

County News

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Lacombe County approves the 2026 Tax Rates

Lacombe County Council has approved the 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw, setting municipal tax rates for the upcoming year and enabling the issuance of 2026 property tax notices. These changes reflect Council's continued focus on balancing affordability for residents with the need to fund essential services and infrastructure.

For 2026, Lacombe County has:

- reduced the residential municipal tax rate by 3.35%, to offset ongoing market rate increases,
- increased the farmland municipal tax rate by 5.0%, after many years of minimal tax increases,
- maintained the municipal non-residential and machinery and equipment tax rates at 2025 levels.

"The 2026 tax rate bylaw reflects Council's commitment to responsible budgeting and thoughtful adjustments," said Lacombe County Reeve John Ireland. "While we were able to reduce the County's

residential tax rate, many residents will still notice an increase on their overall tax bill due to significant increases in provincial requisitions."

Understanding the 2026 Tax Rates Property taxes collected by Lacombe County include several components. In addition to the County's municipal levy, the County collects taxes on behalf of:

- The Alberta School Foundation Fund
- The Provincial RCMP Policing Levy
- The Lacombe Foundation, which supports seniors' and affordable housing

Although Lacombe County reduced its residential municipal tax rate for 2026, overall residential property taxes are increasing, primarily due to factors outside the County's control.

- The Alberta School Foundation Fund requisition increased significantly in 2026, resulting in an increase of approximately \$173 for a typical residential property.

The Provincial RCMP Policing Levy increased as part of a provincially announced, multi-year funding adjustment. For a typical residential property, the police levy increased from \$59 to \$83, a \$24 increase.

Combined, these increases offset reductions in the County and Lacombe Foundation tax rates.

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Jurisdiction	2025 TO 2026 TAX RATE CHANGES			
	Residential	Farmland	Non-Residential	Machinery & Equipment
Lacombe County	-3.35%	5.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Alberta School Foundation Fund	11.80%	11.80%	12.72%	N/A
Provincial RCMP Levy	34.61%	34.61%	34.61%	34.61%
Lacombe Foundation	-3.29%	-3.29%	-3.29%	-3.29%
TOTAL CHANGE	4.79%	7.49%	5.29%	0.81%

Celebrating Excellence in Agriculture: Lacombe County in search of the 2026 Farm Family Award recipient

Lacombe County and the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce are partnering for a fourth year on the Farm Family of the Year Award, aiming to recognize the exceptional achievements and contributions of ranch and farm families within our community. The winners of this esteemed award will be announced at the 2026 Chamber Gala in October.

"Our farm families are at the heart of what makes Lacombe County such a strong and vibrant community," said Reeve John Ireland. "This award is a great way to shine a light on the people who put so much care and effort into their operations and

give back to our rural way of life. I'd encourage folks to take a moment to nominate a family who really stands out—it's a meaningful way to recognize the impact they're making every day."

The Farm Family of the Year Award acknowledges excellence in technical farm production and sustainability practices, family farm business management, agricultural industry involvement, and community and rural citizenship. This recognition highlights the remarkable accomplishments of ranch and farm families who have made significant contributions to the agricultural sector.

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Lacombe County adopts Voyent Alert! to enhance community safety

Lacombe County is excited to announce the implementation of Voyent Alert!, a new multi-purpose communication service designed to keep our community informed and safe. Residents can now sign up for timely, personalized notifications about fire bans, fire restrictions and fire advisories, as well as construction notifications, critical events, ensuring they stay aware and prepared for emergencies.

Voyent Alert! is an innovative alerting system that

delivers critical information about emergencies such as severe weather, fire risk level changes, road closures, public health notifications, and other important community updates. Using location-based technology, Voyent Alert! delivers personalized alerts relevant to each resident, ensuring they receive the information they need, when they need it.

“Keeping residents informed is essential to building a safe and resilient community,” said Reeve

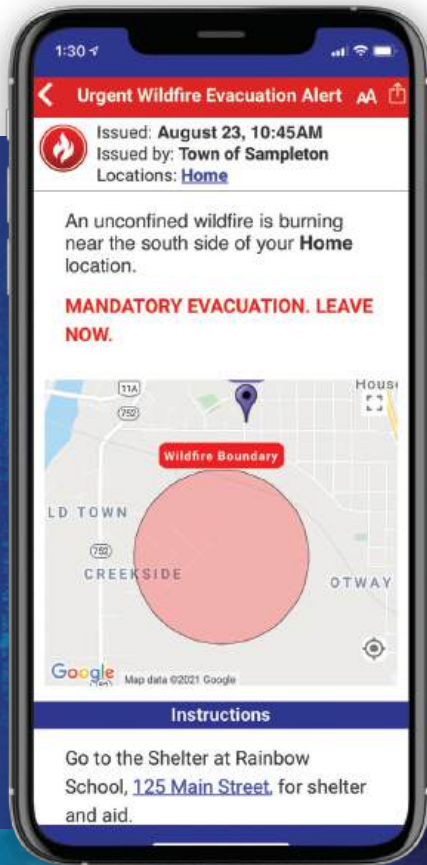
John Ireland. “Voyent Alert! gives Lacombe County a reliable and modern way to share timely information with residents, whether it’s related to emergency situations or important day-to-day updates. We encourage everyone to sign up and take advantage of this valuable service.”

By using Voyent Alert!, Lacombe County is taking a proactive step to ensure the safety and security of its residents. We encourage everyone to sign up and take advantage of this valuable tool.

“During emergencies and high-risk conditions such as fire bans or extreme weather, timely and accurate information can make a real difference,” said Manager of Fire & Emergency Management Dave Bain. “Voyent Alert! allows us to quickly share critical updates that help residents stay aware, prepared, and safe. This tool strengthens our ability to communicate when it matters most.”



LACOMBE COUNTY NOTIFICATION SERVICE



CRITICAL INCIDENT NOTIFICATIONS



EVERYDAY COMMUNICATIONS

HOW TO SIGN UP

Signing up for Voyent Alert! is simple, free, and takes less than a minute. Residents can receive notifications via:

- Mobile App: Download the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
- Text Message: Register to receive SMS alerts.
- Email: Sign up to get email notifications.
- Voice Call: Opt in to receive voice alerts on your landline.

To register, visit www.lacombecounty.com/alert and follow the easy steps to create your account. Be sure to customize your notification settings to receive alerts that matter most to you.

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Lacombe County values the privacy and security of its residents. Personal information collected through Voyent Alert! is protected and will only be used for the purposes of sending alerts. Residents can be assured that their information will not be shared with third parties and will remain confidential.

For more information about Voyent Alert! or to register, please visit www.lacombecounty.com/alert or contact Nicole Plewis at 403-782-6601 or email nplewis@lacombecounty.com.



REGISTER NOW!



MOBILE APP USERS

Download and install the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple App or Google Play stores.



register.voyent-alert.com

Scan the QR code to register online to receive email, voice or text-based alerts.

For more information you can check out our website: www.lacombecounty.com/alert

Strychnine Stewardship Training and Product Timelines for Producers

Producers planning to use strychnine will be required to complete FREE, online Strychnine Stewardship Training prior to purchasing or applying the product.

The approved online Strychnine Stewardship Training for Producers provides essential information on:

- Safe handling and application
- Legal requirements and responsibilities
- Environmental and wildlife protection

The course is self paced and must be completed before strychnine can be purchased. Strychnine may only be purchased by those who have completed the Strychnine Stewardship Training for Producers program.

Access the training here: <https://strychnine-stewardship-training.thinkific.com/courses/producers>

STRYCHNINE AVAILABILITY

Strychnine will be available to producers under the following conditions:

- Strychnine is anticipated to be available in early June
- Limited quantities available
- Sold by appointment only
- Producers must contact the Agricultural Services Department (403-782-8959) to inquire about availability and to arrange purchase

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to limited supply, a maximum of one (1) case per producer will be sold.

Producers are encouraged to complete the required training as early as possible to avoid delays once product becomes available.

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding training support on the Strychnine Stewardship Training Program, please contact: learning@sarm.ca.

For questions on strychnine availability, please contact the Agricultural Services Department at 403-782-8959 or email mbates@lacombecounty.com.

Watch our website and social media for the latest updates on product timelines, availability, and process for Lacombe County producers

SHARE THE ROAD! | A spring seeding safety message

As the frost thaws and the days grow longer, farmers across Lacombe County are gearing up for the crucial task of spring seeding. Tractors and heavy machinery are making their way back to the fields, marking the start of a busy planting season.

This surge of agricultural activity, however, brings an increased presence of slow moving vehicles (SMVs) on the roads—a change that requires heightened awareness and safety measures from all road users. Here are essential tips and best practices for both farmers operating SMVs and travellers driving near these vehicles, ensuring a safe spring seeding season for everyone.

Tips for Operating Slow Moving Vehicles (SMVs):

- **Display the SMV Emblem:** Make sure your vehicle has a visible slow-moving vehicle emblem mounted at the rear. This triangular, reflective sign alerts other road users that your vehicle travels at speeds of 40 km/h (25 mph) or less.
- **Ensure Proper Lighting:** Before dawn, after dusk, or in poor visibility conditions, make sure

your vehicle is equipped with adequate lighting. Front headlights and rear tail lights increase visibility, making it easier for others to see you.

- **Plan Your Route:** If possible, plan your route to minimize travel on busy roads and during peak traffic times. Consider using alternative routes that are less travelled to reach your fields.

Safe Driving Practices Near SMVs:

- **Patience is Key:** SMVs are not just tractors; they include farm implements, construction equipment, and other oversized loads that are vital for local agriculture and infrastructure projects. When encountering these vehicles, exercise patience and understand they are essential for the work being done.
- **Pass With Care:** Only pass an SMV when it's safe. Ensure you have clear visibility of oncoming traffic and that the vehicle is not signalling to make a left turn. Remember, the operator may have limited visibility, so signal your intentions well in advance.

- **Keep a Safe Distance:** Maintain a safe following distance. SMVs may make unexpected stops or turns, especially when entering or exiting fields. A safe distance allows you more time to react to these maneuvers.

For Operators of Oversized Loads or Slow-Moving Trucks:

When navigating the highways and byways of Lacombe County with an oversized load or at speeds below the limit, the following guidelines will ensure safety for all road users:

- **Right Lane Usage:** Move to the right lane whenever it's safe. This allows faster-moving vehicles to pass safely on the left.
- **Stay Close to the Curb:** Drive as near to the right curb or edge of the roadway as practical. This minimizes the obstruction to the normal flow of traffic.
- **Avoid Passing:** Avoid overtaking or passing another vehicle unless absolutely necessary. The size and speed of your load make this maneuver risky.
- **Left Turn Caution:** Exercise extreme caution when turning left at an intersection or into a driveway. Ensure oncoming traffic is a safe distance away before executing your turn.
- **Follow Traffic Directives:** If traffic control devices or signs direct slow-moving traffic to use a specific lane, adhere strictly to these instructions. They are placed for your safety and the safety of others.

As we embrace the spring seeding season, let's commit to heightened vigilance and safety on the roads. By following these guidelines, we can ensure a safe and productive season for the farmers and residents of Lacombe County alike. Together, we can keep our community safe and support the agricultural activities that are the backbone of our local economy.



Lacombe County 2026 property assessments/tax notices mailed-out

Municipal property assessment and tax notices were mailed to Lacombe County ratepayers on May 1, 2026. Residents can expect to receive their combined 2026 property assessment and tax notices in the coming weeks. If you have not received your notice by June 1, 2026, please contact Lacombe County's Assessment Department at 403-782-6601.

"We encourage ratepayers to be proactive and ensure they have received their assessment and tax notice from Lacombe County," said Michael Minchin, Director of Corporate Services. "It is essential to review the notice promptly to confirm the information is correct and to address any concerns without delay."

IMPORTANT TAX DEADLINES AND PENALTIES

Property owners are required to pay their property taxes by August 31, 2026. Penalties will apply after this date even if you have not received an official tax notice.

The assessment and tax notice are issued as a combined document. Please review the following key information carefully:

ASSESSMENT COMPLAINTS

- Property owners have 60 days from the Notice of Assessment date to file a complaint.
- The final complaint date is clearly identified on your notice.
- A per parcel filing fee applies when submitting a complaint.
 - This fee will be refunded if the Assessment Review Board rules in favour of the complainant.

TAX PAYMENT DEADLINES AND PENALTIES

- Tax payment deadline: August 31, 2026
- A 6% penalty will be applied to all outstanding taxes starting September 1, 2026.
- An additional 10% penalty will be applied to all unpaid balances after November 30, 2026.

DON'T PROCRASTINATE

Lacombe County enforces a zero tolerance policy for late payments.

- Didn't receive your notice? **Contact us immediately.**
- Notice an error on your assessment? **Contact us immediately.**
- Have your notice? **Pay promptly and avoid penalties.**
- Prefer monthly payments? **Enroll in the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP).**

"As with other online bill payments, processing delays may occur," added Minchin. "Residents who plan to pay electronically should allow sufficient time to ensure payments are received by the County no later than the last business day in August to avoid penalties."

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New property owners may contact Lacombe County to request a copy of the property's assessment and tax notice.

HOW TO PAY

All tax payments are payable to Lacombe County and must be received no later than August 31, 2026, unless enrolled in TIPP. Payment options include:

- By mail to: Lacombe County, RR3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3
 - Mailed payments must be postmarked by Canada Post no later than August 31, 2026.
 - If the postmark is illegible or missing, the date of receipt by Lacombe County will apply.
- In Person: At the County Office (40403 Range Rd 274, Lacombe County, AB) during office hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).
- Deposited in the envelope mailbox located at the road entrance to the County office
 - Do not submit cash.
- Through Your Financial Institution: Payments can be made at most financial institutions through internet or telephone banking.
 - Available through most banks via internet or telephone banking.
 - Set up Lacombe County as a bill payee using your roll number.
 - Each roll number must be entered separately to prevent misapplied payments.
 - Funds must be received by August 31, 2026.
- Electronic funds transfer (EFT):
 - Available to businesses only.
 - Please contact the County office for enrollment details.
 - Funds must be received by August 31, 2026.
- By Credit Card:
 - Pay online at www.lacombecounty.com through OptionPay, a secure third-party platform.
 - Service fees apply; Lacombe County does not receive any portion of these fees.
- Tax Installment Payment Plan:
 - Participants enrolled in TIPP will see their monthly payments adjusted automatically to reflect the 2026 tax levy.

NOTE: Due dates and penalties outlined above do not apply to ratepayers enrolled in the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP), which allows property taxes to be paid monthly. Enrollment forms are available at the Lacombe County Administration Office or online at www.lacombecounty.com.

Understanding Alberta's fire ratings: What they mean and what's allowed

As Alberta heads into wildfire season, it's important to understand the different fire risk levels and what they mean for residents. To keep communities safe and protect natural areas, Lacombe County follows Alberta's standard fire rating system: **Fire Advisory, Fire Restriction, and Fire Ban.**

Since the start of May, Lacombe County has already gone from a Fire Advisory (May 1) to a Fire Restriction (May 6), with close watch on the fire hazard conditions. This quick shift is a strong reminder of how rapidly wildfire conditions can change, especially with dry weather, strong winds, and limited moisture.

