respite; there is home care access, and a volunteer driving program," said Bond, referring to regularly available resources and supports. "I also wanted to highlight the Happy Gang that is going on ... for seniors 50 and over that they can access. We promote staying engaged for both caregivers and the person living with dementia."

Alzheimer's Calgary stated dementia is not simply about memory loss, but is rather a complex set of diseases which affect over 600,000 Canadians. They estimate this number will double by 2030.

Dementia is regarded as a broad umbrella term which includes reference to over 100 diseases that affect the brain.

It is emphasized that those living with a form of dementia are still able to live fulfilling, meaningful lives and are able to engage in community activities.

Bond recommended for residents in Strathmore to seek out an events calendar and check out what is going on locally – not only during Alzheimer's Awareness times, but to maintain a sense of community for seniors.

"Staying connected – we know that is important for our mental health, and that certainly includes people living with dementia, as well as their caregivers," she said. "The stigma associated with (dementia) can leave people feeling isolated, and we really encourage going out and talking to people and joining groups and seeing what is going on and continuing to learn and grow as a person."

Following Alzheimer's Awareness Day, the annual Alzheimer Calgary Walk and Run will be hosted Oct. 13. More information about the event for those who are interested in donating and/or participating is available online.

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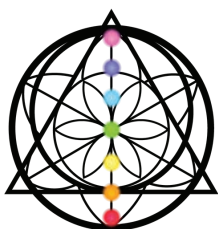


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### Terrific trade show

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual trade show on Sept. 14 at the Strathmore Civic Centre. It was a chance for people to discover local businesses, network with professionals and enjoy some of the treats and eats from food trucks outside.

Joe Lepage Photos

## Town to host public hearing for IDP bylaw

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has scheduled a public hearing to discuss the Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) Bylaw 24-15 for Oct. 2, in council chambers.

Outlined in the town's Sept. 4, regular meeting agenda, the IDP is a statutory document to which all departments within the Town of Strathmore must adhere as their work would relate to, or impact intermunicipal interests and land use decision making.

Town departments most affected by the IDP are infrastructure, operations and development services, strategic and administrative services, and community and protective services.

Land use planning and decision making within Alberta is administered through provincial legislative and policy documents which are in turn implemented by departments such as, but not limited to a municipal government.

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The Municipal Government Act (MGA) requires that all municipalities not members of a growth region and that share common boundaries must adopt an IDP.

As the Town of Strathmore is no longer a part of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB), the town has been directed, alongside Wheatland County, by the Minister of Municipal Affairs to adopt an IDP.

The town was required to begin development of its IDP immediately following its withdrawal from the CMRB, in compliance with the MGA. Similarly, Wheatland County had also voted to withdraw its membership.

The town and county jointly retained ISL Engineering and Land Services as their planning consulting firm in order to undertake the preparation of the IDP.

Six phases were outlined in the IDP project, including two for public engagement. To date, the town

has indicated that no objections to the project have been received.

Once passed, land use decisions will be required to align with policies established within the IDP. This will also be true for certain intermunicipal decisions that deal with economic development, agriculture, social wellbeing, and economics.

It has been anticipated that application review processes which will require circulation to Wheatland County pursuant to IDP policies will require additional time to resolve compared to those strictly circulated within the town.

Typically, the town schedules public hearings for bylaws following the passing of first reading. In this case, Administration had recommended holding the public hearing prior to first reading in order to maintain consistency with Wheatland County.

The final draft of the IDP will be adopted both by the town and the county through separate bylaw adoption processes and public hearings.

## Town to update local elections bylaw before end of year

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore Committee of the Whole discussed proposed changes to the municipal election bylaw during the Sept. 11 meeting.

As presented to council, the proposed changes to the bylaw are required in order to reflect and implement several of the directives in the Municipal Affairs Statutes Act, 2024 (Bill 20).

Bill 20 had previously been passed by the Province of Alberta in the spring. It was put into place to establish the framework for the conduct of elections in Alberta municipalities, school divisions, irrigation districts, and Metis settlements.

The changes implemented by Bill 20 are summarized for public convenience on the Province of Alberta website. The full document is also freely available for public viewing.

