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Important signing

Petition discussion

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council discussed a petition that had been submitted to them regarding the recently passed garden suite by-law.

The petition was addressed during the Sept. 18 regular meeting of council, as it had been submitted at the end of August by Strathmore resident, Claude Brown.

Following the passing of the bylaw, July 3, Brown began to canvas the town and speak to fellow residents, gauging their opinions on the bylaw.

As he introduced himself to council, Brown conceded that according to the Municipal Government Act, his petition was insufficient to automatically prompt council to respond to it.

Among his talking points regarding the petition, Brown cited that a large majority of residents he spoke with were unaware of the bylaw having been passed.

“Nine in 10 people who I spoke with did not even know about the bylaw being passed or what it was about,” he said. “We did get over 600 signatures, and 600 signatures is not something that is of inconsequence ... 627 by my count; that is just under five per cent of the population.”

Brown cited as a result of his survey, 84 per cent of people he spoke with were in opposition to the bylaw and wish to see it repealed.

Following Brown’s presentation, Mayor Pat Fule deferred to town administration for clarification regarding distribution and advertising to the public regarding discussion of the bylaw prior to its passing.

“Land use bylaw amendments typically take 18 to 24 months from beginning to finish, so this started in August of 2022 and it concluded in June, so 20-ish, 21 months or so ... there was an insert in the August 2022 utility newsletter; there (were) eight advertisements in the Strathmore Times, including four advertisements of the public hearing on June 12, 2024, June 19, 2024, June 26, 2024, and July 3, 2024. As well, the town did digital media for the feedback that has been referenced in the survey,” said CAO Kevin Scoble.

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Hot start



Fancy footwork

Lily Grunewald displayed her footie skills during the Strathmore High School girls home soccer game on Sept. 17 at the Strathmore High School field. Despite a solid effort, the Lady Spartans dropped a 4-0 decision to Canmore.

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Several schools around Strathmore hosted their annual Terry Fox Runs, Sept. 19. The annual fundraiser sees schools participating across Canada to raise money for cancer research.
Melissa Piche, John Watson and TCA Photos

Strathmore schools host annual Terry Fox Runs

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Several schools across Strathmore participated in the annual Terry Fox Run, taking place Sept. 19, once again bringing students together to raise money and awareness for cancer research.

Over 9,000 schools and three million students across Canada take part in the run which continues to fundraise in the name of Terry Fox.

"We have had a Terry Fox Run in our entire history and even before that, and so every fall, we encourage students to canvas their family and friends to raise money for Terry Fox," said Glenda Sorensen, one of the teachers at Crowther Memorial Junior High School. "It has been a huge part of our school culture and we have even as staff members who have family members, or themselves, who battle cancer; it just reinforces our need to raise funds for this cause and continue to pursue it as a big part of our school."

Sorensen explained last year, the Crowther Memorial school community was able to come together and raise \$3,793.90 through the Terry Fox Run campaign. This year, the goal for the school was to raise \$2,000.

Throughout the school's history, over \$188,000 has been raised across more than 30 years of operation, both as Crowther Memorial, and prior to the school building's redesignation.

"It is really neat to see the start of the race, all 500 of them take off all at once; it is a beautiful afternoon in the fall to just take a moment to maybe think about those in your family who have battled cancer, or someone you know, and it is also a great community building event for our school," said Sorensen. "We head down Brent Boulevard towards Strathmore High School, and then we do a little bit of a tour down the canal and past the public library and up the golf course road to return back to the school."

Sorensen added she believed it's important for kids to learn about who Terry Fox was and the history of the run, as well as the importance of raising funds and awareness for cancer research.

Though the school will never turn away donations being made in the name of cancer research, the official campaign operates from the beginning of the academic year when students return to classes, for three weeks leading up to the Terry Fox Run event itself.

Crowther Memorial maintains a link to donate directly to the Terry Fox Foundation with credit being given to the school's particular campaign. Those interested in contributing are able to do so online (<https://schools.terryfox.ca/71339>).

Wheatland Elementary hosted their Terry Fox Run on Sept. 13. George Freeman School, Ecole Brentwood and Trinity Christian Academy also held their race on Sept. 19.

Sacred Heart Academy will host their run on Sept. 26 and Westmount Elementary will host theirs the following day.