Because fire ratings can escalate quickly, it's essential to stay informed and understand what each level means. Here's a breakdown of what each level means, and what is and isn't allowed:

Fire Advisory

Issued when conditions are dry and the risk of wildfire is increasing.

Allowed:

- Minor burns, as per conditions of the fire permit.
- Recreation fires*
- Portable propane fire pits
- Gas or propane stoves and barbecues
- Catalytic or infrared-style heaters

Not Allowed:

- Large-scale burns (greater than 500 cubic feet)
- Fireworks

Reminder: Always monitor your fire, keep water nearby, and fully extinguish flames before leaving.

Fire Restriction

Issued when fire hazard conditions are serious. For example, if specific conditions change (ie. Wind, limited moisture, etc.).

Allowed:

- Recreation fires*
- Portable propane fire pits
- Gas or propane stoves and barbecues
- Catalytic or infrared-style heaters

Not Allowed:

- Fire permits are restricted/suspended, and NO new permits will be issued
- Burning of brush piles, debris, or windrows
- Fires on public lands, including random camping and back country areas
- Fireworks

Fire Ban

Issued when the fire risk is extreme and fire fighting resources are limited.

Allowed:

- Propane/natural gas-powered appliances with an on/off switch

Not Allowed:

- All open fires, including recreational fire pits and campfires
- Fireworks, charcoal bbqs, tiki torches, etc.
- All burn permits are cancelled

Stay Informed

Fire ratings can change quickly. Before you burn, camp or plan a campfire:

- Visit www.albertafirebans.ca for province-wide updates
- Check www.lacombecounty.com or follow Lacombe County on social media for local updates

To report wildfires, call 310-FIRE (3473).

Staying fire-safe is a shared responsibility. Thanks for doing your part to protect Lacombe County.

*Recreation fires include those in campgrounds, private lands, and backyards. Fires must be contained within a metal, brick, or rock fire ring and comply with Lacombe County's Fire Bylaw.

- Minimum 3.3 metres (10 feet) clearance from buildings, property lines and combustible materials is maintained;
- Only wood, charcoal, or briquettes, manufactured fire logs, fireplace pellets, propane or natural gas is used;
- Placement on a rock, gravel, sand, or other non-combustible surface extending at least one metre around the fire;
- A responsible person must attend the fire at all times and ensure it is extinguished before leaving;
- Adequate water must be available on site to fully extinguish the fire.

FIRE HAZARD INDEX		NO CONDITIONS	FIRE ADVISORY IN EFFECT	FIRE RESTRICTION IN EFFECT	FIRE BAN IN EFFECT
Open Burning (permit required)	✓	Limited	✗	✗	
Burn Barrels	✓	Limited	✗	✗	
Residential Fire Pits with a Screen	✓	✓	✓	✗	
Charcoal Briquette Barbecue	✓	✓	✓	✗	
Propane / Natural Gas Barbecue	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Propane / Natural Gas Firepit	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Propane / Natural Gas-powered Appliances	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Smudge Fires	✓	✓	✓	✗	
Wood Pellet Barbecue / Smoker without an On / Off Switch	✓	✓	✓	✗	
Wood Pellet Barbecue / Smoker with an On / Off Switch	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Safe Wood Campfires on Public Lands	✓	✓	✗	✗	
Open Flame Oil Devices (tiki torches)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Indoor Wood Fire	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fireworks	✗	No fireworks permits issued once an Fire Advisory is in effect.			
Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV)	✗	Use caution while operating Off-Road Vehicles or farm equipment, as hot exhaust pipes pose a fire hazard.			
Improperly Discarded Smoker's Materials	✗	Discarded cigarettes are one of the leading causes of preventable fires in our municipality. Use caution when disposing of cigarette butts, as they can easily light dried brush and grass. Even a small gust of wind can sustain and carry embers from a discarded cigarette, causing fires to spread rapidly.			

✓ Allowed/Permitted activity ✗ Not Allowed / Not Permitted activity

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Rooted in Service. Powered by Community

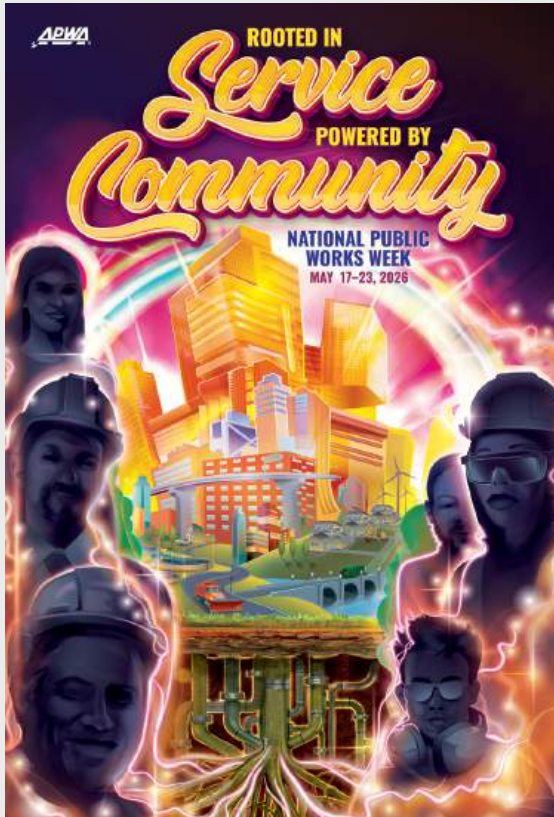
May 17-23 marks National Public Works Week. This year's theme, "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community," acknowledges that the roots of service run deep in public works. It's what has propelled public works innovations that have helped our communities evolve into places where people can lead lives of purpose and possibility. Some work—like building roads and bridges—is highly visible, while other public works contributions—like maintaining water and sewer systems—are sometimes hidden from view. Together, these efforts form the foundation of thriving communities, reminding us that every project, seen or unseen, powers the connection between service and the people it supports.

At Lacombe County, this includes a diverse and dedicated team:

- construction crews who improve and repair roads and bridges;
- grader operators, truck drivers and snow plough operators who keep our roads safe year-round;
- parks crews who maintain trails and green spaces;
- utility operators who ensure reliable water and wastewater systems;
- mechanics and welders who keep our fleet running;
- and support staff who help make it all happen behind the scenes.

Their work doesn't go unnoticed, and its impact is felt across the County — in the roads we drive, the water we use, the equipment we depend on, and the spaces we enjoy. These staff members are essential to the safety, connection, and livability of our communities.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire Public Works team. Your expertise, care, and commitment make Lacombe County a better place to live, work, and do business, and we are proud to recognize and celebrate your efforts.



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Golf Cart Pilot Program continues | Register yours for the 2026 season

Lacombe County is reminding residents about its ongoing participation in Alberta's Golf Cart Pilot Project. Launched in the spring of 2024, this five-year provincial initiative allows municipalities to authorize golf cart operation on designated local highways, providing an efficient and environmentally friendly transportation alternative.

In Lacombe County, operators must be at least 14 years old and hold a minimum Class 7 (Learner's) driver's license to ensure basic traffic law understanding. Golf carts are only permitted to operate during daylight hours—specifically, from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset—and the number of passengers cannot exceed available seats. Towing vehicles or equipment is not allowed.

To ensure compliance with Lacombe County bylaws, all golf carts must be permitted annually and display the corresponding decal prominently on the front of the cart. Operators must also carry a minimum of \$2,000,000 in liability insurance coverage.

HOW TO OBTAIN A GOLF CART PERMIT

Residents are strongly encouraged to register online for faster service and to avoid delays.

- **Online Registration:** Complete the registration and payment process online
- **In-Person Registration** (by appointment only): Please call ahead to schedule an appointment and ensure you bring all required documentation to support your application.

Required Documentation:

- Proof of valid Class 7 (Learner's) or higher driver's license
- Proof of liability insurance coverage (minimum \$2,000,000)
- Payment of the annual permit fee

Residents are reminded to drive safely, maintain golf carts according to manufacturer specifications, and immediately report any collisions involving a golf cart on a designated highway.

Golf cart permits issued by Lacombe County are not automatically valid in other municipalities unless explicitly stated. Operators planning to travel beyond county borders should verify local rules with the respective municipalities.

For more details or to register, visit: www.lacombecounty.com/golfcarts.

DID YOU KNOW?



GOLF CART REGISTRATION

Apply ONLINE at lacombecounty.com/golfcarts or call us at 403-782-8959 for full details.

SAFETY FIRST

Emergency Preparedness Week

May 4-10 2025

How will you #BePrepared?
Emergency preparedness is an ongoing journey.
Learn more about small actions you can take today to #BePrepared



Learn more at alberta.ca/beprepared



Be Prepared for Anything: Emergency Preparedness Starts Now

Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week), held May 4–10, 2025, is a national initiative led by Public Safety Canada to encourage all Canadians to take action before emergencies happen. While the official week has passed, the message remains just as important—especially as we head into the seasons where wildfires, floods, and severe storms are more common in Alberta.

The theme of this year’s campaign was “Be Prepared. Know the Risks,” a timely reminder that emergency preparedness is not just a once-a-year task—it’s an ongoing journey. Knowing what risks you might face in your region and taking small, practical steps today can make a big difference when the unexpected happens.

What does being prepared look like?

- **Know the risks in your area:** In Lacombe County, this may include wildfires, tornadoes, power outages, or flooding.
- **Make an emergency plan:** Talk to your household about what to do and where to

go in different scenarios.

- **Gather supplies:** Ensure you have enough essentials—like food, water, medications, pet supplies, and important documents—for at least 7 days.
- **Stay informed:** Sign up for local alerts, follow trusted sources, and stay connected to County updates.
- **Make community connections:** Neighbours helping neighbours is a vital part of any emergency response. Check in with others and offer help when safe to do so.

Preparedness is about reducing risk, supporting emergency responders, and protecting the well-being of your family and community. The more prepared we all are, the more resilient we become.

Visit alberta.ca/beprepared to explore resources and start your preparedness journey today.

Summer & water safety to remember all season long

As we kickoff the summer fun in Alberta, Lacombe County is reminding residents and visitors to stay safe while enjoying all that our beautiful region has to offer. Whether you’re hitting the road, heading to the lake, or exploring the outdoors, a few simple precautions can make all the difference.

Road Safety: Share the Road

- Expect more vehicles on highways and rural roads this weekend. Please: Slow down and drive with caution, especially on gravel roads and near intersections.
- Watch for farm equipment and slow-moving vehicles—give them plenty of space to maneuver.
- Be alert for cyclists, pedestrians, and recreational vehicles like ATVs and golf carts, especially in hamlets and lake communities.

Campfire Safety

- Planning a backyard fire or a weekend of camping? Always:
- Check for fire advisories or bans at www.albertafirebans.ca.

- Keep your fire small, attended, and fully extinguish it with water—not just soil—before leaving
- Use approved fire pits or fire rings when possible, and keep a shovel or bucket of water nearby.

Lake & Water Safety

Whether boating, kayaking, or swimming, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Wear a life jacket—it’s one of the easiest ways to prevent drowning.
- Don’t drink and boat. Alcohol use is a leading factor in water-related incidents.
- Watch children closely and never leave them unattended near water, even shallow areas.
- Consider wearing brightly coloured swim suits, especially in lakes (see image right).

Camping & Outdoor Recreation

- Pack a first aid kit and be aware of your location in case of emergency.
- Store food securely to avoid attracting wildlife.

- Leave no trace—pack out what you pack in and respect natural spaces.

Protecting Kids & Pets

- Apply sunscreen and bug spray regularly.
- Keep pets cool and hydrated, and never leave them in parked vehicles.
- Talk to kids about outdoor

safety, especially near water and wildlife.

As we welcome the warmer weather, let’s all do our part to make this summer safe and enjoyable. Have a wonderful and safe May Long Weekend from all of us at Lacombe County!

In the Lake



In the Pool



MIRROR CORNER

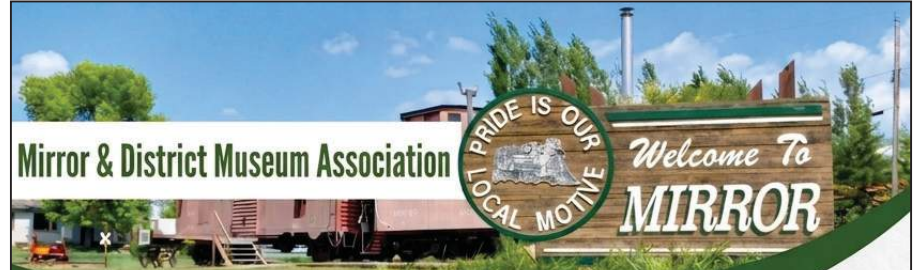


Stag and Play

**Free Preschool Program
At the Mirror Library
Every Tuesday from 10 to 12**

*Playful activities!
Lots of Fun!
For Children 0-5
& their caregivers!*

**For More Information:
facebook.com/lacombefrn**



WE ARE HIRING!

1 POSITION AVAILABLE

The Mirror and District Museum Association is a volunteer based museum located in the Hamlet of Mirror which celebrates our local heritage. In addition to the main museum building, we have the CN caboose and boxcar, as well as St. Monica's Anglican church (built 1995) and cemetery plus the old school building beside the church

Summer Employment Opportunity: Summer Assistant

Duration: June 24-August 30

Part time position with hours

10 AM - 4:30PM Wednesday-Sunday (with possibility of more)

The Ideal Candidate is:


- ✓ Interested in local history and knowledgeable about the surrounding area
- ✓ Friendly, with excellent interpersonal and computer/office skills
- ✓ Reliable, hardworking, motivated and organized with attention to detail
- ✓ Willing to learn or be familiar with the "Past Perfect" computer program for museums
- ✓ Able to work independently with minimal supervision as well as part of a team
- ✓ Assist in the creation of displays/exhibits and help with program delivery, community planning/events
- ✓ Miscellaneous regular janitorial work (clean, vacuum, dust, water flower boxes)

Duties:

- Open and close the museum, supervise the facility
- Greet visitors and offer assistance (museum tours, inquiries, tourist information, etc.)
- Office duties, record keeping, research, writing, and creation of artifact labels and stories, photographing artifacts and entering this information into the museum software program (Past Perfect). Training/guidance will be given

Submit your resume or to direct any queries to:

mmuseum@cciwireless.ca

Or send it to our Facebook page at: 

Mirror and District Museum Association

Get your applications in early!

Mirror Dog Tags

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror Lacombe County has a flexible dog-tag licensing system for residents of Mirror. Any new licenses issued will be valid for the lifetime of the dog. Existing licenses will remain valid until renewal, at which point dog owners must obtain a lifetime tag under the new structure.

Lifetime license fees:

- \$25 – Dog that is both altered and microchipped
- \$75 – Dog that is either altered or microchipped
- \$150 – Dog that is unaltered and not microchipped
- \$15 – Replacement dog tag

If you receive a violation notice under the Dog Control Bylaw, you can pay it within 30 days to receive a 50% discount; after that period, the full penalty applies.

To order your new tag or view full bylaw details, visit lacombecounty.com/dogcontrol or call 403-782-8959.

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 11 AM - 3 PM

Please like us at: 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 1-888-888-5909 or email contact@cn.ca. 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.