Town of Strathmore administration presented that the proposed changes to the local municipal election bylaw are required in order for the town to align administratively with the Local Authorities Election Act, and the Municipal Government Act.

A deadline has been set by which the bylaw must be signed before the end of the 2024 calendar year in order to be applicable to the 2025 election.

The most notable changes to the bylaw according to administration and were immediately indicated to the Committee of the Whole include the removal of references to "Automatic Vote Ta-

bulators" and associated material, as per changes the Alberta Government is implementing through Bill 20 to local election rules under the Local Authorities Election Act, and the addition of the definitions of "Election Sign" and "Special Ballot" for additional clarity.

Coun. Denise Peterson raised a query during the committee meeting as to whether there was any clarification available from the province regarding their decision to annex electronic voting.

"These updates are really just following through to Bill 20, so we are just following to be compliant, naturally. I am assuming this will cost the municipality additional money," she said.

Town of Strathmore CAO Kevin Scoble added administration believes without the aid of electronic vote counters, it will significantly delay the release of election results.

Prior to the implementation of Bill 20, the Town of Strathmore had planned on budgeting \$50,000 for next year's election. Now, Scoble said the placeholder estimate is \$100,000 to hold the election.

The number will be adjusted as administration develops a better understanding of what will be required and how the election will take place.

A full list of new election rules which will be in effect in Strathmore are available to the public via the Committee of the Whole public meeting agenda.

Several other notable changes are clerical in nature and would not immediately impact the public

in regards to a municipal election.

The next municipal general election will be held on Oct. 20, 2025. Nominations will be open between Jan. 1, and Sept. 20.

Before the end of the year, town administration intends to present two bylaws before town council during regular meetings for consideration. These will be the Municipal Election Bylaw, and the Election Sign Bylaw.

Should the town adopt the updated Municipal Election Bylaw in October, administration intends to begin advertising nomination packages beginning in November.

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# CotW discusses potential amendments to Council Procedure Bylaw

**JOHN WATSON**  
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Bylaw 23-17, being the Council Procedure Bylaw, proposed for the Town of Strathmore, was brought before the Committee of the Whole during the Sept. 11 meeting.

“That bylaw was established to have the rules and provisions to regulate the conduct of business in council meetings, and Committee of the Whole. On July 17 of this year, there was a request for administration to bring to the September Committee of the Whole meeting, amendments that address having cameras on for virtual attendance and setting parameters for attending meetings virtually, specifically relating to frequency,” said Veronica Anderson, legislative services officer for the Town of Strathmore. “We took a look at procedure bylaws

throughout the province. Many of the communities, when it comes to virtual attendance specifically, it really does vary throughout the province.”

She explained some municipalities do not address the topic at all, while others are very specific to only being able to come virtually for a very small amount per year.

Some other bylaws included notes indicating virtual attendance being at the discretion of the city manager, set guidelines constituting a reason for joining remotely and providing that reason, and others which contained a stipulation that the rule must be followed unless approval is given for an accommodation.

Anderson presented before the Committee of the Whole options which were intended to strike a balance between flexibility and procedure, while staying true to the original July 17 request,

which would make up a new procedure amending bylaw.

“It includes a new section, 10.1, that reads ‘members of council must attend at least two of the three regularly scheduled monthly meetings, which would be two regular council meetings and one Committee of the Whole in person unless they receive written approval from the mayor,’” said Anderson. “There is an alternative to that which actually provides additional flexibility in pulling that out over a year instead of over a month and being able to play with it that way.”

Section 2, she added, is revised to say councillors may attend a council meeting by means of electronic communication, with acceptable modes of electronic communication including the use of secure municipal or personal devices to attend via the available virtual platform.

Councillors may attend the meeting via phone at the discretion and approval of the mayor if no other means are available.

When attending a council meeting remotely, the member must be on camera unless the mayor or chair approves the member turning their camera off.

The Committee of the Whole debated the merit in bringing forward an amendment to the procedure bylaw which would contain a contingency for having a councillor removed from chambers, should violations of the procedure bylaw be acted upon, until such time that a councillor under scrutiny had made appropriate amends for their misconduct.

