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## Combatting racism in health care

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Health Services has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSA) in an effort to eliminate anti-Indigenous racism within the provincial health care system.

This MoU was signed, Sept. 20, at the Siksika Health Services building on the nation, following a press conference, prayer, and smudging ceremony.

“This MoU is a testament to our dedication to working together towards addressing racism and discrimination that Indigenous people face when accessing healthcare,” said Ike Solway, board chair for Siksika Health Services. “We believe that by combining our efforts, we can achieve greater impact and make a positive difference in all Albertans’ care.”

Siksika Nation Coun. Samuel Crowfoot spoke during the press conference regarding the MoU regarding the frustrations felt by nation members when facing racism and mistreatment while seeking aid from the medical system.

“The very people who are treating us, who are responsible for our care, are quite often the ones who are perpetrating these acts of racism,” he said. “That is a type of evil that needs to be addressed. This MoU is a very explicit, strong statement against those types of activities that happen every day.”

The CPSA is a body representing approximately 12,000 physicians and physician assistants across Alberta.

CPSA Council Chair, Stacey Strilchuk said the organization is committed to learning from Siksika Nation, rebuilding their trust in the health care system, and signaling their desire both to earn and to build relationships with other First Nations communities.

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## Spartans remain undefeated!

The Strathmore Spartans high school football team remained undefeated for the season after pouncing Medicine Hat’s Crescent Heights 41-0 on Sept. 23. The Spartans will now hit the road in Week 5 to take on Chestermere on Sept. 29.

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Nutrien's mobile classroom made an appearance at Westmount School for students to have a hands-on opportunity to learn about plant growth and soil composition, Sept. 15. Students from Trinity Christian Academy were also invited to participate while the mobile classroom was in town.

Photos Courtesy of Jana Kopp



### Westmount Elementary students offered hands-on horticulture experience

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Westmount Elementary School students got to engage with Nutrien's mobile classroom trailer to learn about how plants grow, and what influences their growth.

"They came on Friday (Sept. 15), and basically they have their mobile classroom trailer that they bring in with a truck, and it has some digital centres the kids can play with and then there was a water station that showed how a flood works," said Jana Kopp, a Grade 4 teacher at Westmount Elementary who organized the lesson. "On the outside, they put their digital centres that talked about how soil is composed and made up, and then one of the centres was to actually plant some sunflower seeds (and) microgreens. They could grow into true sunflowers, but because of the

time of year, they said the kids could harvest them and eat them when they get their leaves."

Prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Westmount Elementary previously hosted the Nutrien mobile classroom as a method to help advance student learning regarding plant health, life cycles and growth.

Kopp said the practice has resumed now that public health restrictions have been lifted, and students are once again able to engage with the kinesthetic learning opportunity.

"During COVID-19, they just sent us a box with the information, and we planted the seeds ourselves, but previous to COVID-19, they ... brought the mobile classroom out and our school had done it before," she said. "It was great - the kids were so excited. They got to touch the different parts of the soil, and the different nutrients they had in jars for the kids to pass around and see what they actually looked like."

Nutrien's mobile classroom is available to schedule for teachers and schools within the greater Calgary area until mid-October, at which point the weather will be too cold to comfortably operate, or to sustain plant growth.

Westmount Elementary also hosted a Grade 4 class from Trinity Christian Academy to engage with the classroom while it was scheduled.

Participating students conducted a preassessment before their sessions in the mobile classroom to establish what the class thought they knew, then did a post assessment to establish what they learned.

"This is kind of like a springboard for us. It was a kind of introduction and we can always have it in the fall because of their schedule and our weather. We will connect back to it when we come back to the subject in the spring," said Kopp.

Other activities available to students through the school include the Green Team, which helps to maintain plants on school grounds, as well as opportunities to engage with the geodesic greenhouse now operational at Strathmore High School.

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# Legion Week promoted activities of local branch

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

National Legion Week, which took place Sept. 17-23, marked an opportunity to educate communities regarding the efforts and activities of their local legion branch.

