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County approves strategic plan

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council has approved a new four-year strategic plan that will guide municipal budgeting, service delivery and development decisions through 2029.

Council adopted the 2026-2029 plan on Sept. 22 after discussing public input, economic development and how the county intends to measure whether its goals are actually being achieved.

The plan is organized around five community drivers: financial resilience, responsible cost management, measurable service excellence, strategic growth and development, and better public understanding.

General Manager of Corporate and Financial Services Cory Adamson said the document was built around priorities established by council following the 2025 municipal election.

"This strategic plan was created with council and is a council document," Adamson said.

He described the structure as a progression from why the county is pursuing a goal to what it wants to accomplish and then how administration will carry it out.

"The formulation of this plan tells a story of why, what and how council wishes to proceed in their strategic plan," he said.

The county plans to use the document as the basis for more detailed corporate and departmental business plans. Those plans will establish specific actions, timelines and performance measures.

Adamson said measuring results will form part of the next stage.

"We're going to look to see how we can measure the success of the things that we're doing," said Adamson.

Coun. Rick Laursen said some of the broad goals will be more difficult to quantify than others.

"What gets measured gets done," Laursen said, before asking how the county would evaluate targets such as stronger partnerships, increased regional investment and more effective use of outside resources.

Adamson said those measurements would be developed during administrative planning.

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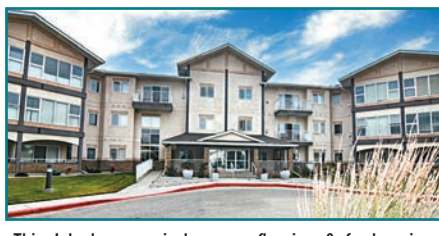
Weekend sweep

The Wheatland Kings opened their 2026-2027 season with a 7-1 thumping of the Rimbey Royals on Sept. 25 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The team then traveled to Red Deer the following day, where they beat the very tough Red Deer Vipers 3-2.

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Celebrating diversity

The Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS), along with the Rocky View and Wheatland Local Immigration Partnership, presented “Melodies of Our Roots” on Sept. 26 at Kinsmen Park in Strathmore. The free cultural celebration featured live performances, cultural vendors, booths and activities, bringing the community together to celebrate diverse cultures and traditions.

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Wheatland County adopts new framework for utility subsidies and 2027 rates

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Wheatland County has adopted a new financial framework aimed at making utility subsidies more consistent and gradually shifting a larger share of service costs toward the residents who use those systems.

Council approved the Utility Services Financial Framework on Sept. 22 but amended the proposed subsidy ranges for smaller communities before directing administration to prepare 2027 utility rates.

The policy is intended to guide how the county calculates operating subsidies adjusts rates and plans for reserves and infrastructure replacement. It does not itself set individual utility bills; those rates will still have to be approved through the county’s Master Schedule of Fees Bylaw.

Financial Services Manager Joel Chiasson said the policy grew out of an earlier Committee of the Whole discussion examining how much different communities’ utility systems are being subsidized.

“This policy would be a guide directive to inform administration on council’s preference in how to calculate the subsidy levels annually, how to amend the rates annually and reach certain targets,” Chiasson said.

Under the framework, subsidy targets are tied to the number of utility accounts in each community. The underlying idea is that very small systems have fewer customers over which to spread operating costs and may therefore require a larger subsidy.

Council amended the ranges before approving the policy.

For communities with zero to 100 utility accounts, the approved subsidy target range was changed to 40 to 50 per cent. Communities with 100 to 200 accounts were set at 20 to 40 per cent, while communities with more than 200 accounts remained at zero to 30 per cent.

The policy also generally uses a five-year rolling average when calculating subsidies to avoid having one unusual year cause a sharp change in rates.

Administration’s original 2027 projections called for total utility rate increases of 3.7 per cent in Carseland, 3.7 per cent in Speargrass, 3.2 per cent in Gleichen, 4.2 per cent in Rosebud, 2.1 per cent in Cluny and 4.2 per cent in Muirfield. Those figures combined subsidy adjustments with a 2.1-per-cent inflation component.

Because council amended the subsidy ranges during the meeting, administration was directed to bring back the Master Schedule of Fees with 2027 rates reflecting the amended framework.

The discussion repeatedly returned to the question of how much general property-tax revenue should be used to support services available only to some county residents.

Reeve Scott Klassen said rural property owners who rely on private wells or septic systems do not receive the same municipal utility services.

“We don’t supply this service to everybody,” Klassen said. “We have to balance that.”

Councillors also acknowledged that full cost recovery may not be practical in some small communities.

The policy allows smaller systems to remain subsidized within defined ranges rather than forcing immediate increases large enough to eliminate the subsidy.

The agenda report said reaching zero subsidies in some service areas within five years would require substantial single-year rate increases.

The framework also separates operating costs from long-term capital replacement. If a community performs better financially than its target subsidy range, the policy allows money to be directed into that community’s capital reserve rather than reducing rates.

For commercial and industrial-only utility systems the policy takes a different approach: infrastructure and service costs are to be fully paid by the benefiting users without subsidy from general community resources.

Council carried both the amended framework and the motion directing administration to return with the corresponding 2027 utility rates.



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Evening of reflection

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Melissa Crispin-Piche
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Harvest market

The Homebody Market: the Harvest Edition, was held Sept. 26 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. Shoppers spent the day discovering curated local makers right in town with some getting an early start on their Christmas shopping.

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Wheatland County approves refinancing of \$7.66M Goldfinch water line debt

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Wheatland County is moving a \$7.66-million loan for the Goldfinch Raw Water Line from a private bank to the Province of Alberta, a refinancing move expected to reduce interest costs over the life of the debt.

