

County News

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Lacombe County's 2025 Resident Environmental Sustainability Program: Introducing FoodCyclers

Lacombe County is excited to announce the 2025 edition of our Resident Environmental Sustainability Program. Building on the successes of past years, where we introduced rain barrels in 2022 and trees in 2023 and 2024, this year's program offers an innovative indoor composting solution: FoodCyclers™.

This annual initiative is designed to support property owners in their environmental goals through subsidized projects. In September 2024, Lacombe County Council voted in favour of subsidizing \$100 per FoodCycler™ unit.

What is a FoodCycler™?

A FoodCycler™ is a compact, indoor compost alternative that accelerates the natural decomposition process through aerobic digestion. These countertop-friendly machines transform your kitchen waste into nutrient-rich material that can benefit your garden and reduce household waste. With FoodCyclers™, you can effortlessly minimize your environmental footprint while contributing to a greener community.

Benefits of the FoodCycler™:

- Up to 90% volume reduction
- Quiet, compact, odourless operation
- Easy to clean, easy to operate, no special training



or skills required

- Quick (compared to composting, the FoodCycler™ processes food waste in hours, instead of months)
- Produces a valuable soil amendment, low in odour, and less attractive to wildlife.
- Reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) impact vs. landfill.

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Nominations are OPEN

Nominations can be filed from January 1, 2025 until Noon on September 22, 2025

Visit LacombeCounty.com/Election for more details



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Lacombe County recognizes the winner of the 2024 Environmental Stewardship Award



At the January 9 Lacombe County Council meeting, Nick Harper was presented with the Environmental Stewardship Award in recognition of his outstanding commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

The Environmental Stewardship Award aligns with Lacombe County's Policy AD(33) Environmental Community Engagement, which underscores the County's dedication to supporting residents in understanding and implementing environmental sustainability. This annual award acknowledges a resident or local environmental organization whose actions demonstrate a profound commitment to protecting and enhancing our natural environment. The recipient is selected by a committee comprising the County's Environmental Coordinator, one Councillor, and the previous year's winner or alternates. In addition to the recognition, the award includes a \$1,500 cash prize.

A Legacy of Environmental Leadership

Nick Harper, a Restoration Ecologist with a background in land conservation, was selected as the 2024 recipient.

Nick's achievements reflect his deep commitment to restoring and preserving natural systems. On his parents' property, he has implemented several noteworthy initiatives:

Reforestation Projects: Planting over 150 native trees, including trembling aspen, white spruce, paper birch, lodgepole pine, green alder, and river alder, to enhance

biodiversity and restore natural habitats.

Pond Restoration: Restoring a small pond by fencing off the area to protect it from grazing, planting approximately 40 willow shrubs to stabilize the shoreline, and installing a trough watering system to ensure livestock have alternative water sources.

Sustainable Grazing Practices: Advancing sustainable land management through rotational grazing, chemical-free weed management, and pasture overseeding, contributing to improved soil health and ecosystem resilience.

Lacombe County extends its gratitude to all nominees for their contributions to sustainability and environmental stewardship. By celebrating these efforts, the County hopes to inspire others to take proactive steps toward preserving and protecting the natural environment for current and future generations.

For more information about the Environmental Stewardship Award or to learn how to get involved in sustainability initiatives, please visit Lacombe County's website at www.lacombecounty.com/EnvironmentalAward.

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Shop Supervisor

Permanent, Full-time
Monday-Friday (7:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Full Details

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Apply before 8AM on January 27, 2025 to
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June - October: (7:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
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Lacombe County's Long Range Planning Program for 2025-2027

Every year, the County updates its Long Range Planning Program to give the public a snapshot of when County plans will be updated.

Plans in Lacombe County include:

- Intermunicipal development plans – plans developed with neighbouring municipalities to coordinate collaborative land use planning and foster cooperation with our neighbours for joint success
- The Municipal Development Plan – the guiding long-range planning document for Lacombe County that determines how the County reviews rezoning, subdivision, and development proposals
- Area structure plans – specific, honed-in land use planning documents for specific areas in the County

In 2017, the County updated its Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw to better align its planning objectives with the current land use demands of the County and to respect the needs and desires of the community. As such, many of our older plans require some edits to ensure that the County's planning policies are consistent and in line with the community's vision for their local area.

The 2025-2027 Long Range Planning Program has been adopted by Council, and includes the following:

2025

In 2025, the County will complete its engagement

on animals in residential districts. The feedback obtained in the survey conducted in late 2024 will be used to revise regulations. The public will have the opportunity to speak directly to Council if any bylaw changes are proposed through the public hearing process. Stay tuned for updates.

In 2025, the County will begin the background work to start updating the Hamlet of Mirror Area Structure Plan. This Plan is vital to defining Mirror's growth and development. The County will explore ways to leverage the Plan as a tool to catalyze investment into the hamlet community.

In 2025, the County will initiate discussions with the Town of Eckville to update the Town of Eckville / Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan. This Plan covers the lands outside of Eckville's current boundary, within Lacombe County. The Plan update will ensure that the Plan is up-to-date with the community's vision and is reflective of ongoing infrastructure upgrades in the area.

In 2025, the County will update its Economic Development Strategy, which was originally adopted in 2023. The Strategy needs to be updated to address the ongoing work the County has done on various economic development initiatives and the implications of the business retention and expansion studies being completed.

2026

In 2026, the County will work with the Town of Bentley to update the Town of Bentley / Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan. The

Plan will need to be updated to reflect the Town's new boundaries following the approval of the Town's annexation application.

The County will partner with the Town of Blackfalds to embark on a Lacombe Lake Management Plan. This project will include a study and plans to better manage Lacombe Lake and ensure sustainable stormwater management in the basin.

In 2026, the County intends to approach our partner municipalities regarding an update to the Gull Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan. This update is aimed to ensure the Plan aligns with the community's vision.

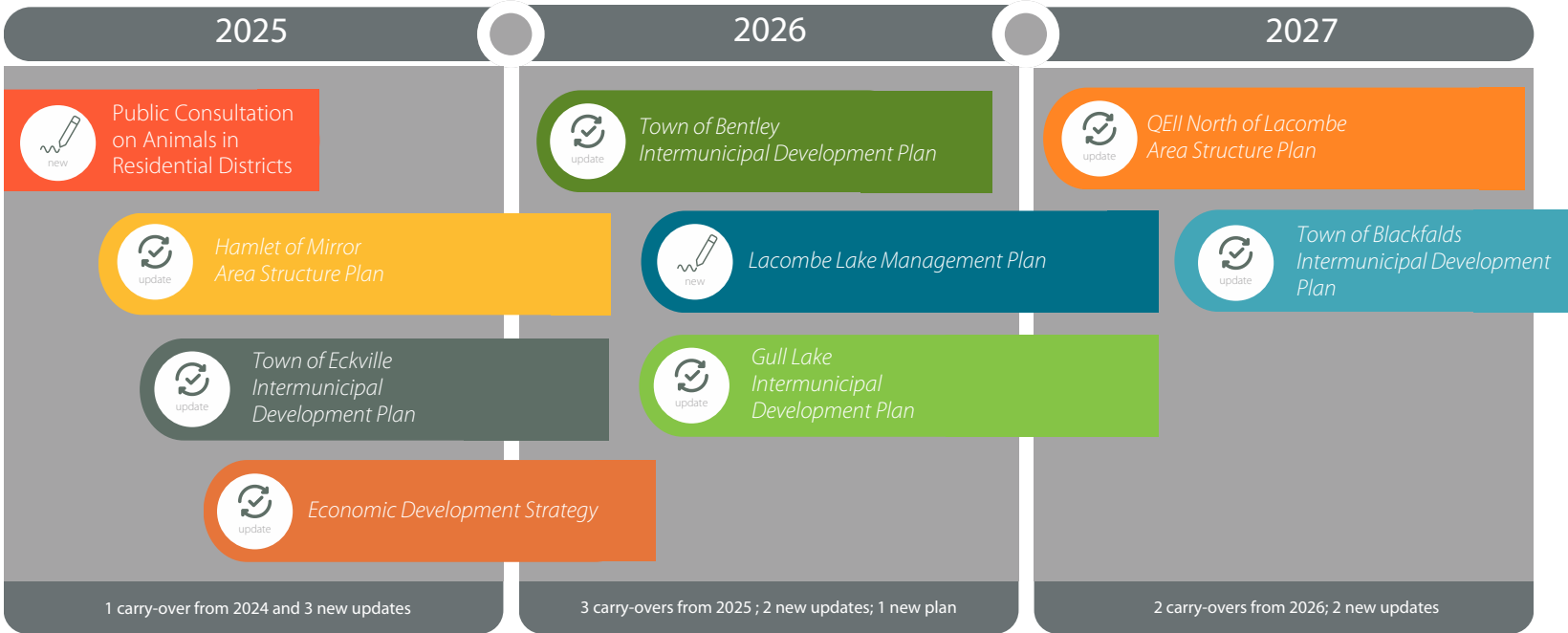
2027

In 2027, the County will embark on the update of the QEII North Area Structure Plan. This Plan provides a framework for future residential, recreational, and commercial development, north of the City of Lacombe.

Pending the completion of Lacombe Lake Management Plan, the County and Town of Blackfalds will update the Town of Blackfalds / Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan to reflect the findings of the study.

As these projects unfold, updated information on each of the projects will be posted in the County News, County website, and County social media. If you have any questions about the County's Long Range Planning Program, please contact Planning Services at planning@lacombecounty.com or 403-782-8389.

Lacombe County Planning Services 2025 – 2027 Long Range Planning Program



Introducing the Lacombe County Business Recognition Program

Lacombe County is proud to announce the launch of the **Lacombe County Business Recognition Program**. This initiative has been designed to celebrate the contributions of local businesses to our community and economy. This program was approved by the Lacombe County Council in September 2024 and was officially launched on January 1, 2025.

Our County is home to a vibrant and diverse business community, and this program highlights our commitment to recognizing and supporting businesses for their years of dedication and entrepreneurial spirit. Whether it's honouring long-standing businesses or celebrating new start-ups, the program aims to strengthen community ties and encourage continued growth and investment in the region.

RECOGNIZING LONG-STANDING BUSINESSES

The Lacombe County Business Recognition Program will honor businesses that have reached milestone anniversaries of 10, 25, 50 years, and beyond (in 25-year increments). These milestones reflect the resilience, hard work, and community spirit of our local businesses.

