

# County News

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## COMING SOON! New Lacombe County website

Lacombe County is excited to announce the upcoming launch of its BRAND new website!

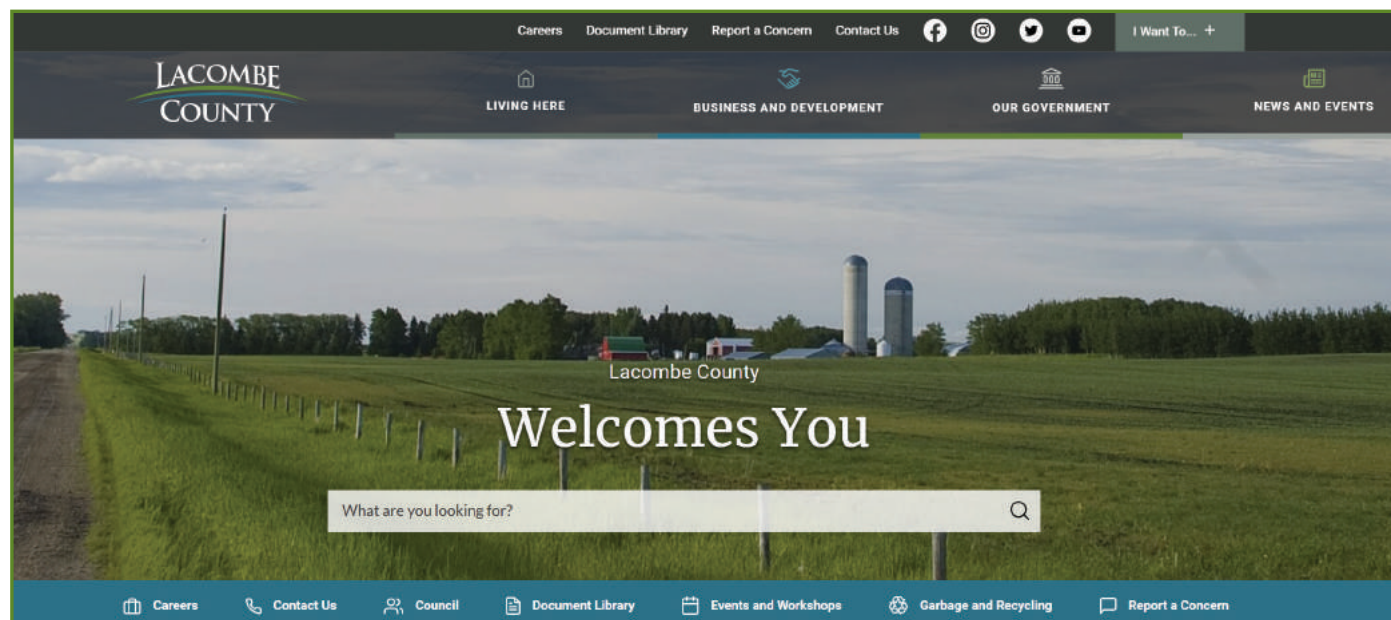
The new site is on track to launch on March 30, and will provide anyone looking for Lacombe County information with a streamlined, intuitive website for ALL your County questions.

Not only does the website come with a modern look, but new features will enhance the experience for residents,

businesses and other stakeholders, such as:

- easy to navigate structure
- ability to subscribe to content important to you
- increased digital options, such as forms and requests for service.

Watch our social media for more details and up-to-date news on the launch of the LacombeCounty.com website.



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[www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com)

## Farm Vehicle Safety Inspections April 5 & 6

Lacombe County is hosting a two-day voluntary farm vehicle safety check at its satellite Tees and Rainy Creek public works shops. These checks aim to increase the safety and awareness of our agricultural industry and promote 'Vision Zero,' a part of Lacombe County's Traffic Safety Plan.

'Vision Zero' is the idea that any loss of life on Alberta's roads is unacceptable; Farm Vehicle Safety checks go a long way in ensuring our community is safe and provide a positive experience with our local producers.

"We want to make sure our farmers and ranchers are not going to be stuck on the side of the road because of a breakdown - or worse yet, involved in an accident because of equipment failure," said Ray Kawai, Lacombe County Community Peace Officer. "It's all about education and working together to promote road safety for everyone."

Under Alberta law, a farm vehicle is subject to the same vehicle equipment regulations as any other commercial vehicle. Lacombe County's goal is to work with local producers to promote a positive image for our farming community.

Commercial Vehicle Inspectors will be on hand to conduct safety inspections under the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. If safety violations are found, they will be noted on a personalized vehicle inspection report, and instructions will be given to the driver on how to proceed with repairs. Note: Inspection results are indicated on Carrier Profiles of those operating under the authority of a Safety Fitness Certificate; please get in touch with CPO Services if you have any questions.