STOP THE MUSSELS!

KEEP ALBERTA ZEBRA AND QUAGGA MUSSEL FREE

Clean drain dry all watercraft and gear

Learn more. alberta.ca/CleanDrainDry



PLANNING SERVICES

Hamlet of Mirror

Area Structure Plan



Lacombe County has begun the process to update the Hamlet of Mirror Area Structure Plan. The Hamlet of Mirror is the County's largest hamlet community, and this project will help guide its future growth and development.

Updating the plan will help support the Hamlet of Mirror's future needs and ensure the Hamlet continues to be a great place to live, work, and visit. Because this is a major project, we can't do it alone, your ideas and feedback will be a key part of creating the refreshed plan.

WHAT IS AN AREA STRUCTURE PLAN?

An Area Structure Plan (ASP) is a big picture plan that shows how a community can grow in an organized, safe, and thoughtful way. It explains:

- Where homes, businesses, parks, and roads could go in the future
- What kinds of development should happen in different areas
- The guidelines and expectations for how new development should look and function

In simple terms, an ASP captures the community's vision and turns it into a plan for how the area can grow over time.

COMMUNITY MEETING RESPONSES

The County kicked off the project by hosting a public meeting on March 10, 2026 at the Mirror Community Hall. The meeting consisted of an information presentation given by County staff followed by a question-and-answer period for attendees. There were fifty (50) community members in attendance at the meeting. Following the public meeting a survey was made available for three (3) weeks on the County's website for community members to provide written feedback to the County about their thoughts and concerns about the community and the Plan.

A total of forty-one (41) survey responses were received. The survey contained twenty-eight (28) questions, some open ended and others being multiple choice. A full Survey Summary will be provided to County Council and published on the County's website in the coming months. Community members will be able to see the community's thoughts on housing types, land uses, areas of concern and opportunities in the community.

SURVEY SNAPSHOT

Here is brief snapshot of a couple of the questions and responses received through the survey.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

If you are looking for more information on the Hamlet of Mirror Area Structure Plan project, please visit the County website at www.lacombecounty.com/MirrorASP

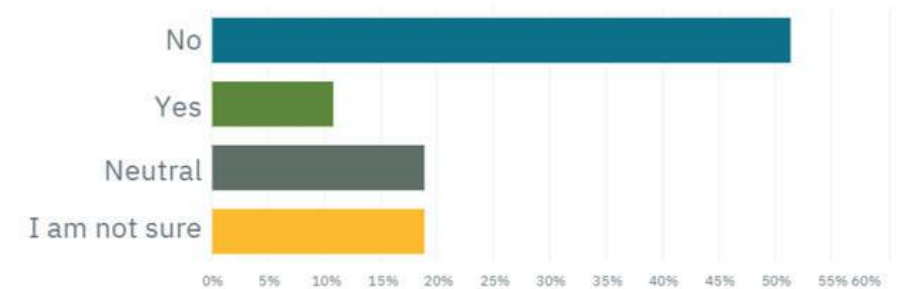
The Survey Summary will be posted on the project website once it is ready!

Additionally, please keep your eyes out for advertising on the Plan update, found on our social media pages, in the County News, and posters and signs posted throughout the Hamlet!

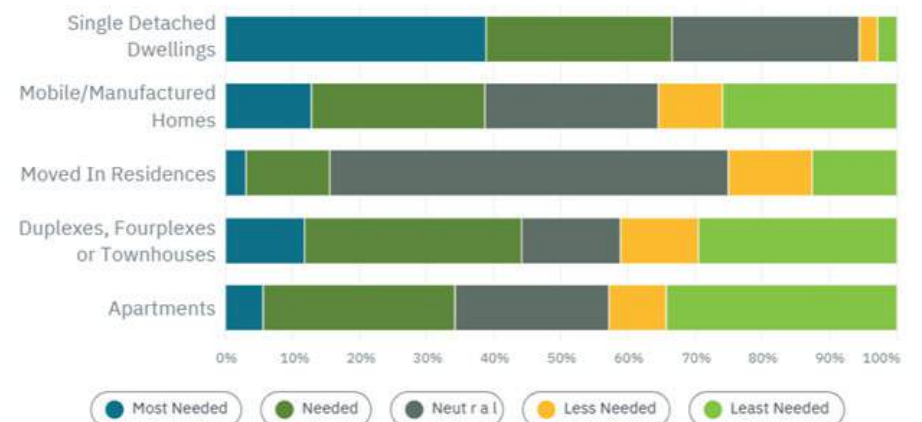
ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the update to the Hamlet of Mirror Area Structure Plan, please contact Planning Services at 403-782-8389 or planning@lacombecounty.com.

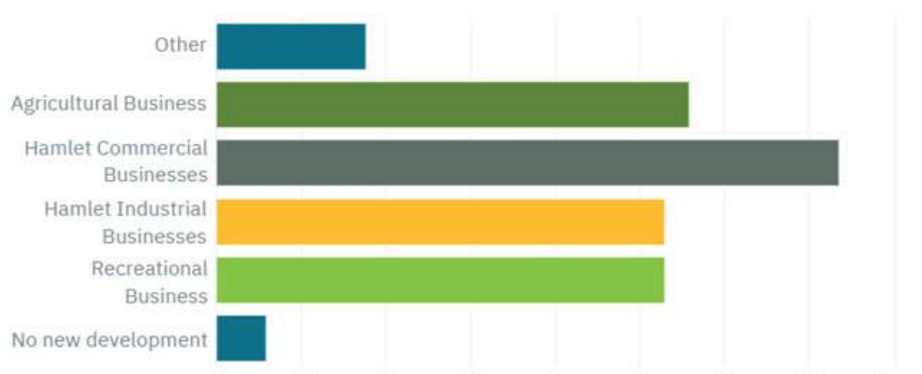
In your opinion, does the Hamlet of Mirror have adequate housing options to support the community?



What kind of housing do you think the Hamlet of Mirror needs the most?



Lacombe County's Economic Development Strategy – Success Grows Here! is aimed at attracting smart investment to Lacombe County. What types of businesses would you like to see more of in the Hamlet?



OPERATIONS

Watch for construction | 2026 paving program starts soon

Work is scheduled to begin May 1, 2026. Lacombe

County has contracted Central City Asphalt Ltd. to pave the following roads:

- Hamlet of Morningside (Schedule "A")
 - 49 Street for 0.285 km
 - 50 Street for 0.285 km
 - 48 Avenue for 0.239 km
 - 49 Avenue for 0.227 km
 - 50 Avenue for 0.273 km
 - 51 Avenue for 0.282 km
- Milton Road (Hwy 2A – Clive) (Schedule "B") from east of the tracks at Hwy 2A to 100 m west of Range Road 245 (Clive Access Road) for 17.952 km.
- Milton Road (Alix North – Hwy 21) (Schedule "C"), from Range Road 231 to Hwy 21 for 10.613 km.
- Old Milton Road (Schedule "D")

from Range Road 263 to Township Road 412 (Milton/Gadsby Lake Road) for 1.057 km.

- Clive North Access Road (Schedule "E").
 - from 50m west of 50 Street to Range Road 245 (Clive North Access Road) for 0.936 km.
 - from 18m south of Township Road 405.5(A) (Clive North Access Road) to Township Road 412 for 4.004 km.
- Wilson's Beach Road (Schedule "F") from 71 m West of Range Road 282 to Hwy 792 for 1.432 km.
- Smythe Subdivision and Cul-de-Sacs (Schedule "G") from Township Road 412 (Milton/Gadsby Lake Road) to the "T" Intersection for 3.302 km.
- Roth Subdivision (Schedule "H") for 0.505 km.

- Will/Vande Bunte Subdivision (Schedule "I") for 1.762 km.

All work is expected to be completed by the second week of June (weather permitting).

Work will include asphalt concrete

pavement (EPS) and other work.

Please contact the Operations department with any questions or concerns regarding this project.

Please watch for and obey the posted signage



Your Roads Explained: Gravel Roads, Dust Control, and how to Request Service

Lacombe County's gravel road network is a vital part of daily life—connecting homes, farms, and businesses across the County. With more than 2,000 kilometers of roads to manage, Lacombe County has a comprehensive maintenance program in place to ensure these roads remain safe, accessible, and functional year-round.

In this installment of Your Roads Explained, we're digging into how gravel roads are maintained and resurfaced, how dust is controlled, and how you can report issues or request services.

KEEPING GRAVEL ROADS IN SHAPE

Gravel roads require regular attention to stay in good condition. Through the spring, summer, and fall, Lacombe County's Operations team carries out routine grading to smooth out ruts and washboard. Additional gravel is applied as needed to reinforce the road base and maintain a safe driving surface.

Other regular maintenance activities include:

- **Brushing** – clearing vegetation along roadways to improve visibility and safety.
- **Sign maintenance** – repairing or replacing signs to ensure clear communication for drivers.
- **Bridge inspections and repairs** – preserving the structural integrity of vital crossings.

It's important to note that the County does not provide grading services on private property. However, residents can contact the Operations department for a list of local contractors if this service is needed.

MANAGING DUST: THE DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

Living near a gravel road often comes with one major nuisance: dust. To help mitigate this, Lacombe County offers a cost-shared Dust Control Program for residents, businesses, and agricultural operations.

Each spring, residents can apply to have Calcium Chloride applied in front of their property. This service helps bind gravel and reduce dust throughout the summer months.

2025 Dust Control Rates: Additional coverage beyond 200 meters is available but is not eligible for cost-sharing. To take part in the spring application, both your application and full payment must be submitted by May 15.

If you missed the spring deadline—don't worry! A summer application window is also available, with a deadline to apply and pay by August 8, 2025.

Costs for both spring and summer are as follows:

- Two applications: \$3.58 per linear meter (up to 200 meters)
- Single application: \$1.79 per linear meter (up to 200 meters)

For more details or to apply, contact the Public

Works Shop at 403-782-3567 or email operations@lacombecounty.com.

NEED TO REPORT A ROAD ISSUE?

Whether it's washboard, a soft spot, a sign knocked down, or general road damage, the County relies on residents to help identify issues early. If you spot a concern, there are several ways to submit a service request:

- **Online:** Use the Report a Concern form on the County's website (at the top of the main page www.lacombecounty.com).
- **Phone:** Call the Public Works Shop at 403-782-3567 or the main office at 403-782-6601.
- **After Hours Emergency:** Call 403-357-1210.
- **Email:** Send details to operations@lacombecounty.com.
- **In Person:** Visit the County Office at 40403 Range Road 27-4.

If there is an immediate risk to public safety, always call 911.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Want to know when maintenance is happening in your area? Subscribe to road construction and maintenance updates at lacombecounty.com.

Gravel roads are a shared responsibility, and through regular maintenance, responsive service, and resident support, Lacombe County works hard to keep our road network safe and dependable for everyone who travels it.

PAID PARKING

Information for Lacombe County ratepayers

Register TODAY for Paid Parking. Paid Parking Program starts May 15!

Lacombe County ratepayers can register up to three (3) vehicles for free parking at Sandy Point Beach, and Sunbreaker Cove and Sandy Point boat launches.

Parking enforcement is based on LICENSE PLATES, so you must add your vehicle(s) to your account. Each vehicle must be added to an approved permit to be recognized.

1 Step 1: Visit the Hot Spot Website

Go to hotspotparking.com/users/login

- **Already have a HotSpot account?** Login and continue to Step 2.
- **New to the system?** Create an account, login, and continue to Step 2.

2 Step 2: Add your vehicles

- Click the **'Vehicles'** tab on the left
- **Enter** your vehicle's details and click 'Save'
- **Repeat** for up to three (3) vehicles. *You should be able to see all your vehicles below 'Add new vehicle'*

3 Step 3: Add Permits

- Click on **'Permits'** and then **'Special Permits'**
 - Select Lacombe County, under 'Municipality'
- Upload a picture of your Tax Notice as **'Proof of Ownership'**
- Upload a picture of your Driver's License as **'Proof of Address'**
- Under **'Vehicle'**, select a vehicle to activate on that permit
 - Continue the same process for second and third vehicles.
- Check the box to agree and click **'Continue'**

4 Step 4: Add you vehicles to your permits

- Go to 'My Permits' and add your license plates into each permit
- Only one (1) plate per permit is active for free parking

IMPORTANT NOTES

Registration opens April 15th, 2026 via Hotspot: www.hotspotparking.com.

Permits are issued by Roll Number

- Each property tax account will be eligible to register three (3) license plates.
- Required for approval:
 - upload a copy of your Tax Notice and Driver's License during registration.
- Only property owners (ratepayers) are eligible.

It takes approximately **24 hours** to have your permit approved

QUESTIONS?

SCAN ME



Is your permit taking longer than 24 hours?

CONTACT HOTSPOT DIRECT:

Toll Free Phone:

1.855.712.5888

Hours of Operation:

5:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday - Friday



Making The Right Call

Connecting with the Alberta RCMP when it matters most

9-1-1

24/7 line to reach emergency services (Police; Fire; Ambulance) in the event of immediate or potential threat to safety or life.

911



QUICK TIPS

Reporting crime, whether to police or bylaw, allows the right agency to respond and address issues before they escalate.

Every call matters. Even small and non-urgent incidents help police and partners identify patterns, track repeat offenders, and prevent future crime.

Crime Stoppers

<https://crimestoppers.ab.ca> or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

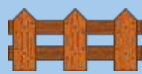
Anonymous reporting to Law Enforcement for any mater not requiring immediate Police action; and is not monitored 24/7



Bylaw Reporting

Some concerns are addressed by municipal or county bylaw services rather than police.

These may include animal control concerns; property maintenance; zoning matters and missing or damaged traffic signs.



Your Local Detachment

For non-urgent police matters, you can contact your local RCMP detachment directly using their non-emergency line.

This includes reporting suspicious activity, follow-ups, or providing information about an incident.

Do not use this line for emergencies.



310 - RCMP

(310-7267) no area code required

Province-wide, dedicated phone-line that is meant for non-emergency police matters.

Report a suspicious person, property damage, or a minor theft, this number connects you directly to the appropriate RCMP detachment



Online Reporting

<https://report.rcmp.ca/en> or download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play

Report incidents that do not pose an immediate or potential threat to life or public safety.

(Break & enters that have already taken place; scams where no money or personal information was transferred; lost property; or property damage / theft under \$5,000)



INFORMATION FOR NON-RATEPAYERS

Paid Parking Program

REMINDER: the Paid Parking Program is in effect from May - October at the following locations



Sandy Point Beach

\$3/hour

OR

\$15/day for parking at Sandy Point Beach.



Boat Launches

\$10/day to launch only

\$20/day launch and park

Applies to:

Sandy Point Boat Launch
Sunbreaker Cove Boat Launch



Annual Pass

• \$120/year Sandy Point Beach Parking

• \$160/year Boat Launch & Parking

• \$80/year Boat Launch ONLY*

(*doesn't include parking)

Questions? Prepay? Visit www.lacombecounty.com/paidparking



ENVIRONMENT

SHARE THE SHORELINE NESTING BIRD AWARENESS

Lacombe County would like to remind people recreating around our major lakes and green spaces that they are sharing space with nature.