Businesses reaching these milestones will receive:

- **10 Years:** Lacombe County Certificate of Recognition
- **25 Years:** Lacombe County Certificate of Recognition and Engraved Plaque
- **50 Years:** Lacombe County Certificate of Recognition and Customized Framed Aerial Photo
- **Beyond 50 Years:** Lacombe County Certificate of Recognition and Customized Canvas with a Collage of the Business History

Recognition includes a formal presentation at the business location with the division Councillor and other representatives (if available),

public acknowledgment on social media and the Lacombe County website, and a feature in the County News.

CELEBRATING NEW BUSINESS START-UPS

To encourage entrepreneurship, the program will also offer ribbon-cutting ceremonies for new businesses. This service is optional and provides a unique opportunity for start-ups to gain public recognition and community support. These events will also be highlighted in the County News, social media platforms, and Council reports.

Ribbon-cutting events will include participation from the division Councillor and other representatives (if available).

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the **Years of Service Awards** are open now! **The application period will close on February 28, 2025**, for the inaugural year. In subsequent years, applications will be accepted annually from December 15 to February 15.

New businesses interested in ribbon-cutting ceremonies must submit their applications at least 30 days before the event. Visit the Lacombe County Economic Development page at www.lacombecounty.com/business-recognition to apply or for more details.

This program reflects Lacombe County's dedication to building a stronger community, promoting economic growth, and fostering a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem. We encourage businesses and residents alike to take part in celebrating the incredible contributions of our local business community.

For questions or assistance with the application process, please contact the Economic Development team by email at economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com or by phone at (403) 782-8389.

Take control of your property taxes with the Tax Installment Payment Plan!

TIPP is a hassle-free way to pay your property taxes monthly, spreading payments over the year instead of making one lump sum in August.

Payments are automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the 15th of each month, helping you stay on budget and avoid costly late penalties:

- 6% penalty for unpaid taxes after August 31
- 10% penalty for unpaid taxes after December 31

How TIPP Works:

- Taxes are billed in May and cover the calendar year (January 1–December 31).
- Your monthly payment is calculated by dividing your most recent tax bill by 12.
- Payments start January 15 and ensure your account is fully paid by December 15.

What you need to know:

- Property taxes are due annually on August 31
- Sign up for the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) before December 31, 2024
- If you missed the December 31st deadline, no worries; you can sign up in 2025 (before July 31). We will require you to pay the missed monthly amounts up front and then withdraw monthly payments.

Enjoy peace of mind knowing you're on track and penalty-free. Sign up for TIPP today!



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Full Details
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ATTENTION: Notification of Access for County Assessors

Under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, Part 9, Lacombe County's Assessors regularly visit properties throughout the municipality to collect and verify the information for the purpose of preparing property assessments. An inspection may occur at any time throughout the day between 8:30 am and 4:30 p.m.

Assessors operate vehicles marked as the Lacombe County and carry identification and will present it upon request. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at the Lacombe County Administration Office at 403-782-6601.

SAFETY FIRST

Fire Permits not required in Lacombe County: November 1 - February 28

Under Lacombe County's Fire Protection bylaw, fire permits are required between March 1 and October 31.

However, even when permits aren't mandatory (November 1 - February 28), it's crucial to prioritize safety for your sake and the environment.

Here's how to ensure a safe burn:

1. **Check the Weather:** Always keep an eye on the weather forecast. Windy conditions can quickly escalate a small fire into a wildfire.
2. **Clear a Safe Zone:** Create a safe area around your burn site, free from flammable materials like dry grass or leaves. Maintain a 10-foot clearance.

3. **Equipment Ready:** Have a hose, water source, and tools on hand to control the fire. Never leave the fire unattended.
4. **NO Household Garbage:** Only burn clean, dry wood or vegetation. NEVER burn household garbage, plastics, or chemicals. See our Fire Permits Section of the website for more information.
5. **Keep it Small:** Stick to a manageable fire size. Large, uncontrolled fires are dangerous.
6. **Responsible Supervision:** An adult should supervise the fire at all times, and everyone involved should know how to dial 911 in case of an emergency.
7. **Respect Neighbours:** Be mindful of your

neighbours. Smoke and embers can disrupt their peace.

Although Fire Permits are not required between November 1 and February 28 (or February 29, if it's a leap year), the public is reminded that:

- Smoke cannot cross any major roadways or disturb any neighbouring properties
- Wind speeds must be less than 15 kms/hour
- If a passerby calls 911, Fire Services are required to attend the scene to ensure a non-emergency.

Let's show our commitment to a safe and responsible community. Remember, even when permits aren't required, safety should always be a top priority. Spread the word and share the knowledge!

Winter driving is here: What to consider when driving in winter conditions

Winter driving in Alberta can be treacherous. Blowing snow can make for white-out conditions and adding slick roads in the mix can be dangerous. Alberta RCMP recommend the following tips to keep yourself safe during winter driving conditions:

Winter tires

According to tire experts, once the temperature drops below seven (7) degrees Celsius, all-season tires lose their grip and braking distance. While winter tires are not mandatory in Alberta, the RCMP and other local authorities do advise that all vehicles be equipped with four (4) good winter tires when driving in severe weather conditions.

Slow down

RCMP urge drivers to slow down when the conditions are not ideal. The posted speed limit is intended for ideal road conditions and motorists can be charged with a traffic offence if you drive too fast for the conditions.

Give yourself space on the road

Give yourself a greater distance between vehicles to allow your vehicle to stop safely if you have to suddenly hit the brakes.

Check the road report

For the latest road updates, motorists can call

511 or visit 511alberta.ca. Alberta 511 also has a Twitter account and a mobile app.

"Before you set out, checking the website for road conditions and if there's any traffic delays or if there's any major collisions. Those are updated by the RCMP on 511.ca.

Emergency kit

Every vehicle should have a winter survival kit. Some items to consider are:

- Warm winter gloves, toque and boots
- Blanket or extra clothing
- Bag of sand or kitty litter
- Small shovel
- Ice scraper and/or snow brush
- Booster cables
- Non-perishable food items
- Water bottles
- Extra windshield washer fluid
- First Aid kit
- Road maps (not just a GPS unit)
- Flashlight and batteries
- Flares
- Waterproof matches
- Battery jumper cables
- A fully-charged cellphone
- Tools
- Fire extinguisher
- Duct tape

Check your insurance to avoid invoices for fire department responses

Fall time means the start of a busier season is approaching, with increased traffic on roads, and heightened activity on local farms as the harvesting season starts. Lacombe County reminds you to review your insurance coverage and ensure your policies cover potential emergencies, which is crucial.

Under our updated Fire Protection and Emergency Response Bylaw, any person or business utilizing Lacombe County fire department services will receive an invoice for these services. This bylaw adjustment, which was implemented in January 2021, aligns with best practices and effectively supports our fire departments and community.

Specifically, the bylaw means that users of our fire department services, whether due to a structure fire, grass fire, etc., or a motor vehicle accident or other emergency, will be charged for such services. Typically, these charges are covered through your insurance policy, provided you have the right coverage.

This approach aims to directly involve property and vehicle owners in the funding of our volunteer firefighters and fire department operations, eliminating the need to rely solely on taxpayer dollars. Many municipalities have adopted similar practices, recognizing the benefits of such a model.

Lacombe County encourages you to contact your insurance broker or company to ensure sufficient coverage for fire department response services.



MIRROR CORNER



2025 Mirror Dog Tags

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror. The fee is \$15.00 for an altered dog and \$25.00 for an unaltered dog. After February 28, 2025, the cost increases to \$30 for an altered dog and \$50 for an unaltered dog. For more information, please call (403) 782-6601 or visit www.lacombecounty.com/en/living-here/animal-control.aspx.

Lacombe County will issue a tag for each dog, which must be attached to a collar worn by the dog at all times. Lacombe County Enforcement Officers will do checks to ensure compliance.

If you would like to report a contravention of the Dog Control Bylaw, please call 403-506-9380, or email info@klassickennels.com. **For animal welfare issues please contact the Alberta SPCA at <http://www.albertasPCA.org/>***

Jolly Seniors

Pancake breakfast every second Sunday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Booking Mirror Community Hall

Call Lisa 403-788-3890 or call Mike Carr 403-788-3778 (Home) or 403-357-8239 (Cell) for hall information.

Mirror and District Museum

Contact mmuseum@cciwireless.ca if you would like to volunteer and for hours of operation

Friends of the Mirror Library Society/ Mirror Library

The Mirror Library would like to remind patrons of the many items available for borrowing. We carry books for everyone, audio books, DVDs, games, and puzzles.

Hours: Wednesday 1-5 PM
2nd & 4th Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM

Please like us at: [facebook.com/booksinmirror](https://www.facebook.com/booksinmirror) for the most up to date information. The Library also has meeting spaces for rent and free Wi-Fi. Please contact us through the Facebook page or email booksinmirror@gmail.com.

Mirror Royal Canadian Legion Branch 189 - 5015 50th Avenue

Meat Draws Saturday at 4 p.m. General meetings second Sunday at 1 p.m. (unless otherwise posted).

CN Rail crossing delays

If you experience delays longer than 20 minutes at the Mirror rail yard crossing, call CN Rail at 1-800-465-9239. Follow the prompts and be ready to provide details shown on the crossing signal mast to CN personnel. Transport Canada may be reached at 1-888-463-0521.



Mirror residents reminded to shovel sidewalks

Residents in Mirror are reminded that all snow and ice must be removed from their sidewalks within 48 hours of a snowfall, pursuant to Bylaw 1098/09.

Should the County have to pay for an employee or contractor to clear the snow/ice from a property, the occupant or owner will be charged for the cost and may face additional fines.



MIRROR LIBRARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

for The Friends of The Mirror Library Society

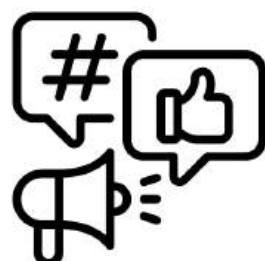
Wednesday
February 19, 2025
at 7:30 pm
at the Mirror Library

Please plan to attend!

Some of our board members are moving on and we need new board members to keep our library thriving! Come and get involved!

Everyone is welcome!

(Our regular meeting is the same night at 6:30 pm)



Find Lacombe County online



ENVIRONMENT

Sustainability program subsidizes FoodCyclers™: Transform your kitchen waste from garbage to compost

(Continued from Front Page)

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Thanks to subsidies from external partners ranging from \$300-\$400 and an additional \$100 subsidy through Lacombe County, Lacombe County residents can purchase a FoodCycler™ at a significantly reduced cost. Each unit receives a \$400-\$500 cost deduction, making this an affordable and impactful way to adopt sustainable practices.