Council gave all three readings to Bylaw 2026-18 during its Sept. 22 meeting, authorizing the county to refinance the remaining \$7,661,442 construction loan through Alberta's Loans to Local Authorities program.

The raw water line, which services the Goldfinch Industrial Park area, has been completed and is now operational. The county originally used construction financing from a private bank so it could draw money as contractor payments came due, rather than borrowing the full amount at the beginning of construction.

Financial Services Manager Joel Chiasson told council that approach saved money during construction.

“We effectively saved some interest by taking that approach,” Chiasson said. “Now that that’s effectively complete, in doing some comparatives on the interest rates, we found that the provincial rates are more cost effective in locking in that 20-year period.”

According to the council report, the provincial option carries an effective annual interest rate of 4.4893 per cent, compared with 5.43 per cent under the bank option. The county estimates annual debt servicing at \$581,975 through the province, compared with \$647,675 through the bank. Total projected interest is about \$3.98 million through the province, roughly \$666,313 less than the bank proposal.

The county had originally authorized borrowing of up to \$7.75 million for construction. Administration said using the construction loan before converting the debt to a long-term debenture also produced roughly \$150,000 in interest savings.

Coun. Berle Hebbes asked how repayment would

be divided between existing and future users of the line.

Chiasson said the original infrastructure planning included anticipated development and tax benefits, and estimated a six- to seven-year payback period for the broader infrastructure investment. The refinanced loan itself will be amortized over 20 years.

“It’s a standard amortization just like it would be for a mortgage, equal payments,” he said.

Under the bylaw, levies or fees charged to Goldfinch Raw Water Line users are intended to pay the principal and interest. If those revenues are insufficient, the bylaw allows the county to raise municipal taxes to cover the shortfall.

The bylaw passed first and second reading before council unanimously agreed to consider third reading at the same meeting. Third and final reading was then carried.

The county can now apply to the provincial loan program to replace the bank financing.

Wheatland County tightens privacy rules for municipal use of artificial intelligence

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
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Wheatland County has approved changes to its artificial intelligence policy, adding stronger privacy restrictions and an explicit safeguard against using AI to broadly monitor or profile residents online.

Council approved amendments to the county’s AI policy Sept. 22 after a lengthy discussion about personal information, chatbots, automated decision-making and public concerns about how governments could use emerging technology.

Information Services Manager Harry Kim said the county already had an AI policy, and the amendments were intended to strengthen it rather than change its overall direction.

“AI is expanding quickly and presents an opportunity for us to improve operational efficiency,” Kim said. “These updates will allow the county to use these tools under an up-to-date policy framework that minimizes potential risks associated with AI use.”

The revised policy requires AI tools used for county business to be reviewed and approved by Information Services. Personal, confidential or sensitive information can only be processed using tools and configurations approved for that purpose.

The policy also says approval of an AI platform does not automatically extend to every plug in, connector or integration associated with it. Those features may require separate review because

they can provide additional access to county data or systems.

One of the most significant provisions deals with decisions affecting individuals.

“AI cannot be the final basis for decisions that materially affect an individual without review by a qualified county employee,” Kim told council.

The written policy similarly requires additional scrutiny for AI uses that could affect a person’s access to services, employment, safety, legal interests or financial interests.

During the meeting, councillors pushed for clearer wording around the collection of information about residents.

Coun. Donna Biggar said the policy should leave little room for uncertainty.

“AI is becoming sort of a frightening thing, and I think we have to be very careful about what we agree to collect or not collect,” Biggar said. “I think we need to be very careful about that and collect as little as possible, and only in situations where there’s a direct benefit.”

Kim responded that the county is not using AI to scrape personal information from the internet.

“We’re not mining any personal information at all,” he said. “Any information that we gather is specified by a notice when we’re collecting, it why we’re using that, and why administratively we need to collect it.”

Administration then proposed an additional clause stating the county would not use AI to monitor, scrape, compile, profile, score or infer personal information about identifiable people from social media, websites or other publicly available sources, except where specifically authorized by law and subject to appropriate privacy approval.

Council ultimately approved the amended policy with the additional wording discussed during the meeting.

The policy also incorporates Alberta’s Access to Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act and states that AI-related information handling must comply with applicable Canadian and Alberta privacy requirements.

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To the Editor

Let's remember on the referendum, in Question 10, there are only two answers on separation –

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Dennis Bigras
Wheatland County

Albertans are hurting

To the Editor

Our Premier apparently believes we Albertans are angry and hurting because the previous federal government impeded the oil and gas industry - the industry that is 73 per cent owned by ultra-rich foreign investors. I for one, am hurting because she is dismantling universal public healthcare, reducing the incomes of disabled people, secretly cancelling social support programs, unfairly transgressing the intent of the UCP collective agreement with our primary care doctors – that they earn \$68,000/year less than Manitoba doctors, cutting back senior's assistance programs, limiting consultations with my doctor to 17 minutes, and having to wait 20 months for joint replacement surgery.

But she says we are winning now. I don't think I am winning now. Meanwhile, our new UCP-type federal Prime Minister is handing out billions of dollars to even more foreign investors.

Albertans are being told that a two-tier health-care system will give people more “choice.” But the truth is that only a small slice of the population will ever be able to afford private medical services (\$35,000 for

hip replacement). Based on income levels and current out-of-pocket health spending, only about one in four Albertans could realistically pay for private scans, private surgeries, or private-tier physician access on a regular basis. The other 75 per cent stay at the back of the line.

