

# County News

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## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

April 16-22, 2023



**THANK YOU**  
**Lacombe County**  
**Volunteers!**



*Celebrating our volunteers for their helping hands and community spirit!*

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Lacombe County would like to recognize our incredible volunteers of all ages who donate their time and talent. These people ensure that our communities are supportive, inclusive and welcoming places to live, work and play.

There is a wealth of amazing, talented volunteers in and around the County: coaches involved in local sports teams, the individuals running our community halls, indoor and outdoor recreation and cultural facilities members/volunteers, community event coordinators, volunteer firefighters, 4-H leaders, companions for seniors, Big Brothers or Big Sisters, advocates for Victim Services, and so many others working to make Lacombe County a great place and a vibrant community.

Our volunteers continue to step up and serve their communities through all the ups and downs.



**Thank you**  
**for helping**  
**to make**  
**Lacombe**  
**County**  
**a vibrant**  
**and caring**  
**community!**

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# Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING

and you're invited...



**BYLAWS NO. 1387/23 & 1388/23**

## Updates to the Municipal Development Plan & Land Use Bylaw

Every year since 2017, Lacombe County embarks on an annual review of the County's Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw to ensure these documents continue to support our community's vision. This year's review marks the five-year anniversary since the documents were initially adopted in 2017.

Municipalities like Lacombe County are required to adopt a Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw. Lacombe County's Municipal Development Plan is our community's vision for the future. It outlines a framework for how certain parts of the County can grow and develop into various compatible land uses while preserving all other lands for agriculture. The County's Land Use Bylaw is the implementation tool of the Municipal Development Plan and places all land in the County into land use districts, outlining how development can occur in each district. Combined, these two documents ensure community interests are protected; growth and development is safe and logical; and opportunities for development are provided at strategic locations while ensuring large tracts of agricultural lands elsewhere are protected for future generations.

The Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw were adopted in 2017 following multiple rounds of public consultation with the community. As a part of that process, the County committed itself to accountable and transparent decision-making and annual progress reporting. This allows the County to strive for continual improvement each year. When updates are identified to the documents, Lacombe County gives the public an opportunity to speak to Council about the proposed updates so public feedback can be incorporated.

We encourage all County landowners, residents, and businesses to review this year's proposed updates on the County's website at [www.lacombecounty.com/MDP-LUB](http://www.lacombecounty.com/MDP-LUB) and to participate in the Public Hearing if they would like to share their perspectives.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. We recognize that planning policy can at times be complicated, and we are happy to provide any clarification that is required.

**The Public Hearing is scheduled for  
May 11, 2023 @ 9:00 am**



**In Person: Lacombe County Office,  
Council Chambers**

Located 2½ miles west of Highway 2 at the intersection of Spruceville Road and Highway 12.



**Virtual Meeting: Zoom or By Phone**

Instructions for accessing the meeting by phone or computer/laptop can be found on the County's website here:

<https://bit.ly/2UvvnNm>



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VISIT WEBSITE FOR  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
INSTRUCTIONS**

### HOW DO I COMMENT?



Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed bylaws will have an opportunity to do so at the public hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written submissions can be made to the County. You will, however, need to ensure that your comments are received by the County prior to the date of the hearing. Your comments can be sent by:

**EMAIL  
FAX  
MAIL**

[planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com)  
403-782-3820, or  
RR 3, Lacombe AB, T4L 2N3

All submissions will be public information.

**For more information,  
please contact Planning  
Services or visit the  
County's website**

Cajun Paradis, Senior Planner  
[planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com)  
403-782-8389

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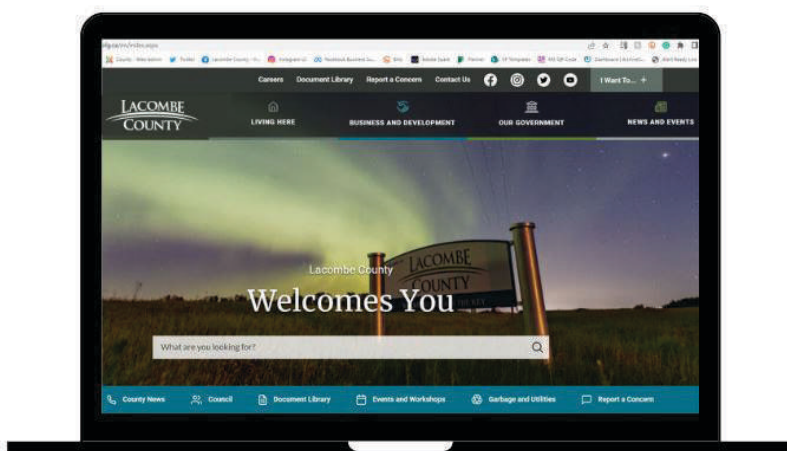
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(MLA Letter)**



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<https://1in4albertans.com/>

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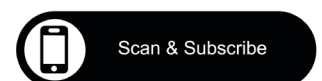
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# Paid Parking Program

**REMINDER:** the Paid Parking Program is in effect from May - September 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](http://www.lacombecounty.com/paidparking)

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**APRIL 29 @ 10:00 AM**  
**LACOMBE COUNTY OFFICE**  
40403 RGE RD 274  
**JOFFRE ROOM**  
**Special Speaker**  
**SGT. KERRY SHIMA**

From

**I.C.E ( Internet Child Exploitation) Q&A following**  
**Lunch Served after: Please RSVP by April 26 at**  
**[www.eventbrite.com/o/red-deerlacombe-rcw-board-62020947733](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/red-deerlacombe-rcw-board-62020947733)**  
**To join in the Video Call, please contact**  
**"[rdrruralcrimewatch@gmail.com](mailto:rdrruralcrimewatch@gmail.com)" to get link**

Sgt Shima is a member of the Northern Alberta Internet Child Exploitation Unit who investigates incidents of child luring, sextortion, possession, transmission, and the making of child pornography as well as internet-related voyeurism involving youth. He will discuss the role of ICE in Alberta, current applications and internet platforms, and additional resources which are available to parents so they will be able to better support healthy and productive online experiences for their children and teens. His presentation will focus on education, prevention and putting parents and educators in a position to protect children from online sexual exploitation.

Please bring all your questions for Sgt Shima

The Internet plays an integral role in everyone's lives, and when it comes to youth, their social lives exist largely in cyberspace. Throughout the past several years and the Global Pandemic, Alberta has seen a significant increase in cases of child exploitation on the internet. With more users online than ever before, and new apps and software being developed every day, it can be difficult for parents and teachers to keep on top of the latest trending platform. Advancements in technology are exciting and helpful, but it opens an ever-growing gap between the knowledge of that technology between youths and busy adults.



Scan the QR code to register for the Red Deer Lacombe Rural Crime Watch meeting, with special speaker Sgt. Shima with I.C.E (RCMP's Internet Child Exploitation unit)



Hwy 12/21 Water Commission Chair and Lacombe County Councillor, Brenda Knight, presented Camrose County Reeve Cindy Trautman and Councillor Carl Bergstrom with a painting to commemorate Camrose County's 60th Anniversary.



# SAFETY FIRST

## GOLF CARTS & ELECTRIC SCOOTERS - Road Use

### DID YOU KNOW



Golf carts and electric scooters are classified as prohibited miniature vehicles under the Traffic Safety Act and Lacombe County Bylaws.

This means that golf carts and electric scooters are strictly prohibited on any highway, including ditches and sidewalks alongside the roadway.



Miniature vehicles may only operate on private property or in relation to electric scooters, where Alberta Transportation has issued a permit with the approval of the municipality.

***Failing to obey these rules may not only result in costly fines, but their operation poses a risk to your safety and others.***

**For more information refer to these links:**

#### GUIDE TO SMALL VEHICLES:

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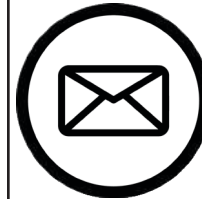
#### TRAFFIC SAFETY ACT:

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#### OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE BYLAW:

[HTTPS://WWW.LACOMBECOUNTY.COM/EN/LIVING-HERE/OFF-HIGHWAY-VEHICLE-USE.ASPX](https://www.lacombecounty.com/en/living-here/off-highway-vehicle-use.aspx)

## MAILING ADDRESSES for upcoming tax notices



***If your address has changed - OR IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO RECENTLY MOVED TO LACOMBE COUNTY - make sure Lacombe County has the up-to-date information!***

Call 403-782-6601 or email [info@lacombe-county.com](mailto:info@lacombe-county.com).

We also recommend **updating the title of your property with Alberta Land Titles**. You can obtain a form from us, by calling 780-427-2742, or online <https://www.alberta.ca/land-titles-overview.aspx> (under Change of address and name).

## What Is Considered Distracted Driving In Alberta?

Distracted driving rules vary from province to province. According to Government of Alberta, the following actions are considered distractions :

- Using hand-held cell phones
- Texting or e-mailing (even when stopped at red lights)
- Using electronic devices like laptop computers, video games, cameras, video entertainment displays and programming portable audio players (e.g., MP3 players)
- Entering information on GPS units
- Reading printed materials in the vehicle
- Writing, printing or sketching
- Personal grooming (brushing and flossing teeth, putting on makeup, curling hair, clipping nails or shaving)

There are a number of actions that are NOT considered a distraction :

- Using a cell phone in hands-free mode
- Drinking and eating a snack
- Smoking
- Talking with passengers in the vehicle
- Calling 911 using a handheld phone
- Using a CB radio to communicate with an employer
- Using a GPS that is affixed to the vehicle

## FIRE PERMIT SEASON

is March 1 - October 31

**Do you have a Fire Permit?**

**SUBMIT IT ONLINE BEFORE BURNING!**



mobile requests through the website



online Fire Permit Request

*Fire permits can also be requested over the phone (403-782-6601) or in person at our office.*





# MIRROR CORNER

## Updates to the

### Municipal Development Plan & Land Use Bylaw

Every year, Lacombe County updates its Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw to ensure these documents continue meeting the community's vision for the future.