Participants in the FoodCycler™ Pilot Program are required to:

- Track the number of composting cycles completed over a 12-week period.
- Complete a short survey at the end of the program to share their experiences.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

1. **When:** Registration opens mid-to-late January 2025.
2. **How:** Visit <https://bit.ly/FCLacombe> to register and select your preferred model:

- **FoodCycler™ Eco 3** (\$200 +tax), which typically retails for \$600
- **FoodCycler™ Eco 5** (\$300 +tax), which typically retails for \$800

3. **Availability:** Only 100 units are available! Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

PLEASE NOTE: Registering for the program here does not guarantee your spot in the program. You will be contacted if you are selected to participate. Priority will be given to Lacombe County residents.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Device Shipment: FoodCyclers™ will be shipped to Lacombe County on March 15, 2025. Delivery will take approximately two weeks.

Device Distribution: Units will be distributed to participants in April. Pick up will be required during Lacombe County office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., M-F). Payment of \$200 (Eco 3) or \$300 (Eco 5) will be required at the time of pickup or in advance online.

Pilot Period: April to June 2025 (12 weeks).

Divert your food waste using the FoodCycler™ during this time, and track the amount of waste you divert with a tracking sheet (provided by the municipality).

Post-Pilot Survey: Participants will be invited to complete a survey in June to share their feedback and contribute to the program's success.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more details on the science behind FoodCyclers™ and the resulting by-product, visit the FoodCycler™ blog: The Science Behind FoodCycler.

Join us in making a positive environmental impact! Together, we can lead the way in sustainable living and inspire others to follow suit. Register for your FoodCycler™ and help Lacombe County grow greener, one household at a time.

Learn more at www.lacombecounty.com/foodcycler, by calling 403-782-8959 or emailing jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com.

FoodCycler®
THE IN-HOME FOOD WASTE DIVERSION SOLUTION

Join your municipality in tackling food waste by piloting FoodCycler® technology in your home. Support your municipality by testing this innovative technology!

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Why should I participate?

Did you know that up to 50% of household waste is composed of food waste? By helping your municipality address food waste, you are supporting your community's environmental initiatives, while reducing your carbon footprint.

What is required of me?

Not much! Purchase a FoodCycler® from your municipality at a subsidized cost, track your use once a week for a period of 12 weeks and then answer a brief exit survey.

Pilot Project Timeline
APRIL - JUNE 2025 (12 WEEKS)

PURCHASE YOUR UNIT

FoodCycler® Eco 3™: \$200 CAD (+ tax)
FoodCycler® Eco 5™: \$300 CAD (+ tax)

PILOT DURATION

Divert your food waste using the FoodCycler® for a period of 12 weeks. Track the amount of waste you divert with a tracking sheet (to be provided to you by the municipality).

END DATE

Fill out a closing survey (to be provided by the municipality) about your experience using the FoodCycler®. Once complete, the FoodCycler® is yours to keep!

FOODCYCLER OFFERS:

90%

Reduction in food waste volume

95%

Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from food waste

FOODCYCLER IS:

ENERGY EFFICIENT
Only ~\$2 in energy costs every month!

ODOURLESS
Carbon filtration controls odours!

EASY TO USE
Just press Start!

SIGN UP HERE:
<https://bit.ly/FCLacombe>

Only 100 spots available! Join today!

TO LEARN MORE:
Mike Bates | mbates@lacombecounty.com
Jordan Nakonechny | jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com

SPECS	ECO 3	ECO 5
BUCKET CAPACITY	3.5L	5L
RECOMMENDED HOUSEHOLD SIZE	1-2	3+
DIMENSIONS (INCHES)	(H) 11 X (W) 9 X (D) 13	(H) 13.8 X (W) 13.8 X (D) 10.3
PROCESSING TIME	4-9 HOURS	6-8 HOURS
POWER CONSUMPTION	~0.9 KWH	~1.5 KWH
FILTRATION	1 REFILLABLE FILTER	1 REFILLABLE FILTER
VENT LOCATION	TOP	TOP



SCAN ME!



Find all the
FoodCycler details
here

OPERATIONS

Lacombe County Winter Road Maintenance



Lacombe County has more than 2,000 km of paved and gravel roads to maintain through the winter. Time frames will vary depending on the severity and duration of a snowstorm.

PAVED ROADS - ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR SNOW REMOVAL

- County-designated Primary Main Roads
- County-designated Secondary Main Roads
- Hamlets and Subdivisions
- Main access roads to Subdivisions

The goal of winter maintenance for paved roads is to remove snow and ice from the road surface as quickly as possible. Lacombe County will undertake snow removal in a manner that minimizes backtracking or excessive travel. **The basic service level that we strive for is to have all the paved roads maintained to reasonable winter conditions within 12 hours after a snowstorm; however, this will vary depending on the severity and the storm's duration.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL NUMBERED HIGHWAYS IN THE COUNTY ARE MAINTAINED BY ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION – CONTRACTED BY MAINROAD ALBERTA (1-877-875-3263)

GRAVEL ROADS – ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR SNOW REMOVAL

- Local Roads – Snow removal will commence in alternating locations. Lacombe County will undertake snow removal in a manner that minimizes motor grader backtracking or excessive travel.
- Public access roads and machinery roads – Snow removal will only be undertaken to an established residence or to transport agricultural

products, provided the road may be opened with a motor grader. This service will be subject to the availability of the equipment.

- Winging snow from the shoulders and other maintenance will have second priority.

The goal for winter maintenance for gravel roads is to remove snow from the road surface after accumulations reach approximately 5 cm or more. **The basic service level that we strive for is to have the gravel road system maintained to reasonable winter conditions within four days after a snow storm; however, this will vary dependent on the severity and duration of the storm.**

All gravel roads in Lacombe County are designated school bus routes; therefore, they are given equal priority.

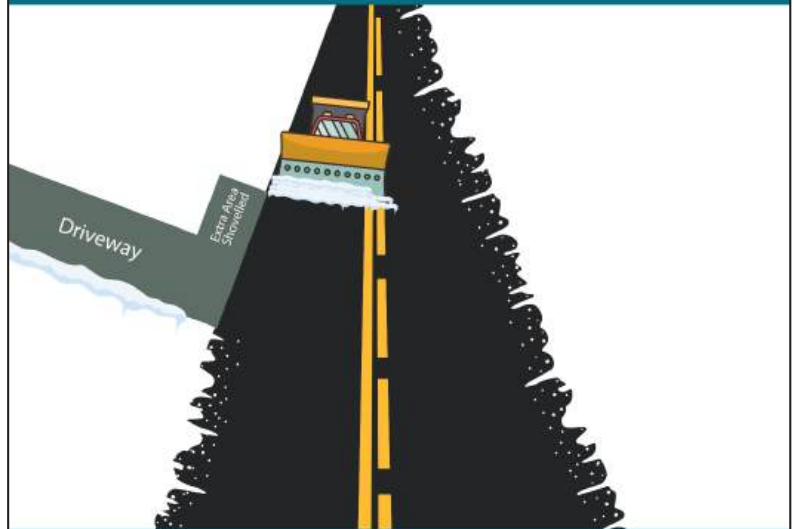
Snow removal on private property will not be done. Please visit www.lacombecounty.com (or go to Page 16) and search area contractors to view the list of contractors that can be hired for private snow removal.

WHEN CLEARING SNOW FROM YOUR PROPERTY, DO NOT PUSH THE SNOW ACROSS THE ROAD. THIS PRACTICE RESULTS IN SERIOUS SAFETY CONCERNS FOR BOTH PASSENGER VEHICLES AS WELL AS LACOMBE COUNTY EQUIPMENT.



LACOMBE COUNTY WINTER TIP

When shovelling snow after a major snowfall event, an excellent way you can help the County's graders and also avoid having to re-shovel the snow again is by shovelling an extra area, left of your driveway. This allows the County's graders to push snow into that area, so you don't have to reshovel the area in front of your driveway!



When shovelling, DO NOT push snow to the other side of the road or into the County right-of-way / ditch.

Moving snow into the County right-of-way can: lead to unsafe conditions for motorists and graders; impact the County's ability to efficiently provide snow removal; may cause damage to County roads and equipment or utility infrastructure; and can even cause spring flooding!

The best practice is to shovel snow to the right side of your driveway. This makes it easiest for our operators to move the snow in the direction of plowing.

If you notice a broken or missing sign on a County road, call us ASAP!!!

BROKEN OR MISSING ROAD SIGNS?

LACOMBE COUNTY

Phone: 403-782-6601
Email: info@lacombecounty.com

Facebook (@LacombeCounty)
Instagram (@lacombecounty)
Twitter (@LacombeCounty)



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JANUARY 29, 2025

4:30 - 9:00 PM

@ iHOTEL Conference Center, Red Deer, AB

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

OR CALL 403-348-2600



FUNDING WORKSHOP FOR AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS

Clearwater County, in partnership with Lacombe County, invite you to an informative workshop exploring key funding programs and grants available to support agricultural and environmental initiatives.

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

ECKVILLE LEGION

9:45 AM - 3:00 PM

LUNCH PROVIDED

Topics & Presentations Include:

- Environmental Farm Plan
- On-Farm Value Added Grant
- Wildlife Damage Prevention and Mitigation
- On-Farm Climate Action Fund
- Resilient Agriculture Landscape Program
- SCAP Water Program
- Verified Beef Plus Grant Updates

To register contact Clearwater County Agriculture & Community Services at 403-846-4040 or landcare@clearwatercounty.ca



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DEADLINE FEB 28: Moisture Deficiency Insurance and Endorsement Programs

The Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) is encouraging agricultural producers to enrol in the [Moisture Deficiency Insurance \(MDI\)](#) and [Moisture Deficiency Endorsement \(MDE\)](#) programs.

MDI is an insurance program where the client insures native, improved, bush, or community pasture. MDE can be purchased along with dryland Hay Insurance. This endorsement uses precipitation information from a network of weather stations across the province to reflect moisture conditions.

MDI and MDE are based on the amount of precipitation that falls at the selected weather stations for the months and monthly weighting during the insurance period selected. Losses are paid based on the accumulated precipitation at the weather stations

and not on actual pasture conditions or growth at the farm. AFSC has a map of weather stations and a graph of moisture normals by weather station for 2024 available for review.

An MDI and MDE payment history calculator is also available.

Applications can be made by creating or logging into your AFSC Connect account. The last day to apply for, make changes to, or cancel MDI or MDE applications for the 2025 growing season is February 28, 2025.

To learn more about Moisture Deficiency Insurance, please use Live Chat on www.AFSC.ca or AFSC Connect, call the Client Care Centre or contact your preferred AFSC branch office.