There was no indication as to exactly when the proposed bylaw amendments would return before council or the Committee of the Whole.

## RCMP make arrest in murder case

**ALBERTA RCMP**

Following an intense search and multiple pleas for information, on Sept. 13, just after 1 p.m., members of the Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit successfully and safely arrested 28-year-old Elijah Blake Strawberry at a residence on O’Chiese First Nation.

Strawberry will be taken before a justice of the peace to determine his release status and future court date.

With this arrest, the Alberta RCMP are confident that both suspects involved in the Aug. 6 homicide of Colin John Hough and the attempted murder of another individual are in custody.

“We received tips and information from the public over the course of the last few weeks and the arrest of Elijah Strawberry serves as a reminder of the value of public assistance in maintaining public safety,” says Chief Superintendent Roberta McKale. “The Alberta RCMP had a significant co-ordinated effort with many different units engaged from across the province offering thousands of work hours to locate and arrest Elijah Strawberry. I would like to thank our dedicated officers from the Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit as well as all other support units who worked tirelessly to this point and

will continue to work on this investigation now that Elijah Strawberry is in custody.

“I would also like to thank our partners from Edmonton, Calgary, and Lethbridge Police Services, the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams, and the provincial sheriffs who all assisted in our efforts to locate this offender.”

Despite the arrests of Arthur Penner and Elijah Strawberry, the investigation into this matter continues. The RCMP asks anyone with information about these crimes to come forward.

As always, our thoughts are with our victims and their family and friends who have been so deeply affected by this senseless tragedy.

## RCMP Major Crimes investigates homicide

**ALBERTA RCMP**

On Sept. 11, at approximately 1:35 a.m., a fire was noted on the side of the road by a motorist who was driving on Township Road 233 near Highway 791, in Rocky View County. Police were called to the scene and once the fire was out, they discovered a deceased person.

An autopsy was completed on Sept. 12, at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Calgary.

The RCMP Major Crimes Unit has taken carriage of the investigation. RCMP is seeking assistance from anyone who may have dash camera footage and was in this area between 12:30 a.m. and 2:30 a.m.

RCMP is also seeking to speak with anyone who has dash camera footage and was driving west or east between those times on Highway 560, west of the Glenmore and Stoney Trail overpass.

Also, RCMP are seeking assistance from the public in obtaining dash camera footage between the hours of 12:10 a.m. and 12:45 a.m. in the Erin Woods area of Calgary.

RCMP believe this was a targeted attack and do not believe there is any danger to the public. We have a significant number of resources focused on apprehending the individual(s) responsible and on protecting the public. We ask that the public remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity or tips to the Strathmore RCMP or Crime Stoppers.

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## Town discusses updated offsite levies bylaw

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Corvus included six recommendations to the town in their report regarding updates to offsite levies.

One of these recommendations was such that the Municipal Government Act enables municipalities to charge offsite levies for recreation, fire, police, library, and interchange facilities. It was recommended that council and administration consider adopting such levies in the future, similar to what has been done in municipalities such as Calgary and Cochrane.

“That is a relatively new option for municipalities, so in order to have a proper levy, we need to have the proper background information in terms of what we need, how much it costs, and what areas would help pay for those items,” explained Wilson. “We are internally looking at that process; we are not at a point where we can bring a levy to council to consider, but that is definitely something we are looking at.”

The full report provided by Corvus to the Town of Strathmore is available online via the town Committee of the Whole meeting agenda for Sept. 11.





### Ready for the season

The Wheatland Kings wrapped up the exhibition schedule with a 4-1 win over the High River Flyers on Sept. 14 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Kings, who picked up a 4-3 road win over Okotoks the day before, will open the regular season in Didsbury on Sept. 20 when they take on the Mountainview Colts. The team will host their home opener the following day (8 p.m.) when they take on the High River Flyers. Prior to puck drop, the Kings will host a tailgate party starting at 6 p.m. before the band "The Locals" hit the stage for a free concert at 7 p.m. There will be kids' activities, some tasty food and adult beverages from Origin Malting & Brewing.