This year, one of the proposed changes is to reduce the minimum floor area requirement for new dwellings from 900 ft<sup>2</sup> to 750 ft<sup>2</sup> in the Hamlet of Mirror residential districts. This is in response to several public requests for this change.

**For the full details on the updates and to learn how to participate, flip to Page 2!**

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## THANK YOU from the Mirror Rec Society and Volunteers

We would like to thank all the girls and boys, moms and dads and family members for making it out to the annual Kids Easter Party held on April 1. Also we would very much like to thank several of the folks here in Mirror that helped:

- Anne for making the posters,
- Anita for her fresh cookies,
- Mae's Kitchen for not only donating but after seeing how nice of a job she made with her baskets agreeing to make a few more for us to buy.
- Cheryl for helping me (Mike Carr) decorate,
- Lisa & Tara for their baking and keeping the kids fed.
- Heart of a Child out of Lacombe (Angela & Les) for fitting us in to their schedule, and providing face painting and balloons. The kids loved it.
- And others that chipped in before and after cleaning up.
- Last but not least thank you to Lacombe County through their RC(9) program and our local Legion Branch #189 for their generous donation.



### 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, audiobooks, DVDs, games, and puzzles.

**Library Hours:** Wednesdays 1-7 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Saturday, 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

Please like us at: [facebook.com/booksinmirror](https://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](mailto: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).

### Mirror and District Museum

Contact [mmuseum@ccwireless.ca](mailto:mmuseum@ccwireless.ca) if you would like to volunteer and for hours of operation

### CN Rail crossing delays

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

### 2023 Mirror Dog Tags

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror. After February 28, 2023, the cost increases to \$30 for an altered dog and \$50 for an unaltered dog. For more information, please call (403) 782-6601 or visit [www.lacombecounty.com/en/living-here/animal-control.aspx](http://www.lacombecounty.com/en/living-here/animal-control.aspx).

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

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

### Jolly Seniors

Pancake breakfast every second Sunday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Booking Mirror Community Hall

Call Lisa 403-788-3890 or cell 403-505-3894.

**Mirror Day**  
Saturday, May 20

Pancake Breakfast (cost/donation)  
Parade!  
Show and Shine  
Mirror and District Museum, train, and Church open  
Hotdog lunch (cost/donation)  
Library Book Sale  
Touch a Truck  
Legion Meat Draw  
The Railway Pub - evening karaoke

For more details, check the Mirror Connections FB page





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Our commitment to the health, safety and wellbeing of our employees, contractors and neighbours remains paramount.

Maintaining safe and reliable operations enables us to reshape plastics for a better, more sustainable world.

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# What is Sanitary Sewer F.O.G.?

**What Is FOG?** FOG stands for **Fats, Oils and Grease**. Fats, oils and grease are natural by-products of cooking and food preparation process. Common sources of FOG include meat fats, cooking oils, sauces, dairy products, marinades, food scraps, dressings, baked goods, lard, butter, shortening and margarine.

### Should FOG go down the sink or toilet?

No. Fats, oils and grease may seem harmless as it flows easily down the drain. However, as it cools, FOG solidifies and sticks to sides of sewer piping, eventually causing restrictions, backups or overflows.



### Does FOG affect sewer rates?

Yes. Sewer utility costs are recovered or "paid for" by the town, hamlet

or subdivision using that specific utility. Increased emergency CCTV camera inspections, jetting and pump outs due to plugged main lines directly reflect utility billing.



Severe wipe blockages may lead to service line replacement

Cavitation damaged impellor from liftstation pump



### How can I protect my property?

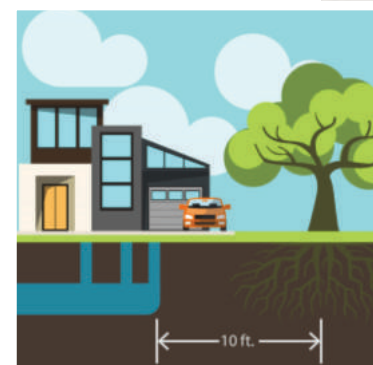
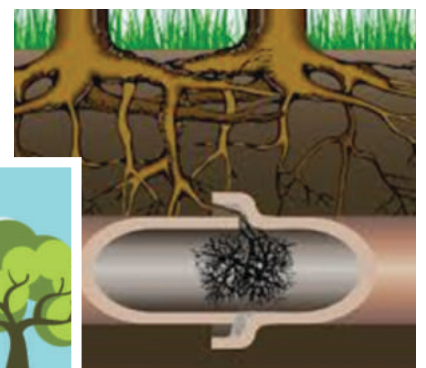
It's recommended by licensed professionals that you have your sanitary sewer line CCTV inspected and hydro-jetted every 3 years (generally speaking). A heavily treed yard or aged plumbing may need more maintenance. It's best to consult with a licensed professional.



### Responsible Tree Planting

Small trees <20 ft. tall should be planted no closer than 10 ft. from your sewer service. Larger varieties like Poplars can easily grow 80 ft. tall and send their roots down that far as well. Roots that deep are looking for a constant high nutrient water supply, the same as what's in your sanitary sewer service!

Only one hair-like root is needed to enter your sewer line. It knots back and forth creating a "beavertail" looking root ball, drawing up nutrients from the wastewater. This causes sewer back-ups by catching toilet paper traveling down the pipe. If the root ball becomes brittle and breaks free, the cost to homeowners can be significant.



### Flushable Wipes?

Did you know that wipe products claiming to be "flushable" aren't telling consumers the whole story? Actually, wipe products flushed plug service lines, damage municipal liftstation pumps and increase sewer maintenance costs. The only paper that should ever be flushed is toilet paper.

### Can Water Damage Steel?

Yes. When a pump intake becomes plugged or partially obstructed by FOG, wipes or unflushables, this restriction causes pump "cavitation". Simply stated, cavitation is the formation of air bubbles around a pump's impellor when flow is restricted. These air bubbles generate heat and shockwaves when they collapse resulting in impellor damage.

Community Notice:

## Joffre Site Polyethylene One (PE1) maintenance turnaround planned



Our PE1 facility will be shut down from mid-May to end of June, 2023 for a turnaround.

### What can you expect?

- Flaring during plant shut-down and start-up
- An increase in contractors to site (approximately 800 contractors at peak)

### How are we minimizing impact?

- West access to site
- Staggered shifts
- Contractor orientation will include road etiquette



Attention to neighbour impacts is always a priority.

If you have questions, call our 24-hour number 403-314-8767 or email [joffresite@novachem.com](mailto:joffresite@novachem.com)  
www.novachemicals.com

### What is a turnaround?

Turnarounds offer us the opportunity to conduct maintenance and renewal of our facilities outside of our day-to-day maintenance activities.

### Why do we flare?

Flaring is considered to be a safe, environmentally acceptable way to dispose of hydrocarbons — required when a plant needs to isolate for maintenance activities and during emergency events.

### Other planned maintenance activities:

- Ethylene One (E1) mini-outage — Spring (may align with PE1)
- Advanced SCLAIRTECH™ Technology Facility (AST1) outage — Fall



## Do you have questions or concerns? Contact Us:

Lacombe County Community Services | (403) 782-8959 | [ddempsey@lacombecounty.com](mailto:ddempsey@lacombecounty.com)





# OPERATIONS

## Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Site Closure for Repairs

**The following Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Transfer Station will be closed for repairs.**

Please go to the following alternate designated site during these times. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we complete these significant repairs.

### Bentley Transfer Station CLOSURE

Bentley Transfer Station will be **closed June 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, and 16th for repair work.**

- Please go to the Spruceville Transfer Station for your Household and Metal disposal items, as well as your Cardboard, and Co-Mingled Recycling during this time.
- Spruceville Transfer Station does not have a burn pit or electronics recycling.
- Wood disposal and electronics recycling will need to be taken to the Prentiss Transfer Station on these days.

### Spruceville Hours of operation from June 6 - 16:

- Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 4:45pm.
- Saturday June 10 8:00am to 11:45am and 1:00pm to 4:45pm.

### Prentiss hours of operation are:

- Monday to Saturday from 9:00am to 4:45pm.

Bentley and Spruceville Transfer Stations will reopen Saturday June 17 at regular business hours.

## ALERTS | Upcoming Construction Projects

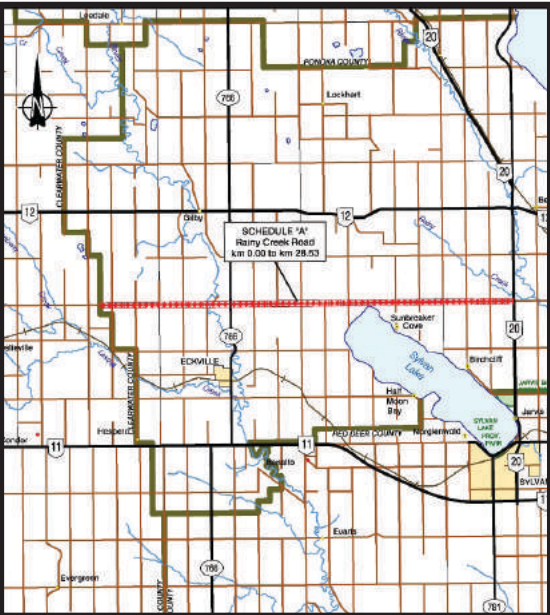
### Rainy Creek Road | Asphalt Concrete Pavement and Other Work

**West County Boundary to Hwy 20**

Lacombe County has contracted Central City Asphalt Ltd. to pave the Rainy Creek Road from Hwy 20 to the West County Boundary 28.530 km.