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Return undeliverable items to:  
Lacombe County  
RR3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3



## Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING and you're invited...



**Thursday, April 13 @ 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/2UvpnNm>



SCAN ME TO  
VISIT WEBSITE FOR  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
INSTRUCTIONS

### CONTEXT MAP



For more information, please contact Planning  
Services or visit the County's website  
Cajun Paradis, Senior Planner  
Email: [planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com)  
Phone: 403-782-8389  
[www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com)

### BYLAW NO. 1389/23 Updates to the Sylvan Lake Area Structure Plan

During development inquiries in the past year, a few  
inconsistencies in the Plan have been noted. Further, we have  
heard concerns with the mandated requirement for higher  
density units in the forms of townhomes and apartments.

The purpose of this update is to ensure the planning policies  
of the Plan are consistent and in line with the community's  
vision for the Plan Area. The proposed updates do not change  
the overall intent of the plan:

- Include cabin and RV in the dwelling unit definition, to  
ensure consistency with the remainder of the  
document
- Amend the 'Multi-unit Residential, Higher Density  
Nodes' sections to consider multi-unit housing within  
a 600 metre radius of the possible and existing public  
access sites, rather than mandate it

First Reading to Bylaw 1389/23 was given March 9, 2023 by  
Lacombe County Council. The proposed bylaw updates can be  
viewed on the County's website: [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com)

### HOW DO I COMMENT?



Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed updates will  
have an opportunity to do so at a public hearing. If you are  
unable to attend the hearing, written submissions can be  
made to the County. You will 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** [planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com)  
**FAX** 403-782-3820, or  
**MAIL** RR 3, Lacombe AB, T4L 2N3

All submissions will be public information.

## MEET WITH COUNCIL

There are several upcoming opportunities to meet with Lacombe  
County Councillors and Staff about the issues and updates that  
matter to YOU!

**Reeve Barb Shepherd (Div. 3) | Dep. Reeve John Ireland (Div. 1)**  
April 17 | 7 - 9PM  
Ellis Bird Farm

**Brenda Knight (Div. 2) | Dwayne West (Div. 4)**  
**Ken Weenink (Div. 5)**  
April 21 (5-8 PM) + April 22 (10AM - 4PM)  
Lacombe & District Trade Show (Gary Moe Sportsplex)

**Allan Wilson (Div. 6) | Dana Kreil (Div. 7)**  
April 20 | 7 - 9PM  
Rainy Creek Remote Shop (Rainy Creek Road, near RR 3-0)



# March 30 | Join us for a health and safety event

## SPRINGTUNE UP

### Health & Safety Fair

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN HEALTH  
& SAFETY IS INVITED:**

**March 30, 2023 | 10AM - 3PM**

**Lacombe Memorial Centre - Centennial South  
Room**

**FREE BBQ lunch from 11AM - 2:30pm**

**DOOR PRIZES!!**

**This year's vendors are providing:**

- Cancer Screening
- Mental Health Supports
- Rural Crime Prevention
- Blood Analysis
- Safety Supplies
- AND MORE!

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

403-782-8959

[jmakus@lacombecounty.com](mailto:jmakus@lacombecounty.com)

Lacombe County is excited to announce its  
annual "Spring Tune Up" event on March 30,  
2023. Anyone interested in their health and  
farm safety is invited to attend this free event,  
which will feature a variety of health care and  
safety professionals.

"The health and safety of our rural community  
is important to Lacombe County," explained  
Jalene Makus, Lacombe County Agriculture  
Coordinator and event organizer. "By bringing  
in vendors that support both physical and  
mental health/safety, we are doing our part to  
support and connect attendees with relevant  
and useful information."

**Date: March 30, 2023**  
**Time: 10am - 3pm**  
**Location: Lacombe Memorial Center -  
Centennial South Room**  
**Cost: Free with a BBQ lunch 11am -  
2:30pm**

Everyone who attends the event will have  
their name entered for door prizes.

There will be approximately 30 organizations  
on-site for this year's event, including:

- **The Man Van**
- **Building Bridges to Health Naturally**  
(blood analysis)
- **Just Safety Supplies**
- **Alberta Lung Association**
- **Wolf Creek Primary Care Network**  
(mental health, foot specialist, diet &  
nutrition, chronic disease screening,  
etc.)
- **Lacombe County Peace Officers**  
(crime prevention tips, rural crime  
updates, child safety seat inspections)
- **Wolf Creek Primary Care Network**
- **Red Deer Rural Restorative Justice  
Program**
- **Rural Crime Watch groups**
- **Alberta Mental Health**
- **Lacombe FCSS**
- **Canadian Blood Services**
- **iRecover**

To learn more about the event, or for any  
questions, please call 403-782-8959 or email  
[jmakus@lacombecounty.com](mailto:jmakus@lacombecounty.com).



## CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Questions about ELDs, load securement, or other transport-related inquiries can be directed to our local Peace Officers, who are more than happy to help.

### Details:

Please show up any time between 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; refreshments and lunch will be provided. Call the number below to book a time, or stop in. Those who book a time will be prioritized; drop-ins will fit in.

(NOTE: if bringing multiple vehicles, please space arrival times by approximately 20 minutes).

### Locations:

- April 5, Rainy Creek Satellite Shop located on Rainy Creek Road near RR 3-0.
- April 6, Tees Satellite Shop located on Hwy 12 and Hwy 821, Tees.

For more information or to book a time, please call 403-782-8959 or email [kparent@lacombecounty.com](mailto:kparent@lacombecounty.com). We hope to see you there.



## Medicine River Crime Watch Society UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING

The Medicine River Crimewatch is hosting a general meeting at the Eckville Legion on Wednesday, April 19.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Debbie Leitch from the Rural Red Deer Restorative Justice Committee

The Sylvan Lake RCMP, as well as Peace Officers from Lacombe and Red Deer County, will be present to give updates.

**Eckville Legion**  
**Wednesday, April 19**  
**7:00 pm.**

Coffee provided. Please bring snacks. If you would like to become a Medicine River Crime Watch member or update your membership, email [medicinerivercws@gmail.com](mailto:medicinerivercws@gmail.com)

## 5-YEAR REVIEW | Municipal Development Plan & Land Use Bylaw

Every year since 2017, Lacombe County embarks on an annual review of the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw to ensure these documents continue to support our community, as required by Municipal Development Plan Policy MUNI 8.3.2.

This year's review marks the County's five-year review since the documents were initially adopted in 2017, after multiple rounds of consultation with the community, including Lacombe County landowners, residents, and businesses.

### WHAT IS THE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN & 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 ANNUAL REVIEW

To read the 5-Year Review of the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw, visit [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com) or scan the QR code to read on your mobile device.

The Report addresses the findings broken down by each section, including a summary of what changes have occurred from 2017-2021 through each annual review, and further recom-



mends changes as a result of the 2022 review. Following this, The Data compiles the monitoring matrix data reviewed from 2017-2022.

Back in 2017, the County committed itself to accountable and transparent decision-making and progress reporting on an annual basis. This allows the County to strive for continual improvement each year and ensures the documents are 'living documents', continuing to stay up-to-date with trends in land use planning, development pressures in the area, and the needs and desires of the local community.

The annual review gives us a 'report card' to evaluate how well we are doing in upholding the community's vision established in 2017. The report card shows if a policy is on-track, or if updates are needed.

### NEXT STEPS

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.

The proposed bylaws for Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw updates will be presented to Council in April 2023, for consideration of First Reading. After First Reading, a Public Hearing will then be scheduled to give the public an opportunity to speak to Council about the proposed updates.

## SAVE THE DATE | Red Deer-Lacombe Rural Crime Watch AGM

**April 29, 2023 | 10:00 AM**  
**Lacombe County Office - Joffre Room (or via Zoom)**

***Hear updates from the local RCMP detachment and become informed on what your rural crime watch group is doing.***

Guest Speaker: Sgt Kerry Shima - With the Alberta Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) and the International Child Exploration (I.C.E. ) unit. Sgt. Shima will speak to the large portion of the cases brought to ALERT via the National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre in Ottawa. The Centre works with agencies around the world to track child pornography, and if the Centre determines the material originated in Alberta or is being trafficked through the province, ALERT takes over the investigation.

Watch the [Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Community Crime Watch Group Facebook page](#) or their website: <https://www.rdruralscrimewatch.com> for more details!

# SAFETY FIRST

## Fire Permit season begins March 1: Don't forget yours!

*Lacombe County reminds people that permit requests are free and easy to submit.*

Lacombe County reminds ratepayers that fire permit season starts on March 1, 2023. Burning without a fire permit will result in a hefty fine.

Fire permits are easiest to get and are available 24/7 online through the Lacombe County website ([www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com)) or the myLacombeCounty app (iPhone users only). Permits can also be requested in person at the Lacombe County Office during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or by calling the Community Services Department at 403-782-8959 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

"Fire permits are free, easy to obtain, and are emailed to you directly, so you always have it with you," said Bussiere. "Permits are there to ensure the safety of Lacombe County residents and their neighbours and come with a detailed list of the requirements to ensure burns can be completed safely. While most controlled burns in the County are permitted, we continue to have situations where people don't take out a permit and can be charged under the bylaw."