Migratory bird nesting season extends from April to the end of August

Birds will nest anywhere - on the ground, in trees and shrubs, and on human structures and items



It is illegal to kill, injure, or harass migratory birds, their nests, and eggs

Cryptic Ground Nest



Do your part by remaining conscious. Stick to designated trails, avoid vegetation removal, and watch your footing to avoid impacting nesting birds.

LACOMBE COUNTY

The Life & Times of the GULL LAKE WATERSHED



"The Life and Times" takes you on a journey through the evolving Gull Lake watershed, blending rich history, historical imagery, and today's environmental realities. Discover how the land, wildlife, and water have changed over time—and what those changes mean for the lake's health now.



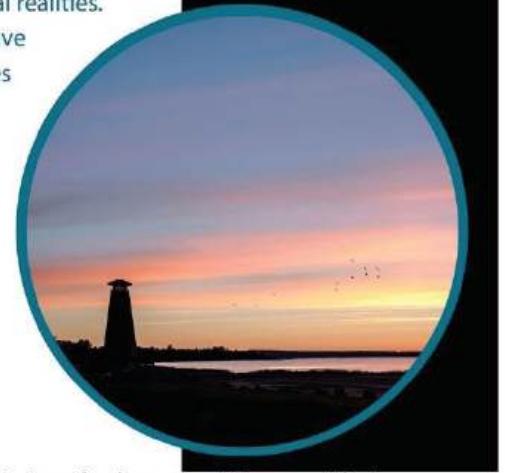
JUNE 24, 2026



PRESENTATION STARTS AT 7:00PM
Doors open at 6:30PM



LOCATION
SUMMER VILLAGE OF GULL LAKE
COMMUNITY HALL



TO REGISTER:

FREE to attend. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided.

To register, call Jordan at 403-782-8959, scan the QR code (left) or visit the Eventbrite page at: <https://GullLake2026.eventbrite.ca>.

ASPELUND ROAD CLEAN UP Thank you, Parallax

On Wednesday, May 13, the staff from Parallax conducted a roadside cleanup along Aspelund Road, from the Aspelund Industrial Park west to Highway 20, during the afternoon.

Thank you, Parallax, for your continued commitment to environmental stewardship. Thanks to years of dedicated cleanup efforts, staff are noticing less debris along previously cleaned routes — a sign their hard work is making a real difference.



LACOMBE COUNTY RESERVE LAND SOME SIMPLE RULES



We want everyone to enjoy our County reserve lands while keeping them beautiful and safe. By adhering to these rules, we can help preserve the natural beauty of our County lands and ensure that everyone can enjoy them responsibly. Here are some easy rules to remember:

1. PROTECT THE PLANTS

Do not cut, mow or remove plants, trees, or any other vegetation.



7. KEEP THE AREA CLEAN

Do not dispose of landscaping materials, yard clippings, waste, building materials, topsoil, sand, or rocks on these lands.



2. NO BUILDING ALLOWED

You're not allowed to construct or place any structures.



8. RESPONSIBLE CHEMICAL USE

Do not discard hazardous materials or use pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers on the land.



3. STICK TO THE DESIGNATED PATHS

Keep OHVs on designated trails.



9. RESPONSIBLE WASTE DISPOSAL

Pack out any waste you pack in or utilize designated waste bins.



4. LEAVE NATURE ALONE

Don't dig or take away natural features from the land.



10. NO CAMPING ALLOWED

Camping is only allowed in areas where signage permits it. Always follow the posted rules and conditions for those areas.



5. NO SIGNS OR ADS

Do not attach signs, advertisements, or anything else to trees, fences, or buildings.



6. SHOW RESPECT FOR SIGNS & STRUCTURES

Don't tamper with or damage County signs, buildings, or other improvements.



11. THESE ARE PUBLIC LANDS

Remember, these are public lands. Do not restrict access to others.



AGRICULTURE

What you "weed" to know about weeds in Lacombe County

Lacombe County's Weed Inspection Program has begun. Our goal is to protect productive, valuable and sensitive lands within Lacombe County from prohibited noxious and noxious weeds, regulated under the *Alberta Weed Control Act* that Lacombe County enforces.

Prohibited noxious and noxious weeds will:

- Reduce the habitat available for native plant species, which threatens species of insect, plant, fish and animal that depend on native plants.
- Reduce property values for residents and agricultural producers.
- Reduce production from agriculture and other rural industries.
- Increase land management expenses for counties, businesses and property owners.

For further information in which apply to all county landowners, check out the *Alberta Weed Control Act*: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/w05p1>

Alberta Weed Control Regulations: https://open.alberta.ca/publications/2010_019

Who is in my field? (Pictured below)

Annika Harris and Ayla Attwood (pictured below) are Lacombe County's Weed Inspectors for the 2026 season, alongside Agriculture Coordinator, Jalene Makus. They will be inspecting: County, private, and public lands for prohibited noxious and noxious weeds.

Commonly Asked Questions:

Can a weed inspector come onto my property without my permission?

Yes, under the provincial *Weed Control Act*, County Weed Inspectors have the appointed authority to enter any private property to monitor for noxious and prohibited noxious weeds and enforce

compliance with the Act. They do not need the homeowner's permission to do so. They are, however, restricted to only outdoor lands and business hours. Under the *Weed Control Act*, a person shall not willfully obstruct or delay an inspector in the exercise of their duties.

How does a weed inspector know which properties to inspect?

Weed inspectors patrol within Lacombe County's jurisdiction. They may decide to inspect a property based on a number of factors, including:

- A random inspection,
- A visual sighting from the roadway
- A reported sighting
- A known history of an infestation in the area.

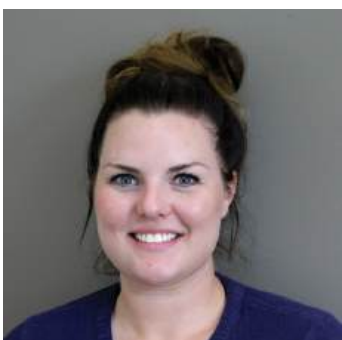
What is a Prohibited Noxious Weed vs. Noxious Weed?

Prohibited Noxious weeds need to be 100% destroyed each year. They are classified as detrimental weeds but are not yet widespread in the province, making total eradication possible. Noxious weeds are widely spread across Alberta, which may be difficult to eradicate, but will alternatively be managed every year to stop the spread.

More information

We are here to help! Ask us about plant identification, weed control options, or private herbicide applicators for hire. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Lacombe County's Agriculture Department at 403-782-8959.

We have a list of noxious and prohibited weeds on our website at: <https://www.lacombecounty.com/en/business-and-development/weeds.aspx>



Jalene Makus



Annika Harris



Ayla Attwood

You may see these County staff conducting weed and pest inspections this season. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 403-782-8959.

Weed season is around the corner:

Early detection is KEY!

Most weeds start appearing in mid-May (usually) and are easiest to control when they first "pop up". If you see a troublesome weed, you should take action early, as leaving them can have significant negative impacts. The longer you leave weeds, then more difficult they are to control or eradicate from your property.

The *Weed Control Act of Alberta* directs that all landowners are responsible for keeping weeds under control. This also includes Lacombe County. The County is responsible for controlling weeds on properties under County control, and directing private landowners/tenants to do so on their properties as well.

Weed Inspections

The Agriculture team believes that early detection and rapid response is the most effective method of managing invasive plants.

The employment of seasonal weed inspectors and the use of new technology assist Agriculture staff in maintaining an effective, long term weed control program.

How We Can Help

Agriculture staff are available to work with residents to prevent and resolve weed control issues. They can assist by identifying plant species and presenting solutions based on resident and County experience, along with research results using various weed control methods.

Call Lacombe County at 403.782-8959 if:

- You have concerns about weeds on a property.
- You would like a consultation on weeds on your property.
- You want to drop off a weed sample for identification. (Please call prior to coming in, if you require immediate identification.)
- You want a list of local herbicide or pest control applicators in your area.

More information

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-8959.

CONT. FROM FRONT | Lacombe County in search of the 2026 Farm Family

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE FARM FAMILY AWARD:

This is the fourth year that the County has led the collection of nominations for the Farm Family Award. The past recipients include:

2025 – Theo & Claudine Bruning (Hillside Poultry Farm)

The Bruning family of Hillside Poultry Farm was selected as the 2025 Farm Family of the Year for building a successful, innovative poultry and grain operation rooted in sustainability, family involvement, and long term stewardship. They embrace modern technology and environmentally responsible practices while maintaining a true family run farm. Beyond their operation, the Brunings demonstrate strong leadership and volunteerism, making meaningful contributions to agriculture and the Lacombe County community.

2024 – Cody Congdon & Family (Rocky Top Gelbvieh)

Cody Congdon and his family operate Rocky Top Gelbvieh, a purebred cattle farm known for its top-tier genetics and sustainable practices.

The fourth-generation farm uses rotational grazing and a four-year crop cycle to promote soil health. Cody is actively involved in the Canadian Gelbvieh Association and promotes innovation in cattle breeding. The family's teamwork and commitment to agriculture exemplify the values of Lacombe County's farming community.

2023 – Grose Family (Rodono Industries)

The Grose family of Rodono Industries received the award for their leadership in technical farming, sustainable operations, and community involvement. Their operation blends tradition with innovation, contributing to both local food production and agricultural progress. The family is actively involved in rural initiatives and mentoring future farmers. Their values reflect the strength and resilience of Lacombe County's farm families.

ABOUT THE NOMINATION PROCESS:

The nomination period for the Farm Family Award is

from **May 14, 2026, until August 20, 2026**. Nominations can be submitted in person or by email to communications@lacombecounty.com. Eligible nominees must be Lacombe County producers whose primary source of income is agriculture.

Nominees must demonstrate a profound commitment to one or more of the following criteria:

- 1. Achievements and/or Innovations in Technical Farm Production:** Recognizing those who have made remarkable advancements in agricultural technology, techniques, or methods.
- 2. Sustainability Practices:** Honouring individuals who have implemented sustainable farming practices, contributing to the preservation of natural resources and the environment.
- 3. Family Farm Business Management:** Celebrating families who have exemplified excel-

lence in managing their farm businesses, showcasing exemplary leadership and strategic decision-making.

- 4. Agricultural Industry Involvement:** Acknowledging individuals who have actively participated and contributed to the agricultural industry, sharing knowledge and fostering growth.
- 5. Community and Rural Citizenship:** Recognizing farm families who have made outstanding contributions to their local communities and exemplify strong rural values.

Nomination forms must be completed in their entirety and submitted no later than August 20, 2026.

For more information, please email communications@lacombecounty.com or call (403) 782-8959.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

www.lacombecounty.com/FarmFamily
to download the nomination form and find nomination criteria.



FARM FAMILY
of the Year Award

Nominations due Aug. 20

LACOMBE COUNTY

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2026 AGRICULTURE & ALUS TOUR

Join us for a day of exploring agriculture and environment projects through Lacombe County!

July 22, 2026 | 8:30 AM - 3:34 PM | \$40
Lunch and bus transportation is provided

Destination #1: MFL Bison Ranch

A family-run ranch focused on regenerative agriculture, MFL Bison Ranch uses holistic grazing practices to build healthy soil, support biodiversity, and produce high-quality, natural bison. Their work reflects a strong commitment to sustainability, animal health, and preserving the land for future generations.



Destination #2: Biggelaar Farm

This ALUS site features tree planting areas, a year-round alternative watering system, and fenced treed and riparian pastures to improve grazing management. These projects help to support clean water, resilient landscapes, and productive grazing.



Destination #3: Western Crop Innovations

Western Crop Innovations is a leading agricultural research organization focused on developing high-yielding, disease-resistant crop varieties for the prairies. Through advanced breeding techniques and collaboration, WCI helps farmers improve productivity, resilience, & sustainability across diverse growing conditions.



RSVP online: <https://2026AgTour.eventbrite.ca>
OR scan the QR code.

QUESTIONS? Call 403-782-8959 or email jmakus@lacombecounty.com

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Weed and Agricultural Pest Compliance



Weed and Pest Compliance on Well and Facility Sites

The AER supports enforcement activity for Alberta's weed and agricultural pest laws to ensure well and facility sites meet regulatory standards. Effective May 1, 2026, the AER may issue reasonable care and measure (RCAM) orders, when necessary, under the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act*.

What's New

The AER may issue RCAM orders to support enforcement actions initiated by Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation or by municipal authorities through the referral process.

Referral Process

- 1) A landowner or member of the public notifies their local municipal authority of a weed or pest issue on an energy development site.
- 2) An agricultural fieldman or municipal inspector visits the site and verifies the weed or pest issue on the site.
- 3) The fieldman or inspector uses their enforcement tools to address the noncompliance.
- 4) Once fieldmen and inspectors have exhausted their enforcement tools, they can refer the issue to the AER if it concerns a well or facility site for consideration and enforcement under an RCAM order.

Important Notes

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation fieldmen and municipal inspectors retain their responsibility to enforce compliance with weed and pest regulations.

- Municipalities are the initial point of contact for public and landowner concerns regarding weeds and pests.
- Licensees and approval holders must control weeds and pests on their energy development sites in accordance with legislation and AER requirements.
- The AER does not enforce weed and pest compliance on land outside its jurisdiction or on pipeline rights-of-way.

[Learn more](#) about weed and pest compliance on well and facility sites



WEED AND PEST COMPLIANCE ON WELL AND FACILITY SITES (APRIL 30, 2026)

WILD About Bees

We know native pollinators are on the decline, but what's the most effective way we can help?

Create more HABITAT!

This April, Lacombe County invites you to support local pollinators by purchasing our specially curated pollinator seed mix and the informative Wild About Bees handbook.

Wild About Bees Handbook & Seed Mix - \$22.92

Your package includes:

- Step-by-step instructions on creating a high-quality pollinator garden specifically designed for native pollinators
- Guide for every species included in your seed package
- A list of Lacombe County's top 20 favourite pollinators
- Information on additional resources to support your gardening efforts

The seed mix contains 100% native wildflowers, carefully selected and thoroughly researched to thrive within the Aspen Parkland Ecoregion.

How to Purchase:

Once ready, you can pick up your Wild About Bees handbook and seed package at the Lacombe County Office (Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm).

Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for updates and details about the program launch!

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Watch our website and/or social media channels for details regarding the launch of this program

Check your burn piles!

With warming temperatures and dry conditions, it's important to stay vigilant when burning or checking previously burned sites.

- ✓ Revisit your burn sites
- ✓ Stir and soak the area thoroughly
- ✓ Check for heat under ash or debris
- ✓ Monitor conditions before starting any new burn



LACOMBE COUNTY



2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM UPDATE

JUNE 10, 2026 | LACOMBE, AB
9:00AM - 1:00 PM



REGISTER BY JUNE 7

Free lunch provided!