Joe Lepage Photos



### Golfing 'fore' a cause

The constant rain didn't deter the Strathmore Oilmen's from hosting their annual fall classic golf tournament on Sept. 12 at the Strathmore Golf Club. The tournament raised \$1,810 for the Strathmore & Wheatland County Christmas Hamper Society and \$2,040 for the Wheatland County Food Bank.

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# County approves several development permit applications

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland County Municipal Planning Commission approved a total of five development permits during the Sept. 9 meeting.

Development Permit DP 2023-056 was an application for a natural resource extraction and processing operation which is to include excavation, crushing, screening, washing, and hauling of aggregate on the subject lands.

It was stated that it is the applicant's intent to reactivate the subject location in order to recover sand and gravel resources, and to finalize outstanding reclamation work.

The site is located 5.75 kilometers southeast of the Hamlet of Carseland, 2.4 kilometers east of Speargrass, and approximately 2.4 kilometers east of Highway 24.

Operations suggested by the applicant's plan and proposal to the county include a one-to five-year mining duration for their first phase, and another six-to 10-year mining operation over Phase 2.

The site plan provided by the applicant included two areas which do not meet the setback requirements outlined in the Land Use Bylaw. Variances were requested.

Development Permit DP 2024-065 was an application for a dog kennel, which would also offer basic obedience training. The application indicated dogs would stay on the property for periods of time ranging from a few days to as long as a month.

The maximum number of client dogs which would be acceptable at any given time would be 15, though the applicant does not anticipate numbers to be that high on a regular basis.

Business activities would be conducted out of an existing structure, as well as a proposed addition to be constructed.

County administration had recommended passing the application, as it was in line with the Municipal Development Plan, as well as the Land Use Bylaw.

Development Permit DP 2024-096 was for three freestanding signs to be placed on community service parcels in three

separate locations within the Hamlet of Rosebud.

The signs were proposed to display historical photographs and information highlighting local areas of interest.

The signs are defined as freestanding in the land use bylaw as they are less than 300 square feet and are suggested to stand independently of any buildings.

Members of the MPC approved the development permit application under the conditions that the signs be utilized strictly for the purposes outlined in the application, and no variances have been granted.

Development Permit DP 2024-098 was for an existing 1,520 square foot dwelling to be classified as an accessory dwelling, and placement of a new 1,680 square foot modular dwelling on site which will be considered the primary dwelling.

According to the land use bylaw, an accessory dwelling may not be more than 80 per cent the size of the primary dwelling. As in this instance, the accessory dwelling would be roughly 90 per cent the size of the primary, so a variance was required to be granted.

The application proposed a new septic system will be installed for the new building, but both would share an existing water well.

The application was permitted under several conditions outlined by county administration.

Development Permit DP 2024-099 suggested to move a 1,193 square foot moved-on dwelling to the outlined property located within the Hamlet of Gleichen.

This applicant had previously moved a shipping container to the property which is not an allowable use within the Hamlet Residential General district. A plan was submitted outlining how the container would be made to appear as though it was an accessory building.

As the property does not currently have dedicated onsite parking, a new driveway and approach will be required to be constructed in accordance with requirements of the County Transportation Department.

No variances to county land use bylaws were requested, and the application was permitted subject to several conditions as recommended by administration.

Putting eye drops into a child's eyes can be a challenge. Try this: Have the child lie flat on their back with eyes closed. Place the drop onto the side of the closed eye nearest the nose. Let the child's eye open and the drop should go into the eye. Another way is to have the child's eyes closed and gently pull down the lower eyelid and squeeze one drop into the lower part of the eye. Release the lower eyelid and have the child blink to spread the drop around the eye. Do not touch the eye with the tip of the dropper.

What are the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease? The acronym TRAP is used to remind us: Tremours occurring at rest. Rigidity and stiffness; Akinesia meaning absence of movement or slower movement. The P is for posture. PD patients have difficulty maintaining control of their posture and frequently lose their balance. Depression is one of the most common non-motor symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

It's a myth that men don't get osteoporosis. At least one in five men will break a bone from osteoporosis with one-quarter of 30,000 hip fractures in Canada are in men. It's a disease where bone mineral is gradually lost making bones weaker and more prone to breaking. The disease is usually without symptoms so all men and women over 50 should keep track of their height since losing more than 2.5 inches might signify spine fracture.