This matters because families are already stretched thin. Nearly half of Albertans say they are worse off financially than a year ago, and many spend more than 30 per cent of their income just to keep a roof over their heads. When people are already delaying care because they cannot afford medication or time off work, it is hard to imagine how they could suddenly pay thousands of dollars for private medical treatment.

A two-tier system does not create “choice” for most people. It creates a fast lane for the wealthy and a slow lane for everyone else. Alberta should be strengthening public health care, not building a system where only the top income group gets timely treatment while the majority waits longer. Tears are not enough.

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Four applications down: Who’s responsible for the WHMB funding deadlock?

To the Editor

I am again writing as a concerned taxpayer regarding the proposed Wheatland Lodge and Hospice project and have serious concerns about the accuracy, transparency and oversight of the application process involving Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB).

I am not opposed to additional seniors' lodge spaces. I recognize that the need is real. However, after four unsuccessful provincial applications, I am increasingly concerned about how this project has evolved and whether taxpayers and municipal councils have been given complete and accurate information to properly assess it.

The original proposal was for 165 continuing-care spaces, including 115 lodge spaces and six hospice beds, at an estimated cost of \$54 million. The current proposal is for 120 lodge beds and six hospice beds. Since the existing lodge is no longer being sold as indicated in 2019, WHMB would have 214 lodge beds – 89 more than identified in the needs assessment – while the reported project cost has increased to approximately \$74 million.

The most recent application raises particularly serious concerns. At the Sept. 8 Wheatland County council meeting, WHMB representatives acknowledged that the latest provincial application contained an approximately \$16+million error involving contingency and hospice costs. WHMB stated these amounts were added accidentally and because the provincial reviewer did not remove them – it resulted in a high loan ask. The ministry subsequently met with municipalities to discuss why applications were being rejected and discussed that the cost per bed was excessively high. WHMB has previously said they were building bigger rooms and bigger halls; extensive innovations for the hospice. It all comes at a cost.

After three previous unsuccessful applications, how can an error of this magnitude occur? Were similar cost issues present in previous applications? These circumstances raise legitimate questions about financial controls, the application process and oversight.

There are still concerns about transparency with municipal councils. Municipalities appear to have learned through the ministry that WHMB application's scope and costs had changed, again not having sufficient information to independently verify what was submitted to the province.

The proposed hospice also requires clarification. It has come to light that WAHS is not permitted to operate a hospice. Taxpayers need to know how it would be permitted, funded, staffed and operated, and what financial responsibility municipalities could face if the beds are not fully utilized.

The size of the proposed lodge also warrants an updated, independent review. The 2019 needs assessment identified a 21-person wait list, while the current wait list is approximately 30. With 94 existing beds and 120 proposed beds, WHMB would have 214 lodge beds. Before another application proceeds, taxpayers deserve independent evidence demonstrating that this number is actually required.

This is not about opposing seniors' housing. It is about accountability. After four unsuccessful applications, significant project changes, increased costs and now an acknowledged \$16+million error, taxpayers are entitled to question whether the current governance and oversight are adequate.

Before another application is submitted, taxpayers deserve accurate financial information, demonstrated need, appropriate governance and full transparency.

Cheryl Marshman,
Rockyford

Wheatland County adopts 2026-29 strategic plan focused on finances, services and growth

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Council also discussed how much public engagement went into the strategic plan.

Administration said a budget engagement survey conducted earlier in the year received about 40 responses, but clarified the survey had been conducted primarily to help inform service levels and the budget rather than specifically to create the strategic plan.

CAO Sherry Baers said the strategic plan itself is intended to establish council's direction to administration.

“This is council's document that sets their priorities for guiding the county in a direction over this term,” Baers said.

She added that broader county planning documents, including the Municipal Development Plan, had gone through extensive public engagement and helps inform some of the strategic plan's direction.

Baers said she welcomed the fact that residents

were scrutinizing the plan.

“We create them and we're being held accountable, and I really appreciate that,” she said.

She also called for more discussion about economic development including where the county wants growth to occur and whether additional resources are needed to attract development.

Other discussion centred on the county's reliance on non-residential assessment.

During the meeting, administration said Wheatland County expects about \$33.6 million in municipal property tax revenue in 2026, including roughly \$4.8 million from residential property, \$2.9 million from farmland, \$18.4 million from non-residential assessment and \$7.5 million from machinery and equipment.

The plan states that future departmental plans, budgets and reporting will be tied back to the strategic objectives so council can track progress over the remainder of its term.

Council approved the plan as presented.

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Strathmore's railway roots take centre stage at The Vault

MELISSA CRISPIN-PICHE
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Strathmore might look very different today if the Canadian Pacific Railway had taken another route across Western Canada.

That history and the railway, irrigation projects and demonstration farm that helped put Strathmore on the map — will be the focus of an upcoming presentation at The Vault Cultural Collective.

The Western District Historical Society will welcome long time Strathmore resident and local businessman Bruce Klaiber for Strathmore: In the Beginning on Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. upstairs at The Vault.

Klaiber has spent years researching the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), the development of irrigation in the region and the CPR Demonstration and Supply Farm in Strathmore. His connection to the latter is also personal.

"My family purchased the CPR's demonstration farm, part in 1944, and the other part in 1946," he said. "I grew up in Strathmore."

Klaiber's deeper dive into the property's history began after he joined the Western District Historical Society roughly 14 years ago. As members discussed the pieces of Strathmore's past they believed were worth researching and preserving, the demonstration farm was an obvious subject for him to pursue.

What he found went well beyond the history of one property.

"I knew a bit about the farm, but I would spend some time doing some research on it," he said. "I was completely blown away by the importance of the farm, the importance of the irrigation district."