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Siksika Nation Support Services, In From the Cold sign MoU

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Nation Support Services and In From the Cold signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Sept. 19, as a means to create a relationship to improve access to shelter and housing opportunities.

“Today’s MoU was a collaboration and relationship-building agreement between us and In From the Cold in order to help families facing crises that really stem from homelessness and lack of available shelter,” said Richard Sparvier, tribal manager with Siksika Nation Tribal Administration. “We realized that with the housing crisis that is currently affecting Siksika Nation members who are living in urban centers, Calgary specifically, that once they face the crisis, they tried to come home and there just was not anything available.”

In From the Cold is a Calgary-based not-for-profit agency which supports families in finding stability during times of crisis. The three primary programs offered by In From the Cold are homelessness prevention and diversion, emergency family shelter, and supportive housing.

Heather Morley, CEO of In From the Cold, added the MoU also offers an opportunity to strengthen the cultural connections for people utilizing services while traversing their housing journeys.

“By signing an MoU, I think for sure there is a piece of formality to it, but it is an important occasion that marks a deep understanding, and so I think that while the relationship is there, the work is there, the collaboration is there, it is also good to have the written document there too, and that outlasts the individual people, and it helps to strengthen a longstanding relationship and commitment,” she said. “We know that Indigenous people are overrepresented in the homelessness population – a result of course of colonialism, legacy, trauma, racism, and so I think that organizations like In From the Cold need to be able to step up in a very different way to be able to support



Siksika Support Services and In From the Cold signed a Memorandum of Understanding, Sept. 19. The goal being to foster a stronger relationship between the two organizations in order to support those experiencing housing crises. Siksika also intends to learn from In From the Cold to develop more localized services within the nation.

John Watson Photos

Indigenous families.”

Morley added more than half of families who are supported by In From the Cold are Indigenous, thus she wants to see their services operate as respectfully, as appropriately, and culturally congruent as possible.

Sparvier explained Siksika Nation is already looking into building a family shelter local to the Nation for families as well as individuals who are struggling with homelessness or who are escaping from hostile domestic situations.

“We do need some sort of relationship in order to understand how organizations such as In From the Cold operate so that we can reflect that back onto our operations here, as well as opening up doors for employees who want to perhaps follow that type of career path and create those types of relationships between the two organizations,” he said. “I am really excited to create this partnership with In From the Cold. I hope it flourishes and I hope that more Siksika Nation families who are facing crises know that they do not have to face that alone.”

Strathmore Stampede changing up Halloween events this year

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society is changing up how its annual Halloween event will be hosted this year, consisting of two unique events instead of the regular haunted houses.

“We are calling it ‘Stampede Fright Night Lite,’ just because it is a new spin on our usual Stampede Fright Night. We are not doing any Halloween Haunts this year, but we are going to do two really great parties instead,” said Haley Hawes, events coordinator. “On Oct. 25, we are going to do what we are calling a ‘Boo Bash,’ and it is our kids party. We are going to have a live DJ; there will be dancing, games, pumpkin carving; we are doing a costume contest as well, and then Domino’s is going to provide a piece of pizza to everyone as well with their ticket.”

On the following day, there will be an 18+, adult only party, similarly hosted with a DJ, dancing, drinks, pizza, and a costume contest. Happy Hour will be operating from 6-8 pm that night for those who wish to also partake in a few drinks.

Hawes explained the goal of switching up the regular programming is to try something new this year for the community and see how it goes.

“So far, so good; we have posted a little bit about it on our social medias and our website ... but we are really going to start advertising a little bit more in the weeks to come. We are just kind of letting people settle in to back to school and things like that,” she said. “We are looking for volunteers already. On our website, there is a tab called ‘Volunteer,’ and underneath it, it says ‘Fright Night,’ and we would love a community to get involved. If individuals are looking to help out or if there is groups such as hockey teams or community groups like that, we would love any help we can get.”

Thus far, the overall plan for the Strathmore Stampede team is to return to the regularly scheduled Halloween Haunts next year, though they are open to evaluating the success of the events planned this year following their operation.

Regarding the Boo Bash, tickets will be \$10 for kids and adults will get in for free in order for the whole family to be able to attend. For the Halloween Bash the following night for the adults, tickets will be \$25 to get in.

More information about the two parties is available through the Strathmore Stampede website and social media pages.