Unlocking the Potential of Farmland with the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program

Farmers and ranchers have seized a unique opportunity to undertake beneficial management practices and sustainability in Alberta. The Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP) received over 400 project submissions in 2024, a successful year for the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Did you miss the 2024 application window? Find out what you need to be successful in 2025.

What is RALP?

RALP is designed to bolster the environmental resilience of agricultural landscapes through the accelerated adoption of Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs). These practices are aimed at maximizing the provision of Ecological Goods & Services (EG&S), with a spotlight on increased carbon sequestration and enhanced climate resilience. The program acknowledges that while many BMPs offer immense ecological value, their adoption can be hindered by high up front costs or limited immediate financial return for producers. To bridge this gap, RALP offers substantial financial support for approved projects, covering up to 100% of eligible expenses.

Eligible Projects and Funding Opportunities

The program casts a wide net in terms of eligibility, covering a range of BMP projects including:

- **Pasture Management:** Enhancing the management of riparian areas to protect water quality and support aquatic life or implementing rotational grazing practices to sequester carbon and improve nutrient distribution.
- **Intercropping and Cover Crop Cocktails:** Integrating soil-building pulses and legumes into rotations to reduce nitrogen use and bolster soil health.
- **Shelterbelts and Eco-buffers:** Establishing natural barriers to protect soil from erosion and improve biodiversity.

For a detailed list of eligible activities and the specific funding available for each, please refer to the comprehensive guide on the Alberta government's website at <https://www.alberta.ca/resilient-agricultural-landscape-program>.

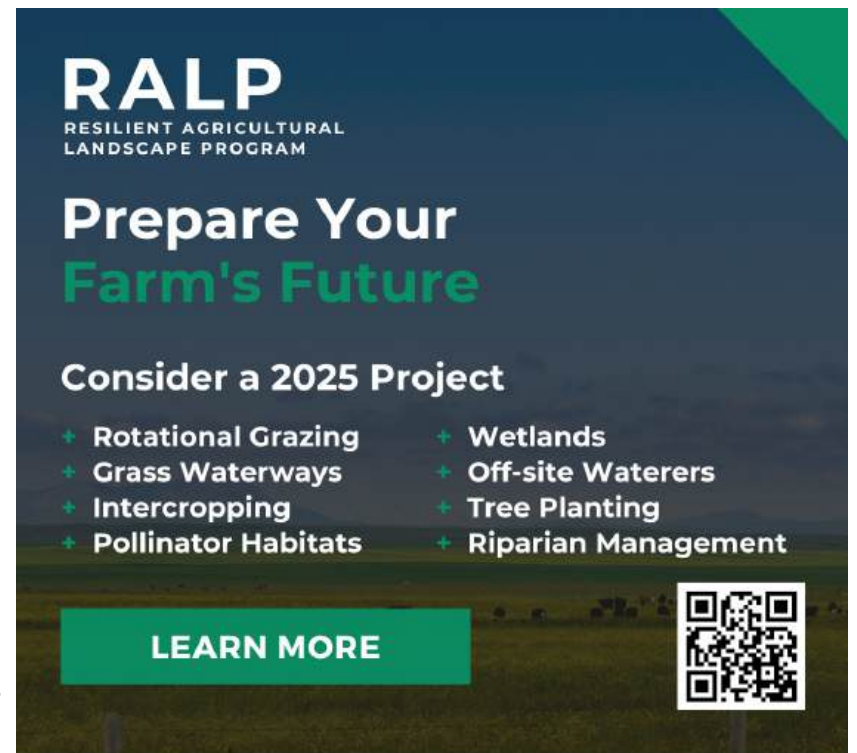
Getting Started with RALP

Producers seeking to embark on a journey with RALP can learn more about what the program offers with a simple call or email. A dedicated team of Program Access Liaisons are ready to guide farmers through the application process and to help identify the most beneficial practices for their agricultural operation, ensuring they have all the resources needed for a successful application.

Reach out for application support by calling 1-866-310-RALP or by emailing info@RALP.ca.

Why Choose RALP?

Choosing to participate in RALP is not just an investment in your land, it's a commitment to the future of agriculture in Alberta. By adopting BMPs with the support of RALP, you're taking a proactive step towards creating a more resilient, productive, and sustainable agricultural landscape.




RALP
RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL
LANDSCAPE PROGRAM

Prepare Your Farm's Future

Consider a 2025 Project

- + Rotational Grazing
- + Grass Waterways
- + Intercropping
- + Pollinator Habitats
- + Wetlands
- + Off-site Waterways
- + Tree Planting
- + Riparian Management

LEARN MORE





The Great Twine Round-Up

cleanfarms ALBERTA AG-PLASTIC RECYCLE IT!

Alberta The pilot project is led by the multi-stakeholder Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group. Funds were granted by the Government of Alberta and are administered by Alberta Beef Producers.

Round-Up Your Used Plastic Twine for a Chance to Win Big Prizes!

\$12,000 in Total Cash Prizes!

From November 01, 2024, to May 31, 2025, bring all the used plastic baler twine you can round-up to a participating Alberta collection site for a chance to win a cash prize.

The more twine you recycle, the better your chances of winning!

Every year, Alberta farms play a huge role in feeding the world, but they also use thousands of rolls of plastic baler twine to make it happen. Recycling that twine keeps plastic out of landfills and stops it from being burned, which is better for our health and the environment.

Not to mention, recycling uses far less energy than making new plastic, so it's a win for the planet too. When you recycle your used plastic, you're protecting our soil, water, and air—and creating a cleaner future for everyone, especially Alberta farms!

That's why Cleanfarms, through the 'Alberta Ag-Plastic. Recycle It!' program, is rewarding those who step up to make a difference. By getting your farming community to recycle plastic baler twine, you're showing the world what awesome Albertan farmers do—and you could walk away with some cash prizes while doing your part!

How it works

1. Pick up your free twine collection bags
2. Round-up and bag used plastic baler twine
3. Label your bag(s) with your 4-H club/district name, or farm name (independent entry) and the date
4. Take a photo of your bag(s) at the collection site
5. Submit entry with photo at GreatTwineRoundUp.com

ALUS is Ready for Action in Lacombe County for 2025

By Ken Lewis, ALUS Coordinator

ALUS is excited to work with more Lacombe County farmers and ranchers, to produce more ecosystem services in 2025.

This year, ALUS Lacombe would like to work with farmers and ranchers who want to enhance the following types of habitat on their land:

- Aquatic habitat (lakes, sloughs, wetlands, rivers, creeks) and nearby riparian habitat
- Upland forest / treed habitat
- Upland pasture / range / grassland habitat
- Native pollinator habitat

The tables below show the types of on-farm / on-ranch projects that we want to support (with establishment cost shares and annual payments).

Projects that enhance aquatic and/or riparian habitat
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Installing a new Alternative Livestock Watering system</i>, to provide livestock water in a trough on high ground, away from a natural water body• <i>Installing new fencing</i>, to exclude livestock from the newly fenced riparian area beside a natural water body, for a total of at least 60 growing season days each year• <i>Moving livestock winter feeding / bedding sites</i> away from a natural water body• <i>Seeding temporary water bodies</i> (runs, draws, low-spots) in an annual crop field, to perennial forages, and “farming around”, these newly seeded areas• <i>Creating or expanding a buffer zone</i> between annual crop land and a natural water body, by planting perennial tame forages and/or native grasses in the newly created or expanded buffers
Projects that Enhance Upland Forest / Treed Habitat
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Installing new fencing</i>, to exclude livestock from the fenced forest / treed area, for at least 60 growing season days each year• <i>Planting new native trees / shrubs / forbs</i> in an existing forest / treed area, and protecting that area from livestock impacts• <i>Planting new, multi-row shelterbelts or forest eco-buffers</i> consisting of native trees, shrubs, forbs, grasses
Projects that Enhance Upland Range / Pasture / Grassland Habitat
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Installing new cross-fencing</i>, to allow for at least 45 days of growing season rest between grazes, in the new pasture cells / paddocks• <i>Installing new livestock water infrastructure</i> that enables livestock to drink water, without accessing previously grazed pasture cells / paddocks, so that there is at least 45 days of growing season rest between grazes.• <i>Seeding legumes</i> into predominantly grass pastures.
Projects that Enhance Native Pollinator Habitat
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Planting multiple species of native flowering plants</i> that collectively have a long flowering period• <i>Fencing native upland range / forest or native riparian forest</i> to exclude livestock and allow native flowering plants to recover from past livestock impacts• <i>Changing the management of “cropland edges”</i> (corners, fencelines, etc.) to allow existing native flowering plants (or other native pollinator habitat features), to recover from past annual cropping impacts.

If you would like to do one (or more) of these projects on your farm or ranch to enhance these habitats, please contact us any time: Ken Lewis (ALUS Coordinator) at 403-505-9038 / klewis@rdcounty.ca or Jenna Dell (ALUS Field Assistant) at 403-392-4616 / jdell@rdcounty.ca . We look forward to hearing from you!

ABOUT

Grain Bag and Twine Recycling in Lacombe County

Grain Bag Recycling



Details:

This service is offered free of charge to agriculture producers operating within Lacombe County. The grain bags will be rolled and collected on farm site for eventual delivery to a plastic recycling center in Alberta.

Requirements:

- Agriculture producers who request grain bag recycling services must provide one individual on site, capable of assisting the rolling and collection operation.
- Grain bags **MUST BE FREE** of grain, mud, dirt debris, and vermin.
- To ensure used grain bags are eligible for recycling, grain bag collection services should be scheduled within one week of grain extraction.
- Grain bag collection services are offered free of charge.

Twine Recycling




Details:

Producers can pick up Clean Farms Twine Recycling Bags at any Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Transfer Site during regular business hours. Twine will only be accepted if it is placed in the Clean Farms Twine Recycling Bag, and then brought to the collection site.

Requirements:

- 1. Shake** – Remove as much debris, snow or ice as possible. Excessively dirty twine may be rejected, or subject to a landfill tipping fee or additional charges at drop off.
- 2. Bag** – Place loose twine in a Clean Farms Twine Recycling Bag and tie bags to close. Please do not knot the twine. Clean Farms Twine Recycling bags are available free of charge at any Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Transfer Sites.
- 3. Return** – Return to a Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Transfer Site during regular business hours.



To book grain bag collection or further questions regarding agriculture plastics or twine recycling, please call 403- 782-8959.

ATTENTION

Grain Bag and Twine Recyclers in Lacombe County

Are you recycling your agricultural plastics and twine helping to promote agriculture sustainability?

IT ONLY WORKS IF YOU RECYCLE RIGHT!!

Please ensure you are only recycling clean baler twine and/or grain bag plastic, to ensure all product is accepted for recycle. See the following instructions below.