His Oct. 2 presentation will trace the railway's journey west from Winnipeg, the establishment of irrigation and the role of the CPR's demonstration farm.

It will also look at how those developments influenced where communities grew across the Prairies.

For Klaiber, understanding that history helps explain why Strathmore exists where it does today.

"It was because of the railroad, because of the irrigation district, because of the demonstration farm, that Strathmore came into being, its current location," he said.

The route itself was not a foregone conclusion. Klaiber said the line through southern Alberta was not the original route being considered for the railway, meaning the story of Strathmore, and potentially the development that followed the rail corridor, could have unfolded differently.

That connection between the railway and later transportation routes is one of the pieces of history that particularly caught his attention during his research.

"Eventually, the Trans-Canada Highway followed the rail line as well, across the Prairies," he said.

Klaiber believes Strathmore's role in that larger story deserves greater recognition.

"I think that Strathmore should recognize its important part in history," he said.

The Western District Historical Society president Rhonda Christie-Stockwell said Klaiber was a natural choice for the presentation because of the research he has already done and the talks he has given throughout the community.

Christie-Stockwell will also take part in the evening highlighting another way the society is working to make Strathmore's history accessible.

The society has developed three walking tours that can be followed through an app called On This Spot and can be found through the Apple App store. Printed booklets will be also available for those who would rather leave their phones behind. Christie-Stockwell has been updating the modern day photographs used in the tours so residents can compare historic locations with what stands there now.

Preserving those stories has become increasingly important as the physical reminders of Strathmore's past disappear.

"Over the years, a lot of the old buildings have been torn down, and with no regard to trying to maintain them," Christie-Stockwell said. "So I think history is very important, and we want to keep it alive for the generations to be able to learn about it."

Christie-Stockwell said the historical society is currently having a documentary produced that will tell more of the community's story and include interviews with local families. The intention is eventually to bring that project into area schools.

Christie-Stockwell said even people who have lived in the area for decades can be surprised by how much history was sitting just outside their door.

Klaiber has had a similar experience through his research, particularly as he discovered stories that risk being lost as generations pass.

He said he wishes some of the work had begun earlier when more of the people who had firsthand experience with the demonstration farm and irrigation district were still available to tell their stories.

"I think that this effort should have taken place perhaps a generation before me," Klaiber said. "There were so many people alive and living that had worked at the farm and with the irrigation district."

The Vault's upstairs space holds approximately 50 people. Christie-Stockwell said the society plans to gauge interest following the presentation and may hold a larger version at the Strathmore Legion in the spring. Another presentation is also planned through Wheatland Family and Community Support Services in November.

For those attending Oct. 2, Christie-Stockwell said the goal is simple; give residents a better understanding of the forces that created the community around them.

"Just getting the knowledge of how Strathmore came to be, and how important it was to the area," she said.

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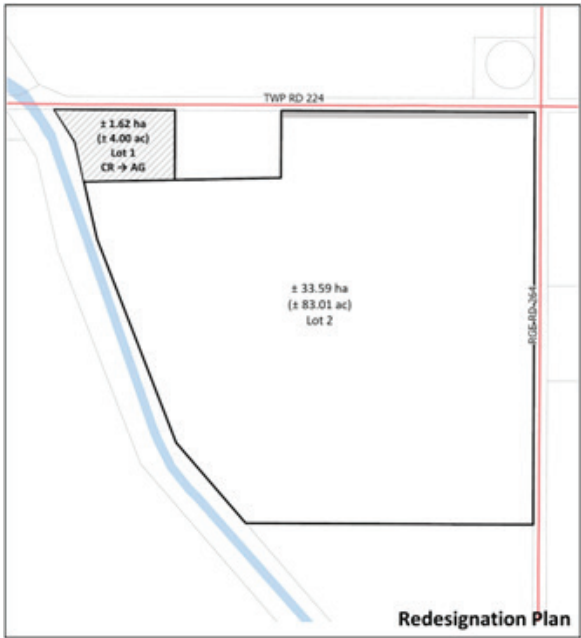


Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers October 20th, 2026 at 11 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026.
The following public hearings begin at 11 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

File No: LU2026-006
Bylaw #: 2016-14
Location: Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 1010624 – NE-20-22-26-W4M
Proposal: To redesignate Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 1010624, from CR District to AG District to facilitate a subsequent boundary adjustment between the subject lands and Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0810016, all within NE-20-22-26-W4M, resulting in a ± 2.83 hectare (± 7.00 acre) parcel and a ± 32.38 hectare (± 80.01 acre) remainder parcel



File No: LU2026-005
Bylaw #: 2026-11
Location: Lot 2, Block 2, Plan 0413687 – SE-31-25-23-W4M
Proposal: To redesignate a portion of the subject lands from Agriculture General District to Country Residential District, to facilitate a subsequent subdivision resulting in a ± 1.82 hectare (± 4.50 acre) parcel and a ± 23.19 hectare (± 57.31 acre) remainder parcel



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 13(1) of Alberta’s Protection of Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the Protection of Privacy Act, Section 4(c) that information relates directly to and is necessary for an operating program or activity of the public body.

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Artistic display

Legion President Donovan Arnaud displays a newly-painted commemorative sidewalk that leads to the entrance of the Strathmore Legion, featuring symbols representing the Army, Navy and Air Force alongside the words "Lest We Forget." A torch at the head of the design is in honour of the poem In Flanders Field by John McCrae. The torch in the poem is a metaphor for the duty, responsibility and fight for freedom passed from the fallen soldiers to the living. The sidewalk was chosen instead of a traditional street crosswalk to help protect the artwork from traffic and preserve it as a lasting tribute to those who served Canada. The project comes as the Royal Canadian Legion marks its 100th anniversary in Canada, commemorating a century of remembrance, service to veterans and involvement in communities across the country.