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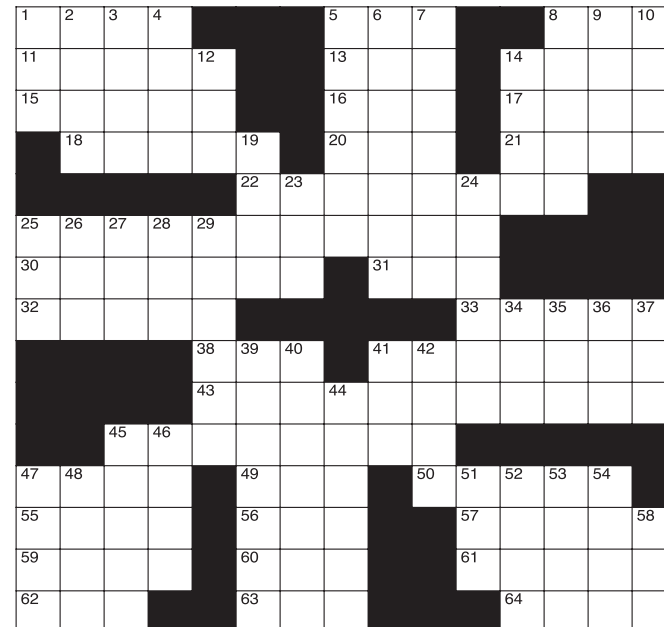
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| 16. Earn a perfect score | 55. Swedish rock group |
| 17. Horizontal passage | 56. Influential American president |
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| 21. Goo Goo Dolls hit | 60. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects |
| 22. Australian city | 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation |
| 25. Female servants | 62. Good friend |
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CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Barrels per day (abbr.) | 29. Divinatory |
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| 5. Dug into | 37. Type of bread |
| 6. Laughed | 39. Bit used with a set of reins |
| 7. Northern European nation | 40. Time away from work |
| 8. San Diego ballplayer | 41. Parts per thousand (abbr.) |
| 9. Eight | 42. Lots on your plate (abbr.) |
| 10. Substitutes (abbr.) | 44. Actor Brosnan |
| 12. Moved swiftly on foot | 45. It's part of packaging |
| 14. Compensated | 46. Towards the oral region |
| 19. Volcano in the Philippines | 47. Public Theater creator Joseph |
| 23. Speak ill of | 48. Ancient Syrian city |
| 24. One who publishes | 51. Swiss river |
| 25. Expression of bafflement | 52. Mollusk |
| 26. Macaws | 53. A French abbot |
| 27. Matchstick game | 54. Hoagies |
| 28. We all have our own | 58. Not present (slang) |

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Wheatland Housing Management Body reports a successful operational review

WHMB RELEASE
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland Housing Management Body recently underwent a routine operational review. Operational reviews give management bodies an opportunity to review and discuss

operations and administration of the management body.

Among other intents, the operational review determines whether management bodies are operating within the requirements of the act and regulations and other relevant legislation. The review was completed by Housing Advisors from the Government of Alberta.

Chairperson Glenn Koester states, "We are proud of the finding from the operational review. Our governance structures have been recognized as aligned with industry practices, ensuring clear accountability and effective decision-making.

They validate our efforts to enhance our operational practices and demonstrate our commitment to ethical business conduct. We will continue to build on this foundation as we grow and evolve."

Moving forward, Wheatland Housing Management Body will implement the report's recommendations to further strengthen its practices. The organization remains dedicated to fostering a culture of excellence and integrity as it navigates future challenges and opportunities.

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disappointment, betrayal and disillusionment. No crying out, "how long, O Lord, how long?" Nor would the psalms of joy and elation be as sweet. For the tree, what makes for the good life is not the absence of windstorms or droughts or frost, but rather the deep connection to the streams of living water. When the tree's roots reach deep into those streams, it can withstand all the stresses that may come. For the tree, the water is the source of the good life. For us, the source of a truly good life is the living water that is God himself. The psalm insists that soaking up all we can of God's word is indeed life-giving. And the rest of the psalms operate to meet us where we are, in joy or in sorrow, and re-orient us back to the One whom to know is life eternal.

*Rev. Malcolm Kern, Priest
St. Michael & All Angels
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Town addresses garden suite bylaw petition

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"There was also a notice of the public hearing on social media on June 20, 2024, June 24, and June 25, 2024. Stuff that the town did not initiate, there was a series of 12 articles in local media between 2020 and 2024."