In Strathmore, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 welcomed the time of year, though took it effectively as business as usual.

Donovan Arnaud, president of the Legion Branch 10, said the Legion is pretty busy on any given week hosting and contributing to activities around town, but was excited for the opportunity for people to be more aware of their presence.

“All it really is, is a callout to people to invite them to link up with their local legion ... it is often a callout to a lot of the members of the legion who for one reason or another have not ... frequented their local legion, wherever they live,” he said. “It is a callout to people in various communities across the country where their legion branches are hopefully active in their various communities, because the legion’s role, first and foremost, is to promote remembrance of the fallen – those who have sacrificed their lives for our country.”

Another important function of the legion is to

support the veterans and the families of those who have served in the Canadian Forces.

Work and involvement by the legion in the community includes sponsoring sports for kids, programs for the elderly, social activities for the general public, and working in cooperation with a myriad of other communities and organizations. The legion maintains a goal to promote citizenship and healthy community living.

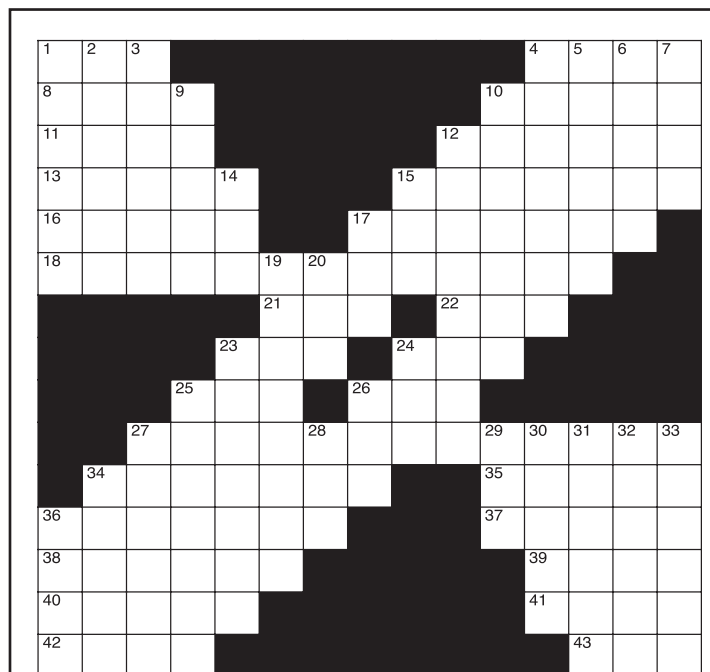
“Legion Week is an attempt to focus on the legions and the various communities and to help people or remind people that we exist and we are here for them in various capacities,” said Arnaud. “Our normal week is pretty busy already. We offer a variety of things like bingo for the so inclined and various social events that are typically done at our branch every week (such as) karaoke, sing alongs, dances, parties, all kinds of things for the community.”

The legion, he said, is first and foremost a services club, and offers service to the surrounding community. Throughout Legion Week, Arnaud said he was happy to see that promoted, and people were invited to both check out events, as well as to potentially join the legion.

“We are not really doing much of anything specific for Legion Week. Our Legion Week is a typical week and that is basically what we are doing.

We put a focus on inviting people who perhaps are not aware of the legion and the kinds of things that we do.”

Coming into November, the legion will be putting an emphasis on education to students through remembrance week about the fallen, service to the country, and passing the torch from one generation to the next.