Under Lacombe County's Fire Protection Policy, anyone found burning without a permit will be required to pay for the fire department response fees. A flat rate of \$300 will be charged for responses not requiring fire suppression where a person is in contravention of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act for failure to have a fire permit or any other provision of the Act.

**Remember to check your winter burn piles.** It's essential to burn safely throughout the year – whether it's permit season or not. Many producers brush land and burn the brush during the winter months. It is crucial to check these piles, as they can smoulder for many months and be rekindled by the wind. Combine this with potentially dry spring conditions, and the resulting fires can be disastrous.

"Residents are encouraged to check on any controlled burns performed outside of permit season, as larger burns can smoulder through the winter and reignite as it warms up," said Drayton Bussiere, Lacombe County Fire Chief. "By participating in the fire permit process and using safe burning practices, Lacombe County residents can help us keep our County safe throughout the season."

Fires that are started by rekindled brush piles are the property owner's responsibility, and can also be charged for the fire response. Should a Fire Department respond to a fire for which a permit has not been issued, or if a permit has been issued and the permit holder contravenes any of the conditions of the permit, the property owner will be assessed costs at the following rates:

- fire truck - \$500 per hour
- water truck - \$300 per hour
- rapid response unit/mini pumper - \$300 per hour
- rescue truck - \$300 per hour
- equipment other than fire apparatus – Lacombe

County cost

- personnel other than fire department members - Lacombe County cost

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### When do you require a fire permit?

The Forest and Prairie Protection Act prohibits the lighting of an outdoor fire, excluding an attended outdoor campfire which has been set for cooking or warming purposes, between March 1 and October 31 each year, on land in a permit area unless the person is a holder of a subsisting fire permit.

The Forest and Prairie Protection Act states that no person shall:

- a) light an outdoor fire without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times, or
- b) light an outdoor fire when weather conditions are conducive to a fire readily escaping out of control, or
- c) fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire to prevent it from spreading unto land other than his own, or
- d) deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance in a place where it might ignite other matter and result in a fire.

#### How can you obtain a permit?

Beginning on March 1, online fire permits can be obtained from the Lacombe County website homepage ([www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com)) and through the "myLacombeCounty" app. Permits can also be requested in person at the Lacombe County Office or by calling 403-782-8959.

#### What you need to know

In Lacombe County, fire permits are required during the fire season, which starts March 1 and ends October 31 each year, but can be extended if the risk or danger of wildfire exists.

Before lighting any fire, a permit holder must take precautions to ensure the fire is controlled at all times. The following rules apply to all permits issued in Lacombe County:

- A fire permit is valid only for the period it is issued for.
- Upon issuing a permit, the County may specify any special fire control condition that, at their discretion, is important to the safety of the county residents.
- The fire must be set at the time and place indicated on the permit.
- The number of fires set at one time and the minimum equipment needed may be specified on the permit.
- Anyone who sets a fire under the authority of a

permit must:

- o Have a permit at the fire site.
- o Produce and show the permit to a County employee on request
- o Keep the fire under control, and
- o Extinguish the fire before expiration, upon permit cancellation, or obtain a renewal.

#### What can you burn?

##### **Burnable debris includes:**

- Brush and fallen trees
- Used power and telephone poles that **do not contain preservatives**
- Wood or wood products **not containing preservatives**
- Solid waste from tree harvesting
- Straw, stubble, grass, weeds, leaves, and tree prunings
- Solid waste from post and pole operations that **does not contain wood preservatives**

##### **Prohibited debris includes:**

- Animal manure
- Pathological waste (waste from human health centres)
- Wood or wood products containing wood preservatives
- Waste materials from construction sites
- Rubber, including tires
- Plastic, including baler twine
- Oil
- Containers that held pesticides or any other chemicals
- Plastic or rubber-coated materials, including copper wire.

#### Remember to recycle

Many items that you may consider burning can be recycled: Plastics, paper, cardboard, metal materials, used oil, tires and beverage containers, along with many other items. Call the Recycle Info Line at 1-800-463-8320 for local information or visit the Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission website ([www.lwsc.ca](http://www.lwsc.ca)).



## FIRE PERMIT SEASON

**is March 1 - October 31**

Do you have a Fire Permit?

SUBMIT IT ONLINE BEFORE BURNING!



iPhone app  
(myLacombeCounty)



online  
Fire Permit Request

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



# MIRROR CORNER

## **Tees Family Fun Spring Bingo & Cake Walk – Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Tees Ag. Society is hosting an evening of Family Fun Bingo. All ages welcome. Many prizes to be won!!

When: Saturday, April 1

Where: Tees Community Hall

Time(s): 6:30 pm - Bingo Card sales begin

7:00 pm - Bingo Games begin

Intermission – Cake Walk: Win a cake if you're on the winning number when the music stops!