If you are breastfeeding, it is not a good idea to continue smoking. However, one of the worries that health educators have is that a smoker may not breastfeed if they already smoke. Breastfeeding is one of the best ways of giving a newborn a good start in life. It's good for the mom too.

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### Upcoming Meetings

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

For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

- October 1: Council Meeting**
- October 2: Agricultural Service Board Meeting**
- October 8: Municipal Planning Commission**

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

### Wheatland County Community Enhancement Regional Board

Wheatland County invites applications for membership on the Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) with appointment to commence November 01, 2024. One representative from each of Electoral Division will be appointed. The Community Enhancement Regional Board consists of two members from each Electoral Division, appointed by Wheatland County Council. Membership on the CERB is appointed for a two-year term with alternating expiry dates. The Community Enhancement Regional Board meets three times every spring to evaluate applications and decide on the allocation of Community Enhancement Funding to Wheatland County community groups.

**Application Deadline: September 30**

For more information, or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Jessica Salmon at 403-361-2021 or via email at [jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca).



### Public Hearings

#### Wheatland County Council Chambers October 15, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. The following public hearings begin at 11 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

**Bylaw #:** 2024-06 (LU2024-002)

**Legal Description:** NW-22-22-21-W4M

**Proposal:** To redesignate a ± 32.00 hectare (± 79.07 acre) portion of the subject lands from Agricultural General (AG) District to Natural Resource Extraction / Processing (NRE) District to facilitate the development of an aggregate extraction and processing operation.



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



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



### Wheatland County and Town of Strathmore Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) Public Hearings

The Town of Strathmore and Wheatland County are working collaboratively to develop an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP), and each municipality will be holding a Public Hearing to consider its adoption. If you wish to provide comments or attend in person, see the information regarding your municipality's hearing below.

**Proposal:** To adopt the Town of Strathmore and Wheatland County Intermunicipal Development Plan, in order to facilitate and sustain long term strategic growth, and identify joint development opportunities within areas where the municipalities share a joint interest. For more information, and to review the IDP, please visit:

[wheatlandcounty.ca/strathmorewheatland-icf-idp/](http://wheatlandcounty.ca/strathmorewheatland-icf-idp/)  
[strathmore.ca/en/residents/intermunicipal-development-plans.aspx](http://strathmore.ca/en/residents/intermunicipal-development-plans.aspx)

Town of Strathmore	Wheatland County
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.	Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers Town of Strathmore Municipal Building 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB	Council Chambers Wheatland County Administration Office 242006 Range Road 243, Wheatland County, AB
Bylaw: 24-15	Bylaw: 2024-22

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





### Marathon of hope

The Strathmore Run Club hosted the annual Terry Fox Run on Sept. 15 beginning at Kinsmen Park. The event raised over \$2,600 for cancer research in Terry's name. **Fernando Moreno-Prado Photos**



### Collision Course

Real Canadian Wrestling hosted 'Collision Course' on Sept. 13 at the Strathmore Ag Pavilion. The show featured the top wrestlers in the RCW promotion, including Strathmore's own Steve Wilde. **Mario Prusina Photos**

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**Upcoming Council Meetings**

September 18, 2024 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council  
 October 2, 2024 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council  
 October 9, 2024 | 6 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.

**NOTICE:** The Strathmore Aquatic Centre is temporarily closed until the end of September for regularly scheduled fall maintenance.

**Calgary Watermain Repair  
 Water Restrictions Update**

On September 12, Calgary announced they are ahead of schedule and approaching the final stages of repairs to the Bearspaw South Feeder Main. These repairs required the feeder main to be taken out of service, significantly impacting the volume of treated water available for use. If all goes according to plan, Calgary hopes to lift all outdoor water restrictions and return to normal water use over the weekend of September 21st to 22nd. The same will apply to Strathmore.