## CLUES ACROSS

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|---|--|
| 1. Outsourcing (abbr.)                    | 23. Cash machine                       |
| 4. Post                                   | 24. A way to soak                      |
| 8. German city on edge of Black Forest    | 25. Hair product                       |
| 10. “___, but goodie”                     | 26. Deride                             |
| 11. Spiced stew                           | 27. “The Blonde Bombshell”             |
| 12. Passionately                          | 34. Cause to become insane             |
| 13. Monetary units                        | 35. Bluish greens                      |
| 15. Group of living organisms             | 36. Supported with money               |
| 16. Organic compound derived from ammonia | 37. Type of equation                   |
| 17. High honors                           | 38. Court officials                    |
| 18. 5-year-olds’ classes                  | 39. Indian god                         |
| 21. Swiss river                           | 40. Rids                               |
| 22. Old woman                             | 41. Leak slowly through                |
|   | 42. Units of ionizing radiation        |
|   | 43. Midway between south and southeast |

## CLUES DOWN

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Native of Slovakia              | 20. Leg (slang)                 |
| 2. Deli meat                       | 23. Pokes holes in              |
| 3. Fibrous substance in fungi      | 24. Moved quickly on foot       |
| 4. Cutting                         | 25. Fix-it shops                |
| 5. Vedder and Van Halen            | 26. Type of bread               |
| 6. Horror comic novelist           | 27. Repaired                    |
| 7. Rulers of Tunis                 | 28. Synthetic diamond (abbr.)   |
| 9. Shaped like a circle            | 29. Type of drug (abbr.)        |
| 10. Make a pig of oneself          | 30. German city along the Rhine |
| 12. Aphorism                       | 31. Animal disease              |
| 14. Witness                        | 32. Martini necessities         |
| 15. Single Lens Reflex             | 33. Get away from               |
| 17. Freshwater North American fish | 34. Village in Mali             |
| 19. Nautical ropes                 | 36. Djibouti franc              |

# Town to explore options for tackling Parklane Drive noise and driving complaints

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council has directed administration to investigate potential solutions to reported noise complaints arising from activities taking place at Kinsmen Park.

John Trofimuk, representing the senior community in Lambert Village, wrote a letter to Council and was allowed to speak during a public delegation at the Sept. 20 regular meeting about his grievances.

“Every night, we listen to squealing tires, loud vehicles, it sounds like most of them do not have mufflers, there is horn honking going on, and this goes on – it starts any time after supper and goes until midnight, sometimes even later,” he said. “In the summertime, we can’t even open our windows to get fresh air because it is too noisy in the evening, and sitting (outside) is no fun. Because of the noise, you can’t talk, listen to music or anything. It is disgusting.”

Trofimuk added complaints about drivers recklessly speeding down Parklane Drive, noting not only the nuisance of such behaviour, but also inherent risk to both the drivers and surrounding residents.

It was also clarified the nuisance drivers had previously been exhibiting the same behaviours in the lot now occupied by the Town Hall, prior to

its construction.

“We are here to enjoy our retirement, and that is hard to do. We listen to it every single night, not just certain nights. I do not know what this town can do about it,” said Trofimuk. “Lots of times, I have phoned the RCMP and they will come, but by the time they get here, they (the offenders) are gone ... the RCMP try to do their best, but they just can’t (solve the problem).”

Coun. Melissa Langmaid presented the motion to direct town administration to prepare a report outlining potential remedial actions to address the noise and speed complaints along Parklane Drive and within the parking lot surrounding the Kinsmen Park pavilion.

Coun. Debbie Mitzner suggested a request to administration to include in their report a cost estimate for a gate to the parking lot which may restrict the hours anyone may be able to access the area.

Town of Strathmore CAO Kevin Scoble said during the meeting, administration has been working with local RCMP, and solution options which will be presented in the report will be inclusive of police input on the issue.

Administration has been directed to return to council with a report to be reviewed at the Oct. 11 regular meeting of council.

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Siksika Health Services signed an MoU with the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSA), Sept. 20, with the goal of beginning to eliminate racism and mistreatment of Indigenous patients from the Alberta health care system.

John Watson Photos



**Siksika Health Services, CPSA sign MoU**

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“CPSA recognizes that we have played a role in past harms and trauma to Indigenous peoples and communities in Alberta,” she said. “This MoU is more than a partnership and shared objectives. It is an expression of mutual respect, a recognition of the autonomy of Indigenous peoples and a willingness to work together to ensure Indigenous peoples receive safe, equitable health care.”

In a joint statement from Siksika Nation and CPSA, it is noted the MoU is based upon the recognition of Siksika jurisdiction and inherent right to self-determination.