Cost: Bingo cards are \$1 each and are good for the evening.

For more information contact Carla at 403-784-3055 or text 587-447-8199.

Special thanks to Lacombe County for sponsoring this event!!



## **2023 Mirror Dog Tags**

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror. Dog tag renewals will be mailed out in mid-December 2022. The fee is \$15.00 for an altered dog and \$25.00 for an unaltered dog. 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](http://www.lacombecounty.com) (County Services > Hamlet of Mirror > Policies/Bylaws > Dog Control).

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.

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

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## **Children's Easter Party** **Saturday, April 1** **Time: 1-3:30 pm** **Mirror Community Hall**

**HOT DOGS!**  
**TREATS!**  
**POPCORN!**

**Door Prizes and Easter baskets**  
**FACEPAINTING! BALLOON ART!**

Entertainment by [heartofchild.ca](http://heartofchild.ca)

Thank you to Lacombe County for supporting this event through the RC(9) funding



Follow us online, and stay up-to-date on Lacombe County news, events and other information!





# OPERATIONS

## Road Ban Season around the corner

Road bans are a mechanism to minimize road damage and prevent costly repairs. Lacombe County does not seasonally ban any roads but may place temporary bans if a specific location requires a ban for road damage reasons.

Gravel roads are prone to damage in the spring, summer, and fall, but repairs are much less expensive. Lacombe County seldom places road bans on gravel roads since it would restrict industry. Still, the damage can be extensive occasionally, so that road bans could be considered under extreme situations.

Lacombe County relies on ratepayers and industry to use their best judgment regarding road use. Reporting

any signs of road damage to Lacombe County's Operations Department can be beneficial, so that we can facilitate repairs as quickly as possible.

### Grain Movement

County Council recognized the necessary grain movement, and we strive to work with the agriculture community to facilitate grain movement through the road ban season. Grain hauling on banned roads will be considered, provided a special permit has been applied for and authorized by Lacombe County. Other industries can also be given special permission under certain circumstances.

1. Depending on the weather, special permits will be considered for

loads being hauled under frost conditions and limited in time to be completed by 10:00 AM or 12:00 PM.

2. Special permits to haul up to 90% may be considered for roads banned at 75%.
3. Special permits to haul up to 100% may be considered for roads that are banned at 90%
4. Special permits may be considered for 100% loads on banned roads but only to allow access to the nearest non-banned road.

Road maintenance and rebuilding are costly but can be minimized if road damage is recognized before major repairs are required. The burden of these costs falls on County ratepayers through taxation.



Lacombe County strives to work with industry and ratepayers to facilitate the flow of materials while keeping road maintenance costs down.

Lacombe County will endeavour to minimize the inconvenience to all industries with your assistance.

For a complete listing of affected roads, go to [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com) or contact Lacombe County at 403.782.8379.



All commercial or industrial hauling within Lacombe County requires a road use agreement.

**Please get in touch with ROADATA SERVICES at 1.888.830.7623 for permits.**

Any other inquiries can be directed to Lacombe County Enforcement at 403.782.8959

## 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)

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



# ENVIRONMENT

CURIOUS ABOUT THE WATER QUALITY IN THE

## MEDICINE RIVER?

Join us as we present the 2022 Medicine River water sampling results.

Gilby Hall  
(west of Bentley on Hwy 12)

6:00 PM | March 31, 2023  
Pizza and dessert served

Fensala Hall  
(24 Main Ave, Markerville)

10:00 AM | April 14, 2023  
Coffee and donuts served

Sponsored by the Medicine River Watershed Society.

For more info and to RSVP, email [MedicineRWatershed@gmail.com](mailto:MedicineRWatershed@gmail.com)

## ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN WORKSHOP



The Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) program helps you identify and address environmental risks in your operation. It will also increase your understanding of beneficial management practices related to environmental issues. Increase your profitability and qualify for grant funding through EFP certification.



Thursday  
March 23, 2023



10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Lacombe County Office  
40403 RGE RD 27-4



SCAN TO REGISTER



### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Lunch Included | 403-782-8959  
<https://EnvironmentalFarmPlanning.eventbrite.ca>  
(or scan the QR code on the left).



We Are  
**HIRING**

**I.T. TECHNICIAN  
(4-MONTH SEASONAL)**

- ✓ Knowledge in hardware/software
- ✓ Effectively assist others
- ✓ Provide technical support
- ✓ Able to work in a team

Join our team and submit your resume to:

[hr@lacombecounty.com](mailto:hr@lacombecounty.com)

More Information  
[www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com)

## ICE FISHING HUT REMOVAL REMINDER

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

All ice huts **MUST** be removed from:  
Sylvan Lake | Gull Lake | Buffalo Lake

According to Sport Fishing Regulations, anglers are legally required to remove ice huts by March 31.