<https://wci-agm-2026.eventbrite.ca>

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

April 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026

Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision
1	39/26	Kyle & Yolanda Blaak	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 912 1392 (SE 23-40-01-W5M)	Setback Relaxation w/addition	Approved
2	40/26	Bettenson's Sand & Gravel Ltd.	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 972 1036 (Pt. NW 32-40-27-W4M)	Sand and Gravel Pit <i>Renewal, No Change</i>	Pending
3	41/26	Kevin Kallis	SE 23-39-01-W5M	Campground, Intermediate Kountry Kamping <i>Renewal, No Change</i>	Approved
4	42/26	Orrin Wade	NW 30-38-03-W5M	Minor Business and Trade <i>Renewal, TeKh Group Inc.</i>	Pending
5	43/26	Alyson Salsbury	Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 002 4826 (Pt. SW 17-39-28-W4M)	4,800ft ² Shop and Truck and Farm Equipment Repair Shop	Approved
6	44/26	Turner On Construction & Electrical	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 222 0842 (Pt. NW 15-38-25-W4M)	806ft ² attached garage addition to existing dwelling	Approved
7	45/26	Venom Carriers Ltd.	Unit 3 Condo Plan 162 2594 (NW 23-40-27-W4M)	Trucking business known as Venom Carriers Ltd. <i>Renewal, No Changes</i>	Approved
8	46/26	Marshall & Krista Harrod	Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 102 7118 (Pt. NE 10-40-26-W4M)	Dwelling, Second <i>Mobile Home, Existing</i>	Approved
9	48/26	Colten & Tracy Pfleging	SW 01-39-25-W4M	Dwelling, Second <i>Modular Home, Existing</i>	Approved
10	49/26	Spencer Zalinka	NW 32-39-26-W4M	Home Based Business, Major Spencer's Autobody <i>Renewal, No Change</i>	Approved
11	50/26	Jared Elgert	NE 12-39-03-W5M	Dwelling, Second w/Veranda, Covered Deck and Attached Garage	Approved
12	51/26	Valley Mountain Homes	NE 16-39-02-W5M	Dwelling, Second w/Veranda	Approved

Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision
13	S-008-26	Tyson & Bri-Anne Deleeuw	NW 34-41-23-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
14	S-009-26	Rice Farms Ltd.	SE 30-41-27-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
15	S-010-26	Bernice Nelson	Pt. NE 35-39-03-W5M	1st Parcel Out	Pending

Success Grows Here!

Planning Services is here to help you plan, build, and grow in Lacombe County.

Contact us if you are:

- Planning to build or develop on your property
- Starting or expanding a business
- Subdividing land
- Purchasing property and have questions
- Unsure what is allowed on your land
- Looking for planning or development information

We encourage you to contact us early in your planning process. We are here to help you navigate the process and move your project forward.

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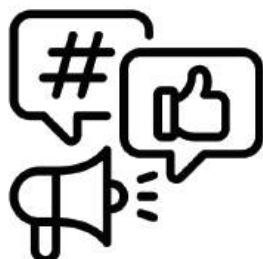
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Spring Cleaning: Unsightly Properties

Frequently Asked Questions

Spring has arrived!

Spring is here, and our yards and communities are once again exposed from the white blanket that once covered everything during the winter months. It will be nice to see new growth on all the trees and shrubs, but it also reminds us of all that garbage and unwanted material that has made its way to our yards.

WHY ARE MAINTAINING PROPERTIES IMPORTANT?

Properties that are well maintained, including private, commercial or industrial, add great beauty to our neighbourhoods and communities, and Lacombe County.

Poorly maintained properties may lead to the perception that an area could be unsafe, untidy and not really cared for which could lead to negative effects such as increased levels of graffiti, potential vandalism, and other negative activities.

Private property that is unsightly can devalue your own home, pose general health and safety risks, or can make the sale of the home difficult, as well as compromise situations with your neighbours.

There are five Transfer Stations located throughout Lacombe County:

- Bentley Transfer Station (NE 22-40-1-W5M)
- Spruceville Transfer Station (NW 29-40-27-W4M)
- Prentiss Transfer Station (NW 7-40-25-W4M)
- Eckville Transfer Station (NW 34-39-3-W5M)
- Alix/Mirror Transfer Station (NW 24-40-23-W4M)

Each transfer site has specific hours of operation and accepts various waste and recycled products. For more information on the hours of operation and items accepted for each station please visit the Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission website www.lrwsc.ca.

WHAT IS UNSIGHTLINESS?

Alberta's Municipal Government Act defines unsightly condition with respect to a structure as "a structure whose exterior shows signs of significant physical deterioration." With respect to land, the Municipal Government Act defines an unsightly condition as "land that shows signs of a serious disregard for general maintenance or upkeep."

WHAT ARE LACOMBE COUNTY'S RULES WHEN IT COMES TO UNSIGHTLINESS?

Lacombe County's Land Use Bylaw prohibits individuals from keeping an unsightly premise to the extent that it would detrimentally affect the repose, amenities, use, value or enjoyment of the surrounding lands in reasonable proximity to the unsightly premises, or is otherwise detrimental to the surrounding area.

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF AN UNSIGHTLY PREMISE?

Whether a property is considered unsightly or not depends on district the property is in, as the County has different development standards for different land uses. Please note, the determination of a property to be unsightly is at the discretion of the County. The following are generic examples.

Agricultural Area

In the County's Agricultural 'A' District, a yard site that has garbage, dangerous objects or buildings could be considered unsightly. Please note that the Agricultural 'A' District is specifically intended for agricultural uses, and as such materials and equipment related to agriculture are normal and would not be considered unsightly.

Residential Subdivisions & Hamlets

In a country residential subdivision, lakeshore residential subdivision, or hamlet communities, the County has aesthetic standards to protect the integrity and character of the County's residential communities. As such, objects such as sea-containers, tarped structures, unlicensed or broken vehicles in public view, excessive building materials in public view, garbage, debris, or dangerous items are prohibited in the County's residential and hamlet districts. All buildings in the County's

residential areas are to be kept in a good state of maintenance and the yard site should be kept neat and clean.

Recreational Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District

Sandy Point RV Resort and Degraff's RV Resort are recreational developments that allow for a recreational vehicle, including park models, and associated buildings to be located on a bare land condominium unit as a year-round accommodation. As such, the County expects the same aesthetic standards described above for all other residential areas. Objects such as sea-containers, tarped structures, unlicensed or broken vehicles, building materials in view, garbage, debris, or dangerous items are prohibited. All condo units must be kept neat and clean and buildings are to be kept in a good state of maintenance. In addition to the County, unsightliness in the Recreational Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District is regulated by the respective condominium board.

Commercial and Industrial Areas

The County has numerous commercial and business industrial parks that are specifically intended for business activity. Depending on the business park, the County will have site development guidelines in place which regulate the requirements for screening/fencing all outdoor storage, landscaping, building design, and signage. Compliance with the applicable Site Development Guidelines and Land Use Bylaw regulations will ensure that industrial and commercial properties do not become unsightly.

QUESTIONS?

If you require more information, please contact Planning Services at 403-782-8389, and staff will be happy to discuss maintenance of properties with you or set up a meeting.



ASSESSMENT 101 | *What you need to know*

2026 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT INSPECTIONS

Property inspections will be ongoing for the remainder of 2026, Assessors will be visiting properties throughout the County. The summer will focus on inspections flagged by property sales and general re-inspections between Range 1 & 2 West of the 5th and parts of Range 28 West of the 4th. Time permitting, we may also be in Range 27.

Lacombe County is aware of new construction and significant renovations due to development and safety codes permitting. However, we would appreciate your assistance with demolitions or removals of homes, garages, sheds, or any other buildings and/or changes to use of land and existing buildings. An Assessor must verify whether a building has been removed or whether a change in the use of the property has occurred prior to December 31st, 2026, or it will be assessed and reflected on your 2027 Assessment and Tax Notice.

If property owners failed to notify us, you may be required to provide evidence that the change occurred prior to December 31st, 2026. If any of these changes have occurred on your property and you are unsure if the County is aware of it, please contact the Lacombe County Assessment Department.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that old farm houses/residences are still assessable and taxable even though the old residence may be disconnected from utilities and no longer being lived in? For example, you developed and moved into a new residence on your property, what happens to the value of old house? Just because old house is not being lived in does not mean that it isn't assessable and taxable for future tax years. Unless the old house is completely removed and/or demolished prior to the legislated condition date of December 31st, Assessors must still reflect the condition and physical characteristics of your property and will prepare an assessment for the old house with updated details about the condition. Sometimes the old house is used in conjunction as a garage and/or for personal storage.

FAQ: I constructed a new building on my property; it is not considered complete by the physical condition date of December 31st. How does this

affect my assessment?

The Assessor will value the current (progressive) state of construction as of December 31, 2025. For example, if construction was deemed to be 50% complete by this date, the assessment would reflect this progressive value for the 2026 tax year. Once the development is completed usually in the following year, the structure will be assessed at its full market value.

NOTICE OF INSPECTIONS Lacombe County municipal Assessors are continuously reviewing and visiting properties throughout the municipality as 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, do not hesitate to contact us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

MEET THE TEAM

The Lacombe County Assessment team is made up of the following individuals:



Angel Svennes



Andrew Beecraft



Nolan Bespalko

(Cont. from front) Council approves 2026 tax rates

Overall, the combined residential tax rate increased by 4.79%, from 5.2926 to 5.5460. When assessment growth is also considered, the typical residential property in Lacombe County may see an average tax increase of approximately \$209 in 2026.

Municipal Budget and Levy

The total 2026 Lacombe County municipal tax levy is \$39.6 million, an increase of approximately 2.51% from 2025. This increase reflects approved budget adjustments and updated financial estimates since the 2026 budget was approved last fall.

Council-approved changes contributing to the final tax rate include:

- Adjustments to operating costs and contribution from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.
- Addition of new grader division in Lacombe County.
- The removal of the budgeted, one-time contribution to the Water and Wastewater

Reserve due to lower-than-anticipated industrial assessment growth.

Municipal tax dollars support a wide range of County services, including road maintenance, fire services, parks and recreation facilities, agriculture services, planning and development, and public safety initiatives.

Payment and Support Programs

Property tax notices were mailed in on May 1, 2026, with taxes due no later than August 31, 2026.

Senior homeowners who may need assistance are encouraged to explore the Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program, which allows eligible seniors to defer all or part of their property taxes through a low-interest home equity loan administered by the Government of Alberta (Information at <http://www.seniorshousing.alberta.ca/seniors/property-tax-deferral.html>).

A Forward-Looking Approach Lacombe County's approach to the 2026 tax rates reflects a thoughtful balance between supporting a growing community, responding to changing market

conditions, and ensuring continued delivery of essential public services. Through careful financial planning and targeted adjustments, the County remains focused on fiscal responsibility while creating a stable environment for residents and businesses.

"Council continues to take a measured and strategic approach to taxation," said County Manager Tim Timmons. "By carefully managing costs and adjusting municipal tax rates where appropriate, we are stewarding taxpayer dollars responsibly while maintaining the services and infrastructure our community relies on today and into the future."

Residents and businesses play a vital role in sustaining the services that contribute to Lacombe County's strong quality of life. With strategic resource allocation and long-term planning, the County is well-positioned to support community well-being, economic resilience, and future growth.

More information about the 2026 budget, tax rates, and assessment process is available at www.lacombecounty.com/budget.

Insurance Reminder: Are You Covered for Fire Response Costs?

Spring brings increased activity across Lacombe County — busier roads, on-farm operations, and more outdoor burning. It's an ideal time to review your insurance policies and confirm that you're protected in the event of an emergency.

Under Lacombe County's Fire Protection and Emergency Response Bylaw and supporting policy F(1), residents, businesses, and vehicle owners are invoiced when the fire department responds to emergencies - including structure fires, grass or brush fires, burning barrel incidents, and motor vehicle accidents. These charges are typically covered by insurance, but only if you have the appropriate coverage before an emergency occurs.

This cost recovery model ensures that those who receive emergency services contribute directly to the fire services that protect them, rather than relying solely on property taxes. Many municipalities across Alberta charge for fire department response services.

WHY THIS MATTERS

If a fire or accident occurs, and Lacombe County Fire Services crews respond to the call, you will receive an invoice for:

- Fire department response to structure, grass, brush, or other property fires
- Motor vehicle fires or collisions
- Equipment and apparatus used during the call
- Time spent extinguishing the fire, checking for hotspots, or ensuring the scene is safe

Insurance often covers these costs, but policies vary. Contact your insurance provider to confirm that you have sufficient coverage for both your vehicle AND your home/property:

- Whether fire response fees are included

- What limits or conditions apply
- Whether both your home/property and vehicle policies include coverage

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Lacombe County staff can help clarify what types of incidents are invoiced and how cost recovery works.

EXAMPLE OF HOW INVOICING WORKS

For a typical fire where multiple units respond, the invoice may include per hour charges for:

- Engine (Fire Pumper)
- Tender (Water Tanker)
- Brush Truck
- Rescue Truck
- Command Truck (Incident Commander)

Understanding the costs behind fire and emergency services response invoices

Here is an example of how Lacombe County invoices for fire and emergency services response calls. Let us say Mr. John Ratepayer had a fire on his farm involving a small outbuilding that caught fire. Lacombe County Fire Service responded to this fire with three fire apparatus.

- Engine – 2 hours
- Tender - 2 hours
- Brush Truck – 2 hours

The fire crews responded and began extinguishing the fire. After the fire was extinguished, the crews looked for hot spots and ensured not only that the fire was out, but also that it would not rekindle, then returned to the fire hall, cleaned up the equipment and prepared it for the next call.

The invoice amount would be as follows:

Invoice Description

	Hours	Unit Rate	Amount
Engine	2	\$740.00	\$1,480.00
Tender	2	\$740.00	\$1,480.00
Brush	2	\$740.00	\$1,480.00
			TOTAL \$4,440.00

DEFINITIONS OF EQUIPMENT USED AT CALLS

RESCUE TRUCK: A specialized vehicle used primarily for rescue operations, including vehicle extrications, medical emergencies, and technical rescues. It carries little or no water but is equipped with hydraulic tools, rescue gear, lighting, ropes, airbags, and medical supplies.

ENGINE: The main firefighting apparatus designed for structure and vehicle fires, rescues, and medical calls. It typically carries 500–1,000 gallons of water, along with hoses, pumps, ladders, and essential firefighting and rescue equipment.

TENDER: A high capacity water tanker that supports firefighting efforts in rural or non hydrant areas. It usually carries 1,500–3,500+ gallons of water and equipment for rapid water transfer to other apparatus.

BRUSH TRUCK: A small, off road capable unit built for wildland and brush fires in hard to reach areas. It typically carries 200–500 gallons of water and specialized wildland gear such as hoses, hand tools, and portable pumps.

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, 2025

- If you missed the December 31 deadline, no worries; you can sign up in 2026 anytime 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!

Tax Installment PAYMENT PLAN



Sign up TODAY for the monthly plan.

Contact Lacombe County at (403) 782-6601 or visit www.lacombecounty.com for more details.



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REMINDER: Responsible use of public spaces

With the return of warmer weather, Lacombe County's parks, trails, beaches, and green spaces become well-used by residents and visitors alike. These public areas are shared spaces, and everyone has a role to play in keeping them clean, safe, and welcoming.

The standards for responsible public space use are supported by several County bylaws, including the Community Standards Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw, and Parks and Reserves Management Bylaw. These bylaws work together to ensure that County spaces remain enjoyable for all while also protecting the environment and the well-being of our communities.