Melissa Crispin-Piche Photo



Pull out the brooms

The Strathmore Reds (teenage division) enjoyed a strong weekend of District 3 Little League Fall Ball action, defeating the Spartans 15-4 on Sept. 26. The Reds followed up with another win the following day, earning a 13-9 victory to complete the weekend sweep.

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Golden boys

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks senior boys volleyball team defeated the Banff Bears on Day 2 of their home tournament en route to a gold medal win. The tournament was held Sept. 25-26 in the school's gymnasium.

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Badgers doubleheader

The Strathmore Badgers peewee football team came away with a 49-32 victory over Ponoka on Sept. 26, scoring late in the game to pull away after a close battle at the Crowther Memorial Junior High School field. The Bantam Badgers followed in the second game of the back-to-back, falling 60-0 to Ponoka.

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PUBLIC NOTICE RADIANT RIDGE ENERGY LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

In accordance with the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, Radiant Ridge Energy Limited (Radiant Ridge) has applied Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) for an approval to install modularized data centre infrastructure, including a 9.96 MW power plant, on a newly acquired, undisturbed lease within S1/2-12-024-22W4M adjoining Lynx Energy ULC's (Lynx) Hussar Crowfoot Deep Gas Plant in Wheatland County, Alberta.

The power plant will include: 10 Intermodal containers factory integrated with four 249 kW generator sets using internal glycol circulation medium cooling.

A directly affected person may provide input into certain regulatory decisions, as allowed by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (section 73). Specifically, any person who is directly affected by this application may submit a written statement of concern within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

Environment and Protected Areas
Regulatory Assurance Section
Approvals Unit
5th Floor, South Petroleum Plaza
9915 - 108 ST., EDMONTON, AB T5K 2G8
Email: epa.epeaapplications@gov.ab.ca

The written statement of concern should include the following information to be assured it can be considered:

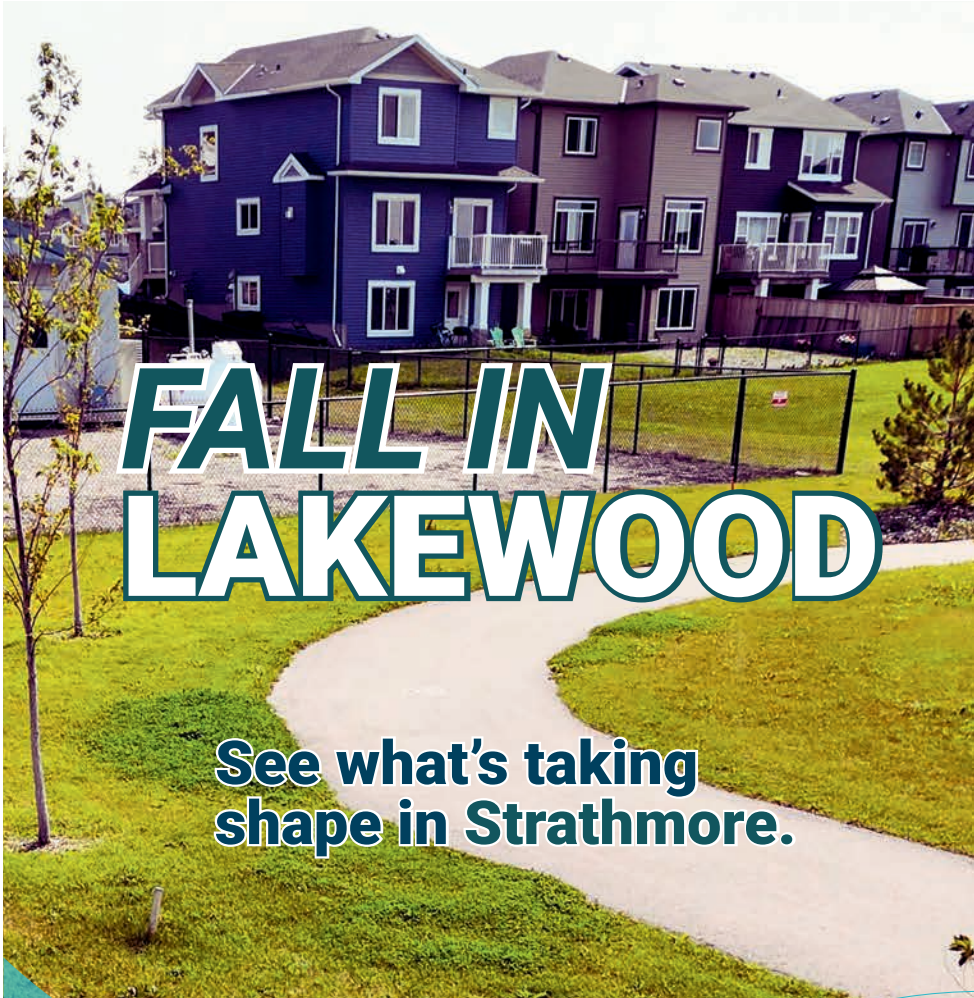
- The application number 001-511866.
- Describe concerns that are relevant to matters regulated by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.
- Explain how the filer of the concern will be directly affected by the activities proposed in the application.
- Provide the legal land location of the land owned or used by the filer where the concerns described are believed to be applicable
- State the distance between the land owned or used by the filer and the site in the application.
- Contact information including the full name and mailing address of the filer. Please provide a telephone number and/or email address for ease of contact.