*Help protect our lakes and local environment!*



# AGRICULTURE

## FARMER PESTICIDE TRAINING

The Farmer Pesticide Certification course is a tool intended to help farmers to reduce risks associated with pesticide use. This course is recommended under the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan, but is also mandatory for farmers who wish to use restricted pesticides that require certification. The day consists of seven modules with an exam.

**DATE**  
MARCH 16, 2023

**TIME**  
9AM TO 4PM

**LOCATION**  
BLACKFALDS COMMUNITY CENTRE  
4810 WOMACKS ROAD, BLACKFALDS

SCAN TO REGISTER



### TO REGISTER:

Cost is \$50.00 + GST. Lunch is provided.

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



# ATTENTION

## Grain Bag and Twine Recyclers in Lacombe County

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

### IT ONLY WORKS IF YOU RECYCLE RIGHT!!

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



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

## LACOMBE COUNTY SPRINGTUNE UP Health & Safety Fair

ANYONE INTERESTED IN HEALTH & SAFETY IS INVITED:

March 30, 2023 | 10AM - 3PM

Lacombe Memorial Centre - Centennial South Room

FREE BBQ lunch from 11AM - 2:30pm

DOOR PRIZES!!



### This year's vendors are providing:

- Cancer Screening
- Mental Health Supports
- Rural Crime Prevention
- Blood Analysis
- Safety Supplies
- AND MORE!

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

403-782-8959

[jmakus@lacombecounty.com](mailto:jmakus@lacombecounty.com)

Follow us online, and stay up-to-date on Lacombe County news, events and other information!



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[www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com)

Phone | 403.782.6601 Email | [info@lacombecounty.com](mailto:info@lacombecounty.com) Fax | 403.782.3820

### Grain Bag Recycling



#### Requirements:

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

#### Details:

**At this time, Lacombe County is ONLY collecting grain bags.** The grain bags will be rolled and collected directly at the farm sites for eventual delivery to a plastic recycling center in Alberta.

### Twine Recycling



#### Requirements:

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

#### Details:

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



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



# AGRICULTURE

## Glyphosate – The Pre-seed Burn-off “Buddy System” Applies



Grant McCormick



Gone are the days where glyphosate should be sprayed alone when doing a pre-seed burn-off. The “Buddy System” of always having a tank mix partner to attack the target weed spectrum is critical to protecting the longevity and effectiveness of glyphosate as

a weed control tool in any pre-seed or post-harvest scenario. A pretty bold statement, right? But for anyone dealing with a glyphosate resistant weed issue, they wish they had heard this statement sooner.

Case in point is the weed kochia. Luckily it is not a weed found in Central Alberta, but it has quickly become the most problematic weed in the brown and dark brown soil zones of Southern Alberta and Southern Saskatchewan. And since 2012, glyphosate resistant cases of kochia have grown

dramatically. It is a prolific seed producer, likes saline areas, has multiple flushes during the growing season and disperses seed by tumbling, making it a very challenging weed without even adding the risk of glyphosate resistance. Those dealing with resistant populations of this weed are fighting a never-ending battle using every tool at their disposal to try and stay ahead of the enemy.

At present, NO known weed species found in Central Alberta are resistant to glyphosate (maybe a few downy brome populations) and the goal is to keep it that way, “full stop”. The kochia example shows how quickly the tides can change when leaning too heavily on one mode of action to control a weed population. Don’t forget, Central Alberta does have its share of resistance issues (not glyphosate though) including wild oats, cleavers, chickweed, hemp-nettle, and lambs-quarters among others being resistant to one or more groups of chemistry with wild oats being the most concerning due to some fields having resistance to more than one mode of action.

So, what is a possible solution to this puzzle? Never spray glyphosate alone unless you are spraying a glyphosate tolerant crop like canola or corn or spraying pre-harvest cereals where no tankmix options are available. There are many great pre-seed tankmix options that provide another broad-spectrum mode(s) of action to the glyphosate mix. In cereals combining a product like Paradigm™ PRE (grp 2&4) with glyphosate ensures you have multiple modes of action working on the same weeds. In canola combining products like Conquer® II, Prospect™ or Certitude® with glyphosate provide that multi-mode of action without any restrictions to planting canola. As a side note especially in Central Alberta, tillage ahead of planting canola is a pretty common occurrence and generally mimics a pre-seed burndown.