Until then, Strathmore is still under Stage 4 Restrictions. All outdoor use of town water must pause, and businesses and residents are asked to reduce indoor water use where possible. We're asking you to avoid things like:

- Watering Lawns, gardens, and shrubs by any means.
- Filling hot tubs, pools, or decorative features.
- Using water for grading, compaction, or dust control.
- Washing cars on driveways or streets.
- Washing exterior surfaces unless necessary for health or safety reasons.

Thank you for your patience and helping us all get through this. For more information, visit [Strathmore.ca/Water](http://Strathmore.ca/Water).



**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 to present at a Council Meeting.
- Send your Application for Funding Form and accompanying documents to [LSAdmin@Strathmore.ca](mailto:LSAdmin@Strathmore.ca) by October 13, 2024.

Learn more at [Strathmore.ca/DelegationNight](http://Strathmore.ca/DelegationNight)

**Maplewood Utility Project  
 Landscape Design Survey**

The landscaping along Maplewood Drive will soon be refreshed and we want your input on what that might look like. An expanded boulevard and more space for pedestrians means we've got plenty of options to explore. The survey is just seven questions and the final design will be shaped by your feedback along with input from the Town's Horticulturalist and Arborist.

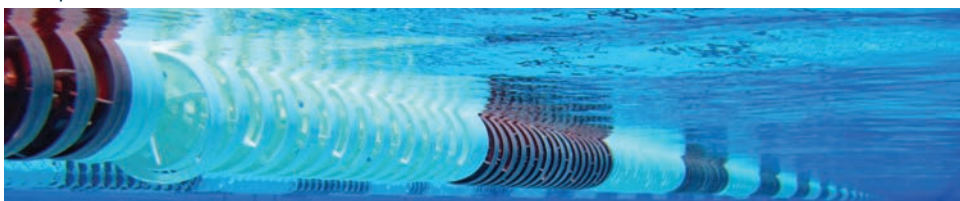
Have your say and take the survey at [Strathmore.ca/MaplewoodSurvey](http://Strathmore.ca/MaplewoodSurvey)

**Just keep swimming...  
 Swim Lesson Schedule Update**

Save the date, swimmers! The 2024 fall swimming schedule will be available soon with registration for residents of Strathmore and Wheatland County opening shortly after.

- Lesson Schedule Posted:  
September 16, 2024 at 12 p.m.
- Registration opens for Strathmore and Wheatland County residents:  
September 24, 2024 at 9 a.m.
- Registration opens for all members:  
September 26, 2024 at 9 a.m.

To ensure a smooth registration process, create or login to your recreation account at [strathmore.perfectmind.com](http://strathmore.perfectmind.com) and make sure your address, postal code, and email address are up to date.



**Land Use Ammendment**

**Upcoming Public Hearing**

1. **Purpose:** to permit the construction of a multifunctional light industrial building with a health services facility.

**Bylaw #24-16**

Staff received an application for a land use redesignation (*Bylaw No. 24-16*) 137 Orchard Way (Lot 23 Block 01 Plan 981 3631). The proposed redesignation aims to permit the construction of a multifunctional light industrial building with a health services facility at 137 Orchard Way in Strathmore.



**Public Hearing Process**

A copy of the proposed bylaw can be found on the Town's website at [Strathmore.ca/PublicHearing](http://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 **Wednesday, September 18, 2024**, commencing at **6 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](mailto:lsadmin@strathmore.ca) no later than **noon on Wednesday, September 11, 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 Wednesday, September 11, 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 your time.

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# Thrilling final project

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Karyssa Komar is in her final year at Rosebud School of the Arts and is preparing her final project, *The Drowning Girls*.

Ahead of schedule for a final project, Komar said she chose the fall for a specific reason.

"I wanted to do my final project earlier in my fourth year just because I could use the studio stage as a space," said Komar.

She said in the summer months when most students are doing their final project, there are very brief dates that are available for the studio stage – which has better lighting and sound.

Komar is producing the play and she also is starring in it as the youngest of the women, Alice. Each character has her own story to tell and Alice's story is that of a 26-year-old unmarried woman.

*The Drowning Girls* is a thriller to say the least, as it's a play about a serial killer named George Joseph Smith – but instead of telling the story from the protagonist's perspective, *The Drowning Girls* tells the story from the victim's eyes.