Fule added an emphasis to the public that the decision to pass the bylaw amendment was not made "in the shadows," but rather the town did make available to the public information that was relevant to the bylaw and how it may impact them.

"The idea of having garden and garage suites came from a place of us being incredibly worried about the lack of housing for people in the town," said Fule. "The other thing that I hope people realize is that this is not going to happen willy-nilly. We are not just rezoning things; there is a lot of work that has to be done by anyone thinking of having a garage conversion - it would cost a very high amount of money, you would have to bring (a structure) up to current codes, so it is not something that is going to happen all over the community."

Though the bylaw was passed unanimously on July 3, any councillor may bring the bylaw back to council six months following its passing should they believe it necessary.

The full discussion which took place in council is publicly available for viewing via the town's YouTube channel for the Sept. 18 meeting.

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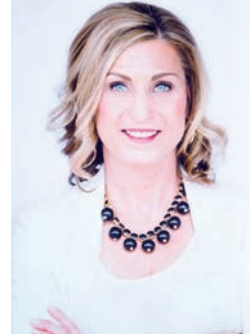
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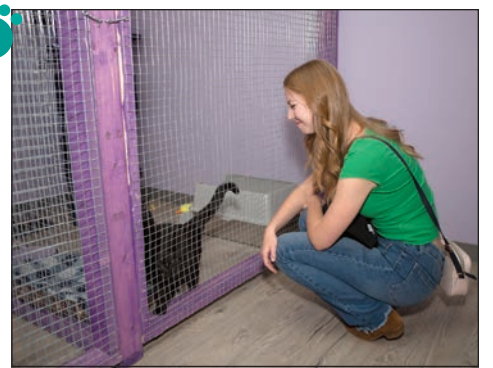


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Happy Cat Sanctuary hosted a grand opening of their new facility on Second Ave on Sept. 21. The new space is larger and better able to support the needs of the sanctuary as they continue to rescue cats in the local region.

John Watson Photos



Happy Cat Sanctuary hosts grand opening for new facility

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore's Happy Cat Sanctuary hosted the grand opening for its new location, Sept. 21, on 2nd Ave, inviting the community to explore the new facility.

Barb Stefanich, co-founder of the sanctuary, explained the new larger facility allows the team to intake more cats at a time, as well as better accommodate the animals under their care.

"It is a big step forward for us, it allows us to have more of what we do in the same building. We can actually do intake and quarantine of some of the animals that we bring in as well as have them on display in our for-adoption rooms," she said. "We still have many, many foster homes helping us out, but if we get an injured cat or a cat that has to have surgery, we have room now to keep the cat where it is easier for somebody with experience to care for it."

Stefanich added the team had been discussing the size of the previous facility having been too small for their operations. Cat intake was being handled at a facility separate from the main shelter, resulting in volunteer time being too divided.

The new sanctuary is situated at 118 2 Ave, being in the space which used to be occupied by a chiropractic business.

Strathmore Mayor Pat Fule explained though the town is no longer financially contributing to the sanctuary, they consider the service being provided to be invaluable in aiding to reduce and control stray and feral cat populations.

"The Happy Cat Sanctuary has the staff there, and the volunteers who have done so much to help with the cat population in Strathmore. Years ago, we had a feral cat problem, and they have done such good work in helping people, bringing in strays or bringing in cats that could be adopted," he said.

"They have helped find homes for a lot of stray cats and it has done a great service for the Town of Strathmore. Our bylaw officers do not have to focus on that issue anymore."

He added the town, though hearing about the move, was not involved with the process. The town will continue to publicly be in support of the sanctuary.

Stefanich explained the new facility is able to support up to 30 cats up for adoption at a time in house. Several animals are also on display for adoption at the Sunridge PetSmart, in Calgary.

A total of 16 cages are also present for intake cats in order to keep them

isolated while they await medical treatments ranging from surgeries and treatments to vaccinations.

"The volunteers are all really happy about it and they were all finding the old facility really cramped as well," said Stefanich. "This just opens up everything for everybody to make it a little easier and safer for the cats as well."

Happy Cat Sanctuary is also always on the lookout for homes able to temporarily foster cats, as well as for more volunteers to join the team and help out at the facility. Information about how to foster and/or volunteer is available via their Facebook page and their website.