It is also stated Siksika Health Services acknowledges and endorses CPSA's regulatory authority over physicians and physician assistants practicing in their community, as well as CPSA authority in the accreditation of medical facilities.

Physicians and physician assistants were recognized as occupying influential roles within the health care system, and all organizations must take an active stance in addressing the problem.

“We are not the entire health care system. We are a small part of it, but we have a responsibility as a leader in the health care system to take action,” said Scott McLeod, CPSA registrar and CEO.

Siksika Health Services is also examining the possibility of creating its own, more localized health care system, according to Solway.

In 2022, Siksika Health Services put out a call to nation members to submit their experiences of racism and/or discrimination within the Alberta health care system. Legal counsel for Siksika is now reported to be looking over the testimonies.

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# Communities in Bloom behind food security demonstration at Town hall

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A partnership between the Town of Strathmore, Communities in Bloom, and Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is demonstrating a method of growing food indoors all year round.

Last year, FCC gave Communities in Bloom \$1,000 for their food security initiative and returned on Sept. 22 to see what had been done with the funding.

“We like to invest in our communities, in our agriculture space, because that’s who we work with and we have our own actual initiative called Drive Away Hunger, where we collect food donations and donate that. So, food security fits right in with our initiatives,” said Lexi Dyck, relationship manager for FCC. “It started with the community gardens, actually, so when we were thinking about community investment and where we wanted to invest and something that was a unique space around food was community gardens ... that’s how we connected with Communities in Bloom.”

The funding received by Communities in Bloom was divided between the demonstration tower, signs to talk about and advertise the project, maintenance of the Birth Forest, and other sustainable growing activities in town.

Similar to the system now established at the town, grow towers have also begun to be used in schools for both the benefit of the community, as well as to teach kids about food security.

“This project is all about food security. After a tough year with drought and everything, FCC is in the business of agriculture. (Through) good and bad times, we are all about food security and it is great to support communities that are also forwarding those initiatives,” said Lexi Hoy, relationship management associate with FCC. “We’ve seen a lot more focus on vertical farming and kind of that growing in a small indoor greenhouse space without the big greenhouse. It is something that we’ve seen people in the industry take an interest in, but I have never seen a tower like this, so it is a pretty new thing.”

Every year, she added, FCC makes an effort to donate to some sort of community investment project, which included the efforts being made by Communities in Bloom.

“The tower itself is quite a self-enclosed, self-sustaining system. It’s got a timer on the lights and on the pump, which pumps water up through the

middle, keeps the roots from drying out and gives them nutrients,” explained Jennifer Neufeld, chair of Communities in Bloom.

For regular consumers, setups like, or similar to the tower on display at the town are available with relatively to extremely accessible levels of affordability, depending on how elaborate and self-sustaining one wishes their growing setup to be.

The demonstration tower at the town is freely available to be picked from and eaten by folks visiting the town building. Additionally, free seeds have been made available adjacent to the tower should folks be wanting to try growing edible plants of their own.



Communities in Bloom, the Town of Strathmore, and Farm Credit Canada collaborated to bring an indoor growing tower into the Town Hall as a demonstration of an easy indoor growing solution, and creation of food security. Plants that are being grown on the tower are also free for resi-

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Joe Lepage Photos

# WHEATLAND COUNTY

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## 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, 2023. 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).



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The Siksika Support Centre celebrated their grand opening with the Healing Through Gathering Powwow, which took place Sept. 21 at the Siksika Powwow Arbour. The Siksika Support Centre is hoping to spread awareness about their presence within the community as a resource for people who need a little extra help.

John Watson Photos

# Siksika Support Centre hosts Healing Through Gathering Powwow

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The grand opening of Siksika Support Services, as well as Siksika Day were celebrated at the powwow arbour on Sept. 21 with the Healing Through Gathering Powwow.