All management decisions around the use of any herbicide should include thinking about how to minimize the risk of resistant weeds showing up. Things such as good three-year crop rotations allow for different modes of action and strategies to be implemented to always be one

step ahead. Rotating herbicide groups as well as layering in multiple modes of action reduces the selection pressure for resistant populations and aids in keeping fields clean. Periodically using soil active herbicides and pre-emergent herbicides where it fits including group 14 and 15 herbicides, spreads out the modes of action and also provides some extended control of later flushes. Always scouting fields to check product performance and identify any weed escapes and possible corrective actions is a prudent approach.

The war on weeds is never over and is always throwing new twists at producers. Having a well thought out pre-seed weed control strategy so the crop gets off to a good start can never be under-estimated. Making sure we have glyphosate around for the long-haul by protecting its mode of action using the “Buddy System” just makes good sense.

*Submitted by Grant McCormick  
Agronomist for Central AB Co-op  
(Lacombe)*

Feral pigs, also known as wild boar at large, are one of the **most damaging invasive species** in North America.

**Hunting is not an effective control option.**

For more information, visit [abinvasives.ca](http://abinvasives.ca)



**Report signs and sightings through:**

- EDDMapS
- AF.wildboar@gov.ab.ca
- 310-FARM
- your local municipality





# Assessment Updates: 2023 Property Inspections

To ensure the property assessment evaluation accuracy, assessors re-inspect properties throughout the year in Lacombe County. We aim to revisit your property at least once every 5-6 years. Our assessors will inspect (and re-inspect) properties for various reasons.

In 2023, municipal assessors will be completing three primary property inspection projects, including:

- **General Re-Inspection of Non-Residential properties in the Industrial/Commercial Subdivisions** and throughout the County. These property owners may also receive letters requesting additional information about their property.
- **Sale Verification Inspections.** Physical inspection of properties that have transferred ownership in the past year throughout the municipality. These property owners may also expect to receive letters requesting information about the sale/purchase of the property as well as the physical characteristics.
- **New Development/Construction, Renovations, Additions or Changes in Use.** Property changes were brought to our attention by issuing a development, safety codes permit, etc. Lacombe County may contact these property owners to verify any information not readily accessible.

## What happens during an inspection?

An in-person inspection consists of the following:

- physically collecting/verifying measurements of buildings and other structures
- reviewing improvements, such as the type of construction, number of bathrooms, basement development, heated/cooled areas, etc.),
- requesting details about the use of buildings and land,
- requesting details regarding the sale/purchase of a property (so the Assessor can determine if they can use it to determine typical market values for similar properties).

County assessors may collect this information by requesting a physical 'walk-thru' of each building when the owner/occupant is present (otherwise, the Assessor tries to do an external 'walk-around'). Other collection methods may include in-person interviews, mail, email, or phone surveys asking you for information about your property or market research based on listings or public advertisements.

## Why inspections are essential?

The information we collect about a property must be current so that assessors can prepare an accurate and equitable assessment of your property and other similar properties in the municipality each year. This is especially important if the property has recently changed ownership.

When we arrive at a property, we will attempt to make contact at the residence or primary building and are happy to explain why we are there and what we are doing. Each Lacombe County Assessor carries an ID.

We will do our best to answer your questions during the inspection; however, some inquiries require further research and information. If this is the case, we may request a contact number, so follow-up can be done to answer your questions.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation. Should you have questions regarding the assessment of your property, please get in touch with us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

## Why do we assess properties?

Assessment is the process of valuing property to fairly and equitably distribute a municipality's total property tax requirement among property owners. Assessment establishes the value of a property in relation to similar properties and does not itself generate property taxes. Property taxes are generated when the Provincial school & municipal tax rates are applied to the assessed value of your property.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Lacombe County municipal Assessors will be visiting properties throughout the municipality this year to verify property information to ensure accurate and equitable assessments – we appreciate your cooperation in doing so. Our assessors carry identification and will present it upon request. If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

# CULVERT AWARENESS | What to know this spring

Each spring, parts of Lacombe County may experience runoff backup due to frozen culverts. Frozen culverts can create problems with the natural flow of water.

If you see a culvert backup issue, please call the County Office (403-782-6601), the County Shop (403-782-3567), or email [operations@lacombecounty.com](mailto:operations@lacombecounty.com). The Operations Department will be responsible for coordinating and prioritizing action based on the need and severity of the situation. Please note that Lacombe County crews do NOT go onto private property to clean out or steam the culverts.

Lacombe County has developed a Flood Mitigation Plan to deal with flooding and flood-related issues. The plan addresses immediate, medium, and long-term processes to properly and safely manage a flood event.

Residents should be cautious and avoid venturing into unsafe areas where there may be washouts or other spring runoff. Watch for hazards and ensure the road is stable when ap-

proaching flooded areas and washouts. Remember, your safety comes first! Lacombe County will use media releases to inform residents of road closures and dangerous areas.