Here are a few simple ways to help ensure everyone can enjoy these spaces:

- **Pets must be leashed and cleaned up after:** Dogs must be on a leash when in public areas such as parks, trails, or campgrounds. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up any waste left by their animals.
- **No cannabis in public places:** Smoking or vaping cannabis is not allowed in public spaces, including parks, trails, and beaches.
- **Off-highway vehicles (OHVs) are restricted:** OHVs, including ATVs and dirt bikes, may only be operated in designated areas where clearly permitted. Please follow posted signage and respect all access restrictions.
- **Equestrian use is prohibited:** Horses are not permitted in County parks or reserve lands, in order to prevent trail damage and preserve sensitive environments.
- **Discharge of firearms is not allowed:** For the safety of all users, firearms and projectile weapons may not be discharged in parks, reserves, or other public spaces.
- **Respect others when gathering:** If you're hosting a group activity in a park, beach, or public space, please be courteous. Keep music and noise to a respectful level, avoid blocking access to others, and leave the area clean.
- **Observe quiet hours:** Noise that disturbs others - such as loud music, shouting, or engine revving - is not permitted between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in public or residential areas.
- **Leave no trace:** Dispose of all garbage properly. If bins are unavailable or full, take your waste home with you to help protect wildlife and keep our parks clean for the next visitor.

By following these expectations, we can all contribute to a positive and respectful outdoor experience across Lacombe County. To learn more, or to view the full bylaws, visit www.lacombecounty.com.



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Notice of application to be filed for approval to renew the franchise agreement between ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. and Lacombe County for the Hamlet of Mirror.

Application summary

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. will file an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission, requesting approval to renew its franchise agreement with Lacombe County for the Hamlet of Mirror.

The franchise agreement will continue to grant ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the right to deliver natural gas to residents of Mirror. The franchise agreement is proposed to be effective on January 1, 2027, and expire on January 1, 2037. The existing franchise agreement was previously approved by the Commission in Decision 29708-D01-2024.

The franchise agreement renewal includes a franchise fee to be collected by ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. and remitted to Lacombe County. The proposed franchise fee is 12.6%, which is the same as the existing franchise fee. The franchise fee percentage is applied to the distribution tariff, which typically consists of both distribution and transmission charges. Based on the average monthly residential consumption of 8.75 gigajoules (GJs) of natural gas, the average monthly franchise fee paid by an average residential customer is expected to remain the same at approximately \$6.51.

You may send your objections, concerns about, or support for the application in writing to Lacombe County or to ATCO on or before **June 10, 2026**, at:

Lacombe County, Attn: Michael Minchin, Director of Corporate Services, RR 3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3, phone 403-782-6601; email: info@lacombecounty.com

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Attn: Franchise Coordinator, 5302 Forand St. S.W. Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4; email: franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com

Except for information designated confidential by the Commission, any information or materials, including personal information, that are provided as part of a Commission proceeding will become part of the public record.

If no submissions are received, or if submissions are received from a party not directly affected, or if submissions are frivolous, vexatious or of little merit, the Commission may render a decision on the application without further notice or without a public hearing.

For more information

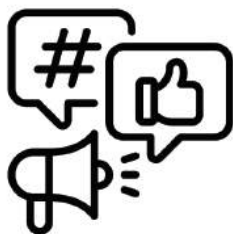
For more information on how to file a submission, please contact the Commission directly at 310-4282 (in Alberta) or 1-833-511-4282 (outside Alberta), or by email at info@auc.ab.ca. An information package, providing an explanation of the process and assistance on how to participate in the proceeding, will be immediately provided to any person who inquires with the Commission.

For a paper copy of the franchise agreement, please contact either the municipality or the applicant via the contact information provided above.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications.

Issued on May 15, 2026.

Alberta Utilities Commission



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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 9, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING BYLAW NO. 1456/26

A public hearing was held for Bylaw No. 1456/26, a bylaw of Lacombe County to rescind Bylaw 1309/19, the Ponoka County/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Following the public hearing, Bylaw No. 1456/26 was given second and third reading and so passed.

PUBLIC HEARING BYLAW NOS. 1453/26 AND 1454/26

A public hearing was held for Bylaw Nos. 1453/26 and 1454/26. Bylaw No. 1453/26 is a bylaw of Lacombe County for the purpose of amending the Municipal Development Plan. Bylaw No. 1454/26 is a bylaw of Lacombe County for the purpose of amending the Land Use Bylaw.

Amendments made to the Municipal Development Plan and to the Land Use Bylaw include:

- Prohibiting new or expanded confined feeding operations shall be permitted less than 1.6 kilometres (1 mile) from the boundary of Chain Lakes, Gabriel Lake, Gadsby Lake, and Spotted Lakes.
- Removing 'recovery centre on W 1/2 Pt. SW 16-39-01-W5M' as a discretionary use in the Agricultural 'A' District.
- Permitting two off-road vehicle units per condo unit in the Recreational Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District.
- Increasing maximum height of accessory buildings in country and lakeshore residential districts from 20 ft (6.10 m) to 24 ft (7.32 m).

Following the public hearing, Bylaw Nos. 1453/26 and 1454/26 were given second and third reading and so passed.

CITY OF LACOMBE 2026 RC(1) RECREATION CAPITAL FUNDING REQUESTS

Council approved \$228,056 in funding to the City of Lacombe for 2026 recreation capital projects, including:

- Upgrade projects at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre
- Upgrades at the Gary Moe Auto Sportsplex Arenas
- Upgrades to the Lacombe Curling Club Facility
- Upgrades to the Lacombe Centre
- Repairs to the Soccer Fields at NW Recreation Area (Woodland Drive)
- Repairs to the Lacombe Skateboard Park

The funding will come from the County's Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

Council also approved \$62,500 toward the City of Lacombe's Columbarium expansion at the Lacombe Fairview Cemetery. The funding will come from the County's Cemetery Capital Reserve.

2026 TAX YEAR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION RECOMMENDATIONS & REQUEST FOR DECISION

Council authorized the County Manager to approve

Sylvan Lake Lutheran Bible Camp Association (Camp Kuriakos) and David Thompson Snow Riders Club as exempt from taxation under the Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation with a 2-year waiver of application for property tax exemption.

Council approved that the Birch Bay Boat Club, Central Alberta Sailing Club and Stanton Community Centre continue to be exempt from taxation by municipal bylaw.

PLANNING SERVICES UPDATE

Council received the Planning Services Department activity update for March 2026.

TAX RATE BYLAW

Council approved first reading to Bylaw No. 1459/26, a bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within Lacombe County for the 2026 taxation year.

NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE FEE AGREEMENT – HAMLET OF MIRROR BYLAW

Council approved first reading to Bylaw No. 1458/26, the Hamlet of Mirror Natural Gas Franchise Bylaw, which authorizes the Reeve and County Manager to execute a franchise agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., and to grant the company the authority to supply natural gas to customers within the Hamlet of Mirror.

Watch for provincial construction work in County

Lacombe County residents can expect impacts from two Alberta Transportation projects taking place in 2026, with one extending into 2027. Both projects focus on bridge rehabilitation to improve safety and extend infrastructure lifespan.

Public Reminder: Remember to Check 511 Alberta for updates before you leave and allow for extra travel time. Obey construction signage and speed limits, and drive with care around construction crews.

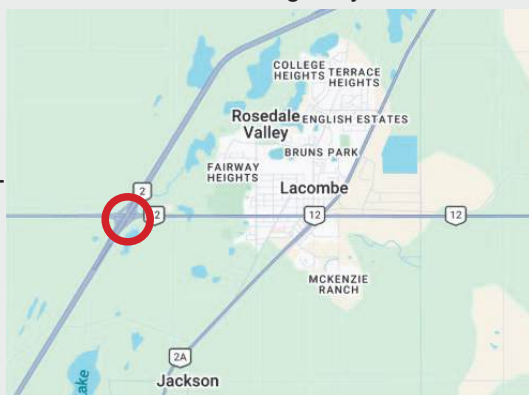
Highway 2 / Highway 12 Interchange Bridge Rehabilitation (near Lacombe)

Timeline

- May 2026 to late fall 2026 (winter shutdown)
- Resumes spring 2027, with completion expected fall 2027

Traffic Impacts

- Reduced speeds and narrower shoulders on Highway 2
- Lane closures and delays expected
- Impacts to Highway 12 traffic below
- Pedestrian crossings closed during construction



What to Expect

- Work typically between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., with occasional night work

Highway 766 Bridge Rehabilitation (Lasthill Creek near Eckville)

Timeline

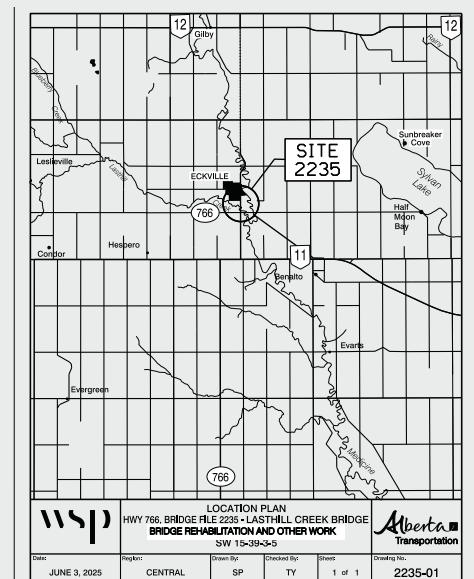
- May 19, 2026 to October 31, 2026

Traffic Impacts

- Lane closures with single-lane alternating traffic
- Traffic controlled by temporary signals
- Reduced speed limit (30 km/h)
- Narrow lanes and flag personnel

What to Expect

- Be prepared to stop
- Delays of up to 30 minutes



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 23, 2026

2025 ELECTION: FINAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2025 OPERATING SURPLUS AND RESERVE ALLOCATION

Lacombe County realized a 2025 operating surplus of \$2,961,215, with \$2.5 million available for reallocation to reserves. Council approved allocating the surplus to the following reserves:

- Water/Wastewater Reserve: \$1,000,000
- New Pavement Reserve: \$500,000
- Fire Services Reserve: \$500,000
- Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve: \$500,000

2025 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Jeff Alliston of Metrix Group, LLP presented the draft 2025 Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2025. Council approved the 2025 Audited Financial Statements, as amended, to include the 2025 surplus allocation to reserves.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION CONSULTATION ON RULE 007: PROPOSED SETBACKS FOR RENEWAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Council received an overview of the Alberta Utilities Commission's consultation on proposed standardized setback distances for renewable energy infrastructure. The Alberta Utilities Commission is seeking municipal feedback before finalizing the new setback standards. Council endorsed the draft response letter and authorized Administration to submit it to the Alberta Utilities Commission.

BLACKFALDS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation from Dena Thomas, representative of the Blackfalds Agricultural Society, highlighting the Empowering Minds program.

FENCE ENCROACHMENT APPEAL

Council reviewed an appeal regarding a fence encroachment and directed the County Manager to prepare a draft Licence of Occupation for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING NOTES

Council reviewed the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) meeting and approved the recommendation as follows:

- That the County Manager be authorized to submit an application to the Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund for the purchase of a silage plastic and bale wrap compactor and trailer.
- That the 2% Liquid Strychnine report be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be authorized to purchase 2% liquid strychnine at a cost not exceeding \$7,500.
- That the ALUS Lacombe Update presentation be received for information.
- That the ALUS Funding Request presentation

be received for information.

- That the Weeds on Well Sites Report be received for information.
- That the Weed Control Regulation Report be received for information.
- That the County Manager be directed to draft an Animal Health Act Policy for review at a future Agricultural Service Board meeting.
- That the input provided by the Agricultural Service Board regarding amendments to Policy AG(4) be received for information; and further, that the County Manager provide a report regarding amendments to Policy AG(4) for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting.
- That the input provided by the Agricultural Service Board regarding amendments to Policy AG(2) be received for information; and further, that the County Manager provide a report regarding amendments to Policy AG(2) for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting.
- That the input provided by the Agricultural Service Board regarding amendments to Policy CC(3) be received for information; and further, that the County Manager provide a report regarding amendments to Policy CC(3) for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting.
- That the County Manager prepare a report regarding the composition of the Agricultural Service Board to include a combination of public members and Council members at a future Agricultural Service Board meeting.
- That the County Manager be directed to provide a report regarding the proposal from ALUS Canada for Council consideration at a future Council meeting.
- That the 2026 Agricultural Service Board Summer Tour Schedule and the Letter of Appreciation from Member of Parliament John Barlow, Shadow Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food be received for information.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NOTES

The following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 7, 2026 received the approval of Council:

- That the Fire Permit Conditions and Year-Round Fire Permitting presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation for Council's consideration that addresses the following:
 - Implementation of year-round fire permitting;
 - Providing a notice of a forthcoming fire response invoice every 30 days until such time as an invoice is sent;
 - Amendments to the Fire Permit Conditions, including:
 - o Revisions to the proposed Condition #1 to:
 - Add the wording "Failure to do so will result in charges from Lacombe County Fire Services"; and

- Include the term "permit holder" in addition to the existing reference to "landowner";
- o Include the proposed Condition #2, requiring each fire burn site to be inspected every 24 hours by a responsible adult physically on site;
- o Include the proposed Condition #4, adding a conspicuous weather widget to the Lacombe County website;
- Establishing a requirement that a fire exceeding a certain size triggers a phone call from Lacombe County Fire Services staff to review responsibilities, conditions, etc.; and
- Amending the Rates and Fees Bylaw to specify that fees are charged "per permit".
- That the Fire Department Members Availability and Capability discussion be received for information; and further, that this item be added to the December Committee of the Whole meeting.
- That the Fire Smart Program discussion be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation for Council's consideration at a future meeting once the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) FireSmart Program grant funding decisions have been announced.
- That the Firefighter Recognition Events discussion be received for information.
- That the Soil Conservation presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation for Council's consideration at a future Agricultural Services Board meeting in the fall of 2026.
- That the 2026 Assessment Changes presentation be received for information.

TAX RATE BYLAW

Council approved second and third readings to Bylaw No. 1459/26, a bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within Lacombe County for the 2026 taxation year. Council also approved additional survey costs of \$30,000 for measuring gravel inventory to meet gravel audit requirements, approved a reduction of the \$1,078,120 one-time contribution to the Water/Wastewater Reserve, and approved the transfer of \$177,770 from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.

Council Highlights & Minutes can be found on our website at calendar.lacombecounty.com/meetings



Canadian Food Grains Bank seeds crop for 31st year

Now in YEAR 31, the growing project based out of Lacombe County is underway for 2026.

On May 1st, local volunteer farmers seeded 140 acres of peas on a field just west of Blackfalds.

Last year, \$57,000 was raised from a canola crop near Bentley, and forwarded to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFB) in Winnipeg to help hungry people internationally. The CFB is a registered Canadian charity established in 1983. Last year, it helped 1,176,111 people in 37 countries.

Started in 1996, the local project has had excellent support from farmers, agri-businesses, other businesses, churches, donors, supporters and the media, in raising funds for international food aid.

"In the previous 30 years, we have locally raised

over \$2,000,000 with our fundraising efforts," says committee member Doug Maas. "We could not have done it without all the wonderful assistance we have received." Some inputs are donated, but some expenses such as crop insurance and additional inputs are purchased. To help offset these costs, individuals, churches and businesses may wish to donate funds to the group to assist with these expenses. Cash donations of \$10.00 or more are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

To reach the field, from the Blackfalds overpass on Highway 2, proceed west on the Aspelund Road to Range Road 27-5, then turn north for ½ mile. The field is on the east side of the road. Legal description is NW 29-39-27 W4th.