“We received some donation funds, I believe it was from TD Bank, and it was for cultural purposes. We had originally had a grand opening set for June 21 ... and we had to postpone it,” said Linda Little Chief Ayoungman, manager for Siksika Support Services. “In the meantime, we received these donation funds and we decided to focus more on our community rather than just the handful of people we might have been able to connect with through just a general grand opening ceremony.”

The Siksika Support Centre opened its doors officially in April 2022 following several years of development, and has since served over 2,000 nation members through its four currently available programs.

Ayoungman explained the Siksika Support Centre is largely focused on several facets of supporting nation members, being: one-time emergency financial support, food, and a healing plan which provides access to several different support structures by way of the Support Centre’s partners.

“The support of our leadership is very instrumental in allowing us to be able to reach more of our nation members. In the past, our people or our programs tended to be siloed a little bit,” said Ayoungman. “The purpose of the support centre is to really have that integrated service delivery model focus. We are currently working on something similar to a continuum of care, where all of our services can relay information freely back and forth without fear of contravening different professional rules and regulations that they all follow.”

The namesake of the powwow, Healing Through Gathering, was chosen out of significance to Siksika, particularly following the isolation required during the COVID-19 pandemic. The idea being to be able to gather, connect and support each other.

Sept. 22, also marks the official anniversary of the Treaty 7 signing and is a holiday for Nation members. This year marks the 146th anniversary of the signing.

The Siksika Support Centre can be reached by phone at 403-734-5700, or by several similar numbers in order to each specific program. The team can also be reached via email.

Though social media outlets are currently maintained by Siksika Support Services, a website is

in the process of being developed to increase awareness regarding their services.

In the meantime, Ayoungman said word of mouth is largely their greatest way of spreading information about the Support Centre’s programs and existence.

Nation members are encouraged to seek them out and apply for programs if they are in need of assistance, as they are designed to have little to no acceptance barriers.



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CHANTELLE DE JONGE  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Since 1879, predating the province itself, agricultural societies have been vital to rural Alberta. To recognize the hard work of these volunteer-driven, non-profit organizations, our UCP Government is permanently designating Sept. 21 as Agricultural Societies Day in Alberta.

Alberta is home to 291 ag societies, more than any other province in Canada. Ag societies are the backbone of our province's rural communities, organizing events and operating facilities that are absolutely essential to our communities' quality of life.

It's nearly impossible to live in rural Alberta without benefitting from your local ag society. You likely have attended one of the more than 37,000 events and activities that they put on each year such as the Carseland Aggie Days, Stampede Breakfasts in Delacour, Bulls on the Beach in Chestermere, the Strathmore Stampede, or the upcoming Community Dinner in Indus.

Or perhaps you have used one of the over 900 facilities that are owned or operated by our ag societies, whether that was for a high school graduation, a wedding, or a hockey game.

There's also a chance that you or your child received a portion of the over \$300,000 in student bursaries and scholarships that our ag societies distribute annually.

These non-profit organizations provide valuable programs and services that improve our agriculture industry and support the needs of their communities. I am proud that our government continues to support the incredible work of our ag societies with annual operational funding through the Agricultural Societies Grant Program.

On behalf of Alberta's government, thank you to our agricultural societies and the more than 52,000 volunteers who support them. I strongly encourage you all to connect with your local ag society and to get involved as a volunteer.

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



## Way to go Crowther!

Students and staff from Crowther Memorial Junior High (CMJHS) participated in their annual Terry Fox Run for The Cure on Thursday, Sept. 21. CMJHS has been a proud supporter of the Terry Fox Run for over 30 years highlighting awareness for cancer research through donations. This year the school managed to raise \$2,230, surpassing their goal of \$2,000, making their 30-year total an impressive \$190,000.

Melissa Piche Photos

# Town to consider amending graphic images bylaw

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A public delegation at the Sept. 20, regular meeting of Strathmore town council, raised concerns regarding the recently established Community Standards Bylaw 13-05, regarding the distribution of flyers depicting graphic images.

The bylaw was passed by council July 26, following complaints from residents describing a significant influx in the delivery of flyers featuring graphic images delivered to local doorsteps.