Environment and Protected Areas will review each written statement of concern, seek more information if needed, and concerns that are relevant to the application and for which the Director has delegated authority to address in the decision on the application, will be considered in the technical review of the application. The Public Notice of this application will also be posted on the Department's website at <https://avw.alberta.ca/PublicNoticesViewer.aspx>.

Statements of concern submitted regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public and the applicant. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board.

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

Radiant Ridge Energy Limited
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By focusing on preventative maintenance, **MJR – Jay's Mechanical Repairs** helps area drivers avoid the stress of unexpected mechanical failures. Their detailed inspections provide owners with a clear picture of their vehicle's health, allowing for informed decisions and prioritized repairs based on safety and necessity.

Established in 2021, **MJR – Jay's Mechanical Repairs** is guided by owner/mechanic **Jayson Hort** and wife **Kaitlyn Hort**. They pride themselves on building lasting relationships with customers, turning clients into friends through their commitment to providing quality repairs at affordable prices.

MJR – Jay's Mechanical Repairs' team provides professional diagnostic problem-solving, oil changes, brake service, steering and suspension repair, A/C service, belts and hoses, electrical system repair, exhausts, custom mufflers, diesel truck service, transmission repair, major and minor repairs, custom modifications, engine rebuilding and upgrades, tire sales, service and repairs, Out-of-Province Inspections, along with factory-scheduled maintenance.

Backed by years of experience and strong community ties, **MJR – Jay's Mechanical Repairs** boasts a stellar 4.9-star rated reputation on Google. With such a strong commitment to customer satisfaction, it's no surprise that they have earned the trust of drivers throughout the area. They are also a proud member of the Better Business Bureau with an A+ rating.

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Wheatland Funeral Home Ltd. believes that every life deserves to be honored with compassion, dignity, and care. For them, funerals are more than ceremonies; they are heartfelt tributes that reflect the unique story of each person and the love shared by their family and community.

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Wheatland Funeral Home Ltd. understands that planning a funeral can feel overwhelming. That's why they're here to make the process as simple and stress-free as possible. You can trust local owners **Glen Van Bussel**, his wife **Brooke**, and their team to guide you with compassion, openness, and transparency every step of the way.

The mission at **Wheatland Funeral Home Ltd.** is to help families create personalized funerals and memorials. This approach keeps them open to traditional religious rites as well as contemporary gatherings that deeply reflect a person's life. That means whether you want a basic cremation with cremated remains scattered in a personally meaningful place, a funeral at the funeral home with cemetery burial nearby, or a modern celebration of life with music and a send-off that expresses the passions of yourself or your loved one, they are happy to deliver.

Wheatland Funeral Home Ltd.'s chapel seats 100 people, with services including burial, cremation, caskets, urns, monuments, jewelry, stationery, Live streams or video recordings, and logistical support like arranging cemetery plots and placing obituary notices.

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The Bingo Palace sells the latest scratch tickets, Keno, lottery tickets, 6/49, Western 6/49, Lotto Max, and Western Max. Their fully licensed concession provides tasty food at affordable prices.

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Wheatland Denture & Implant Centre is guided by **Soo Kim**, Owner and Denture Specialist, whose years of hands-on experience and commitment to continuous innovation translate directly into superior patient outcomes, delivering great smiles at affordable prices. **Soo** is a member of the College of Alberta Denturists and holds a great reputation in the region.

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Hearing loss often develops gradually, leading to fatigue, communication barriers, or social isolation if left untreated. For people seeking clarity and compassionate support, **Alberta Hearing Center** provides a vital, specialized service focused on restoring connection and confidence.

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Local owner **Mark Ganden**, B.Sc., BC-HIS, RHAP, is a licensed member of CHAPA (College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta) with 35 years of experience in the hearing profession. **Mark** begins the process with a thorough diagnostic hearing test. More than a simple screening, this assessment accurately maps a patient's hearing profile to identify the precise type, degree, and pattern of hearing loss. This detailed information is crucial for fitting devices correctly and ensuring optimal results.

Alberta Hearing Center offers a comprehensive range of hearing health solutions, including diagnostic hearing assessments and evaluations for both adults and children (ages 4+), Hearing aid fitting and programming, tinnitus evaluations and management, Tympanometry (Middle Ear Evaluations), annual screenings and custom earplugs

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Building a bright future

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Last week, our government announced fuel tax relief for Albertans, stronger career and financial education, and help for Alberta businesses looking to expand abroad. These measures will ease the cost of living while creating opportunities for Albertans to build their future right here at home.

Albertans will get a three-month break from provincial fuel taxes starting Oct. 1. Our government is suspending the full 13-cent-per-litre tax on gasoline and diesel until the end of the year to help offset higher fuel prices. That means savings of \$7.80 on a 60-litre fill-up. This relief will also help businesses that rely on vehicles to make deliveries and serve customers. We will keep monitoring fuel prices at the pump to make sure the full tax savings are passed on to Albertans.

Students should leave school with the skills they need to manage money and make informed career choices. That is why Alberta's government is making changes to the Grade 10 career and life management

curriculum that focuses on practical financial skills, including budgeting, saving, banking, responsible spending, and managing debt. Students taking this course will also explore careers and entrepreneurship pathways, including starting their own business. Teachers will test the draft curriculum this school year before province-wide implementation, planned for September 2028. Draft Grade 10 physical education and wellness and Grades 7 to 9 science curricula are also available for testing. We have committed \$41 million this school year to support the broader rollout of this updated curriculum.