The local committee hopes to harvest the peas in mid to late August.

For more information on the project, please contact Doug Maas at 403-318-5733.

Donations can be forwarded by cheque, and please make cheques payable to the Central Alberta Foodgrains Project.

Forward donations to: Chris Dyck, Site 13, Comp 21, RR 1, Lacombe, AB, T4L 2N1



Emergency Preparedness Week: Be Prepared. Know Your Risks.

Emergencies can happen at any time, often with little or no warning. Emergency Preparedness Week (May 3–9, 2026) is a national initiative that encourages residents to take simple, practical steps to be better prepared before an emergency occurs.

Preparedness doesn't need to be overwhelming. It's something that can be built over time, one step at a time, and it helps protect you, your family, and your community when it matters most.

Know the Risks in Lacombe County

Understanding the types of emergencies that could affect our area is the first step to being prepared. In Lacombe County, potential hazards may include:

- Wildfires/grass fires, especially during dry and windy conditions
- Flooding and heavy rainfall, which can impact roads and low-lying areas
- Severe winter and summer storms, including blizzards, tornadoes, lightning, extreme heat/cold, and power outages
- Road closures and service disruptions caused by weather or other emergencies
- Knowing what could happen helps you decide what supplies, plans, and information you may need.

Make a Plan

An emergency plan helps everyone in your household know what to do if something unexpected happens. Your plan should include:

- Emergency contact numbers (written down, not just stored in phones)
- A meeting place for family members
- Evacuation routes and alternate routes
- Plans for pets, livestock, medications, or mobility needs
- Talking about these details ahead of time can reduce stress and confusion during an emergency.

May 3 to 9, 2026

Emergency Preparedness Week

canada.ca/get-prepared

Build an Emergency Kit

During an emergency, help may not arrive right away—especially in rural areas. That's why households are encouraged to be able to manage on their own for at least 72 hours.

An emergency kit may include:

- Water and non-perishable food
 - Medications and medical supplies
 - Flashlight, batteries, and a battery-powered radio
 - Copies of important documents
 - Warm clothing, blankets, and basic tools
- You don't need to build a kit all at once. Start with what you have and add items over time. Here is a great resource for purchasing or building emergency kits for your family, home or car: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/policing/emergencies/preparedness/get-prepared/emergency-kits.html>

Stay Informed with Emergency Alerts

Having accurate, timely information during an emergency can make a critical difference.

Voyent Alert! is Lacombe County's official emergency alerting system. It delivers trusted notifications about emergencies such as wildfires,

evacuations, severe weather, road closures, and service disruptions.

Residents can:

- Choose the locations they care about
- Receive alerts by text message, email, smartphone app, or landline phone
- Get information that is specific and relevant to them

Emergency Preparedness Week is a great time to make sure you're signed up.

Learn more and register at www.lacombecounty.com/alert

Preparedness Is a Community Effort

Emergency preparedness isn't just about individual households—it's about looking out for one another. Checking on neighbours, especially seniors or those who may need extra assistance, helps strengthen the whole community.

By taking a few simple steps now, you can feel more confident, prepared, and ready for whatever comes next.

Be prepared. Know your risks. Stay informed.

NOVA Chemicals is now part of Borouge International



In March 2026, we announced that NOVA Chemicals Corporation was acquired by Borouge Group International AG (Borouge International). This new global polyolefins leader brings together Borouge Plc of the United Arab Emirates, Borealis GmbH of Austria, and NOVA Chemicals operating under the brand name Borouge International. We are excited to play an important role in bringing these three regionally strong, operationally distinct businesses together into a single global company.

As we begin this new chapter, we're also reflecting on our deep roots in Central Alberta. From our start as the neighbourhood ethylene plant on the prairie 50 years ago, we are proud that we've grown into a global polyolefins leader as part of Borouge International.

Guided by Responsible Care® principles, we will continue to advance safety, environmental stewardship, and responsible operations — protecting people, communities, and the environment through continuous improvement and stakeholder engagement.

While our new company is global, the Joffre Site remains committed to our local community. Our local leadership team continues to be accountable for safe and reliable site operations. We look forward to continued community engagement with our neighbours and maintaining our community support as Borouge International.



Rob Thompson
Vice President, Manufacturing West
NOVA Chemicals Corporation



Maintenance turnaround activities are underway at Joffre Site

Work is expected to last until early July with over 1,200 additional contractors onsite for the duration of the turnaround.

Residents in the vicinity of the Joffre Site can anticipate increased traffic in the area for the duration of the outage, specifically between 6:00 – 8:00 am and 5:00 – 7:00 pm — we appreciate your patience.

Our focus is safe and reliable operations at all times, and one of our planning priorities is to minimize potential impacts to our near-neighbours and community.

To stay up to date on-site activities, call the Joffre Site Operations Information Line at 403-314-2822.



(Cont. from front) Lacombe County approves 2026 tax rates

Overall, the combined residential tax rate increased by 4.79%, from 5.2926 to 5.5460. When assessment growth is also considered, the typical residential property in Lacombe County may see an average tax increase of approximately \$209 in 2026.

Municipal Budget and Levy

The total 2026 Lacombe County municipal tax levy is \$39.6 million, an increase of approximately 2.51% from 2025. This increase reflects approved budget adjustments and updated financial estimates since the 2026 budget was approved last fall.

Council-approved changes contributing to the final tax rate include:

- Adjustments to operating costs and contribution from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.
- Addition of new grader division in Lacombe County.
- The removal of the budgeted, one-time contribution to the Water and Wastewater Reserve due to lower-than-anticipated industrial assessment growth.

Municipal tax dollars support a wide range of

County services, including road maintenance, fire services, parks and recreation facilities, agriculture services, planning and development, and public safety initiatives.

Payment and Support Programs

Property tax notices were mailed in on May 1, 2026, with taxes due no later than August 31, 2026.

Senior homeowners who may need assistance are encouraged to explore the Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program, which allows eligible seniors to defer all or part of their property taxes through a low-interest home equity loan administered by the Government of Alberta (Information at <http://www.seniorshousing.alberta.ca/seniors/property-tax-deferral.html>).

A Forward-Looking Approach Lacombe County's approach to the 2026 tax rates reflects a thoughtful balance between supporting a growing community, responding to changing market conditions, and ensuring continued delivery of essential public services. Through careful financial planning and targeted adjustments, the County remains focused on fiscal responsibility while creating a stable environment for residents and businesses.

"Council continues to take a measured and strategic approach to taxation," said County Manager Tim Timmons. "By carefully managing costs and adjusting municipal tax rates where appropriate, we are stewarding taxpayer dollars responsibly while maintaining the services and infrastructure our community relies on today and into the future."

Residents and businesses play a vital role in sustaining the services that contribute to Lacombe County's strong quality of life. With strategic resource allocation and long-term planning, the County is well-positioned to support community well-being, economic resilience, and future growth.

More information about the 2026 budget, tax rates, and assessment process is available at:

www.lacombecounty.com/budget

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Reeve and Council of Lacombe County

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Lacombe County (the County), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025, statements of operations and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the years then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the County as at December 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the County in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with those requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Matter

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements on April 30, 2025.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the County's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the County or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the County's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the County's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the County to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities with the County or business activities within the group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

METRIX GROUP LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants

Lacombe County Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31	2025	2024
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 16,382,730	\$ 14,145,531
Investments (Note 4)	85,577,909	86,153,127
Taxes receivable (Note 5)	1,152,694	826,765
Accounts receivable (Note 6)	10,998,466	11,071,800
Inventories for resale (Note 7)	742,182	723,135
	<u>114,853,981</u>	<u>112,920,358</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 8)	3,549,390	3,650,879
Asset retirement obligation (Note 9)	2,526,975	2,350,551
Employee benefit obligation (Note 10)	1,276,029	1,325,875
Deposit liabilities	1,109,594	1,301,386
Deferred revenue (Note 11)	4,579,400	6,307,731
	<u>13,041,388</u>	<u>14,936,422</u>
Net financial assets	<u>101,812,593</u>	<u>97,983,936</u>
Non-financial assets		
Tangible capital assets (Note 12)	282,558,205	283,540,935
Prepaid expenses and inventories of supplies (Note 14)	6,601,148	6,706,915
	<u>289,159,353</u>	<u>290,247,850</u>
Accumulated surplus (Note 15)	<u>\$ 390,971,946</u>	<u>\$ 388,231,786</u>
Contingencies and commitments (Note 17)		
Liability for contaminated sites (Note 18)		
Funds held in trust (Note 19)		

Lacombe County Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

For the year ended December 31	Budget 2025	2025	2024
	(see Note 27)		
Revenues			
Taxation - net (Note 20)	\$ 39,689,340	\$ 39,794,571	\$ 37,366,016
Taxation - other (Note 21)	790,000	587,177	813,389
Government transfers for operating (Note 22)	1,625,710	1,720,492	1,497,543
Sales, user charges and costs recovered	3,829,000	2,774,835	2,512,658
Sales to other governments	1,531,350	2,005,468	1,722,623
Permits, licenses, fines, penalties and rentals	665,580	1,216,089	1,008,424
Interest, royalties and patronage allocations	3,635,100	3,790,495	4,421,557
Development levies	1,891,980	1,528,712	1,277,163
Other	12,250	151,358	141,804
	<u>53,670,310</u>	<u>53,569,197</u>	<u>50,761,177</u>
Expenses (Note 23)			
General government	7,119,551	7,874,236	6,409,396
Protective services	4,946,051	4,863,285	4,295,217
Transportation services	30,193,208	30,556,769	28,880,377
Environmental services	5,446,832	5,213,885	4,679,691
Cemetery	60,980	249,812	52,215
Social and family services	441,200	407,892	389,384
Recreation and cultural services	3,714,988	4,076,883	3,630,482
Planning and development	1,340,570	1,313,015	1,214,464
Agriculture services	1,691,730	1,481,000	1,393,864
	<u>54,955,110</u>	<u>56,036,777</u>	<u>50,945,090</u>
Annual (deficiency) before other income	<u>(1,284,800)</u>	<u>(2,467,580)</u>	<u>(183,913)</u>
Other Income			
Government transfers for capital (Note 22)	6,052,060	4,680,118	293,292
Contributed assets (Note 12)	-	403,250	977,503
Gain on sale of tangible capital assets	-	1,174,369	1,796,189
Write-down of tangible capital assets	-	(872,455)	(1,527,451)
Loss on sale of tangible capital assets	-	(177,542)	(847,614)
Annual surplus	<u>4,767,260</u>	<u>2,740,160</u>	<u>508,006</u>
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	388,231,786	388,231,786	387,723,780
Accumulated surplus, end of year	<u>\$ 392,999,046</u>	<u>\$ 390,971,946</u>	<u>\$ 388,231,786</u>

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Lacombe County Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets

For the year ended December 31	Budget 2025	2025	2024
(see Note 27)			
Annual surplus	\$ 4,767,260	\$ 2,740,160	\$ 508,006
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(28,595,580)	(21,908,256)	(22,684,477)
Acquisition of contributed assets	-	(403,250)	(977,503)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	22,146,449	22,146,449	22,924,053
Gain on sale of tangible capital assets	-	(1,174,369)	(1,796,189)
Loss on sale of tangible capital assets	-	177,542	847,614
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	1,047,800	1,272,159	2,624,496
Write-downs of tangible capital assets	-	872,455	1,527,451
	(634,071)	3,722,890	2,973,451
Change in prepaid expenses and inventory of supplies	(475,530)	105,767	(42,707)
Net change in net financial assets	(1,109,601)	3,828,657	2,930,744
Net financial assets, beginning of year	97,983,936	97,983,936	95,053,192
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 96,874,335	\$ 101,812,593	\$ 97,983,936

Lacombe County Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31	2025	2024
Operating transactions		
Annual surplus	\$ 2,740,160	\$ 508,006
Items not involving cash		
Change in accretion liability	176,424	113,861
Contributed assets	(403,250)	(977,503)
Amortization	22,146,449	22,924,053
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	(1,174,369)	(1,796,189)
Write-down of tangible capital asset	872,455	1,527,451
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	177,542	847,614
Amortization of bond (premium)	(50,110)	-
Changes in non-cash operating balances		
Taxes receivable	(325,929)	190,525
Accounts receivable	73,334	(7,187,307)
Inventories for resale	(19,047)	86,856
Prepaid expenses and inventories of supplies	105,767	(42,707)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(101,489)	1,355,747
Employee benefit obligation	(49,846)	74,913
Deposit liabilities	(191,792)	(35,664)
Deferred revenue	(1,728,331)	1,741,762
	22,247,968	19,331,418
Capital transactions		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(21,908,256)	(22,684,477)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	1,272,159	2,624,496
	(20,636,097)	(20,059,981)
Investing transactions		
Proceeds from sale of investments	49,868,162	-
Purchase of investments	(49,242,834)	(69,901,912)
Restricted cash balances	373,552	1,057,444
	998,880	(68,844,468)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	2,610,751	(69,573,031)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	9,439,437	79,012,468
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 12,050,188	\$ 9,439,437
Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,382,730	\$ 14,145,531
Less: restricted (Note 3)	(4,332,542)	(4,706,094)
	\$ 12,050,188	\$ 9,439,437

The full Financial Statement document is on our website:

www.lacombecounty.com/FinancialStatements

Lacombe County Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2025

25. Remuneration Disclosure

Disclosure of remuneration for municipal officials, the chief administrative officer and designated officers as required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000 is as follows:

	Compensation	Benefits & Allowances	Total 2025	Total 2024
Councillors:				
Division 1- Reeve	\$ 66,087	\$ 10,173	\$ 76,260	\$ 79,372
Division 2	76,260	14,615	90,875	87,900
Division 3 - Reeve Jan-Oct	61,168	6,790	67,958	89,387
Division 3 - Nov-Dec	15,724	2,086	17,810	
Division 4	65,668	12,001	77,669	74,862
Division 5 - Jan - Sep	35,483	7,150	42,633	
Division 5 - Nov-Dec	15,389	1,664	17,053	80,641
Division 6	62,880	12,258	75,138	69,614
Division 7	72,023	14,769	86,792	84,501
Administration:				
County Manager	305,015	74,421	379,436	369,954
Designated Officer	163,534	31,689	195,223	182,618
Designated Officer	146,111	29,459	175,570	164,146

Council Compensation: includes base pay and per diem.

Council Benefits and Allowances: includes the County's contribution for health, dental and insurance benefits, and mileage paid for attending meetings.

County Manager and Designated Officer Salary: includes regular base pay.

County Manager and Designated Officer Benefits and Allowances: includes the County's contribution for Canada Pension Plan, Employment Insurance, health, dental and insurance benefits, pension, professional memberships and tuition.

HAVE YOUR SAY Draft Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Beef Cattle

The public consultation period is now open for the Draft Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Beef Cattle.

Learn more and review the draft through the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC):

<https://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/beef-cattle>

Producers, stakeholders, and the public are invited to review the draft and provide feedback to help shape the final Code, expected to be released in 2027.