"For me I was looking for a show that was kind of along the spookier side, so like a thriller or a drama that is more than just a warm and fluffy show," Komar said. "I wanted something that would make people think and they would come and see it and hold a mirror up to society. I like it because it tells the story from the women's perspective rather than from the serial killer."

Komar said that she often finds in society and history that the "bad guy" is remembered rather than the victim.

"This story in particular is from the women and really focuses on their names rather than George Joseph Smith,"



Rosebud School of the Arts student Karyssa Komar and fellow castmates rehearse for Komar's final project *The Drowning Girls*.

Photo Courtesy of Karyssa Komar

she said.

The play is geared towards a more mature audience, perhaps a rating of PG 13.

"There are themes of violence and murder, so I would say kids should not come," she said, adding there is a great deal of suspense and thrilling aspects to her play.

"I feel that there's different perspectives people can take. Like they could just come and enjoy a thrilling show and if that's what they take from it, that's great," she said. "But also, it would be great to think about the woman's place in society. It's kinda a timeless story."

Komar said the story takes place later in the 1800's or early 1900's.

"It holds up a mirror to society about how women were treated like property and weren't really able to own anything and they had to have a man in their life to be able to do things," she said.

The play is written by Beth Graham, Charlie Tomlinson and Daniela Vlaskalic.

The show runs Sept. 21 at 4:30 p.m. and 11 p.m., Sept. 22 at 4:30 p.m. and Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Rosebud Studio Stage. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from her website ([karyssakomar.com](http://karyssakomar.com)).

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Strathmore hosted its fall Parade of Garage Sales around town on Sept. 14. It was a chance for people to hunt for good deals and coincided with Trash to Treasure and the Heavy Item Garbage pickup this week. The Parade of Garage Sales is sponsored by town councillor and local realtor Debbie Mitzner of RE/MAX Landan Real Estate.

Joe Lepage Photos

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CHANTELLE DE JONGE  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

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According to independent reports, these changes are projected to save Albertans over \$1 billion in the first year alone. The latest data highlights a dramatic improvement: in August 2023, the average default electricity rate in Alberta was 32.27 cents per kilowatt-hour, but by August 2024, it had dropped to 13.19 cents per kilowatt-hour. Not to mention the even lower cost options that Alberta's competitive electricity retailers are offering. For families who have been struggling with unpredictable utility bills, this is a crucial step toward achieving financial predictability and security.

Looking ahead, our government has even more measures coming into force to protect Albertans from high power prices. The Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, set to take effect in 2025, will stabilize and limit local access fees. While more work is still to come on the default electricity rate, this legislation also renames the default rate to the Rate of Last Resort. These changes are expected to save an average family \$937 per year on their power bills.

More is still yet to come, and Albertans can continue to look forward to seeing their energy costs decrease. Every line on utility bills is being addressed, and delivery costs – also known as transmission and distribution fees – are next on the list to tackle. Our government is working tirelessly to keep Alberta affordable while ensuring our economy is growing and diversifying. We are committed to ensuring Albertans can keep more of their hard-earned money by making Alberta's electricity market more affordable and transparent.

In the meantime, I encourage all Albertans to learn more about their energy options at [ucahelps.ca](http://ucahelps.ca).

As always, please feel free to email my office with your feedback and questions ([Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca)).

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

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION**  
*Night*

We extend our sincere thanks to Global and Co-op for their generous support and donations, which made our **Community Connection: Resource Fair & Cinema Night** a success.

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- Plan 2410665 Block 15 Lot 18, municipally known as 422 Frederick Avenue.
- Plan 0911671 Block 14 Lot 62, municipally known as 305 3rd Street West
- Plan 2540am Block 2 Lot 20-21 municipally known as 124 Christian Avenue

Please contact Standard Village office to request a copy of related public documents or to make an appointment to review related public documents in-person at 120 Elsinore Avenue Standard Alberta.

Any person wishing to submit a petition concerning this matter may do so in accordance with sections 219-226.2 of the MGA, within sixty (60) calendar days from the last date of advertisement, September 25, 2024, in accordance with sections 231(1) and (4) of the MGA, which is Monday November 25, 2024.