Construction on Rainy Creek Road will be commencing May 1 to June 25, 2023 (weather permitting).

Work will include asphalt concrete pavement, Gravel surfacing for entrances, Roadway line marking, and pavement message marking.



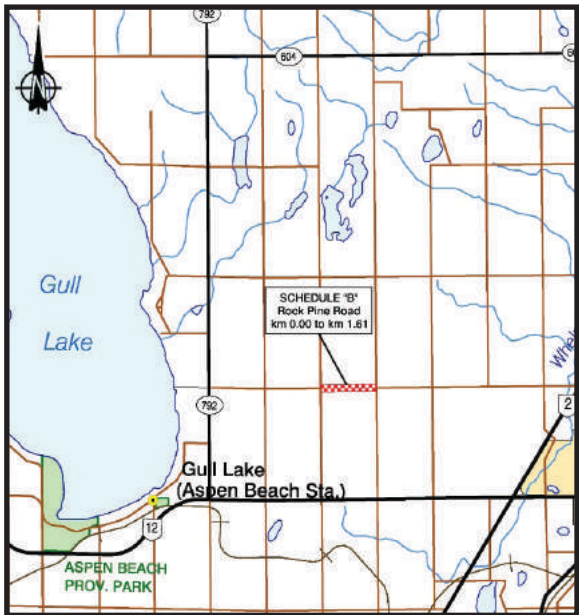
### Rock Pine Road (Twp Rd 41-0) | Asphalt Concrete Pavement and Other Work

**D&M Road (Rge Rd 27-5) to Spruceville Road (Rge Rd 27-4)**

Lacombe County has contracted Central City Asphalt Ltd. to pave Rock Pine Road (Twp Rd 41-0) from D&M Road (Rge Rd 27-5) to Spruceville Road (Rge Rd 27-4) 1.610 km.

Construction on Rock Pine Road will be commencing May 23 to June 5, 2023 (weather permitting).

Work will include asphalt concrete pavement, Gravel surfacing for entrances, Roadway line marking, and pavement message marking.



## Don't get left in the dust!



Lacombe County is currently taking requests for our **2023 Dust Control Program**. If you are interested in having Calcium Chloride in front of your residence or place of business, please contact Cassandra at the County shop at 403-782-3567.

Ratepayer's cost-shared rate for 2023 is \$3.44 per lineal meter, to a maximum of 200 meters. **If you require more than 200 metres, the additional will NOT be cost shared.**

Please submit your application and make payment for dust control before the annual deadline of **May 12, 2023**.

\*\*Note: The application of dust abatement may cause some possible effects, such as loss of vegetation. Lacombe County is not responsible for any claims or damages resulting from the application process.\*\*

If you are interested in finding out more about the County's Dust Control Program, please call Cassandra at 403-782-3567, Ivy at 403-782-8379 or email [operations@lacombecounty.com](mailto:operations@lacombecounty.com)

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

**BROKEN OR MISSING ROAD SIGNS?**



Phone: 403-782-6601  
Email: [info@lacombecounty.com](mailto:info@lacombecounty.com)

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Instagram (lacombecounty)  
Twitter (@LacombeCounty)



# ENVIRONMENT

## ALUS in Annual Crops – What Does it Look Like?

By Ken Lewis, ALUS Coordinator

ALUS pays farmers and ranchers for their management that produces increased environmental services.

In Lacombe County, that payment can be up to \$100 per acre per year in annual crop lands.

What does ALUS look like in annual crops? In other words, what qualifies?

In Lacombe County, there are four main types of crop management that can qualify.

1. Choosing to **farm around non-permanent or temporary wetlands or streams**, instead of farming through them. If approved, you could get up to \$100 per acre per year for the acres you have chosen to farm around.
2. Choosing to leave a **wider, un-farmed buffer zone** between a permanent or semi-permanent body of water and your annual crop. If approved, you could get up to \$100 per acre per year for the now-wider buffer zone that you've chosen to farm around. Plus, you could get \$25 per acre per year on the water

area itself.

3. Converting **marginal annual crop land beside a water body**, to permanent forage that will be hayed (or silaged) after the middle of July. If approved you could get up to \$100 per acre per year for those marginal annual crop areas you've chosen to convert to hay / silage.
4. Converting **marginal annual crop land beside a water body, to permanent pasture** that will be grazed using sustainable grazing principles. If approved, you could get up to \$100 per acre for those marginal annual crop areas you've chosen to convert to pasture.

In addition to the annual payments you could qualify for, **you could also qualify for 50% of invoiced costs** you might have, to get these projects "in the ground". This could be things like forage seed and seeding costs, or fencing and watering costs, or costs of planting native willows and trees in the buffer zones, etc.

So, as you get ready to start seeding in the coming weeks, please take a moment to think about areas of your farm, that might be

better suited to growing Ecosystem Services rather than annual crop. Once you've come up with an area or two, please contact me at 403-505-9038 or [kLewis@rdcounty.ca](mailto:kLewis@rdcounty.ca).



*Maybe your farm has areas like this, that look marginal for annual crops, but might be great for producing increased ecosystem services?*

## Medicine River Watershed presents water sample findings



On Friday, March 31, around 30 people gathered at the Gilby Hall to have pizza and dessert and hear local resident Murray Welch give a presentation regarding the 2022 water sampling results from the Medicine River.

The 2022 results are much more encouraging than the results from the 2007 sampling. During the sampling process, we discovered that the Medicine River water is actually quite clear.

The Medicine River Watershed Society is endeavouring to do further sampling in 2023.

**The sampling results presentation is also available on the Red Deer River Watershed website at [www.rdrwa.ca](http://www.rdrwa.ca).**



# AGRICULTURE

## Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

This federal-provincial partnership delivers grant programs that generate sustainable economic growth in the agricultural and agri-food sector.



### About

5-year (2023-2028), \$3.5 billion investment includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and \$2.5 billion in cost-shared programs and activities by federal-provincial-territorial governments.



### How it works

Cost-shared federal-provincial investments of \$508 million over 5 years towards strategic programs and services for the agriculture and agri-food industry in Alberta



### Programs

Alberta producers, farmers, ranchers, processors and organizations can apply for the following cost-shared grant programs.

## Program List

Full details for Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership in Alberta  
at [alberta.ca/sustainable-cap.aspx](https://alberta.ca/sustainable-cap.aspx)

### Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP)

Supports producers in conserving and enhance the environmental resiliency of their agricultural landscapes.

*Eligible for: producers, farmers, ranchers*

### Farm Technology Program (FTP)

Supports innovative technology that minimizes agricultural waste and optimizes farm efficiency and tools that secure business assets.

*Eligible for: producers, farmers, ranchers*

### Efficient Grain Handling Program (EGHP)

This program assists producers with reducing the overall energy use in their operations.

*Eligible for: producers, farmers, ranchers*

### On-Farm Value-Added

Helps primary producers grow sales, expand production capacity, explore market opportunities and create jobs in Alberta.

*Eligible for: producers, farmers, ranchers*

### Water

Helps producers adopt agricultural water management practices for continued growth and long-term success of the agriculture industry.

*Eligible for: producers, farmers, ranchers*

### Other Programs

- Emerging Opportunities (processors, organizations)
- Value-Added (processors)
- Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) (organizations, producers)



# AGRICULTURE

## REQUEST BY MAY 15: Roadside Haying Program

Lacombe County recognizes the value of legumes and grass growing in municipal road allowances during times of drought. As such, Lacombe County will work cooperatively with agricultural producers who wish to hay Lacombe County road allowances.

**Important Dates:**

- **MAY 15:** Residents must submit written requests to Lacombe County in order to hay the road allowance adjacent to their lands.
- **JULY 15:** Once the request is approved, the resident has until July 15 to cut and bail the road allowance.
- **JULY 16 – end of season:** After July 15, uncut areas of the road allowance will be mowed by Lacombe County.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Roadside Haying Agreements must be renewed annually.

Please contact Lacombe County Community Services at 403-782-8959 for more information.



## WILD About Bees

***We know native pollinators are on the decline, but what is the number one thing we can do to combat this?***

### **Create more HABITAT!**

You can purchase a package of pollinator seed mix and a Wild About Bees handbook.

**Skinner Seed Mix - \$12.09**

**ALCLA Seed Mix - \$12.94**

Each seed packages contains: 6 native bunch grasses, 2 native clovers, and up to 40 native wildflowers to the central Alberta area. This seed mix mimics a natural ecosystem.

This package contains 100% native wildflowers. The seeds selected in this mix were researched and are plants that are native to the Aspen Parkland Ecoregion.

**What you will find in your handbook?**

- Site prep trips for optimum success
- How to create a high quality pollinator garden, specific for native pollinators
- Photo identification of all the species in your seed package
- Lacombe County's top 20 favorite pollinators
- Where to find further resources

**Pick up your Wild About Bees handbook and seed package at the Lacombe County Office (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm)**

## eeny-meeny-miny-MICRO's



Calvin Ireland



Micronutrients can often be an afterthought in the big picture of your crop fertility plan. Whether the soil has shown a deficiency on test results, or the plant leaves themselves have symptomology, the consumer options can be overwhelming. It's

best to narrow down the decision of using, or not using, micronutrient fertilizers by first identifying the cropping goal we are looking to achieve. Are we looking to build soil levels for the long term? Or are we only targeting removal rates with just enough nutrition to feed this season's crop? Have deficiency symptoms been identified in the recent past? Which nutrient in what crop is the issue? These questions will help build a foundation on how to dial-in a field specific fertility plan and select the right product for your cropping needs.