- Open to producers, consumers, and anyone with an interest in beef cattle welfare
- Feedback must be submitted through the online system
- Consultation closes June 12, 2026

This is an important opportunity to ensure the Code reflects the diversity and practicality of Canadian beef production systems

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!



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!

Call 403.748.2160



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

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

FREE Seniors' Luncheon
JUNE 7TH @ NOON
BENTLEY COMMUNITY HALL

Seniors Please RSVP for lunch @ 403.748.2160

June 4th @ 3pm - leave a message!

Enjoy homemade soup/buns/dessert!

Listen to the delightful musical talent of Liz Pomeroy



Community Partners:

Bentley Seventh Day Adventist Church
Town of Bentley FCSS/Community Services

Happy Senior's Week!

AROUND THE COUNTY



MAY & JUNE PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES!

WED
MAY
27

TRIVIA NIGHT

7-8:15PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
COME FOR SOME TRIVIA FUN AS A TEAM OF 2-5 OR AS A SINGLE. ADULTS AND TEENS.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. ADMISSION BY DONATION.

FRI
MAY
29

NAILED IT PAINT NIGHT

6:30-9PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
PAINT NIGHT FOR ADULTS AND TEENS. COME IN FOR A NIGHT OF JUST PURE PAINTING FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT. (PRIZES FOR THE TOP 3 PAINTINGS.)
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. \$15 PER PERSON.

MON-SAT
JUNE
1-6

½ PRICE LIBRARY CARDS FOR SENIORS

LIBRARY CIRCULATION DESK
FOR THE WHOLE WEEK, FROM MONDAY JUNE 4TH THROUGH SATURDAY JUNE 6TH, SENIORS CAN GET OR RENEW THEIR LIBRARY CARDS FOR HALF PRICE! (NEW TOTAL: \$10 FOR THE WHOLE YEAR!)

FRI
JUNE
5

VOICES OF THE WRITERS GUILD

10AM-12PM | MARY C. MOORE PUBLIC LIBRARY
PART OF LACOMBE'S SENIORS' WEEK. COME LISTEN AND ENJOY SOME REFRESHMENTS AS LOCAL WRITERS SHARE THEIR WORK.

FRI
JUNE
5

THE BEESE KNEES: FAMILY CRAFT EVENT

1PM-2PM
CONTACT THE LIBRARY FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

SAT
JUNE
6

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

10AM-12 PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
BRING THE KIDS FOR A MORNING OF LEGO BUILDING FUN
* DROP-IN. FREE!

FRI
JUNE
12

READER'S RETREAT

6-9PM | IN THE LIBRARY
RELAX, SIP SOME TEA & READ YOUR BOOK IN THE QUIET OF THE LIBRARY. ADULTS AND TEENS.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!

TUES
JUNE
16

SPICE OF THE MONTH

PICK-UP: 10AM | LIBRARY CIRCULATION DESK
REGISTER BY JUNE 15 TO RECEIVE A PACKET WITH SPICE INFORMATION, SOME RECIPES, AND A SMALL SAMPLE!
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!

WED
JUNE
17

FOUR EYES FILM: THE SUMMER BOOK

7PM | LACOMBE CITY CINEMAS
* TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY JUNE 1-16 FOR \$9. REMAINING LIMITED STOCK AT DOOR FOR \$10.

THURS
JUNE
18

ADULT CRAFTS: WATERFALL CARDS BOOKLET

6:30-8:30PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
MAKE A COOL PAPER CRAFT THAT CAN BE USED FOR PHOTOS, CARDS, QUOTES, ART, AND MORE.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!

WED
JUNE
24

TRIVIA NIGHT

7-8:15PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
COME FOR SOME TRIVIA FUN AS A TEAM OF 2-5 OR AS A SINGLE. ADULTS AND TEENS.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. ADMISSION BY DONATION.

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CHECK OUT OUR NEW DISCORD SERVER!
Join us for bookish chatter, news and updates, make suggestions, and more!

Link:
<https://discord.gg/vFn6cB28kS>

MORE DETAILS AT WWW.LACOMBELIBRARY.COM



JUNE 2026

Seniors' 55+ WEEK



MONDAY JUNE 1

Chair Yoga 9 - 10 AM
with Lifelong Learning
At the Wolf Creek Church
*Call to Register 403-782-7955

FCSS Afternoon at the Movies Featuring 'Mrs. Doubtfire' Showing at Lacombe City Cinemas 1:15 PM & 1:45 PM \$7.50 Admission Includes popcorn and pop Tickets available at the door OR at Lacombe FCSS starting May 13.

Evening Event! Bingo 7PM (Doors Open at 6PM) At the Lacombe Legion \$6/6 Cards

TUESDAY JUNE 2

Seniors Workout & Light Refreshments 9:30 - 11 AM At the Burman University PE Centre

Outdoor Community Market 11 AM - 4 PM Mayor Hibbs Coffee Drop In 1 - 2 PM At Royal Oak Village

Open House Health & Wellness Day 11 AM - 4 PM At Charis Village

Ice Cream Social 2:30 - 3:30 PM At Lacombe Extended Care

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3

Healthy Aging: 10:30 - 11:30 am with our Wolf Creek PCN Geriatric Nurse, Maggie At the LMC

Water Fitness (with Potluck to follow) 11:10 - 11:55 AM At the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre

Strawberry Tea 1:30 - 3:00 PM \$3 Admission At the Kozy Korner

THURSDAY JUNE 4

Glow Music Bingo 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM At the Lacombe Performing Arts Centre

Tea & Goodies with Entertainment 1:30 - 3:30 PM At the Lacombe Legion

Evening Event! Taoist Tai Chi 6:30 - 8:00 PM At St Cyprian's Anglican Church *RSVP to reddee@taoist.org

FRIDAY JUNE 5

Voices of the Writers Guild 10 AM - 12 PM At the Mary C. Moore Library

Outdoor BBQ with Entertainment 12 PM \$5.00 At the Lacombe Seniors Lodge

Tea & Sr. Explorers Demonstration 2 pm \$10 Admission At the Ellis Nature Centre

*All events are drop in and FREE unless stated otherwise.



FREE CONNEX BUSSING
Available to all daytime Seniors' Week events by reservation. Call 403-782-6637 Ext. 308 to book.
FREE WATER FITNESS CLASSES AT THE KINSMEN AQUATIC CENTRE
½ PRICE LIBRARY CARDS ALL WEEK

WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre



Everyone is welcome.

DAY
MAY 28

TIME
7PM

Bay 1,
5008 50 Ave
Alix, AB

Rock Ninja:

Bring rocks labeled, Alix CRC' back to the Centre to be entered into a draw to win a prize. There will be 5 rounds of rock ninja. Draws will be on the last Thursday of the month in May, June, July, August and September. The goal of this project is to bring the community together, while exploring and enjoying our Village!

presented in partnership with



Alix MAC School



Touch a Truck

Barbecue ~ Carnival Games ~ Face Painting

Monday, June 1st

5:30PM to dusk at the school grounds

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

Closed all statutory holidays

Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

403-396-3369



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
@AlixandAreaCommunityResourceCentre

www.alixcrc.com

be in the know



Community Newsletter

Monthly Editions

are available in the box downtown for pickup, in participating businesses and the PDF is also available on the Town Website on the bottom of the homepage.



THE CRAFTY CREW

Create amazing crafts!

Learn about your community!

Showcase your work at the Bench Show!

When: July 9, 16, 23 & 30

Where: Community Room, basement of Town Office

Time: 9am to 3pm

Age: 8 - 12

Investment: \$40 Need to bring lunch/snacks/water bottle

Youth will participate in a variety of activities while learning about Bentley. They will be creating crafts which will be shared in community as well as entered into the Bench Show in August.

10 SPOTS

Registration with payment will secure a spot for 4 fun filled days!

Community Services: 403-748-2160

LINCOLN HALL PANCAKE SUPPER

Lincoln Hall is hosting Pancake supper

May 30, 2026 | 5:30pm to 7pm

\$10/person and \$5/ child 11 and under.

Enjoy pancakes, bacon, and sausage.

MORNINGSIDE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Garage Sale - May 22, 2026 from 2 to 8 pm

Consider becoming a Hall Volunteer. We need help with outdoor maintenance and fun community building events.

Check our Facebook page - Morningside AB Community News and Events for spectacular Fall Fun Events

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:

- May 18th - Public Swim, 1:00-5:00 pm only.
- May 19th - \$3 Public Swim 1:00-3:00 pm in observance of a Wolf Creek Public School PD Day.
- Lacombe Dolphins Swim Meet is May 29th and 30th. The aquatic centre will be closed at 6:30 pm on Friday, May 29th, re-opening on Saturday, May 30th at 6:30 pm for a public swim. WIBIT swim is cancelled both days.
- June 1st- 5th, Senior week- Monday and Wednesday free fitness classes for Seniors. 10% discount on all senior memberships (excluding 10 passes).
- June 11th City Safety Day- Aquatic Centre will be closed 11:30 am-4:30 pm.
- June 21st Father's Day- All Dad's swim for free.

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



Blackfalds' Servus Credit Union Public Library

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

Programming

- Baby & Toddler Time** *Ages 0-3*
- Creative Explosion** *Ages 3+*
- Reading Buddies** *Ages 6-13*
- Anime & Otaku Club** *Ages 8+*
- After School Arts Club** *Ages 10+*
- Card Club** *Ages 18+*
- Family Films** *All Ages*

*For more program info, check out our website & social medias

Borrowing

From e-books, to audiobooks, to magazines, to our Library of Things, you'll be able to find what you need. Access our online collection from the comfort of your own home!

Visit us on our website & social medias



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 TOM 0J0

WONDER STRUCK

gull lake centre
creating space to connect

SUMMER CAMPS

REGISTRATION OPENS JAN 7TH!

CAMP	AGES	DATE	PRICE + GST
Scamper	5 - 7	June 19 - 21	\$180
Scamper's Adult	18+	June 19 - 21	\$180
LTD Week	14 - 18	June 27 - July 3	See web
Family Camp	All ages	July 5 - 10	See web
Jr. Teens 1	12 - 14	July 12 - 17	\$590
Kids	9 - 11	July 19 - 24	\$590
Teens *NEW*	13 - 15	July 26 - 31	\$590
Juniors	7 - 10	Aug 4 - 7	\$480
Jr. Teens 2	12 - 14	Aug 9 - 14	\$590
Sr. Teens	15 - 18	Aug 16 - 22	\$620

camp@gulllakecentre.ca 403-782-2495 gulllakecentre.ca

Mark your calendars!



Village of Clive Fun Fest – June 20, 2026

Join us for a day full of excitement and community spirit at Fun Fest!

Enjoy a parade, touch-a-truck, penny carnival, inflatables, food trucks, fireworks, and so much more!

Come on out to Clive to celebrate the start of summer.

Fun Fest - where summer feels like it used to!

For more information, contact clerk@clive.ca or call 403-784-3366.

FREE

Stay & Play Bentley
Playgroup-

Child ages 0-6 plus Caregiver
Friday @ Town of Bentley Office
Basement 9:30-11:30
Free play, craft, story & more!

Heather McLaren:
403-704-4600

Family Resource Network

Kids Klub Bentley
Ages- 6 plus

After School program
Mondays @ Town of Bentley
Office Basement 3:15-5:15
Snack Included

FREE

To Register:
Barb Carson- 403-748-2160
Heather McLaren- 403-704-4600

June 15th -19th 2026

ADVANCED GRANT WRITING COURSE™

Learn a proven process for winning government grants. The course is created and taught by David Kincaid, a professional grant writer with 25+ years of experience.

- Includes your grant calendar (e.g., customized list of grants)
- Create a master grant application you can use year after year
- Ideal for people seeking more than \$50,000 in grants

The City of Lacombe is excited to host David Kincaid's Advanced Grant Writing Course™ from June 15th to June 19th, 2026 at the Lacombe Memorial Centre. 14 spots are available.

Schedule:

- Monday: 1:00pm – 4:15pm
- Tuesday: 8:45am – 12:00pm, Lunch: 12:30pm – 3:45pm
- Wednesday: 1:00pm – 4:15pm
- Thursday: 8:45am – 12:00pm, Lunch: 12:30pm – 3:45pm
- Friday: 8:45am – 12:00pm

Deliverables:

- 21 hours of in-person training to help organizations build a master grant application
- Online grant writing portal for 12 months following the course (over 14 hours of instructional video and over 140 lessons)

Question and Answer:

- Organizations will receive complimentary assistance in applying for a training grant with the course instructor, so please contact us as soon as possible.
- The training grant (Canada-Alberta Productivity Grant) may cover 50% of the trainee cost.
- Course Cost Per Trainee: \$5,000. Training Grant covers \$2,500 per trainee. Plus GST.
- The training grant is first come, first serve. **Submit by May 14, 2026.**
- A reminder that the grant is reimbursed. The organization is required to pay the tuition before the course starts, and it submits for reimbursement the day after the course.
- If the organization is ineligible for the CAPG, they are required to fund the course cost.
- Learn more: <https://albertabusinessgrants.ca/grant-writing>



Contact: davidk@albertabusinessgrants.ca or 780-297-6177 to register by May 30th.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

MARKETING

STRATEGY ACTION PROMOTION SUCCESS

Marketing for Nonprofits WORKSHOP

May 29
10am-4pm
at: LMC

COST \$60 includes lunch

This one day session provides an overview of how to apply marketing principles and create a marketing plan.

Topics covered will include:

- Defining your brand
- Defining your marketing mix (the four P's)
- Identifying your target audience
- Creating effective messaging
- Collaborating with the media and community
- Discussing marketing best practices

Registrations after May 22nd will be charged \$75. Call 403-782-7955 or office@cllla.com

Risk Management for Volunteer Managers WORKSHOP

June 12
10am-4pm
at: LMC

COST \$60 includes lunch

The purpose of a Risk Management Plan is to protect your organization, staff, volunteers, and clients. Managing risk doesn't have to be an intimidating or overwhelming task! A successful risk management strategy is one that is tailored to you.

In this 1-day workshop, you will discover how to:

- Discover what is risk and risk management
- Define the in-depth process of risk management
- Create and implement a risk management plan
- Evaluate the outcomes

Registrations after June 5th will be charged \$75. Call 403-782-7955 or office@cllla.com

JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	JUNE 1	2 County Council (9AM)	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 County Council (9AM)	12 County News Submissions due	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 County News Published	20
21	22	23	24 Life & Times of the Gull Lake Watershed 7PM	25 County Council (9AM)	26	27
28	29	30	JULY 1 Canada Day (OFFICE CLOSED)	2	3	4

Upcoming Events: June 2: Committee of the Whole (9AM), June 11: County Council Meeting (9AM), June 25: County Council Meeting (9AM)

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.



Lacombe County Directory

RR3, Lacombe Alberta T4L 2N3 www.lacombecounty.com

Department Numbers:

Main Office - 403-782-6601

Planning Services - 403-782-8389

Community Services - 403-782-8959

Operations - 403-782-8379

Public Works Shop - 403-782-3567

General

After Hours Emergency Answering Service	403.357.1210
Administration Fax	403.782.3820
Public Works Fax	403.782.5356

For Service Requests, see our website - or phone the switchboard at 403-782-6601

Council

Home

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