Alberta businesses looking to expand internationally will benefit from a \$1.1-million investment in Level Up. Our government is partnering with Calgary Economic Development to deliver export training, coaching, and advice on specific markets to companies across Alberta. Selling to more international markets can reduce reliance on any single market when tariffs and trade disputes disrupt sales. Level Up builds on the Trade Accelerator Program, which has supported more than 660 Alberta companies since 2018. Those

businesses have secured more than 200 trade deals across 50 international markets, showing how export support can help local businesses grow and find new customers.

Finally, I am excited to share that a new non-profit Community Hub in Chestermere has received \$1.5 million in funding from the Government of Alberta through the 2026 Active Communities Initiative Grant. This funding is an exciting step forward for Chestermere, supporting the vision for a shared community hub, expanded recreational opportunities, and much-needed community space for residents.

By lowering fuel costs, investing in education and economic growth, and supporting local non-profits and recreation, our government is helping build stronger communities and a stronger future for Alberta.

We will continue working to keep Alberta a place where families can put down roots, build their lives, and create a secure future.

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

RCMP gives tips to youth on protecting their digital reputation

ALBERTA RCMP

Throughout September, the Alberta RCMP is sharing online safety tips with youth. As young people navigate increasingly complex online environments, their digital reputations can have lasting real-world consequences.

Youth should be aware of the following before going online:

- Digital footprint: Your digital footprint is the trail of data you leave behind when using the internet. Every website you visit, message you send, and post you share contributes to it. Remember, posts and messages, including disappearing messages, can be permanent. Deleting content does not guarantee removal, and future employers, schools, and

others may see your online activity.

- Sharing personal information: Think carefully before sharing information such as your school's name, sports team, location, daily routine, or other identifying details. This information can be used by the wrong person to determine your whereabouts or learn more about you.
- Consent: Always get consent before posting or sending photos or information of others.
- Image sharing: Images shared online may remain accessible through screenshots, downloads, or reposts, even after they are deleted. The safest option is to never share explicit images of yourself, but if you do, consider the risks. Sharing, forwarding, or posting explicit images

of youth, even if they were shared with you consensually, may result in criminal charges.

- AI-generated images: Any image can be manipulated using artificial intelligence to create a deepfake. Creating, sharing, or distributing explicit deepfake images can cause significant harm and may carry the same consequences as sharing real explicit images.
- Privacy settings: Use the privacy and safety settings available on your accounts. Enter your correct date of birth to access youth safety features where available. Set accounts to private, review who can contact or view your profile, disable location sharing when not needed, and limit app permissions for your camera and microphone.

"If something online makes you uncomfortable, pressured, threatened, or unsafe, speak to a trusted adult and

report the behaviour through the platform," says Cst. Scott Sterling, ALERT Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit. "By being thoughtful about your online presence and knowing where to find help, you can better protect your privacy, safety, and wellbeing online. Mistakes may happen or your online preferences may change, but help is always available."

Parents and guardians can assist by maintaining an open, ongoing conversation about online activity, digital reputation, and safe online behaviour. Creating a supportive environment can make it easier for youth to seek help when needed.

For more information on online safety, visit Public Safety Canada's Help for Youth, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta, Instagram @RCMPALBERTA-GRC, X @RCMPALberta, and on YouTube @RCMP-GRC Alberta.

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FRANK MCINENLY



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Frank McInenly, age 78, who passed away suddenly, surrounded by his family, at Foothills Hospital in Calgary, Alberta, on September 17, 2026.

From a young age, Frank learned the value of hard work, determination, and independence. At just 13 years old, he began working for himself by selling a Grad Class fundraiser auction. His entrepreneurial spirit and strong work ethic continued throughout his life.

In 1967, Frank started McInenly Auctions, conducting his first suction sale for the J.R. Goldthorpe Estate. This marked the beginning of a long and successful career in the auction business. In 1969, he opened FM Trailer World, shortly before meeting his future wife, Agnes. Frank owned the Stavely Auction Market in 1975 -1980 & again in 1993 – 2005 selling thousands of cattle in southern Alberta.

Frank was a proud supporter of his community and could often be found selling local events, 4-H, and fundraising auctions throughout Southern Alberta. He had a distinctive voice and a larger-than-life presence—when Frank walked into a room, people knew he was there.

Frank's proudest moments came from watching his daughters and grandchildren compete in rodeo throughout the western provinces and the United States. He was immensely proud of every accomplishment, big or small, and never missed an opportunity to tell anyone who would listen about his girls and grandkids. Frank and Agnes spent countless days sitting on the bleachers at small-town rodeos, cheering loudly from the sidelines and following their family from one arena to the next. He loved watching them compete, but even more than that, he loved being their biggest fan and sharing their accomplishments with anyone who would listen.

Frank will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 52 years, Agnes; his daughters, Stacey McInenly and Holly Kugler; and his grandchildren, Austin Emineth (Kirstyn), Tynell McInenly, Keilan & Bristie Kugler. He was a proud great-grandfather to Reece and June Emineth.

He is also survived by his sister, Jo Boulton (Brian); sisters-in-law, Margaret Ann Schmitke (Ken), Carol Lyall (Mike), and Barb Lyall; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Frank was predeceased by his parents, Percy and Kay McInenly; his in-laws, Dick and Helen Lyall; and his brother-in-law, Eldon Lyall.

Shortly before Frank said "Sold" for the final time, he was peacefully surrounded by his family and close friends—Agnes and family, Bill and Dawn, Cody Lee, Ken and Margaret Ann, Brian and Jo, and Doug.

Frank leaves behind a lasting legacy of hard work, dedication to family and community, and countless memories that will be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him.