NO feed bags ~ NO grain totes ~ NO silage plastic ~ NO bale wrap

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As we step into 2025, Lacombe County reflects on a year of progress, innovation, and community-focused initiatives. The accomplishments of 2024 showcase our unwavering commitment to sustainability, infrastructure development, and delivering exceptional service to our residents. Here's a look back at the highlights from across our departments.

Corporate Services Department

FINANCE

Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) Project

In response to the ARO accounting standard introduced in 2023, Lacombe County estimated future retirement costs for capital assets requiring reclamation. These estimates were integrated into the County's audited 2023 financial statements, ensuring compliance with provincial standards and enhancing financial transparency.

Budget Policy Update

The County's Budget Policy was updated to include the Local Government Fiscal Framework grant program, aligning funding decisions with new provincial opportunities and optimizing resources for future projects.

ASSESSMENT

Transition to Paperless Assessment Processes

For the 2025 assessment cycle, staff transitioned to a paperless process, collecting property inspection data in the field via iPads and uploading it directly into the County's CAMA software. This innovation eliminates unnecessary data preparation, improves efficiency, and enhances accuracy. The County is also adopting electronic communication with property owners through email and online forms for streamlined interactions.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Golf Cart Management System

In June, Lacombe County developed an in-house, web-based solution for golf cart permitting under Alberta's pilot program. Using Office 365 workflows, the system automates identity verification, insurance checks, and permit generation, registering 135 golf carts in its first summer. The program was deemed a success and will be refined over the pilot's five-year span.



Network Switch Updates

The IT team completed a major network switch upgrade, replacing and configuring key switches in the Administration Server Room, the Administration Building expansion area, and the Operations Shop. Integrated with the County's Fortinet firewall, the new switches enhance cyber security through centralized management and updated security tools.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING

Increased Funding for Programming

Following a review of program priorities, Council approved an additional \$30,000 for FCSS programs in the 2025 budget, enhancing services for residents.

Community Services Department

AGRICULTURE

Record Agricultural Plastics Collection

The County rolled 260 rolls of agricultural plastics, marking its largest collection season to date and reinforcing its commitment to environmental sustainability.



Vet Billet Program

Eight families participated in this program, hosting veterinary students during their practicums and strengthening ties between the agricultural and veterinary communities.

Workshops and Activities

Lacombe County hosted 11 workshops throughout the year, providing valuable insights into sustainable agriculture and community engagement.

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES

Five Years of In-House SRO Program

Lacombe County celebrated the fifth anniversary of its in-house School Resource Officer (SRO) program, a partnership with Wolf Creek Public Schools. Established in 2019, this program builds upon over 30 years of SRO programming and continues to provide a consistent, community-focused presence in schools.

Policy Handbook Rollout

The County released its long-awaited Community Peace Officers Policy Handbook, standardizing procedures in officer safety, emergency response, communication protocols, and traffic safety planning, ensuring accountability and operational excellence.

New Stealth Vehicle for Traffic Safety

A new stealth vehicle was deployed to discreetly target high-risk driving behaviours while maintain-

ing a visible presence to encourage compliance. This initiative supports Vision Zero and the County's Traffic Safety Plan.



ENVIRONMENT

Resident Environmental Sustainability Program

Since 2022, Lacombe County has subsidized different initiatives for County property owners to help them achieve their environmental goals. This year, we distributed 235 potted trees to residents, promoting environmental stewardship and enhancing green spaces in the County.

Energy Efficiency Initiatives

As part of our Environmental Policy, Lacombe County strives to lead by example, focusing efforts on internal County operations in order to conserve, protect and enhance the environment in balance with social and economic needs. This year, we completed an energy audit of the Administration Building and energy saving retrofits were also completed at the Lacombe County Public Works Shop.

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Communication Upgrades

The County transitioned to the Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System (AF-FRCS), improving coordination with mutual aid partners, RCMP, EMS, and STARS.

Command System Implementation

Lacombe County introduced a standardized command system to improve emergency response coordination across fire departments within our municipality. This system will ensure firefighter safety and member accountability at emergency scenes, as well as provide a coordinated and consistent way to deal with emergencies so that all fire departments in the county are managing scenes in the same safe and efficient manner. This means better service for our ratepayers by fire services.

Emergency Management Tabletop Exercise

Lacombe County led a successful tabletop exercise as part of the Lacombe County Regional Emergency Management Partnership (LREMP), focusing on preparedness and regional collaboration. Participants identified areas for improvement and practiced coordinated response strategies to enhance resilience across the region.

Established in 2011, the Lacombe County Regional Emergency Management Partnership (LREMP) brings together Lacombe County and its regional partners, including the Towns of Bentley, Blackfalds, Eckville, and Lacombe; the Villages of Alix

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and Clive; and the Summer Villages of Gull Lake, Half Moon Bay, Sunbreaker Cove, Birchcliff, Jarvis Bay, and Norglenwold.

UTILITIES

Track On 2 Generator Project

A 4-cylinder 30 Kw Kohler generator and automatic transfer switch (ATS) was installed at the Track On 2 lift station to provide emergency standby power during power fail events.

Hamlet of Mirror Water Pumphouse Project

The Mirror water pumphouse SCADA, Communications, and Prologic Computer equipment was upgraded. Operators can now access plant parameters remotely through iPhone and iPads.

Hamlet of Mirror Insulation Project

Approximately 35 meters of 200 mm sanitary sewer main and connected home services at 46 Street and 49 Ave intersection (North) were insulated.

Operations Department

CONSTRUCTION

Road Maintenance

Lacombe County maintains 2,192 km of roads, including 1,774 km of gravel roads and 418 km of paved roads. In 2024, the County:

- Overlaid 41.31 km of paved roads,
- Reconstructed 20.1 km,
- Completed the gravelling of 584 km of roads.

Major paving projects included:

- Lakeside Sargent Road (Highway 2A to Haynes Road): 26.40 km,
- Spruceville Road (Highway 12 to Highway 604): 12.80 km,
- Hamlet of Joffre (access roads and internal roads): 2.11 km,
- 49 Street in the Hamlet of Mirror.



Bridge Construction

Lacombe County completed three bridge construction projects in 2024, carefully planned to align with future road construction initiatives. These projects include:

- **BF2499:** Located at NW 29-41-26 W4, spanning Whelp Brook on Township Road 414A,
- **BF6612:** Situated at NW 20-41-26 W4, crossing Whelp Brook on Range Road 265,
- **BF1454:** Positioned at NE 11-41-4 W4, over Medicine River on Township Road 411A.

These upgrades ensure safer and more reliable transportation infrastructure for residents and travelers.



PARKS AND TRAILS

Trail Maintenance and Facility Enhancements

Lacombe County maintains 20 km of trails, ensuring they remain safe and enjoyable for residents and visitors alike. Regular maintenance includes audits and inspections of playgrounds, spring sweeping, brushing, mowing, painting, landscaping, and sign installation. This year, the County also focused on enhancing community recreational spaces with several key projects:

- **Mirror Ball Diamond Upgrade:** Partnered with the Mirror Association of Ball Diamonds, Campground, and Skating Society to relocate and improve the ball diamond, making it more functional for community use.
- **Sandy Point Beach Accessibility Improvements:** Installed a mobi-mat and a beach-accessible wheelchair (Mobi-Chair) to enhance accessibility for individuals with mobility challenges.



- **Emergency Access Construction:** Built an emergency access road between Blissful Beach and Sunbreaker Cove to improve community safety and emergency preparedness.

These initiatives reflect Lacombe County's commitment to creating inclusive, safe, and well-maintained recreational spaces for all.

CUSTOM EQUIPMENT PROJECTS

Lacombe County's shop staff remained busy in 2024 with the arrival of new equipment. Each unit required customization to ensure it met specific operational needs. This year's rig-up projects included tractors, pickup trucks, and scrapers, demonstrating the team's dedication to maintaining a versatile and efficient fleet.

Planning and Economic Development

PLANNING ACHIEVEMENTS

Development Activity

Processed 36 subdivision applications and 155 development permits, representing \$35 million in construction value.

Awards and Recognition

Earned the Minister's Award of Municipal Excellence in Red Tape Reduction and the Alberta Professional Planners Institute Planning Award of Merit for Implementation Success, recognizing the County's innovative approach to annual planning reviews.

Major Planning Initiatives

- Adopted the **QEII West Area Structure Plan**, promoting economic growth while protecting agricultural lands.
- Amended bylaws to **allow second dwellings on agricultural parcels** of 10+ acres.
- Approved the **DOW railyard expansion** development.
- Amended the Land Use Bylaw to **consider the Gadsby Lake Recovery Centre development** as a special discretionary use on the N1/2 22-41-23-W4M
- Updated the **Village of Alix/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan**.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ambassador Tour

Lacombe County was proud to serve as an Alberta destination during a prestigious diplomatic and economic mission. As part of the Ambassador Tour, international delegates explored the County's thriving agricultural sector, innovative economic development initiatives, and rich cultural heritage. This recognition underscores Lacombe County's growing reputation as a hub for collaboration and innovation, highlighting its leadership in fostering sustainable growth and strengthening ties on a global scale.

Economic Development Activity

Our Economic Development Officer worked hard to connect with Lacombe County businesses:

- Conducted 120+ business visits.
- Launched a business recognition program and an online directory (launching soon).
- Completed the Business Retention & Expansion survey to identify growth opportunities.

Lacombe County's 2024 achievements highlight our dedication to collaboration, innovation, and sustainable growth. These milestones provide a strong foundation to continuing our progress in 2025.

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Do you have
questions
about
subdivision
or
development
activity?