With so many products to choose from in the micronutrient world, know that no one product is better or worse. Each product is designed for a specific and unique purpose. Whether

its soil applied liquid, granular, foliar, or a liquid coated dry, they all have their own advantages and disadvantages depending on the outcome you're trying to achieve.

Granular products for example, are great because they often have the highest concentration and are easy to handle. However, they can have compatibility issues with other macro-nutrients in a blend and in some cases can cause seedling damage if applied at too high a rate. Liquid products on the other hand can often mean an extra field pass to apply separately or specialized equipment but may also prove more timely. Such as a foliar application that targets a specific growth stage. Liquid coated dry fertilizer is not the form of choice if the goal is to build soil test levels for the future.

Its lower concentration is only meant to feed this year's crop, but its advantage is that by coating the entire blend of macro-nutrients the availability for the crop's roots is vastly increased.

Co-op carries a variety of micro-nutrient products in various forms. If you notice something you aren't sure of on your soil test or with your crop in-season, our experienced team of agronomists would love to assist you in achieving your farming goals. On behalf of the staff at Central AB Co-op have a safe and successful #plant23.

**Submitted by Calvin Ireland  
Central AB Co-op (Lacombe)  
Agronomist**



# AGRICULTURE

## Poplar Borer Beetles on Swedish Columnar Aspen



**Shane LePage**



One of the most popular trees planted in residential landscapes is the Swedish columnar aspen. It is planted for its upright form and rapid growth rate, which result in a summer windbreak or privacy screen within a few years. The downside to aspens is that they are relatively short-lived, averaging 15 years, and prone to a host of insect and disease problems. Recently, the poplar borer beetles have become an increasingly significant threat to these trees in Central Alberta.

Last year, poplar borer was prevalent in most of the yards I inspected that had mature aspens. I also noticed the problem on acreages outside of town where the growing conditions were more stressful. Columnar aspens growing with high stress, such as constant high winds and drought, are an easier target for borer insects.

There are two main indicators of poplar borer infestation: weeping holes along the main trunk and larger limbs, and sawdust at the base of the trees. Both of these signs are a result of insects tunnelling into the tree.

Poplar borer larvae can feed inside the aspen for up to 3 years, causing significant damage to the health and structural integrity of the tree, shortening its lifespan and reducing its aesthetic and environmental value. It is important to be aware of the signs of poplar borer infestation and to take action to prevent the problem.

Catching poplar borer early is key. There are a couple of chemical treatments that can be used to suppress the borers, but preventative strategies are more important long-term. There are also natural predators that consume poplar borer larvae, but often not in sufficient numbers to prevent tree decline.

One of the most effective ways to prevent borer infestation is to maintain the overall health of the tree. Stressed or weakened trees are more susceptible to infestations, so it is important to plant trees properly, in good soil, with full sun exposure, and provide them adequate water and nutrients. I've also found that columnar aspens surrounded by a bed of landscape fabric, with a rock mulch cover and a perma-

nent edging (such as plastic or concrete), are more susceptible to attack.

Also, knowing that Swedish columnar aspen is not a long-lived species, homeowners and landscapers can design a planting plan accordingly. For instance, we could use other columnar species, such as the columnar crabapple, or 'Standing Ovation' Saskatoon. Or we could plant columnar aspens in a row for quick privacy, but choose other species to be planted nearby that will provide shade and privacy over time. As the aspens decline, the "backup" trees would be nearby to provide the benefits that the quick-growing aspen once did.

Poplar borer infestations can have a significant impact on Swedish columnar aspen trees in Central Alberta's landscapes. Awareness of the signs of infestation, taking proactive measures to prevent and treat the problem, maintaining the overall health of the tree, and devising alternative planting strategies, can lessen the impact of poplar borers and maintain the health and beauty of our landscapes.

*Submitted by Shane LePage,  
LePage Plant Health Care,  
Alberta Licensed Pesticide Applicator,  
ISA Certified Arborist*

## 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.

## STAY ALERT!

### Spring seeding season has arrived

## Drive Safe, Stay Safe!



**LACOMBE COUNTY**

- 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

We have a list of noxious and prohibited weeds on our website at: <https://www.lacombecounty.com/index.php/weed-identification-and-control>.

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



# SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

**March 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023**

**Development Applications Received**

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision <i>(otherwise pending)</i>
1	35/23	Violet Jackson	Lot 2 Plan 902 1609 (Pt. SE 02-40-27-W4M)	Setback Relaxation	Approved
2	36/23	Aggregate Design Studio	Lot 1 Block 4 Plan 072 9331 (North Aspelund Industrial Park)	Heavy Equipment Service and Repair (Eagle Builders & Quickline Crane)	Approved
3	37/23	Marvin & Tammy Holm	Lot 2 Plan 802 1799 (Pt. SE 24-39-27-W4M) Burbank Subdivision	Additional Animals	Refused
4	38/23	Mihail & Angela Duta	SW 06-41-03-W5M	Dwelling	Approved
5	39/23	Jonathan & Michelle Bevaart	Lot 1 Plan 942 3652 (Pt. NE 7-40-27-W4M)	Dwelling <i>(Replacement Dwelling)</i>	Approved
6	40/23	Velocity Hydrovac Services Ltd.	SW 15-39-01-W5M	Minor Business and Trade <i>(Renewal, Velocity Hydrovac Services Ltd.)</i>	
7	41/23	The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton	SW 13-41-1-W5M	Detached garage, two sea containers and relocation of chapel	Approved
8	42/23	Nicole Dickau	Lot 2B Plan 1872TR (Pt. NE 16-39-27-W4M)	Dwelling w/Attached Garage	Approved
9	43/23	Tyler & Deanna Nowochin	Lot 26 Block 4 Plan 856MC (Birch Bay, Gull Lake)	Detached Garage	Approved
10	44/23	Delta Land Co. Inc.	Lot 4 Block 1 Plan 232 0290 (Sandy Point, Gull Lake)	Retail, Minor	Approved
11	45/23	Delta Land Co. Inc.	Lot 6 Block 1 Plan 232 0290 (Sandy Point, Gull Lake)	Community Facility Washroom	Approved
12	46/23	Blackfalds Collision Centre Ltd.	Lot 4 Block 2 Plan 012 1471 (Burbank Industrial Park)	Automotive Equipment & Vehicle Services <i>(Renewal, Blackfalds Collision Centre Ltd.)</i>	Approved
13	47/23	Brewton & Sheila Felt	Lot 21 Block 71 Plan 222 1830 (Hamlet of Mirror)	Detached Garage	Approved
14	48/23	Orrin Wade	NW 30-38-03-W5M	Minor Business and Trade <i>(Relaxation to # of Employees)</i>	

**Subdivision Applications Received**

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision <i>(otherwise pending)</i>
15	S-009-23	Travis & Leanda Huseby	NE 3-41-3-W5M	1st Parcel Out	
16	S-010-23	Concord Properties Ltd.	NW 32-39-01-W5M	Agricultural	

**Do you have questions about subdivision or development activity?**

**Contact Us:**

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

**Dale Freitag**  
Director of Planning Services

**Cajun Paradis**  
Senior Planner

**Natasha Wright**  
Planner / Development Officer

**Nicklas Baran**  
Junior Planner

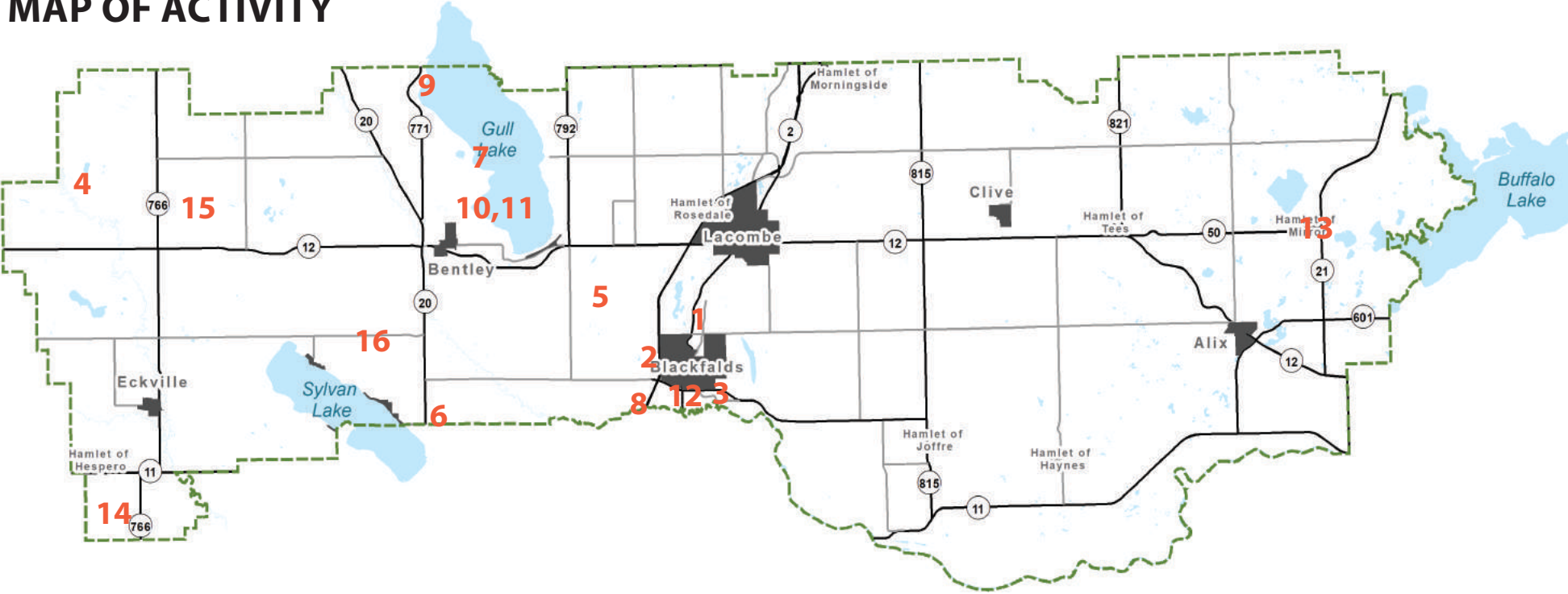
**Monica Bartman**  
Economic Development Officer