As written in the bylaw, flyers and materials that are graphic in nature are still allowed to be delivered, but must be done so in opaque packaging which features a name and return address of the sender.

Sam Parsons, who spoke to the town, explained he believes the bylaw only protects folks who are either offended by pro-life/anti-abortion views, or who may have experienced trauma associated with a miscarriage.

"There are so many other offensive materials that are not addressed in this bylaw, not just pin-pointing the pro-life group," he said. "It is also dis-

couraging to their freedom of speech by forcing them to reveal their name and address, making them a target of aggression for all those who hate pro-life."

Parson added his main concern with the bylaw is with the fines associated with violating the bylaw. As it was passed, violations may include delivery of a graphic image either not within a sealed envelope, without a legible warning, or without identifying the sender and their address. The fines for each are posted at a minimum of \$500, with a specified penalty of \$1,000.

It was suggested to council that instead of identifying the sender of graphic images on each envelope to residents, distributors of graphic content could instead register with the town, so their identity would be known there, but not to any recipients.

Council discussed at length the idea to bring a potential bylaw amendment to the regular meeting scheduled for Oct. 18.

The amendment, should it continue, may see the minimum fine lowered from \$500 to as low as \$100 for offenders.

Additionally, council would discuss the idea to

change the definition of "graphic images" as defined in the bylaw, to mean a visual image showing or purporting to show a dismembered human fetus.

Coun. Richard Wegener said it was important to note the bylaw does not take away anyone's right to send or communicate this type of flyer or material, there are simply restrictions that are in place to protect audiences who do not wish to observe graphic images.

Town of Strathmore council voted to consider amending Bylaw 13-05 during the Oct. 18 regular meeting of council, 4-2, thus the matter will return before them then.

# County to consider land use redesignation for potential future wedding venue

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A new wedding venue may soon begin to see development in Wheatland County, as council has passed first reading to amend Land Use Bylaw 2016-01.

The bylaw currently specifies the subject plot of land, located in the southeast quarter of 33-23-25, west of the fourth meridian, five kilometres south of the Town of Strathmore, immediately west of Range Road 253 as Agricultural General district.

Should the amendment pass third reading, the plot will instead be classified as Rural Business district, in order to facilitate the development of a wedding venue that includes a bed and breakfast, entertainment venue, and short-term overnight camping for patrons.

As it stands, the site is occupied with a dwelling, detached garage, a concrete pad and patio space that are used for outdoor events and entertaining, water and wastewater services provided by means of a private well and a sewage treatment system.

Regarding its agricultural use, the plot produces what was described by Taylor Phelps, speaking to council on behalf of planning and development services, as a small yield of alfalfa annually, and is used as pasture lands for two draft horses.

The applicant has reported to the county they do not intend to subdivide the land parcel further, though future development plans include the use

of a large tent for hosting events and gatherings.

A business and operations plan was provided to the county which outlines a calendar of annual events the applicant wishes to host.

The plan also includes details regarding visual screening, dust, and noise mitigation related to events that are planned to be hosted. The plans are all posted to the county website and are publicly available for viewing and nearby landowners' consideration.

The applicant also submitted a transportation impact assessment to determine if improvements to the county's transportation network would be required to support the proposed development. No technical concerns were raised regarding servicing or access to the lands by the county.

Adjacent landowners and stakeholders within a one-mile radius were notified of the application, and four written submissions were received by the county. These were included in the Sept. 19, agenda package, which is available for public viewing.

Coun. Tom Ikert moved to grant first reading to the amendment of Land Use Bylaw 2016-01 to redesignate the subject land parcel from Agricultural General to Rural Business district. The motion was carried without opposition.

Coun. Shannon Laprise motioned for a public hearing to take place on Oct. 17 as recommended by administration. The motion was also carried without opposition.