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Here's another acronym to help remember the symptoms of a stroke. It's **BE FAST**. **B**: for being suddenly off **balance** or dizzy. **E**: for **eyes**, sudden vision loss or seeing double. **F**: for uneven **face** due to numbness or weakness on one side. **A**: for **arms** or leg weakness where you can't keep your arm outstretched. **S**: for **slurred** speech. **T**: for **time**. Call 911 right away.

Encouraging consumption of less sugar is well-known to be good for your health. In the U.K., the government instituted a sugar tax a year ago, which has markedly reduced the consumption of dietary free sugars in adults and children. The tax is mainly on soft drinks right now, but they will also look at fruit drinks in the future.

University of B.C. researchers are working on an oral insulin drop that diabetics could use. It consists of a mixture of insulin and a cell-penetrating peptide absorbed into the body after the drops are put under the tongue. Adding the peptide helps the insulin get into the bloodstream quickly.

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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.

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.



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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/
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.



Grand opening celebration

Root to Crown Connection Centre held their grand opening on Sept. 22 at their new location at 235 3rd Avenue (above Gold Key Registry). Co-founder Rachel Dundas welcomed everyone to the ribbon cutting ceremony explaining the purpose of the facility. The new business is a place where people can come to learn, grown, heal and connect – with diverse offerings and practitioners.

Joe Lepage Photo



Night show

The Northern Lights were on full display on Sept. 17. Here was the view just outside of Strathmore.

Melissa Piche Photo



Winning weekend

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings opened the regular season with a pair of wins, including a 4-3 overtime home win on Sept. 21 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Kings, who opened the season with a 2-0 road win over the Mountainview Colts the night before, celebrated the new season with a family-friendly tailgate party prior to the home opener. The Kings will now travel to Ponoka on Sept. 28 before they host Red Deer on Oct. 4 (8 p.m.).

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Bulls shine

The Lazy P Rodeo hosted their annual Last Cowboy Standing bull riding event on Sept. 21 at the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society grandstand. Some of the top contestants in the Bull Riders Canada circuit battled for \$7,500 in cash prize money.

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County passes new electoral boundaries bylaw

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council passed third and final reading for Bylaw 2024-18, being the electoral boundaries bylaw during the Sept. 17 regular meeting of council.

The bylaw was previously presented before council Sept. 3, for consideration of second and third readings, though was at the time tabled to request an amendment to Sections 10, 11, and 12 regarding the force and effect of the bylaw.

A public hearing regarding the bylaw was held during the July 2, regular meeting of council, following which, first reading of the bylaw was passed with minor amendments requested by council to be made prior to second reading.

Additional minor amendments were identified by county staff, including amending the boundary between Divisions 2 and 4 around Strathmore, the description in Division 6 regarding the former railway right-of-way, changes to the language referencing Force and Effect for the bylaw in order for it to be applicable to the next election, and grammatical and formatting amendments such as sentence structures and syntax.

Periodic reviews of the county's electoral boundaries are conducted in order to ensure the populations outlined by each division are relatively similar.

As population changes are not consistent throughout the county, amend-

ments are periodically made in order to maintain even representations and equal distributions.

Review of the electoral boundaries bylaw was initiated by county administration at the Feb. 13, Committee of the Whole meeting. Drafted boundary review maps were presented during the March 28, Committee of the Whole meeting.

At the May 7 regular meeting, council accepted the Electoral Boundaries Review Terms of Reference, which outlined a process for the boundaries review, including public consultation, advertising, and implementation.

Three open houses were held by the county to provide opportunities for public consultation through in-person information sessions. These took place on June 10, 11, and 12 in Hussar, Gleichen, and Lyalta, respectively.

No comments were reported to be received by council during or following the open houses, and a summary of the events was prepared by county staff.

Coun. Shannon Laprise motioned for council to approve second reading of Bylaw 2024-18, being the electoral boundaries bylaw, in accordance with the attachments present in council's meeting agenda. The motion was passed unanimously by council.

Coun. Glenn Koester motioned to approve third reading of the electoral boundaries bylaw, as amended. No further discussion was held and the motion was approved unanimously by council.



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Strathmore athlete claims gold at Canadian championship

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore's Emma Bittorf competed in the Canadian All Abilities Golf Championship, which took place in Brighton, Ont. running from Sept. 10-12, emerging victorious over the Women's Net Stableford Division.

Bittorf unseated the previous three-time division champion, Tess Trojan to claim the title, collecting 31-33-34 points during the tournament rounds, winning by a five-point margin.