**Allison Noonan**  
Planning Services Administrative Assistant

**Chelsey Teers**  
Planning Services Receptionist



MAP OF ACTIVITY

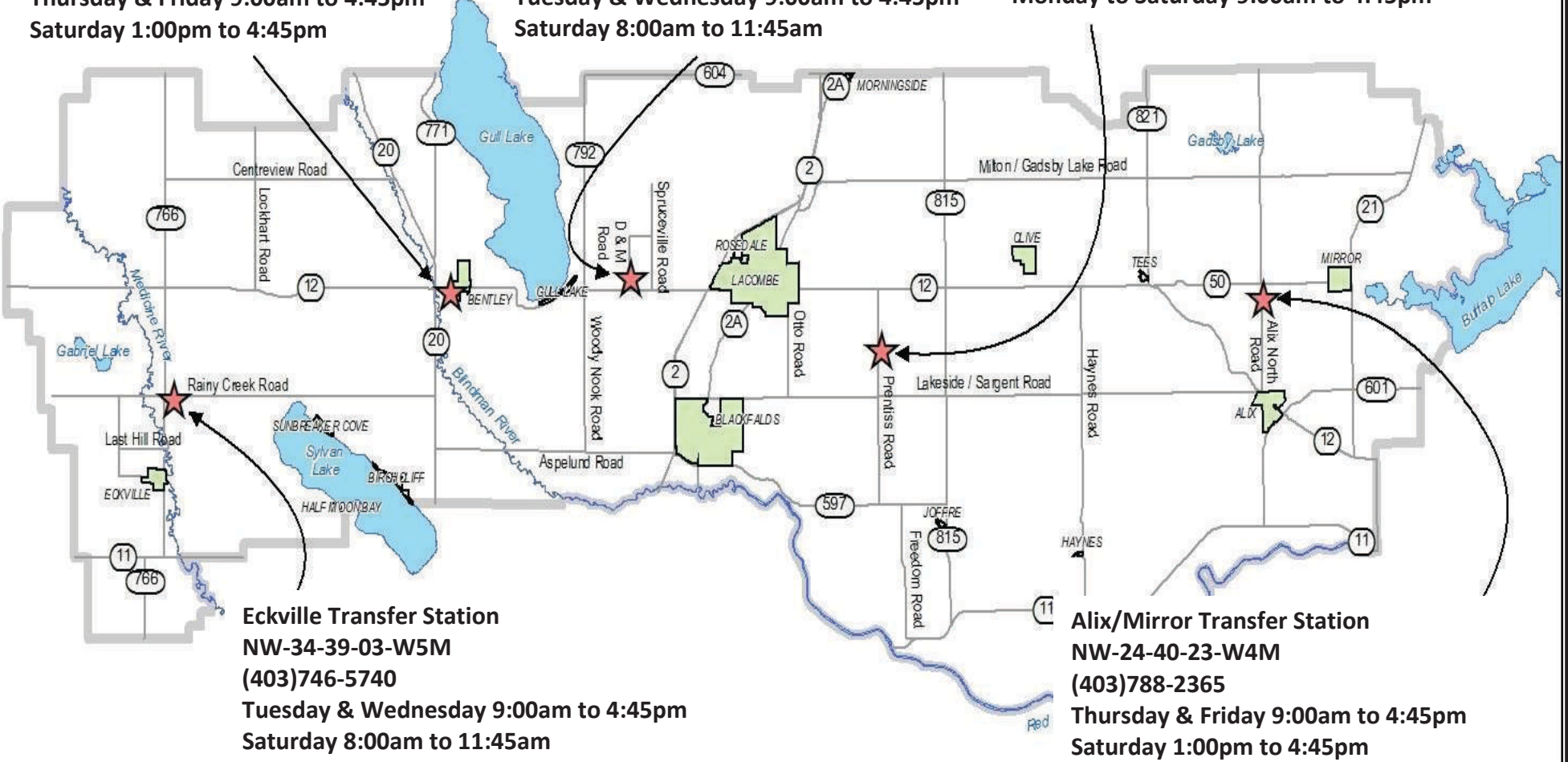


Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission (LRWSC) Transfer Stations Hours of Operation

**Bentley Transfer Station**  
NE-22-40-01-W5M  
(403)748-3961  
Thursday & Friday 9:00am to 4:45pm  
Saturday 1:00pm to 4:45pm

**Spruceville Transfer Station**  
NW-29-40-27-W4M  
(403)782-2828  
Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00am to 4:45pm  
Saturday 8:00am to 11:45am

**Prentiss Landfill/Transfer Station**  
NW-07-40-25-W4M  
(403)782-5300  
Monday to Saturday 9:00am to 4:45pm



**Eckville Transfer Station**  
NW-34-39-03-W5M  
(403)746-5740  
Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00am to 4:45pm  
Saturday 8:00am to 11:45am

**Alix/Mirror Transfer Station**  
NW-24-40-23-W4M  
(403)788-2365  
Thursday & Friday 9:00am to 4:45pm  
Saturday 1:00pm to 4:45pm



All transfer stations are closed on the following statutory holidays:  
New Years Day, Thanksgiving, Good Friday, Remembrance Day,  
Christmas & Boxing Day.



# BUSINESS FEATURE

## INTRODUCING | River Valley Wedding Venue

After hosting their daughters' weddings on their property, the Stang family realized that they had a passion for providing their community with a beautiful, rustic option for couples to truly have the best day of their lives. "We've always loved hosting, from small family gatherings all the way up to large church campouts," reminisces Darrell, founder and designer of River Valley Wedding Venue, a passion project that only recently started hosting events in July 2022.

Dreamt up around their family dinner table, husband and wife Darrell and Sue Stang, along with two of their daughters Tamara and Nicole, the venue has been an exciting adventure for the family from day one. Sue, the first person that couples are in contact with and manager of all things 'business', said "It's always nerve-wracking to start something new, but the end result has been so worth it."

The Stang's built River Valley Wedding Venue from the ground up in a labor of love that has resulted in a truly breathtaking space that they know couples will never forget. "It's a pretty special thing to be able to say that we built almost all of it by hand!" Says Nicole, who manages the company's social media aspect. "When we started it seemed so daunting, but now that it's finished, we see that it was worth every minute." The family started planning for the venue in late 2020, and when they began everyone quickly fell into their roles. "When we first started out, we were a little worried because there are so many beautiful wedding venues in central Alberta, but we found that the wedding and event community was so incredibly welcoming to us!" This comes from Tamara, the team's organizer and detail planner. "It's pretty exciting to see such an amazing response, especially when we can use these connections with other local businesses to provide exactly what the couples are looking for."

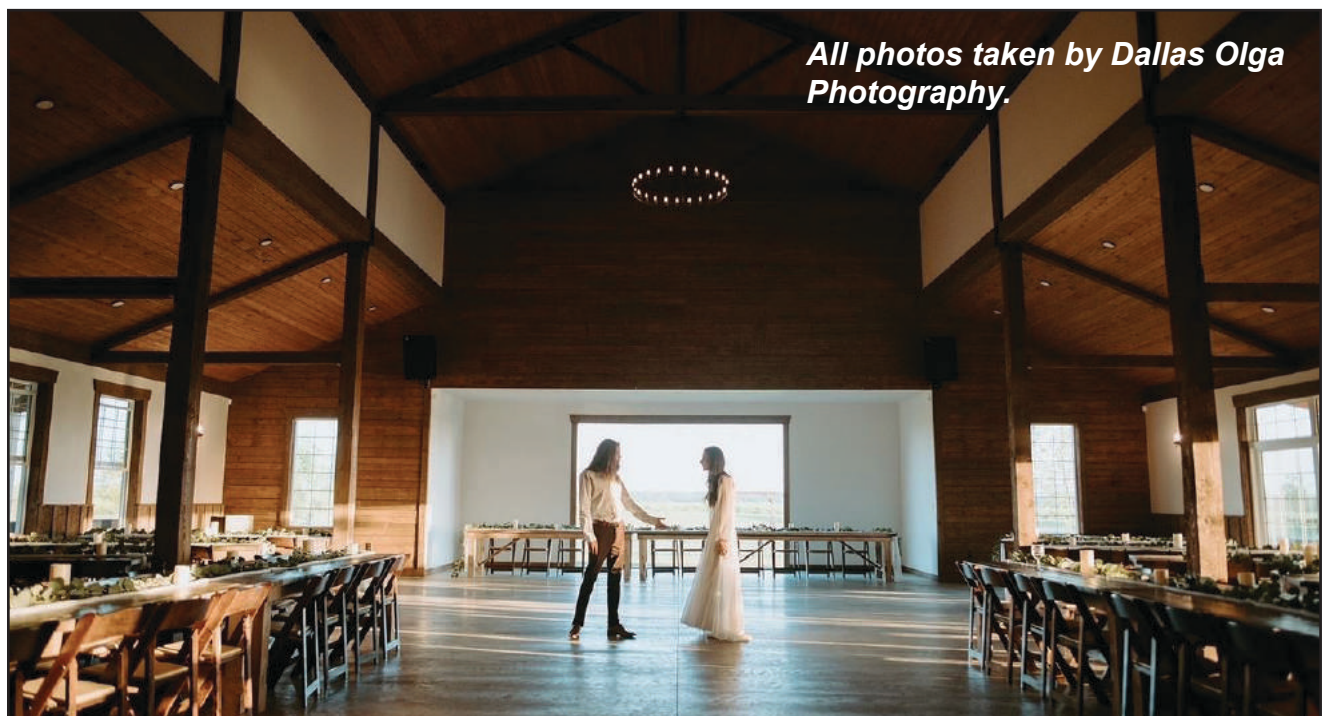
Styled as a rustic barn complete with giant swinging doors facing out on a picturesque tropical-blue pond, the interior is where the true magic is. With high ceilings, rough cut timber pillars and a central space that can hold all your friends and family, the building is the perfect space for any event. But that's just the basics; what makes River Valley really shine is the Stang family's attention to detail. Darrell has provided a truly one-of-a-kind space for guests to gather and get refreshed; an authentic country saloon. With real swinging doors, timeless western antiques adorning the walls and a patio just steps away make this a feature piece that everyone will be talking about.

