

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

LACOMBE COUNTY

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

1. **ELIGIBILITY.** To be eligible for this Contest, an Entrant must:
 - a. not be an Employee or Council member of Lacombe County (the "County") or a household member and/or the immediate family of any of the above.
 - i. For the purposes of these Contest rules, "immediate family" means husband, wife, spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, son and daughter, whether or not they reside in the same household.
 - b. be a legal resident of Canada.

2. **CONTEST PERIOD.** Entries to the Contest will be accepted beginning October 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., and will be accepted until October 31, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

3. **HOW TO ENTER.** Photos can be submitted via USB drive delivered directly to the Lacombe County Administration Office, 40403 RGE RD 274, or submitted via email at jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com. Entrants may submit up to 5 photographs. Each entrant must complete and sign a Photography Contest Entry form. By making a submission the entrant agrees to be bound by all contest rules and regulations contained herein. Each photo must include the following information: Photographer's name, description (eg.: location and identification of event, individuals, flora, fauna etc.), and must be environmentally related (Wildlife, landscapes, vegetation, etc.)

All entries must be received Lacombe County no later than October 31, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. to be considered for the Contest.

4. **PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS.** All photographs must be taken within Lacombe County. The location where the photograph was taken shall be indicated on the Contest Entry Form. All photographs submitted to the Contest shall have been taken by the Entrant themselves, and the Entrant shall hold all corresponding intellectual property rights to the photograph at the time of entry. Acceptable entries must be submitted in high resolution digital form and must be in colour and can be submitted via USB drive, or through email. Compositional changes to digital files are not acceptable and will be disqualified; tonal or colour cast corrections are acceptable.

Photos must be at least 8 Megapixels (MP) in Quality and at least 4 Megabits (MB) in size to a maximum of 8 Megabits in size if e-mailed.

5. **USE OF SUBMISSIONS.** Submissions to the Contest will be used, as seen fit, if voluntary consent is indicated on the Entry Form. Winning entries will be used as the Organizers see fit, which may include (but is not limited to):
 - a. Use on the Lacombe County website;
 - b. Use in promotional materials for the County;
 - c. Use in any other materials published by, or on behalf of, the County;
6. **DISCRETION IN USE.** Lacombe County shall have no obligation to use any submission to the Contest in any means, and shall retain complete discretion over the use of any submission to the Contest.
7. **PHOTOGRAPHER CREDIT.** Lacombe County may use and/or announce the name(s) of the Contest winners for promotional purposes, and/or to provide credit to the photographer when submissions are used in accordance with Article 5.
8. **COMPENSATION.** Lacombe County shall at no time be required or obligated to compensate or remunerate any Entrant for use of their photograph(s)/submission(s).
9. **ENTRY FORM.** No photograph submission shall be entered in the Contest or considered for prizes unless accompanied by a signed and completed Contest Entry Form. Where multiple photographs are submitted at the same time, they may be accompanied by one Photograph Contest Entry form.
10. **JUDGING OF SUBMISSIONS.** All submitted entries will be judged by a panel appointed by Lacombe County.

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11. PRIZES. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

First Place: A cash prize in the amount of \$400.00 will be awarded to the first place photograph, as determined by the panel of judges.

Second Place: A cash prize in the amount of \$200.00 will be awarded to the second place photograph, as determined by the panel of judges.

Third Place: A cash prize in the amount of \$100.00 will be awarded to the third place photograph, as determined by the panel of judges.

12. DISQUALIFICATION. Lacombe County and/or the Contest judges hold the discretion to disqualify (without compensation payable to the entrant) any entry that does not comply with the Contest Requirements, or violates the standard of Conduct prescribed in Article 16 of these Rules.

13. INDEMNIFICATION. By entering the Contest, the Entrant shall release and indemnify Lacombe County from any liability resulting in any loss, injury or damage arising from the Contest or its prizes to the Entrant or any third party.

14. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. Lacombe County assumes no responsibility or liability for lost, late, misdirected or incomplete entries, notifications, responses, replies or any release. Lacombe County is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information. Entrant assumes liability for injuries caused or claimed to be caused by participating in the Contest, or by the acceptance, possession, use of, or failure to receive any prize.

15. CONDUCT. By entering this Contest, the Entrant agrees to be bound by these Contest Rules, which will be posted on Lacombe County website and available at Lacombe County office. The Entrant further agrees to be bound by the decisions of the County, which shall be final and binding in all respects. The County reserves the right, in their sole discretion, to disqualify any entrant found to be:

- a. violating Contest Rules;
- b. tampering or attempting to tamper with the entry process or the operation of Contest; and/or, acting in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person.

16. PRIVACY / USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION. The Entrant grants Lacombe County the right to: (a) use his or her personal information for the purpose of administering the Contest; (b) use his or her name, photograph, likeness, voice, prize information and/or biographical information for publicity and promotional purposes without further compensation unless prohibited by law; and (c) use his or her name and his or her respective city and province of residence in connection with any promotional advertisement or notification. Personal information will not be provided to any third party other than as provided for in these Contest Rules.

17. THIRD PARTY CONSENT. The Entrant must obtain permission from all identifiable individuals in photos submitted to release their image for the purpose(s) of this Contest prior to submitting the photo(s). Lacombe County is not responsible or liable for any legal implications resulting from use and/or publication of photos submitted.

18. TERMINATION. Lacombe County reserves the right, in their sole discretion, to cancel, amend, modify or terminate all or any portion of this Contest at any time for any reason without prior notice.

19. LAW. These are official Contest Rules. This Contest is subject to applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations. These Contest Rules are subject to change without notice in order to comply with any applicable federal, provincial or municipal laws or the policy of any other entity having jurisdiction over Lacombe County.