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### New season celebration

The Wheatland Kings hosted a tailgate party prior to their home opener on Sept. 23 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local Junior B team hosted the pregame event for a chance for fans to mingle with the players and enjoy some music and food prior to puck drop. Once they hit the ice, the Kings unveiled their new third jersey and battled the Okotoks Bisons, falling 2-1 in a close contest. The team then hit the road the following day and earned a 4-3 win over the Rocky Rams. The Kings next game is slated for Sept. 30 ( 8 p.m.) when they host the Ponoka Stampeders.

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## Celebrating newspaper week

PAUL DEEGAN  
President and CEO of News Media Canada

Every week about 30 million newspapers are delivered across Canada. More than four out of five people in Canada read newspaper content each week. Why do they read print and digital news sources? The answer is simple: Trust.

Canadians value and trust fact-based, fact-checked journalism. Journalists hold the powerful to account. They cover city hall, the courts, and the police. They also keep communities connected by reporting on everything from the high school football team to 100th birthdays.

But real journalism, created by real journalists – rather than by artificial intelligence – costs real money. If we want to sustain it, we must support it. One of the best ways for the local community to support local journalism is to take out an ad. When you buy a newspaper ad – whether print or digital – those dollars stay in the community and allow the publisher to employ journalists. Conversely, when you buy an ad from a web giant, those dollars flow south to California to companies

that don't employ a single journalist.

One thing government can do to keep scarce advertising dollars in Canada is establish tax measures to incent businesses to advertise with private sector Canadian news outlets and bring fairness to the different tax treatment of advertising purchased from foreign websites.

Governments – municipal, provincial, and federal – also have a role to play when it comes to their own advertising spend. It makes no sense that the federal government was spending almost twice as much on Facebook/Instagram – which are now blocking news in Canada – as they were on all print publications combined. Governments – at all levels – should earmark 25 per cent of their advertising spend toward trusted Canadian news sources. And the federal government should end the 'double dip' by eliminating commercial advertising associated with CBC News, the public broadcaster.

National Newspaper Week is a time to reflect on the Champions who report the news without fear or favour, and it's a time to remember that local news needs to be supported by the community.

### Obituary

**BECK, Fulton Carl**  
September 17, 1942  
- September 17, 2023



Fulton Beck of High River, Alberta passed away on September 17, 2023, at the age of 81 years. Fulton is survived by his wife Mary; daughter Sheryl Teasell (husband Scott) of Ariss, Ontario; son Trevor Beck (wife Bobbi) of Okotoks, Alberta; stepdaughter Lisa Norden-Infante (husband Ruben) of North Saanich, British Columbia; ten beautiful grandchildren; and his sister Linda Hinkle Prochut (husband Rich) of Marlton, N.J. Fulton was born in Bassano, Alberta, and grew up on the family ranch North of Duchess. He graduated from Duchess High School, followed by two years at Mount Royal College. He then moved to Ontario to complete his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario. He spent many years in Ontario with his family and was successful in many sales positions there.

Fulton was a farm boy and Albertan at heart and loved the prairies and mountains, so he and his son Trevor made their way back to Alberta. This is where he reconnected and married the love of his life, Mary Leonard, whom he had known since childhood.

In recent years, Fulton and Mary owned and operated the Super 8 Motel in Strathmore, Alberta. Following the sale of the hotel, they purchased the Vulcan Auto Truck Stop, building a beautiful Petro Canada all-purpose service station and RV Park. During that time, they were honored with multiple awards for leadership, continuous improvement, and operational excellence. He was well respected by all who knew him as an excellent businessman and an honest and active member of the community.

Fulton was very involved in the John Ware 4-H Club of Duchess during his youth. In addition to having 2 Grand Championship Calves during 4-H years, he won several public speaking contests. Of 2 delegations, he was chosen to represent Alberta at the national 4-H Conference in Washington, DC.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved boating, camping, fishing, and hunting pheasant (and larger game). He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

When Fulton was diagnosed with cancer, he continued to be a model for all of us in positive thinking and sustaining quality of life.

A Memorial with his immediate family only, will be held at a later date.