However, upstairs sits one of the Stang families' favourite features. "When we started designing this venue, we knew that we wanted to give brides a special space to really enjoy the morning of the wedding." Says Sue, "Being with your friends and family, sharing laughs and getting ready to look your best for such an important day is truly special, so we



designed our bridal suite with space and comfort in mind." This gorgeous side room, with its quartz counters, clean white walls and large windows to let in plenty of natural light is the perfect space for the bride and her bridesmaids to get ready. While these are the major details, there is so much more to discover in the rest of the venue. A full prep kitchen, a beautiful green space for kids and adults alike to run and enjoy, a wide-open dance floor and more awaits guests when they book with River Valley. "We're pretty lucky to be able to share in couple's perfect day," says Darrell, "and we wanted to make a space for them to have a once in a lifetime wedding that they and all of their guests will never forget."

The Venue is conveniently located only 10 minutes west of Blackfalds, easily accessible from the Aspelund Road. The Stang's are excited to meet all the couples interested in looking at their space and can be easily reached for more information or to book a tour at [info@rivervalleyweddings.ca](mailto:info@rivervalleyweddings.ca).



*All photos taken by Dallas Olga Photography.*



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## LACOMBE COUNTY SPOT *light*

### KEY HILL FARM

The Topping family moved to Lacombe County in 2015 with no intention of farming. Most of their 153 acres were rented at the time for cattle from nearby operations, and they were focused on running their business in Sylvan Lake.

Fast-forward a few years, two unregistered, bottle-fed baby goats quickly became a herd of 40+ registered goats and Key Hill Farm was born. Next came the sheep, another small ruminant, and finally, the Highlands. Lauren always had her sights set on Highland cattle, drawn to their docile personalities, so their addition to the farm was inevitable. Lastly, the first Babydoll rams were imported from South Dakota in the summer of 2022.

They now breed and sell registered Nigerian Dwarf Goats, Highland Cattle, Babydoll sheep, and Maremma Sheepdogs. With the Nigerian Dwarf Goats, performance programs around milk testing, classifying, and showing help them take steps to ensure that each generation born on their farm is an improvement from the last. This results in the highest quality of animals possible. Helping them achieve this goal is the fact that they are one of only 6 farms in Canada on the

'Scrapie program' which allowed them to import Nigerian Dwarf Bucks from the US prior to the border closure to male goats March 31.

All the animal groups are run on rotating pastures which helps keep parasites down within the ruminant populations. The highland cattle take up the largest portion of the 153 acres and also appreciate rotational grazing, which is better for them and benefits the environment.

Rising costs and market saturation are concerns facing most industries, and the Toppings have noticed the same in their business. They remain committed to breeding the highest quality animals on their farm by using the best genetics they can source. Providing a consistently excellent product allows them to maintain their market position and increase profitability.

The Toppings have learned some critical lessons in their time as farmers and can offer valuable advice; be ready for anything, educate yourself, and find an excellent vet! As prepared as you may feel, there will always be curveballs, so a healthy attitude of 'anything can happen' will go a long way. Education is powerful, and so much

information is available through webinars, books, and mentorship. Learn everything you can to increase the likelihood of success. Vet care is essential! Find someone you trust to care for your animals - preferably one who shares your priorities and goals.

First-generation farmers, the Toppings appreciate the ability to involve their young children in the process while having the flexibility to be at home with them. The risks are substantial, and it's anything but a 9-5 job, but the lifestyle they get to enjoy far outweighs the challenges. They also enjoy being part of the ag community, embracing the lifestyle and relationships that come with it.

### Follow Key Hill Farm on:

Facebook: [@KeyHillFarmAB](#)

Twitter: [@KeyHillFarm](#)

Instagram: [@keyhillfarm](#)





# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March 23, 2023

### SANDY POINT TRAIL

A proposal was presented for the paving of Sandy Point Trail from Highway 12 A to Twp. Road 41-0. The project provides for subgrade preparation, base gravel installation and paving. The County Manager was authorized to issue a Request for Pricing for the paving of the Sandy Point Trail, and further, to award the County's portion of this trail (from Highway 12A to the entrance of the Lakewood Meadows subdivision) to the successful proponent at an upset cost of \$140,000.

### OPERATIONS POLICY REVIEW

Amendments to Policies OP (27) Utility Approach Inspections, OP (34) Bridge Material Inventory Management, and OP (44) Roadside Memorials received Council approval.

### ROAD CLOSURE & SALE

By resolution of Council, the County Manager was directed to proceed with the process to close Road Plan 442EO. The proposal is to close a portion of the Road Plan and sell it to the adjacent landowner so the property can be consolidated with his land on the Pt. NW 25-41-2 W5M (Plan 2222269, Block 1, Lot 1). This proposal will be circulated to interested parties for comment, and further, a report on the comments and cancellation

request will be presented at the April 27, 2023 Council meeting.

### NURSE PRACTITIONER SUPPORT

By resolution of Council, support for the Nurse Practitioner Program will be provided by writing letters to MLA Ron Orr and MLA Jason Nixon urging that the Province of Alberta create a reimbursement model for Alberta Health Services that supports independent practice for Nurse Practitioners. Lacombe County will also share the current Nurse Practitioners 1 in 4 Albertans campaign via the County News and on social media platforms.

### LACOMBE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A request for one-time additional funding in the amount of \$9,500 from the Lacombe and District Historical Society to cover their unexpected shortfall in provincial grant funding for 2023 received the approval of Council.

### CLIVE ATHLETIC AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST

An RC (1) funding request from the Clive Athletic and Agricultural Society for their Arena Ice Plant Upgrade Project was approved for funding of 46%, to a maximum of \$88,843, subject to the Society raising the balance of the funds towards the project.

### MIRROR UTILITY ACCOUNT WRITE OFF

Council reviewed the details of a billing account error identified by a utility customer in the Hamlet of Mirror. The cancellation of \$1,162.05 for incorrectly levied utility charges on the account for the period 2019 to 2021 received Council approval.

### PROPERTY TAX CANCELLATION REQUEST

Council reviewed a request from a property owner seeking the cancellation of a portion of the 2022 tax levy due to the complete loss of a commercial building by fire. Council approved the cancellation of the property taxes on the building applicable to the period May 5, 2022 to December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$5,495.

### FCM ALBERTA FOCUSED RECEPTION

Sturgeon County is soliciting support from other rural municipalities to promote Alberta through educational presentations and entertainment at the upcoming 2023 Federated Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Convention in Toronto. Participating municipalities would have an opportunity to showcase their community through a video loop. Lacombe County will support the initiative by providing financial support to a maximum of \$5,000.

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 13, 2023

### BYLAW NO. 1389/23 PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held for Bylaw No. 1389/23. Bylaw No. 1389/23 is a bylaw of Lacombe County to amend the Sylvan Lake Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1127/10.

Following the public hearing, Bylaw No. 1389/23 was given second and third reading and so passed.

### AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD MEETING

Council reviewed the meeting notes of the March 15, 2023 Lacombe County Agriculture Service Board (ASB) meeting and approved the recommendations as presented.

### ROADSIDE HAYING POLICY

The Roadside Haying Policy and Roadside Haying Agreement were provided to Council for consideration and, by resolution of Council, were approved as presented.

### LACOMBE SOUTH CONNECTOR FUNCTIONAL PLANNING STUDY

The City of Lacombe and Lacombe County successfully obtained an Alberta Community Partnership grant for the purposes of conducting a functional planning study for the Lacombe South Connector. The goal of this study is to alleviate future traffic congestion on Highway 12 in Lacombe in a manner that is supported and understood by all public and private stakeholders.

The project team will assemble a working group, made up of various stakeholders, to assess the needs of each stakeholder group as well as the

needs of private landowners, for recommendation to the City of Lacombe Council and Lacombe County Council.

### TIPPING FEES FOR SANDY POINT CAMPGROUNDS

Council was presented with information regarding the Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission and tipping fees for Sandy Point Campgrounds. By resolution of Council, the County Manager was directed to prepare a report regarding the charging and collection of tipping fees at Sandy Point Campgrounds, for presentation at a future Council meeting.

### TEC INTERSECTION STUDY HIGHWAY 12 & HIGHWAY 792

Council was presented with information regarding the Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors Intersection Study of HWY 12 and HWY 792 (Lincoln Road). By resolution of Council, the County Manager was directed to prepare a report regarding the upcoming review of the intersection, and further, that this report be presented for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

### BOARD GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

Council was presented with information regarding a Board Governance Workshop that may be available to Council and community groups within the County. Further details about the workshop are forthcoming.

### PACE SOLAR PROJECT

Council was provided with a presentation from Claude Mindorff of PACE Solar.