Contact Us:

Lacombe County
Planning Services
(403) 782-8389
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lacombecounty.com

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Allison Noonan
Planning Services
Administrative
Assistant

Daniella Gonzalez
Planning Services
Receptionist

MAP OF ACTIVITY



December 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision (otherwise pending)
1	148/24	Ty & Shelby Lethbridge	NW 31-39-01-W5M	Dwelling, Third Replacement Residence	Approved
2	149/24	Peter & Erina Foote	Lot 23 Block A Plan 5600MC (Wilson's Beach, Gull Lake)	Tourist Home	
3	150/24	Derek Budd, Keith Budd & Laura Budd	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 162 2194 (Pt. SE 31-38-23-W4M)	Home Based Business, Major (Cobalt Mechanical Ltd.)	Approved
4	151/24	Bellco Ltd.	Lot 28 Block 2 Plan 102 1916 (Lakeview Estates, Gull Lake)	Dwelling w/attached garage and two covered decks	Approved
5	152/24	Richard & Carol Very	Unit 152 Condo Plan 232 0356 (Degraff's RV Resort, Gull Lake)	Park Model w/covered deck	
6	153/24	Bowood Inc.	NE 24-39-02-W5M	Dwelling w/attached garage, covered porch and covered deck, & second dwelling & guest house	Approved
7	154/24	Jamie & Ashlee Creason	Lot 16 Block 1 Plan 074 0786 (Eagle's Quay, Sylvan Lake)	Dwelling w/attached garage and covered deck	Approved
8	155/24	Mason McInnis	Pt. SE 35-40-01-W5M	Dwelling, Single Detached Second Residence	Approved

Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision (otherwise pending)
9	S-033-24	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	Lot 5 Block 1 Plan 152 0048 (Pt. SE 3-40-27-W4M)	Public Use Town of Blackfalds Northwest Area Storm System	
10	S-034-24	LN Land Development Technologies	SE 36-40-24-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
11	S-035-24	Triton Films Inc.	Pt. NW 34-39-03-W4M	1st Parcel Out	
12	S-036-24	Vic Maxwell	SE 22-40-03-W5M	Agricultural Horse Boarding and Training Facility	

Planning Services

Frequently Asked Questions



YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Town of Bentley Annexation

WE HAVE ANSWERS



Effective January 1, 2025, the following lands shown on the map below have been annexed from Lacombe County into the Town of Bentley.

This article answers some commonly asked questions about the annexation.

WHAT IS ANNEXATION?

Annexation is the process of transferring lands from the jurisdiction of one municipality to another municipality. This process adjusts the boundaries of the municipalities. In Alberta, annexation is normally intended to provide additional land supply for an urban municipality to grow.

Annexation does not change the ownership of land. The landowners continue to own their property, but the property is now within the boundaries of another municipality.

In this case, Lacombe County's bylaws no longer apply to the subject lands, as they are now within the Town of Bentley, subject to the Town's regulations.

WHY DID THE TOWN OF BENTLEY ANNEX THESE LANDS?

While the Town of Bentley has undeveloped lands identified for future residential development, it did not have space to attract new forms of commercial or industrial development required for the Town to diversify its tax based and support residential growth. The Town has been working with the County collaboratively since 2021 on the Town of Bentley / Lacombe County Joint Economic Development Initiative. This project seeks to find ways to promote and facilitate commercial and industrial development southeast of Bentley's existing area, along the Highway 12 corridor.

In 2023, the County worked with the Town to adopt the Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan. The Plan was adopted with the assumption that the Town would proceed with an annexation application. This application was initiated and finalized in 2024.

WHAT WAS THE PROCESS OF THE ANNEXATION?

The Town first approached the County to initiate discussions on the annexation in early 2024.



The Town then submitted a notice of intent to annex the lands to landowners in the area, the County, and provincial agencies. The Town then conducted public engagements with local residents on the annexation. Following this, the Town and County finalized negotiations on the terms of the annexation and the Town submitted its final application to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT). The LPRT held a hearing on August 15, 2024 to allow the public to comment on the proposed annexation. In December 2024, the Lieutenant Governor in Council approved the annexation application.

WILL THIS ANNEXATION IMPACT LACOMBE COUNTY?

This annexation has minimal financial impact to Lacombe County. The subject lands are agricultural and do not generate high tax revenue for the County. Further, the County has a high inventory of industrial, business industrial, and commercial land elsewhere that will continue to attract investment. It is in the best interests of the County to continue supporting the economic development of our urban neighbours, as we have in the past. This annexation was supported

by County Council, as Council agreed that it is an important component of the Town of Bentley's future growth.

IS ANNEXATION COMMON IN LACOMBE COUNTY?

Annexation for the urban municipalities surrounded by the County is not very common. The provincial government selectively approves requests for annexation, only if there is demonstrable need for additional development lands based on growth trends and planning factors. The last time an annexation occurred in Lacombe County was in 2008 with the Town of Blackfalds.

If you have any questions about this annexation, please contact Planning Services at 403-782-8389 or planning@lacombecounty.com.

Area contractors who may be interested in plowing laneways in the County

(Also see TELUS Yellow Pages “Excavating”)

ECKVILLE

Eagle Light Transport (Allan)	403.302.7527	Rocky Mountain Design and Landscaping	403.588.8401
Elite Earthworx.....	403.348.1804	Skocdopole Construction Ltd.	403.746.5744
Moore’s Backhoe Service (Ross)	403.588.7707	Worms Trucking (Scott Garries)	403.304.9460

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Eagle Light Transport (Allan)	403.302.7527	Moore’s Backhoe Service (Ross)	403.588.7707
Elite Earthworx.....	403.348.1804	Rocky Mountain Design and Landscaping	403.588.8401
Conasph	403.341.6900	Worms Trucking (Scott Garries).....	403.304.9460

BLACKFALDS

Elite Earthworx.....	403.348.1804	Rocky Mountain Design and Landscaping	403.588.8401
Conasph	403.341.6900	Worms Trucking (Scott Garries).....	403.304.9460
Ground Werx Coatings (Jon).....	403.318.3006		

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Black Wolf Excavating	403.588.1413	Jackson Construction & Excavating	403.350.0107
Conasph	403.341.6900	Moore’s Backhoe Service (Ross)	403.588.7707
Elite Earthworx.....	403.348.1804	Rocky Mountain Design and Landscaping	403.588.8401
Gord Douglas.....	403.373.6900	Thompson Ditching	403.782.5911
Ground Werx Coatings (Jon).....	403.318.3006	Worms Trucking (Scott Garries).....	403.304.9460

CLIVE

Bill Russell Sand & Gravel (South of Alix)	403.747.2857	Elite Earthworx	403.348.1804
Conasph	403.341.6900	Ground Werx Coatings (Jon).....	403.318.3006

ALIX

Bill Russell Sand & Gravel (South of Alix)	403.747.2857	Elite Earthworx	403.348.1804
Conasph	403.341.6900		

MIRROR

Elite Earthworx.....	403.348.1804
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If you wish to have your name added or removed from this list please contact:

Lacombe County Public Works/Operations Department
Phone: 403.782.8379 or email operations@lacombecounty.com

DID YOU KNOW? Assessment

1. How does Lacombe County calculate my assessment?

In appraisal and assessment theory, there are three approaches when valuing real property.

A. The Sales Comparison Approach – values are based on comparable reported sale prices of similar properties.

B. The Cost Approach – values are based on construction “costs” of similar buildings within a reasonable time frame. Cost and sale price are NOT necessarily the same: cost is the amount necessary to reproduce the item; sale price is the value one might expect to pay/receive for a similar property.

C. The Income Approach – value is related to a property’s ability to produce an income. Most useful for properties that typically rent (e.g. multi-family, warehouses, campgrounds, etc).

For assessment purposes in Alberta, most properties must meet a valuation standard of Market Value. Cost and Sales Comparison approaches to value properties are primarily used in Lacombe County. ‘Regulated’ rates established by the Provincial Government are used to value farmland and machinery & equipment properties.

2. Development and/or safety code permits were not issued for the build or development on my property does this mean it is not assessed and taxed?

Even though permits were not issued, an assessment of the property must still be prepared. Planning and Development are subject to different parts of the Municipal Government Act then Assessment and Taxation of property. Planning and Development set out the permitted or allowable uses; however, the assessment prepared is based on what is actually occurring and existing on a property. Assessors record and reflect the actual use and physical condition of all buildings/improvements on the property when preparing assessments. Existing properties are reviewed on a cycle to ensure all buildings and improvements are considered in a property’s valuation.

3. An Assessor visited my property toward the end of last year and collected information about my property including a building that’s still under construction. Is an assessment prepared even though part of my property isn’t complete?

Properties with new construction, progressive buildings, or changes in use are tracked and reviewed annually. Permits help Assessors to identify the properties requiring a year end inspection. In the event a construction or development project takes multiple years to complete, the Municipal Government Act instructs Assessors to evaluate the portion of the project in place as of December 31.

NOTICE OF INSPECTIONS

Lacombe County municipal Assessors are continuously reviewing and visiting properties throughout the municipality required to verify property information ensuring accurate and equitable assessments – we appreciate your cooperation with data collection activities. Our Assessors carry identification and will present it upon request. If you have questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to get in touch with us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

APPLY TODAY: Community Program Grants available

Lacombe County is committed to strengthening the quality of life for residents and fostering civic pride by providing financial support for community programs, events and activities.

Policy RC(9) - County Support of Community Programs, Events and Activities provides additional support for organizations in the County and its urban municipalities, as well as for the municipalities themselves. Support will be given for events and activities which are held for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public, demonstrate a financial need, and other criteria explained in the policy.

The application deadline is February 1, 2025; applicants will be advised by March 31st of the status of their application.

Policy Guidelines/Procedures:

Eligibility: Urban municipalities within the County, and community organizations in the urban municipalities within the County and within Lacombe County are eligible for funding, subject to the following guidelines:

To be eligible for consideration, programs:

- Must demonstrate a need for financial support from the County;
- Must be held for the enjoyment and benefit of the general public;
- Must be hosted on an annual basis and/or recognize significant milestone events;
- Must not charge an admission, entrance or registration fee for the program, event or activity;
- Must receive at least an equivalent amount of funding from the urban municipality in which the program, event or activity is being held as that being requested from the County;
- Must receive at-least an equal amount of funding from the community organization if the program, event or activity is being held in the County; and
- Must take place in the County, or in the urban municipalities within the County in 2024.

The following are not eligible for support under this policy:

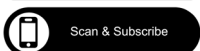
- capital facilities and equipment;
- youth and adult sports teams and associated programs, events and activities;
- school reunions;
- private functions;
- community organizations, programs, events and activities that receive support from the County through other programs or policies.

Funding Allotment & Allocation:

Funding will be based on \$0.75 per capita based on the current year official population of Lacombe County and the urban municipalities within the County, with a \$1,000 minimum allotment per town or village, and a \$500 minimum allotment per summer village.

To view the Policy and a downloadable application form, see the County Website and look for the Grants and Funding page (<https://www.lacombecounty.com/en/our-government/grants-and-funding.aspx>).

STAY IN THE KNOW!



<https://subscribe.lacombecounty.com/Subscribe> to

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News/Announcements Events
Council Meetings
Safety Alerts
Construction Notifications

OR...Subscribe to individual pages of interest



Taking action against domestic violence

Important: Your computer use can be monitored by others! Consider using a public computer or a friend's computer. If you search for escape on Google, make sure to clear your browsing history and cache.