Submissions sent by mail must be addressed to:  
Village of Standard  
PO Box 249, Standard Alberta T0J 3G0  
Attention: Chief Administrative Officer  
Submissions sent by email must be sent to:  
[cao@villageofstandard.ca](mailto:cao@villageofstandard.ca)

Publication dates: September 18th & 25th, 2024

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*Obituary*

**DEUTSCH,**  
**Arnold "Arnie" Albert**  
October 30, 1941  
- September 10, 2024

On September 10, 2024, Arnold "Arnie" Albert Deutsch of Strathmore, AB passed away peacefully at the age of 83.

Arnie is survived by his children, Kim (Robert) Johnson and Kevin Deutsch; grandchildren, Alana Johnson, Keegan (Taylor) Johnson, and Grayson Deutsch; and sister, Ellie (Larry) Weber. Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Predeceased by wife, Gail; parents Steve and Emma; brother, Ken; and sister-in-law, Dar.

Arnie will be fondly remembered by his family and friends for his never-ending stories, witty comments, constant thumbs up, sticking out his tongue, and a love of solitaire, mahjong, and puzzles.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday September 28, 2024, from 2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. at the Wheatland Funeral Chapel in Strathmore, Alberta.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Memorial Fund at Wheatland Lodge (Wheatland Housing Management Body 76- 2nd Street Strathmore, AB T1P 1J8) or the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Wheatland Lodge and Dr. Sader for all their love and care over the years. A big thank you also goes to Wheatland Funeral Home for stepping in and providing their services.

Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

*Obituary*

**LAUSEN,**  
**Robert Edward**  
March 29, 1930  
~ September 1, 2024

Robert Edward Lausen of Strathmore, Alberta passed away on September 1, 2024 at the age of 94.

Robert was born the eldest of three boys to Eldora and Ed Lausen. In his youth, he enjoyed playing hockey with his brothers and cousins and finding time for a few minutes of baseball before it was time to go back to work in the field. He loved to skate, and continued to do so well into his senior years.

Robert attended SAIT in 1948 to study Farm Construction and Mechanics, then attended again a few years later taking the Carpentry Apprenticeship program, graduating as a Journeyman Carpenter. He built many homes in the Strathmore area, including one for his parents and two for himself and Gwen. His expertise allowed him to do everything from pouring the foundation right through to the cabinet making, and he was renowned for his skill and precision in everything he made.

Having grown up on a farm, he was most in his element farming; working the land and raising cattle. He could work long hours and was capable of fixing or building anything that was needed.

Robert and Gwen began square dancing in 1975. They joined the Wheatland Whirlers where, for many years, they enjoyed good music, good exercise, good food and the company of good people, many of whom became lifelong friends.

In addition to his wife Gwen, Robert is survived by his daughter Elaine and his grandson Christopher and also by his brother Maynard (Emilie) and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Len, sister-in-law Jo and his parents Ed and Eldora Lausen.

The family would like to thank Dr. Alan Young and the staff at Sagewood for their excellent care for Robert over the years, and to express our appreciation to the doctors and nurses at Strathmore Hospital who cared for him with great compassion and kindness.

Funeral services will be held at Mountain View Funeral Home ~ Prairie View Chapel (1605 100 Street SE, Calgary) on September 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of one's choice.

To express condolences and share memories, please visit: [www.mountainviewmemorial.ca](http://www.mountainviewmemorial.ca).

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Lottie...

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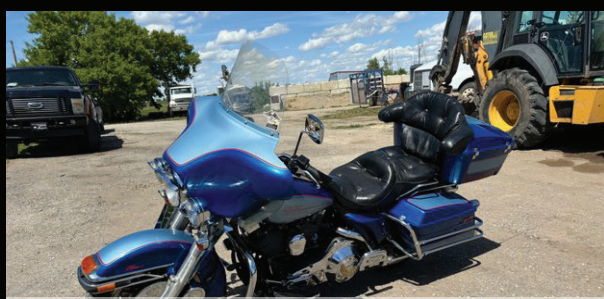


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