### PRIORITY BASED BUDGETING AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Council was provided with a presentation and update

on the strategic planning framework and priority-based budgeting processes.

### LACOMBE FCSS EVENTS

Lacombe County has been invited, and by resolution will send Council representation, to the Lacombe FCSS Volunteer Appreciation Awards Night on April 18, 2023 and the Lacombe FCSS Annual General Meeting on April 19, 2023.

### BYLAW NO. 1392/23 BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW 1350/21 ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW

In May 2022, Lacombe County Council approved a road closure and disposition, Bylaw No. 1350/21, that was subsequently rejected by Land Titles as the wording to describe the portion of the road to be closed was not acceptable. By resolution of Council, the amended bylaw was read a first time, a second time, presented for third reading by a unanimous vote, read a third time and finally passed.

### BYLAW NO. 1387/23 BYLAW TO AMEND LACOMBE COUNTY MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN & BYLAW NO. 1388/23 BYLAW TO AMEND LACOMBE COUNTY LAND USE BYLAW

The 5-Year Review of the Municipal Development Plan and the Land Use Bylaw was presented to Council on March 9, 2023 and accepted for information at that time. The review and the public submissions received for Council's consideration have identified some areas for improvements to the plans, to which updates were proposed. By resolution of Council, both bylaws were read a first time and a public hearing for Bylaw No's 1387/23 and 1388/23 was set for May 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.



# Eckville Fire members participate in Calgary Stair Climb

This year, Eckville Fire has seven members participating in the Calgary Stair climb. They will be starting at the base and climbing 1,370 steps, for a total of 57 stories.

This will be done wearing most of our duty gear including breathing air packs. For some of our members, this will be the fifth time climbing in the Calgary stair climb. The climb is in support of Wellspring Calgary.

"Some of us are climbing for loved ones that have passed and some are climbing for loved ones living with cancer," said Lieutenant John Philips with the Eckville Fire Department.

"This event spotlights firefighters and underscores the risks they take every day when they go to work."

Wellspring's mission relates to the important work they do. Proceeds from the Firefighter Stair climb Challenge ensure Wellspring Alberta can provide programs and services to firefighters and all citizens living with cancer. Wellspring Alberta also proudly gifts a portion of event proceeds to support the Firefighters Assistance Charitable Society (FACS), whose mission is to empower and strengthen firefighters by enhancing the success and resilience of the firefighter community.

This stair climb is the largest firefighter stair climb in Canada. It happens June 11 at the Brookfield Place Tower in Calgary.

**If you wish to support/ sponsor a firefighter for this worthy cause, call 403-746-2551 or email [fire@eckville.com](mailto:fire@eckville.com).**



Photos from the previous Calgary Stair Climb.



## Clive Lions Club recognizes long-time member!



Congratulations Terry on 45 years of dedicated involvement with the Clive Lions Club! Your unwavering commitment to serving our community is truly inspiring. We are grateful for the countless hours you have spent organizing events, volunteering, and supporting those in need. Your passion for service has made a significant impact on the lives of many, and we are proud to call you a member of our Lions Club family. Here's to many more years of making a difference together!

## 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.

## Regularly Scheduled Meetings for Lacombe County Council

**Committee of the Whole** - First Tuesday of every second month at 9 a.m.

**Council & MPC** - Second and fourth Thursday of every month, starting at 9 a.m..

*The public and media are welcome to attend all Council & MPC meetings. An agenda will be posted to the website prior to the meeting.*







From April 28 to July 1 the Flatiron Building Museum Gallery will be hosting **Country Hall, Community Hubs** an exhibit by the Lacombe and District Historical Society.

Immerse yourself in the thriving communities of Lacombe County's rural districts from their very beginnings. When neighbours banded together to build rural schools in a brand new province, through the many dances and suppers hosted in schools and community halls, to community halls as they survive today. Discover stories of community bonding, of love found, and of dance steps learned.

Country Halls, Community Hubs will connect visitors to thriving rural communities, past and present, and hopefully inspire them to build the strong communities of tomorrow.

The exhibit is open to the public on a Pay What You Can structure. More information is available on the museum's website: <https://lacombemuseum.com/event/country-halls-community-hubs>.

We hope to see you there!

**On display at the Flatiron Building Museum from April 28 to July 1, 2023.**

## Scholarships available through Red Deer Polytechnic

***Did you know: Lacombe County supports THREE scholarships at Red Deer Polytechnic (RDP). Students can apply from March 1-May 31 (and will be notified in June/ July if they are the successful recipient, with funds will be paid out in the fall). Learn more at <https://www.rdpolytech.ca>.***

### **Lacombe County Leadership Scholarship**

**Eligibility:** A student entering the first year of any Red Deer Polytechnic (RDP) post-secondary program in the upcoming academic year as a full-time student. Student must be a current or former resident of Lacombe County and have graduated from a high school within Lacombe County in the last three years.

**Criteria:** Academic achievement and demonstrated excellent leadership qualities through community involvement.

**Value:** 1 @ \$1850.00

### **Lacombe County Leadership Scholarship for Apprentice**

**Eligibility:** A 1st year RDP apprentice who attended an Apprenticeship program in the most recent academic year. The apprentice must be continuing their studies in the subsequent year of the program at RDP in the upcoming academic year. The apprentice must be a current or former resident of Lacombe County.

**Criteria:** Academic achievement, financial need and demonstrated excellent leadership qualities through community involvement.

**Value:** 1 @ \$1850.00

### **Lacombe County Scholarship for Rural Students**

**Eligibility:** A full-time RDP student who attended a Bachelor of Science program in the most recent academic year. The student must be continuing full-time studies in the subsequent year of the program at RDP in the upcoming academic year. The student must be a Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant. Preference given to a student who is a current or former Lacombe County resident pursuing a career in Agriculture or Agri-Business, Environmental and Conservation Sciences or Veterinary Medicine. Secondary preference to a student with a rural background.

**Criteria:** Academic achievement and financial need.

**Value:** 1 @ \$1850.00

**Apply from March 1 to May 31. Learn more at [rdpolytech.ca](https://rdpolytech.ca).**

## New: Crowdfunding Campaign Lab

*This June, the [Crowdfunding Alberta team](#) is launching a series of crowdfunding campaign labs to help organizations improve their skill and success with crowdfunding.*

Throughout the lab, organizations will receive hands-on training and coaching as they develop their own crowdfunding campaign, curated resources to reference for ongoing guidance, demonstrations to help find and optimize the platforms marketing tools, and customized feedback from a panel of fundraising experts to ensure their campaign is market-ready when it goes live.

**Keep an eye on the [Community Development Unit's Eventbrite](#) page to register.**

### **Important Date**

Eligibility for match funding resets on April 1, 2023. The Government of Alberta may provide match funding for one campaign per organization per fiscal year. The Government's next fiscal year begins on April 1. All campaigns submitted in the new fiscal will once again be considered for match funding of up to \$15,000.

Visit the [Crowdfunding Alberta webpage](#) to learn more about eligibility.

## Don't Miss Non-profit Webinars!

We are back with a great lineup of live free webinars in the areas of non-profit board development, governance, grant writing, and many more:

- Grant Writing 101
- Board Development Program
  - Understanding Your Legal Landscape
  - Board Roles and Responsibilities
  - Legal Responsibilities
  - Organizational Purpose and Planning
  - Financial Responsibilities
  - Risk Management
  - Committees and Meetings
  - Building Strong Teams and Effective Relationships
- The Role of the Board Chair
- The Role of the Board Treasurer
- The Role of the Board Secretary
- Cybersecurity for Non-techie Board Members

To see general information about our webinars, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/non-profit-learning-webinars.aspx>.

Please share this email with your fellow board members, your communities, or whomever you think would be interested in nonprofit organizations.

If you have any questions, we would be happy to hear from you at [CommunityDevelopment@gov.ab.ca](mailto:CommunityDevelopment@gov.ab.ca).



LACOMBE & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# 2023 SPRING TRADESHOW & MARKET

APRIL 21 & 22

40th ANNUAL SHOW

Presented by



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Pet Adoption Event



Recruitment & Hiring Event



Dog Demos

Admission: \$1 donation to Chamber Scholarship Fund

April 21 2pm-8pm

April 22 10am-4pm

Gary Moe Sports Complex



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## LEARN MORE | Renewable Energy in Alberta

Have you been approached about leasing your land to a wind or solar energy developer? Want to learn more about negotiating renewable energy leases?



The Alberta Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) has a guide that can help.

[Renewable Energy in Alberta](#) is available online ([access the guide by scanning the QR code to the right](#)) or by calling the Ag Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276).

For questions or more information on renewable energy development, contact Alberta Ag Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276) or visit their Alberta Ag Info Centre website.





## Bentley Stay & Play

Located in the basement of Town Office

**We WELCOME all Families/Caregivers**  
with children 0-6 and older children on PD days

**Fridays**  
**9:30 to 11:30**

Contact Community Services 403.748.2160  
OR our facilitator Miss Carolyn  
403.704.3315 parentingproactively101@gmail.com








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So **ALL** Kids Can Play!

lacombe@kidsport.ab.ca

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LACOMBE COUNTY



IMPROVES MENTAL HEALTH



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### Early Onset Dementia Alberta Foundation (EODAF)

is pleased to host an information session on:

Diabetes, Depression, and Dementia

**When:** Date: Thursday May 25th, 2023  
Time 7 PM MDT

**Where:** Virtual Session Hosted on Zoom by:  
Early Onset Dementia Alberta Foundation (EODAF)

Presented by: Dr. Bill Gibson, University of Alberta

**Who:** Everyone

**What:** This session will review the links between diabetes and depression with dementia, and what you can do to reduce the risks.