Instead of flowers, the family requests that all donations go to the High River District Health Care Foundation [www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca](http://www.highriverhealthfoundation.ca) or to the Cancer Society of Canada <https://cancer.ca>.



### Obituary

**COOK, Peter**



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Peter Cook, age 57. Peter went home to be with the Lord on September 12, 2023 after a difficult struggle with mental illness. He is survived by his loving wife Andrea and four beautiful children Isabel, Sam, Jack, and Jane.

Peter was born in Montreal and grew up in Sarnia, Ontario to the late Dr. Barry and Betty Cook. He grew up with four siblings Michael (Cindy), Gerry (Laura), Todd (Terry Lee), and Jennifer (Kevin). Peter loved his acreage outside of Strathmore. There he was able to spend time on his tractor and enjoy the beautiful, peaceful landscape. His family has many fond memories of him from vacations to his favourite spot in St. Pete Beach, Florida. He was known to make people laugh with his many stories and witty humor, a trait that his family will never forget about him. His memory will live on while they keep his favorite Bible verse close to their hearts.

Isaiah 40:31, "but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

There was a private service held for his immediate family.

To send condolences, please visit Peter's obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca)



### Obituary

**ROBSON, Tyson Isaac**



Tyson Isaac Robson age 22, passed away after a long battle from mental illness on Thursday September 21st, 2023.

Tyson is the oldest son of mother Sarah Buchner and father Bradley (Adam) Robson. He is survived by his mother Sarah, stepfather Mark and siblings Jaydin, Jacob, and Piper as well as his grandparents Judith and Gerald and Great grandparents Dorothy and Henry.

For those who knew him best, will know he was so quirky, he would find the most unexpected ways to make you laugh, he had the kindest heart and would do anything for the lucky few he loved.

Tyson's celebration of life will be held Tuesday September 26th at 2:00pm at the Wheatland Funeral Home.

To send condolences, please visit [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca)



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### A Tribute to Janet Bolinger

I was Janet Bolinger's high school teacher. She then taught my daughter, who later taught Janet's daughter. I was a 30-year member of her choir and we were community co-workers. She and Wally were good neighbours and true friends. Our community has lost a wonderful woman.

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Strathmore and District Curling Club is **HIRING! HIRING! HIRING!**  
  
Do you like to work in a public setting?  
We are in search of a Bar Manager for our Lounge  
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**Upcoming Council Meetings**

September 6, 2023 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting  
 September 13, 2023 | 6pm Committee of the Whole  
 September 20, 2023 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting

**Want to speak at a Council Meeting?**

Members of the public are welcome to speak at Council or Committee of the Whole Meetings during the Public Comments or Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Learn how at [Strathmore.ca/CouncilMeetings](http://Strathmore.ca/CouncilMeetings)



Excerpt from the 2022 Annual Report

# 2022 FAST FACTS

Delivering public programs and services, as well as maintaining public facilities, roads, and parks is what we do best. In 2022, your Town accomplished a lot. Here are some highlights:



**70+**  
trees **planted**



**209**  
real property reports received



**78**  
metric tonnes of garbage collected



**252**  
mattresses collected



**143**  
internal **safety inspections** completed

as part of curbside heavy item garbage collection



**2,280**  
metric tonnes of **solid waste** collected and disposed of in the landfill



**41**  
GIS web apps created



**15,987**  
linear meters of **sewer lines** cleaned



**316**  
citizen communication **forms** responded to



**413,385**  
Strathmore.ca **pageviews**

we look after:



**160.24**  
kilometers of roadway



**24**  
public **playgrounds**



**32.13**  
kilometers of pathway



**276.2**  
acres of parks and greenspace



**4**  
**landuse bylaw** ammendments approved



**891**  
annuals **planted**



**7.74**  
metric tonnes of asphalt used to fill **potholes**

**2022 Annual Report**

There is a lot going on in any given year in Strathmore. We just published our 2022 Annual Report where you can learn more about how your Town operates and some of the things we accomplished last year.

[Strathmore.ca/2022AnnualReport](http://Strathmore.ca/2022AnnualReport)