"It is basically all different abilities, and they can be anything from, Emma has intellectual disability, to people who, quite a few of the competitors had missing limbs or prosthetics or things like that," said Dawn Bittorf, Emma's mother. "Each province has their own All Abilities each year, and then this was the Canadian Championship that

happens once a year around this time every year. This was Emma's second time going."

Playing golf since she was roughly eight or nine years old, the younger Bittorf is now 21. She explained her enthusiasm for the sport began as she regularly accompanied family to the golf course in her childhood.

The Canadian All Abilities Golf Championship consisted of a practice round, followed by three competitive rounds, each consisting of 18 holes.

Contestants are grouped for the first two days before being placed against specific competitors on the final day based on their ongoing scores.

"The last day is kind of like the PGA, where depending on your score is who you will get paired up with, so if you are in contention with someone else for stroke play in Net Stableford, you are paired up with them for the last day,"

said Dawn Bittorf.

Emma has previously won the Women's Net Stableford in Alberta, though this was her first time claiming the title at the Canadian competition.

She explained following her victory she has no intention of sitting still, as there is more training and practice to do in order to prepare for next year's competitions.

As the Canadian All Abilities golf circuit has a shorter season and fewer opportunities to compete throughout the year, the next step is to begin competing internationally in the United States.

"Other than that, she tries to get out all the time if she can at the Strathmore Golf Club because they have really helped her out over the last few years," said Dawn Bittorf. "They have given her a discounted membership to be able to help her achieve her goals."

In the winter months in between



Strathmore's Emma Bittorf claimed gold in the Women's Net Stableford Division at the Canadian All Abilities Golf Championship, Sept. 10-12. She dethroned the previous three-time division champion, Tess Trojan to claim the title.

Photo Courtesy of Dawn Bittorf

being able to be out on the holes, Emma trains at driving ranges in order to continue improving her swing.

Tyrell Riding Academy to host summer gymkhana finals

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Tyrell Riding Academy has announced the gymkhana finals of its summer season will be hosted in Namaka on Oct. 26.

"Our gymkhana are a series of four events including the barrels, the weave polls, the figure-eights, and a few other events that we switch out, and they are timed speed events and the riders all compete for ribbons and that all goes towards points for year end," said Jessica Tyrell, owner of Tyrell Riding Academy. "At year end, we hand out buckles and blankets, and a whole bunch of other fun prizes."

She explained the event is an open show that is open to anyone interested in coming out to be a part of it and show their support for the riders who have been developing their skills throughout the summer

season.

Many of the competitors who participate in the Gymkhana participate in the Tyrell Riding Academy lesson program, but the event is not restricted to just its students. The summer season runs from April through September, though lessons run all year round.

The October show will be the last in the summer series, which will rapidly be followed by an upcoming gymkhana in November, being the first of the winter series.

"There are five different categories, everything from lead lines to our senior jack bennies. In our lead lines, you are usually looking like at five or six in that class, and in our jack bennies and our open class, usually you have about 20 competitors," said Tyrell. "Usually in total we have about 50 riders. We have been running (these events) for the last six or seven years. It has always been a growing thing and we are always

welcoming new riders, and we have a lot of old faithfuls with us all the time."

Tyrell added gymkhana participation is for everyone, with some of the youngest competitors being as young as three years old, while also seeing people coming out to compete who are well into their 60's and 70's.

Despite the competition, Tyrell said the community is very tight-knit and friendly, cheering on everyone who steps in to compete, and participating as a community.

"There are gymkhanas all over the place, especially around Strathmore. There are a few other places that do it in Canada as well and it is just kind of a nice, fun weekend competition," she said.

October's gymkhana in Namaka will be a one-day event. More information is available online for those interested in participating.

2024 STRATHMORE OILMEN'S fall classic

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The Strathmore Oilmen's Fall Classic golf tournament was held on Thursday, September 12 at the Strathmore Golf Club. With the help of the Strathmore Elks #491, the tournament raised \$1,810 for the Strathmore & Wheatland County Christmas Hamper Society and \$2,040 for the Wheatland County Food Bank.



Alberta's record growth

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Over the past year, Alberta has experienced record population growth of over 200,000 people – a number equivalent to two cities the size of Red Deer. This growth has increased the cost of living and strained public resources, creating many challenges for our province.