**How:** Contact: rep@eodaf.com

### COMMUNITY FUTURES | ROTARY DISTRICT 5360



25 YEARS 2023





- For youth 13-15
- Learn to set up and operate a business
- Plus other fun activities like zip line, paint ball, archery and more



August 13-19, 2023  
Eagles Nest Ranch

Application deadline  
May 15

[WWW.ROTARYAYEC.CA](http://WWW.ROTARYAYEC.CA)

**FREE to attend**

## 100-YEAR FARM FAMILY RECOGNITION



County celebrates the contributions of local farm families who have worked in Lacombe County for many generations with the 100-Year Farm Family program.

To get your sign, contact Lacombe County (403-782-6601). Participants will have the option of sharing the history of their farm through the County News and social media channels.




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**Visit [www.lacombe.ca/lmc](http://www.lacombe.ca/lmc) or call 403-782-6668**

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

Need financial assistance with room rentals?  
See if you qualify at [lacombe.ca/grants](http://lacombe.ca/grants)





403-391-8849 | PO BOX 214 ALIX ALBERTA T0C 0B0

Xtreme Raceways is proud to bring you the  
**2023 SEASON SCHEDULE**  
Sunday Hours are all 11am to 4 pm  
Race Events are from 9am to 9pm

**SUNDAY**  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
HOURS 11am - 4pm

- » April 23rd & 24th
- » May 28th
- » June 4th & 18th
- » August 13th & 27th
- » Sept 17th
- » Oct 1st & 15th

**REGULAR HOURS**  
Tuesday 4pm-9pm  
Thursday 4pm-9pm  
Friday 4pm-9pm  
Saturday 9am-6pm  
All Holiday Mondays 11am-4pm

**RACE DATES**  
HOURS 9:00am - 9:00pm

- » May 13th & 14th  
AMSA Off-Road Series
- » July 1st & 2nd  
Central Alberta Series
- » July 8th & 9th  
Jared Stock Sprint Enduro Series
- » July 22nd & 23rd  
Surf N Berm Campout (Ladies event)
- » September 2nd & 3rd  
Cancer Race

Mark the dates on your calendar and  
we hope to see you out to enjoy  
these fantastic athletes.

# Louis Riel Relay

Date: Saturday April 29, 2023

Race Start: 10 AM at Gimlet Community Center

Finish: On the river by Gilby Community Center



The Louis Riel Relay is a relay Race in Sequence:

- 1 person runs 2 miles
- 1 person rides a mile horseback
- 1 person rides a pedal bike 3 miles
- 2 people canoe an estimated 6 miles  
with a portage exchange point half way  
to exchange with 2 others

Entry Fee is \$150 per team

Max 7 people per team

Must be 16 yrs. old to ride the horseback leg



For Information

Contact Tanner @

403 392 1787



## HOME SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SENIORS



Home Support is available to eligible seniors  
needing assistance with light housekeeping in  
Lacombe and Lacombe County.

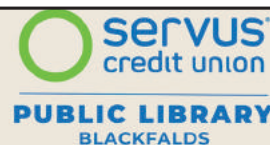
- ✓ Trained & screened Home Support Providers
- ✓ Weekly
- ✓ Bi-weekly,
- ✓ Monthly

**Services Offered**

- Laundry
- Kitchen
- Bathrooms
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403-885-2343





# AROUND THE COUNTY

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTY

DETAILS	LOCATION	DATE/TIME	CONTACT
<b>Spring Concert</b> Lacombe Lions Community Band and the Flat Iron Jazz Band invite you to their spring concert. Admission is by donation.	Lacombe Performing Arts Centre	May 8, 2023 7:00 PM	Mark Kenney 403-784-3055
<b>Morningside Community Society - AGM</b> Annual General Meeting & Pancake Supper - Everyone Welcome	Morningside Community Hall	May 5, 2023 5:00 PM (Doors Open) 5:30 PM (Pancake Supper) AGM to follow	Glenna Thompson 403-872-4254
<b>Haynes Hall: Spring Social</b> All Ages Welcome!	Haynes Community Hall	April 29, 2023 7:00 PM	More details to come on the Haynes Community Information Facebook page.

# WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

## Activities & Highlights

**Thank you to all who donated auction items and everyone who bid during the 1st Annual Winter Wishes-Online Auction.**  
**A total of \$10,080 was raised for youth and senior programs!!**  
**We are looking forward to next Spring, to do it again.**

### Touch a Truck: May 29-

This community event offers hands on opportunities to explore, climb and touch vehicles. Save the date, more details to follow! EVERYONE is welcome, hosted at the Alix MAC School grounds.

Do you have a vehicle that could be included in this event? Contact Jill, 403-588-5199, to be added to the list of trucks, emergency response vehicles, heavy machinery and other equipment.

### FRN Tool Box Talks: Postponed-

Postponed: Due to unforeseen circumstances the Tool Box Talks will be rescheduled for the Fall. Please watch for future updates!

Volunteer Recruitment- We are currently planning ahead for several upcoming fundraising opportunities and events. Numerous positions & shifts will need to be filled along with tasks outside of the day-of events. Please get in touch if you want to be apart of: Casinos, Ponoka Stampede, Big Valley Jamboree and the Bashaw End of Summer Celebration!

NEW!- Fresh veggies are now delivered weekly to the Centre. Thank you Pic N Pac! Free for everyone and while quantities last.

### Monthly Grief Support Group-

Gather with others who are experiencing loss in a welcoming and confidential space. All ages are welcome. Hosted monthly on the 3rd Thursday, at 7PM. Meet next on April 20.

### Connecting Clans: April Update-

There is no Connecting Clans in April, the next event will be on May 29 at Touch a Truck, hosted at the Alix MAC School Grounds. All ages are welcome!

## Services Available

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

[alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com](mailto:alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com)

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

\*Closed all statutory holidays\*

Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

403-396-3369

# ANNUAL LINCOLN HALL PANCAKE SUPPER FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY APRIL 29 2023 5:30-7:30PM

ADMISSION BY DONATION

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY HALL!

FROM LACOMBE: 11KM WEST ON HWY 12, NORTH ON LINCOLN ROAD FOR 9KM



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Services  
403.748.2160



# AROUND THE COUNTY

**gull lake centre**  
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**Summer Camps**  
Summer is calling!  
Camps for kids ages 5 - 18, just 15 minutes outside of Lacombe. Sign up now!

## 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:

- April 21, WIBIT starts at 8:00 pm due to private function
- April 29, Teen WIBIT night 8:00-9:30 pm
- May 2, Summer program registration opens
- May 14, Mother's Day-mother's swim for free
- May 14, National Lifejacket Day-activities, prizes, swim for free if you wear your lifejacket
- May 22, Public Swim only, 1:00-5:00 pm
- June 3, CLOSED for Dolphins swim meet

For more information on the KAC schedule, pool rentals and advanced courses call 403.782.1278 or visit [www.lacombe.ca/pool](http://www.lacombe.ca/pool).




**APRIL**  
MARY C. MOORE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**Adult & Family Programs**

APRIL 1	APRIL 4	APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27	APRIL 11	APRIL 13
<b>LEGO in the Library</b> 10:30 am *Drop-in* Kinsmen Room	<b>MCMPPL Book Club:</b> discussion meeting The Sister's Tale 7pm in the library	<b>Change Health</b> Community Program 5:30-7:30 Kinsmen Room	<b>Genealogy Club meeting</b> 4:30pm Kinsmen Room	<b>Book Talk: NF Club</b> discussion meeting: Freezing Order 7pm in library
APRIL 14	APRIL 18	APRIL 19	APRIL 22	APRIL 25
<b>Nailed It! Paint Night</b> 6:30 pm Kinsmen Room	<b>Bike Maintenance</b> Workshop w/ Reds Sports 6:30pm Kinsmen Room	<b>4Eyes Film Series</b> EMILY 7:00pm @ Lacombe City Cinemas	<b>EARTH DAY</b> Programs All ages 10am-4pm	<b>Poetry Tea Time</b> (Homeschoolers) 2pm Kinsmen Room
APRIL 27	APRIL 29	<b>Special Programs &amp; Events:</b> Change Health Program runs every Thursday in April Spring Colouring Contest for ages 3-adult; April 18-May 1st		
<b>Where the Wild Books Are:</b> Book Club discussion Barren Grounds 6:30pm in the library	<b>Card Making</b> Workshop (adults) 9am-noon Kinsmen Room	<b>Monthly Programs:</b> <b>Library Spice Subscription:</b> ready for pick up mid-month, for registered subscribers <b>Knit and Stitch:</b> This is a drop in club for knitters, crochet-ers, and other makers every Monday at 11am OR 7pm in the Library <i>*All children's and adult craft programs require pre-registration unless otherwise noted</i>		

**More information on these programs on our website: [lacombelibrary.com](http://lacombelibrary.com)**

Program Coordinators:  
Miranda [miranda.cl@prl.ab.ca](mailto:miranda.cl@prl.ab.ca) Kirstin [kbouwsema@prl.ab.ca](mailto:kbouwsema@prl.ab.ca)  
call us 403-782-3433



**Eckville Handicraft Group Presents...**

**ECKVILLE QUILT & WEAVING SHOW**

Quilts, Quilts, and more Quilts!  
Bake Sale  
Tea Room  
Silent Auction items up for bid  
Vendors on site

**June 9-10, 2023**  
**10am -4pm**

**\$5 Admission**

**Eckville Legion**  
5027-51Ave.



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21	22 VICTORIA DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)	23	24	25 County Council 9AM	26	27
28	29	30	31	JUNE 1	2	3

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## Lacombe County Directory

RR3, Lacombe Alberta T4L 2N3 [www.lacombecounty.com](http://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

### Senior Administration

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Dion Burlock, Director of Community Services dburlock@lacombecounty.com	

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