Celebration of life to be held Thursday, October 1, 2026 @ 1pm at the Cultural Recreation Centre, 504 4th Ave S, Vulcan, Alberta

In keeping with Frank's love of the auction business, we kindly ask that you come dressed casually, as though you were attending one of his auction sales.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Vulcan Community Health & Wellness Foundation.

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NOTICES

Strathmore & District Curling Club
ANNUAL FALL 'SEASON OPENER' MEETING
Wednesday, October 7th
6:30 p.m. Refreshments
7:00 p.m. Meeting
(Proposed Bylaw changes to be reviewed)
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NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS (for By Election)
Irrigation Districts Act (Sections 31,54, 58, 59)
Local Authorities Election Act (Section 11, 25, 26)

Western Irrigation District in the Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that nominations are open from the date of this publication until 4:00 pm on **Thursday, October 8, 2026**, for the election of candidates for the following offices and will be received at the location of the office of the Western Irrigation District set out below:

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Division Number
Director	1	4

Electoral Division 4 comprises Townships 24 in Ranges 26, 27 and 28, Township 25 in Ranges 25, 26 and 27, Township 26 in Ranges 25, 26, 27, 28 and Township 27 in Ranges 25, 26, 27.
Nominations must be in the form prescribed by the Irrigation Districts Act and can be obtained from: Western Irrigation District Office: **A-1000 Pine Street, Strathmore.**
DATED at the Town of Strathmore in the Province of Alberta, this 15th day of September 2026.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

October 7, 2026 | 6 p.m.
October 14, 2026 | 6 p.m.
October 21, 2026 | 6 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council
Committee of the Whole
Regular Meeting of Council

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.

2026-2027.
Waste Collection Schedule

The new waster collection schedule for the 2026-2027 year is available.

Black Carts: Weekly pick-up year round.

Green Carts: Weekly pick-up May through October, biweekly November through April.

Blue Carts: Biweekly pick-up year round.

For more information about our waste collection schedules, routes, and important dates, visit: Strathmore.ca/WasteSchedule.

Join our team.
Career opportunities available.

Are you looking for a new opportunity? The Town of Strathmore is hiring! We have a variety of positions available across different departments.

- Contract Group Fitness Instructor/Personal Trainer
- Casual Sports Centre Attendant

Check out Strathmore.ca/Careers for more information about current opportunities and discover your bright future with the Town of Strathmore.

Fall Registration Open!
Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre Fall programming is now open!

Looking for ways to stay active, learn something new, or keep the kids engaged this fall? We've got something for everyone!

Registration opened on August 4 for our exciting lineup of fall programs, including:

- Cardio & Strength
- Seniorcise
- Stay & Play
- School Closure & PD Day Camps
- Mini Sport Adventure
- Mini Movers
- Yoga & Stretch

Whether you're looking to build strength, improve flexibility, stay connected with your community, or keep your little ones active and having fun, our fall programs are designed to help you make the most of the season.

For more information about programs and activities, visit: Strathmore.ca/SMPSportsCentre

Bored? We can fix that.
Join a board.

Boards and committees have always played an important role in our community. If you're looking for a way to make an impact, this is your chance to get involved. The Town is currently accepting applications for Family and Community Support Services Advisory Board - 1 position open.

For questions about Volunteer Boards and Committees, please email LSAdmin@strathmore.ca or call 403-934-3133.

Notice.
Public Tax Auction

Notice is hereby given that, under the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Strathmore will offer for sale by public auction on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Town Office, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta, the following properties:

Roll 00223.00 – Plan 8311761, Unit 23A (LINC 911BD84277)
Roll 01126.00 – Plan 2461K, Block 2, Lots 1-4 (LINC 0016253354)
Roll 01124.00 – Plan 2461K, Block 2, Lots 1-4 (LINC 0013458005)
Roll 10345.00 – Plan 0810941, Unit 16 (LINC 0033072456)

Properties will be offered subject to a reserve bid and the reservations and conditions contained in the existing Certificate of Title.

All lands are offered on an "as is, where is" basis. The Town makes no representations or warranties regarding services, soil conditions, zoning, development potential, environmental condition, or suitability for any intended use.

Terms: Balance payable within 30 days of sale by certified cheque or bank draft. GST applies where applicable. If payment is not received within 30 days, the Town reserves the right to offer the property to the next highest bidder.

Redemption may be effected by payment of all tax arrears and costs at any time before the sale.

Questions may be directed to the Manager of Financial Services, Rose Jia at:

rose.jia@strathmore.ca

Enjoy them safely.
Storm pond safety.

Storm ponds play an important role in protecting our homes and neighbourhoods. They help prevent flooding by managing heavy rainfall and slowly releasing water back into the environment. As water moves across streets and properties, it collects sediment, pollutants, and debris - storm ponds help filter this before it reaches our rivers and streams.

While Strathmore is home to many storm ponds, only Kinsmen Lake and Strathmore Lakes permit recreational use such as fishing. For your safety, please avoid any activity on or near other storm ponds. These ponds are deeper than they appear with water levels that rise and move quickly. They often contain contaminants like fertilizers, pesticides, and animal waste as well.

Visit our website, Strathmore.ca/StormPonds for more information.

Good food, great food.
Get the Good Food Box.

The Good Food Box is a non-profit organization offering access to quality produce while ensuring variety, freshness and affordability. It is brought to you by your community, packed by volunteers and delivered to Strathmore through FCSS. This program is accessible for everyone regardless of income level. For more information, visit Strathmore.ca/GoodFoodBox



New Addition.
**Blue Recycle Carts
Coming Soon.**
Starting October 5, 2026, blue carts will be available to Strathmore residents for residential recycling collection, with more accepted materials and single-stream collection. (no sorting required!)