This past week, Premier Danielle Smith informed the federal government that Alberta rejects Ottawa's new plan to settle thousands of additional asylum seekers in our province. Relocating thousands of asylum claimants without necessary financial support is not sustainable and would place significant pressure on provincial resources.

For generations, Albertans have welcomed newcomers who believe in freedom, hard work, and following the rules. We have proudly opened our doors to ambitious individuals who contribute to our economy and who respect cultures and faiths that are different from their own. This has always been the kind of immigration Albertans want to see, and under previous Prime Minister Stephen Harper, this was the kind of immigration that stood as a model to the world and enjoyed broad bipartisan support. The current federal government's unrestrained open border policies – especially as they relate to those with temporary visas – have unilaterally destroyed Canada's historic pro-immigration consensus while exacerbating shortages in housing, health care, education, and other critical social services.

Section 95 of the constitution is clear – immigration is an area of shared authority between the federal government and the provinces. Yet, the Trudeau government's unrestrained open border policies permitting well over a million newcomers each year into Canada is

causing significant challenges, and it's not sustainable.

Our province is and has long been a beacon of freedom, opportunity, quality of life, and prosperity for millions across our country and world. And with that incredible success comes very real growth challenges that we are working to address.

Alberta's government joins provinces and premiers across Canada who are calling on Ottawa to immediately reintroduce sensible and restrained immigration policies – like the ones we saw under Stephen Harper – so that all provinces have the time and resources to sustainably catch up with growth, and to ensure those coming here closely align with our country's economic needs.

Premier Smith has informed Prime Minister Trudeau that until further notice, Alberta is not open to having these additional asylum seekers settled in our province.

You may have heard Premier Smith's address last week, in which she addressed those challenges. Notably, she also made a historic announcement on how to keep up with fast-rising student enrolment, Alberta's government is committing \$8.6 billion through the new School Construction Accelerator Program. This program will create more than 200,000 new and modernized spaces for students to learn, grow and reach their full potential. Starting in Budget 2025, Alberta's government will kick-start up to 30 new schools and as many as eight modernizations and replacement schools every year for the next three years.

As always, please feel free to email to my office 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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Obituary



ODLAND, Shirley
1934 - 2024

Mrs. Shirley June Carol Odland was called home, Thursday, September 12th, 2024 shortly after celebrating

her 90th birthday.

Shirley Harwood was born in Calgary, Alberta, September 2, 1934. Shirley grew up in Strathmore & later making her home with Swen Odland in several Alberta towns before settling down in Lacombe in 1986. Shirley will be sadly missed & forever remembered by her children, Lance Odland of Toronto, Cindy (Mick) Kilmartin of Enderby, BC, Swen Odland of Lacombe, Randy Odland of Lacombe, Bonny (Leroy) Lester of Rolling Hills, and Rick (Bonnie) Odland of Morningside; grandchildren: Lindsay Odland, Shea (Hailey) Odland, Desiree (Derek) Veldkamp, Travis Odland, Kari (Braydon) Sanders, Matt (Annie) Lester, Katy (Chris) Lester, Brent (Emma) Odland, Shawn Odland; 9 great grandchildren & 3 great-great grandchildren; sisters Betty Postlewaite, Lorna (John) Beck and brother Doug (Marion) Harwood.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband Swen, daughter Vicky, grandsons Richard, Cody and Kyle, granddaughter Brianna, 2 brothers; Bill & Jim and 2 sisters; Eva & Irene.

Shirley enjoyed people and was fun and interesting to spend time with. Her feistiness and strength continued to her last days.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the staff of the Lacombe Hospital and to Home Care Services for the loving care extended to our Mom these past months.

A memorial & interment will be held in Strathmore, Alberta in the spring of 2025.

Memorial donations may be made to Lacombe Health Trust at online lacombehealthtrust.com / mail: Box 5663, Lacombe, AB, T4L 1X3.

Condolences may be made by visiting www.wilsons-funeralchapel.ca



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 82.

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.



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Obituary



THERRIEN, Richard (Rick) Thomas

Richard (Rick) Thomas Therrien, a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend, passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2024, from a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born on October 2, 1963, in Brandon, Manitoba, and made his home in Strathmore, Alberta. He was a compassionate and caring soul whose kindness touched many lives.