In 2023, Alberta shelters received 59,000 calls for help from women looking to escape a difficult situation. **This is a 10-year high.** While more victims are seeking help and a way out, domestic violence is an increasing problem in Alberta. Often, victims don't know how to get out of that abusive situation, or they don't want to compromise their safety and the safety of their children. It is not just up to the victims to develop a plan to escape; if you can recognize the signs of abuse, you can help get a friend or family member out of a harmful domestic situation.

Domestic abuse can have significant impacts on victims' mental health and wellbeing, which they may have to face for years, such as scars, physical pain, anxiety and depression. We want to provide clear, actionable steps for anyone in Alberta experiencing domestic violence so they don't have to endure pain in the short and long term.

RECOGNIZING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The first step in leaving an abusive domestic relationship is recognizing the signs. What may seem normal or difficult to interpret in your relationship may actually be abuse. Whether it is emotional, psychological, physical or sexual abuse, you do not have to stay and suffer. If you think you might be a victim of domestic abuse, consider the following questions.

- Do you feel like you are unable to make decisions?
- Do they use intimidation or threats to make you do things?
- Do they grab, push, pinch, shove or hit you?
- Do they pressure you sexually?
- Are you prevented from doing things you want?
- Are they extremely possessive or get jealous easily?

Your answers to these questions might give you an indication that you are in an abusive relationship.

ESCAPING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Escaping domestic violence is a hard decision, and can be overwhelming. When you're preparing to leave, here are steps to take to leave safely.

- **Reach Out**
Identify a safe friend, family member or organization that can offer a safe place to go.
- **Create A Plan**
Have a safety plan to leave and put together a to-go bag with documents, money, and basic items.

- **Gather Evidence**
Try to bring any evidence of abuse or violence, such as threatening notes or photos of damage.
- **Seek Legal Help**
Contact the court for information to prevent the abuser from contacting you.
- **Be Careful**
While you prepare to leave this situation, it is important to be discrete to avoid an escalation. Have a separate, pre-paid cell phone, create copies of important documents and keys, save information and communicate on an unmonitored device.

CREATING A SAFETY PLAN

Leaving an abusive relationship can be dangerous, so it's important to have a safety plan in place.

A safety plan helps you prepare for the possibility of leaving quickly and under difficult circumstances. This plan should include the following:

Identify Safe Places: Know where you can go if you need to leave in a hurry. This could be a trusted friend's or family member's home or a local shelter.

Gather Important Documents: Keep essential documents like your ID, birth certificates, health records, and bank statements hidden in a secure place so you can grab them quickly when needed.

Memorize Emergency Contacts: Have key phone numbers memorized, including those for support services and shelters. Abusers may take your phone or prevent you from accessing it.

Prepare a To-Go Bag: Pack an emergency bag with clothes, medications, money, and essential items. You can store it at a friend's house or another safe location.

Open a Bank Account: If possible, open a bank account in your name and start setting aside money. Ensure your abuser is unaware by not having financial statements sent to your home.

Plan Your Escape Route: Know how to leave quickly and safely from your home or other locations. Rehearse these steps to ensure you're prepared in case of an emergency.

Bring Them With You: When you decide to leave, take your children if possible. If you try to get them later, the police cannot help you remove them from the other parent without a court order. This is the same with pets.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & RESOURCES

Leaving a domestic violence situation is possible with the right plan and support. It's important for your safety to take the first step, no matter how daunting it may seem. You are not alone, and there are resources available to help you through

this difficult time. If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, reach out to Alberta's Family Violence Info Line (310-1818) or contact local shelters for immediate assistance. Help is available.

There are many resources in Alberta designed to support people in abusive situations. Don't hesitate to reach out—help is available 24/7.

- Alberta's Family Violence Info Line: 310-1818 (confidential and available 24/7)
- If you're in immediate danger, call 911 for police intervention.

Other Resources

Government of Alberta Family Violence Supports:

- <https://www.alberta.ca/family-violence-find-supports.aspx>

Alberta Council of Women's Shelters:

- <https://acws.ca/get-help/>

Department of Justice Canada Family Violence Supports

- <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-jp/fv-vf/help-aide.html>

WillowNet - Abuse and the Law in Alberta

- <https://www.willownet.ca/>

Provincial Family Violence Treatment Program

- <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/find-health/service.aspx?id=1069559>

You can find more details and links at the Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association website by scanning the QR code or going to <https://www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca/news/articles/escaping-domestic-violence>.

SCAN HERE



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 12, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BIRCH BAY BOAT CLUB

A public hearing was held regarding the proposed Birch Bay Boat Club lease agreement with Lacombe County. Following the public hearing, Council approved the lease agreement.

GRAVEL PIT ACQUISITION

Council approved the County's acquisition of the Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors' Dentman gravel pit.

BYLAW NO. 1420/24

Bylaw No.1420/24 pertaining to a Recovery Centre on N ½ 22-41-2-W4M as a discretionary use in the Agricultural 'A' District. Bylaw No. 1421/24 received second and third reading and was passed by Council.

BROOM TREE FOUNDATION

Council was provided with a presentation regarding the Broom Tree Foundation.

DELTA LAND CO. INC. (SANDY POINT) GULL LAKE IDP AMENDMENT

Representatives of Delta Land Co. Inc. made a presentation to Council in support of their request that the County initiate the amendment of the Gull Lake Intermunicipal Development (IDP) Plan to allow for the development of Delta Land Co. Inc.'s lands currently located outside the IDP's development area. Council will consider adding the Gull Lake IDP review as part of the County's Long Range Plan.

KALINA POWER – SWAN HILLS SYN-FUELS

Council was provided with a presentation regarding the proposed Kalina Power projects in Lacombe County.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE FEES

Amendments to Policy F(1) Fire Protection and Emergency Response, which include revisions to fire department response fees, were approved as presented.

ROAD AND SUBDIVISION RENAMING APPLICATION FEE

Council approved an amendment to Policy AD(20), which includes a provision for charging a fee for road and subdivision renaming applications.

TOWN OF BENTLEY POLICY RC(1) ARENA SLAB REPLACEMENT ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Council approved the Town of Bentley's request for funding under Policy RC(1) in the amount of 50% of the revised project cost, up to a maximum of \$675,000, for the Bentley Arena Slab Replacement Project.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD (ASB) MEETING – REQUEST TO CHANGE DATE

The January 16, 2025 ASB meeting was re-scheduled to January 15, 2025.

LACOMBE COUNTY 2025 RATES AND FEES BYLAW

Council approved Bylaw 1422/24, which establishes 2025 rates and fees for County goods and services.

CAPITAL PROGRESS REPORT

Council received a presentation on the County's capital progress report as of November 30, 2024..

Council Highlights & Minutes can be found on our website at
www.lacombecounty.com/en/our-government/agendas-and-minutes.aspx



The Importance of Feed Testing

~Submitted by the Central Alberta Forage and Livestock Association (CAFLA)

One of the most valuable tools in feeding livestock is forage sampling and feed testing. Feed is a direct contributor to livestock production and a significant cost of your operation. Therefore, it is both beneficial and critical to test your forage and feed. Central Alberta Forage and Livestock Association (CAFLA) has many forage sampling services available.

Why should you test your feed?

There are several benefits.

Feed testing can be critical in making sure your feed meets the nutritional needs of different classes of cattle with specific rations. Testing can point out where supplementation is needed to avoid deficiencies, as well as notify you of the need to source alternative feeds to balance rations and compensate for feed availability. Feed testing is especially valuable to determine any mineral and nutrient imbalances that could lead to problems with conception, calving, and/or the rate of gain/growth. Producers should work with a nutritionist to ensure they are meet-

ing their animals' needs, and to make sure the product they are using is being consumed at appropriate levels.

Feed testing can also flag any presence of potentially toxic contents that impact productivity including mycotoxins, nitrates, sulfates, etc., that can be detrimental to your livestock. Additionally, as a feed buyer or seller, having a consistent and accurate method of evaluating feed is valuable in itself.

Feed Test Analysis

Lab results are reported in a feed analysis sheet, giving you information on moisture content, protein, energy, total digestible nutrients, fibre, as well as vitamin and mineral content. Additional requests could include the presence of nitrates, mycotoxins, and Relative Feed Value. Labs will report on a Dry Matter (DM per cent) and as-fed basis of nutrients based on the percentage of moisture. Rations are always formulated on a Dry Matter basis.

Fibre content is often the basis of feed value. Two fibre values reflect either its relative energy content or feeding value. These include acid

(ADF) and neutral detergent (NDF) fibre. A high ADF value indicates hay cut at a later stage of maturity, and poorer digestibility. It will be lower in energy content than the same hay cut at an earlier stage of maturity with a lower ADF value. The occurrence of moldy feed increases with cool and wet growing conditions, which in turn also favours additional plant diseases commonly found in forage varieties. Moldy feed and certain plant diseases not only reduce plant palatability and energy content, but also present dangers to reproductive success, milk production, and weight gain. These dangers can progress to cause dangerous health conditions (convulsions, gangrenous symptoms, etc...) or even death.

What does CAFLA offer?

CAFLA has many forage sampling analysis packages available, including Standard Feed Test/ Nutritional Analysis. Mycotoxins, Ergot and Nitrates sampling packages can be additionally requested. Our goal is to provide you with the information you need to make informed decisions. To book a technician for all your forage sampling needs, give us a call at 403-844-2645.

RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

Home Support Services

Reliable Housekeeping for Seniors

Trained & Screened Providers

Services Offered:

- Laundry
- Kitchen, Living room, Bathroom cleaning
- Dusting
- Mopping
- Vacuuming
- Meal prep assistance
- Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly
- Lacombe, Blackfalds, Bentley, Clive and Lacombe County



SUPPORTED BY:

Lacombe & District FCSS:
403-782-6637

Bentley FCSS:
403-748-2160

Clive FCSS:
403-784-2020

CALL NOW !



SESSIONS RESUME
JANUARY 6TH

Seniors 55+ Wellness Mornings

Special programming (no charge) on Mondays/Wednesdays

- Mondays 9:45 arrive 10 to 11 am **Seated Range of Motion**
- Wednesdays 10:30 arrive 10:45 to 11:45 am **Chair Yoga - light movements**



Registration required for
Seated Range of Motion
Chair Yoga

Move your body, make connections & socialize!

Call 403.748.2160



BENTLEY SENIORS DROP IN, FCSS/TOWN OF
BENTLEY, EDMONTON SENIORS CENTRE

Did you know?
County residents within 20 km of
Lacombe can book the bus for errands
& medical appointments.

**Please call 403-782-6637 for more information
or to reserve your spot**



Over The Hill & Loving The View

located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

The Seniors Drop In welcomes everyone 55+ to
join us for our regular Tuesday/Thursday afternoons.