Rick's life was greatly enriched when he met Diane, while working at Pinebrook Golf and Country Club. They shared a beautiful life together for 24 years. Rick always said that he married his best friend and was so proud of that.

Rick loved his family and friends, always worrying about other people and looking out for everyone. He was always there for anyone who needed him. Rick was passionate about everything he did in life and made sure to spend his time doing things he loved, with the people he loved. He always told his kids to "cherish every moment you have, as time is the only thing you can't get more of".

Rick loved to cook and sing, often doing both at the same time. His passion was riding Harley Davidson motorcycles and spending time in the garage fixing them up and making them look brand new. Rick's last trip was the solo adventure of a lifetime up to the Yukon as far as kilometer marker 100 on the Alaskan Highway.

Rick is survived by his wife, Diane; his children, Sara, Jake and Zach as well as his dad, Albert; his brothers Curtis and Don and sister Michelle. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Rick was predeceased by his mom, Elaine. Rick truly was a legend and will be greatly missed by all who had the fortune to know him. He left the world better than he found it.

To honor Rick's memory, the family kindly requests donations to the Calgary Motorcycle Toy Run in lieu of flowers.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Rick on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 from 1:00-3:00pm at the Strathmore Civic Center, followed by a procession, with a motorcycle escort through town, to the Strathmore Cemetery.



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Upcoming Council Meetings

October 2, 2024 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council
October 9, 2024 | 6 p.m. Committee of the Whole
October 16, 2024 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council

Level of Service Notice

On Monday, September 23, the Strathmore Municipal Building will be closed to the public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

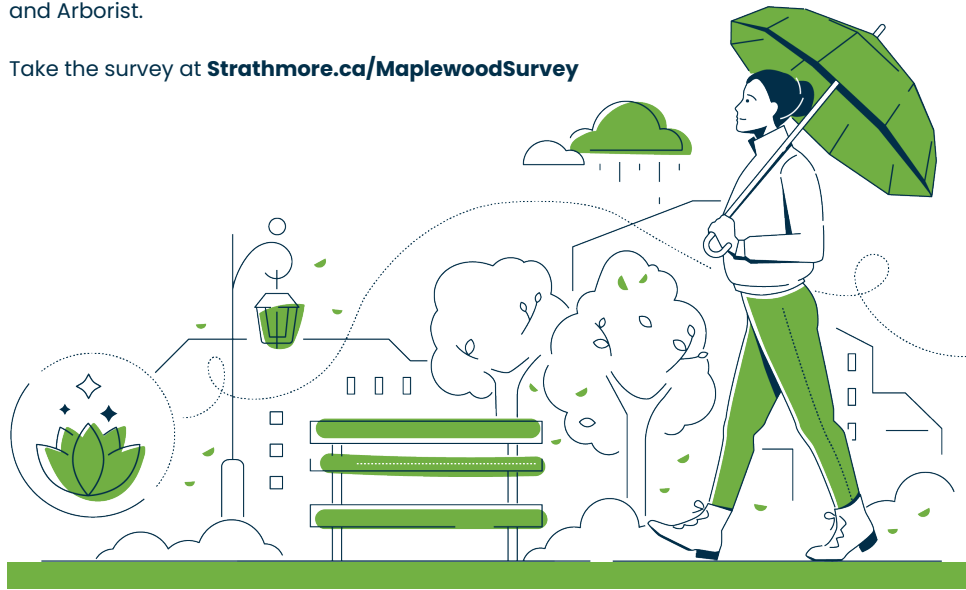
NOTICE: The Strathmore Aquatic Centre is temporarily closed until the end of September for regularly scheduled fall maintenance.

**Maplewood Utility Project
Landscape Design Survey**

In May, we bid a fond farewell to the aging trees alongside Maplewood Drive in preparation for important infrastructure work scheduled for 2025. This work involves connecting new water mains along Centennial Drive and upgrading the existing watermain on Maplewood Drive as part of the Town's Master Water Servicing Study. The improvements aim to increase waterline capacity, maintain service levels, and provide sufficient fire flow.

The landscaping along Maplewood Drive will soon be refreshed and we want your input on what that might look like. With the boulevard expansion and more space for pedestrians, 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.

Take the survey at Strathmore.ca/MaplewoodSurvey



**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.

Applications are open for public positions on the Town's boards and committees. 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. From the Culture and Wellbeing Task Force to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, these roles offer a unique opportunity to contribute to your community.

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

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