- Tuesdays 1 pm Socialize/cards/games
- Thursdays 1pm Socialize/cards/games
- Potluck Last Tuesday each month

**YEARLY
MEMBERSHIP
FEE \$10**

**Special Outings - dinner theatres and more.
Have an idea? Let us know.**

Special programming (no charge) on Mondays/Wednesdays

- Mondays 9:45 to 11 am **Seated Movers & Groovers**
- Wednesdays 10:30 to 11:45 **Chair Yoga - light movements**

Registration required for
these programs
**Move your body, make
connections & socialize!**



These programs are open to 55+
You do not need to be a member of
the Drop In to attend thanks to....

Call 403.748.2160

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BENTLEY, EDMONTON SENIORS CENTRE



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AROUND THE COUNTY



Blackfalds' Servus Credit Union Public Library

Free memberships for Blackfalds & Lacombe County residents!
When signing up provide your legal land description.

Programming

Caregiver & Tot Playdate *Ages 0-4*

ABC Sing with Me *Ages 2-3*

Reading Buddies *Ages 6-13*

Anime & Otaku Club *Ages 8+*

Something Cool After School *Ages 10+*

Knitting & Crochet *Ages 18+*

Pajama Story Time *All Ages*

Family Board Games *All Ages*

**For more program information check out our website & social medias*

Borrowing

Our library card gives you access to a variety of services, eResources such as eAudio, eBooks, eMagazines & more!

Hours

Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm
Monday	10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 8 pm
Thursday	10 am - 6 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm

Contact
403-885-2343
www.blackfaldslibrary.ca
Eagle Builders Centre 5302 Broadway Avenue, Blackfalds, AB T0M 0J0

Visit us on our website & social medias




WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

Welcome 2025

Did you know?
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meetings are hosted in Alix on Sundays, 7PM, at the Alix & District Drop In Center (4908 50 St.) No registration.

Wellness Service Update
Our facility is utilized by numerous wellness based service providers. Check out what is currently offered, including massage therapy, energy healing, nursing foot care, dental hygiene, psychology, vitamin infusions & IV hydration. Contact providers direct to book:

- Henna Rose Massage & Wellness
- West of the 5th Therapies and Wellness
- Foot Care by Kaitlin
- Prairieland Psychology
- Tooth Travellers
- Moon Child Wellness & Energy Healing

SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS
If you are needing extra support at home or with your daily routines, we may be able to help. Programming for older adults now includes Meals on Wheels, transportation to medical appointments and Wise Owls- basic home support and extended outreach services. Please contact us to learn more about fees, eligibility, how we can assist you and to arrange services.


Health & Wellness Fair: Sunday, Jan 26, 11AM-4PM
An afternoon of sharing ideas and health & wellness information. Admission is FREE. Light refreshments and lunch available by donation. Hosted at Alix Community Hall. (Cash Only)


Services Available

- Information & Referral
- Resource Navigation
- Volunteer Services
- Family Wellness
- Meals on Wheels
- Community Services
- Adult Learning
- Alix Food Bank
- Wise Owls

alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook
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www.alixcrc.com



Monday to Thursday  **10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Closed all statutory holidays
Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

403-396-3369



lacombe memorialcentre

The perfect place for people to connect.

The LMC offers space to host:

- training/workshops
- meetings
- licensed markets
- weddings
- funerals
- birthdays

For more information or to book your upcoming event visit www.lacombe.ca/lmc or call 403-782-6668 ext 1.

Home of Anna Maria's Cafe, Mary C. Moore Public Library and Lacombe & District FCSS.

Make a SPLASH


at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre
5429 53rd Street


The Gary Moe Sportsplex is home to the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre (KAC). Come take a dip at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre. We offer a climbing wall, small slide, rope and many special events throughout the year.

What's Happening at the pool:

- Spring lesson registration opens January 14th at 8:30 am.
- The water walkway will be in the pool every Wednesday!
- Aquatic Centre is closed February 8th for our Lacombe Sea Lions Swim meet.
- Member appreciation week is February 9th-15th. All monthly membership holders can bring one free person to drop-in programs and swims.
- Family Day weekend, February 15th-17th, all family passes are 10% off.
- Special programming February 17th-21st for February Break.

For more information on the KAC schedule, pool rentals and advanced courses call 403.782.1278 or visit www.lacombe.ca/pool.





LACOMBE
COUNTY

Billets Wanted for Local Veterinary Students

Lacombe County is inviting residents to host veterinary students during their rotations at local vet clinics. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the education of future veterinarians.



Lacombe County will maintain a list of available hosts and share this information with veterinary clinics, helping to connect students with local accommodations.



Residents can host students for rotations of 2, 4, or 6 weeks, providing flexible options to fit different schedules.

INTERESTED? | Please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-8959 or email mbates@lacombecounty.com

FOUR EYES FILM SERIES PRESENTS



JAN 15

FEB 19

MARCH 19

APRIL 16

FOUR EYES FILM SERIES BRINGING INDEPENDENT, INTERNATIONAL, INSPIRING AND IMAGINATIVE FILMS TO YOUR TOWN. ONE NIGHT PER MONTH PRESENTED BY MARY C MOORE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LACOMBE CITY CINEMAS AND FILM CIRCUIT

FILMS SCREEN AT 7PM @
LACOMBE CITY CINEMAS

ADVANCE TICKETS AT THE LIBRARY 2 WKS PRIOR TO EACH FILM \$9
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR \$10

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FILM
CIRCUIT

APRIL 11 & 12, 2025

ENCORE ART SALE

Lacombe Memorial Centre

A Celebration Of The Arts

ARTISTS CALL TO ENTER
WWW.LACOMBE.CA/ARTSALE

CITY OF
LACOMBE



BENTLEY BOUTIQUE



Use west entrance beside bay door.

Bentley Long Term Care Facility

4834 - 52 Avenue, Bentley

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Stretch Your Budget

Recycle Clothing



ALL FOR JUST A SMILE!

Swap Kids Clothes As They Grow

Mary C Moore Public Library Children's Programs: WINTER 2025 Schedule REGISTRATION DAY: WEDS JANUARY 22 AT 10AM

Itty Bitty Babies (ages 0-2)

CAREGIVER MUST ATTEND

Mondays 10:15-11:00am

Hot Tots (ages 2-3)

CAREGIVER MUST ATTEND

1 HOUR PROGRAM

Wednesdays 10am OR 11am

Story Time (ages 3-5)

1 HOUR PROGRAM, ONCE PER WEEK

Tuesdays 10am or 11am

OR

Thursdays 10am or 11am

OR

Fridays 10am or 11am

Reading Club 1 (ages 6-8)

1 HOUR PROGRAM

Wednesdays 3:45 pm

Reading Club 2 (ages 9-13)

1 HOUR PROGRAM

Thursdays 3:45 pm

Reading Club for

Homeschoolers (ages 5-13)

1 HOUR PROGRAM

Thursdays 1pm

CLASSES START THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY
CALL OR VISIT THE LIBRARY TO REGISTER
- NO EMAILS OR VOICEMAILS



Lacombe Arts Endowment Grant 2025 Call for Submissions

Open to Artists of all forms and mediums



The Lacombe Arts Endowment Committee is happy to announce grant funding is available to artists looking to further their development, education and training in the arts. There are no age restrictions, and all local artists are encouraged to apply.

**\$2,500
Maximum Per Grant**

Details are available online at www.lacombe.ca or by calling 403-782-1258. Application packages can also be picked up in person at City Hall.

Application Deadline is March 31, 2025

Reading Retreat @ the Library

Hey Book-Lovers!
Are you craving a peaceful evening of reading and relaxing?

We are hosting our first Reading Retreat on the evening of **Friday Jan 31st, 6-9 pm** in the Mary C Moore Public Library.

You can bring your own book, or pick from our shelves.

There will be cozy spaces set up for quiet reading, as well as a space to meet and chat with fellow book lovers and share recommendations
Tea and cookies will be served

Read & Relax

Free to attend. Adults only please.
RSVP to Miranda
miranda.cl@prl.ab.ca

Mary C Moore Public Library

BENEFITS OF SPORT FOR KIDS & YOUTH

- ✓ Nurtures physical fitness
- ✓ Develops social skills
- ✓ Lowers anxiety & depression
- ✓ Improves confidence & self-esteem
- ✓ Helps in academic success
- ✓ Fosters teamwork & leadership skills
- ✓ Improves body image & overall quality of life

KidSport

Lake Life Under the Stars!

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403.742.4338
park@rochonsands.net
Rochon Sands - rochonsands.net/rspp
Narrows - rochonsands.net/npra

gull lake centre

gulllakecentre.ca

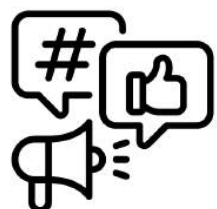
RISE UP

2025 Summer Camps - Registration Opens Jan 9

CAMP	AGE	DATE	PRICE +gst
Scamper	5-7	June 20-22	\$ 180
Family Camp	All Ages	July 6-11	See Web
Jr Teens 1	12-14	July 13-18	\$ 590*
Kids	9-11	July 20-25	\$ 590*
Youth	10-13	July 27-Aug 1	\$ 590*
Juniors	7-10	Aug 5-8	\$ 480*
Jr Teens 2	12-14	Aug 10-15	\$ 590*
Sr Teens	14-18	Aug 17-23	\$ 620*

*Early Bird \$50 off until Feb 28

Sign up at gulllakecentre.ca/camps



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FEBRUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29 Ag Excellence 4:30-9PM (Page 9)	30 County Council 9AM	31	FEB 1
2	3	4 Committee of the Whole	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Funding Workshop 9:45AM - 3:00PM (Page 9)	13 County Council 9AM	14 County News Submissions Due	15
16	17 FAMILY DAY (Office Closed)	18	18	20	21 County News Published	22
23	24	25	26	27 County Council 9AM	28	MAR 1

Upcoming Events: March 13: County Council, March 27: County Council

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a **business,**
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or volunteer
you want to see
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News?

Do you have a
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want to share?

If so, email **communications@lacombecounty.com** with your ideas,
photographs or stories.

**We'd love to hear from
you!**

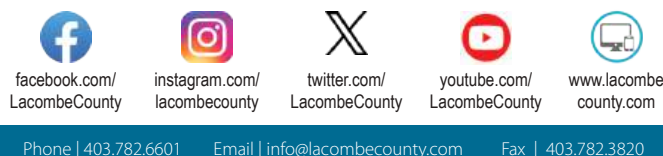
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Planning Services - 403-782-8389

Community Services - 403-782-8959

Operations - 403-782-8379

Public Works Shop - 403-782-3567

General

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