We use a steamer truck for opening up frozen culverts. This piece of equipment is essential in the case of a slow melt where the temperatures drop at night, causing ice blockages. The County prioritizes its efforts to clear blocked culverts based on road usage and severity.

Extreme weather events can threaten bridges and major culverts. Localized flooding is the most common situation in Lacombe County, which is usually short-term with minor traffic disruptions.

Major flooding is more prevalent on the Blindman River and the Medicine River. The bridges south of Bentley are the most prone to possible damage. The bridges in the County's northwest area, which mostly are standard bridges, may also be threatened. Implementing detour routes for road and bridge repairs will cause inconvenience but should not isolate residents.





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Dealing with spring runoff

As a homeowner, it's important to consider your home and lot drainage before spring runoff occurs. A late spring thaw can happen quickly catching homeowners off guard, flooding yards and even basements. Here's 7 tips to help you plan for spring runoff:

1. **Understand your property's grading:** The grading of your property is the slope or angle of the ground surface. Proper grading can help direct water away from your property and prevent it from pooling in areas that can cause damage. A good rule of thumb is to ensure that the ground slopes away from your house at a minimum of 1 inch per foot for at least the first 10 feet.
2. **Identify areas where water accumulates:** Walk around your property and identify areas where water may accumulate, such as low spots or areas with poor drainage. These areas are prone to ice buildup and can be a hazard during the winter. Consider installing drainage systems, such as French drains, swales, or catch basins, to direct the water away from your property.
3. **Clear your gutters and downspouts:** Gutters and downspouts play a crucial role in directing water away from your property. Inspect gutters and downspouts at least twice a year. Make sure they are clear of any debris, such as leaves and sticks to ensure proper water flow. Installing gutter guards or screens can help prevent debris buildup from happening. Consider installing heating cables to prevent ice buildup in your gutters and downspouts during spring thaw & freeze cycles.
4. **Consider permeable surfaces:** Permeable surfaces, such as gravel or permeable pavers, allow water to soak into the ground instead of running off into your yard. Consider using permeable surfaces in areas where water tends to accumulate, such as driveways or patios.
5. **Support local contactors:** If you're unsure about the drainage on your property, consider hiring a professional to assess your property and make recommendations for improvement. A professional can also help you identify potential hazards and provide solutions to prevent damage to your property.
6. **Never pump weeping tile water in sanitary sewer systems:** Pumping weeping tile water into sanitary sewer systems is illegal and can cause significant problems to both environment and public infrastructure. It can overload sewer systems, which can damage public infrastructure and harm the environment. Sanitary sewer systems are designed to handle only the wastewater from homes, such as toilets, sinks, and showers. Additionally, treating weeping tile water at wastewater treatment plants is expensive and unnecessary, as the water is typically clean and does not require treatment. By pumping weeping tile water into the sanitary sewer system, homeowners are also causing the unnecessary use of resources and increasing the cost of wastewater treatment for everyone.
7. **Take advantage of free guides to lot grading and drainage:** There are many "how to" sites on social media that can offer free solutions to grading issues. The City of Edmonton offers a free guide to Lot grading and drainage, check it out online at: [https://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/assets/PDF/Homeowners\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/assets/PDF/Homeowners_Guide.pdf)



Homeowner's Guide



## One Day Summit for all Employers!

Central Alberta Economic Partnership is proud to bring the Workforce Strategies Summit to Central Alberta employers March 30, 2023 at Westerner Park Red Deer.

Recent research says workforce development is the number one barrier to economic growth.

Along with our partners and sponsors, we welcome you to this year's Central Summit, a one day event where you will learn how to develop workforce strategies for your business, organization, industry, or community.



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Ideal for all sizes and types of business who want to learn how to recruit and retain employees in today's competitive environment.

This one day summit features expert panelists on a variety of attraction, hiring and retention strategies.

Learn about The New Workforce including topics such as diversity, GenZ, and immigration and discover how automation and technology can fill the "People Gap".

While tips and ideas are sure to be helpful, the most inspiring sessions may be hearing from our renowned keynote speakers on economic and workforce development, innovation, and leading to inspire greatness in others.

**To learn more, or to purchase tickets, visit <https://centralsummit.ca/>.**

**March 30, 2023 | Westerner Park Red Deer, Alberta.**



**3-2-1 CONNECT**  
central alberta

We are working together to identify the local and shared resources we need to address our common hazards.

We want businesses and community organizations from across the region to join us on the EMLPlatform, a new way to manage our resource lists and support response efforts.

Having current contact and resource information will help us save time and efficiently support our communities to deal with disaster situations.

You play an important role.

**Join in this shared journey to respond with confidence.**





# SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

**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**

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## SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

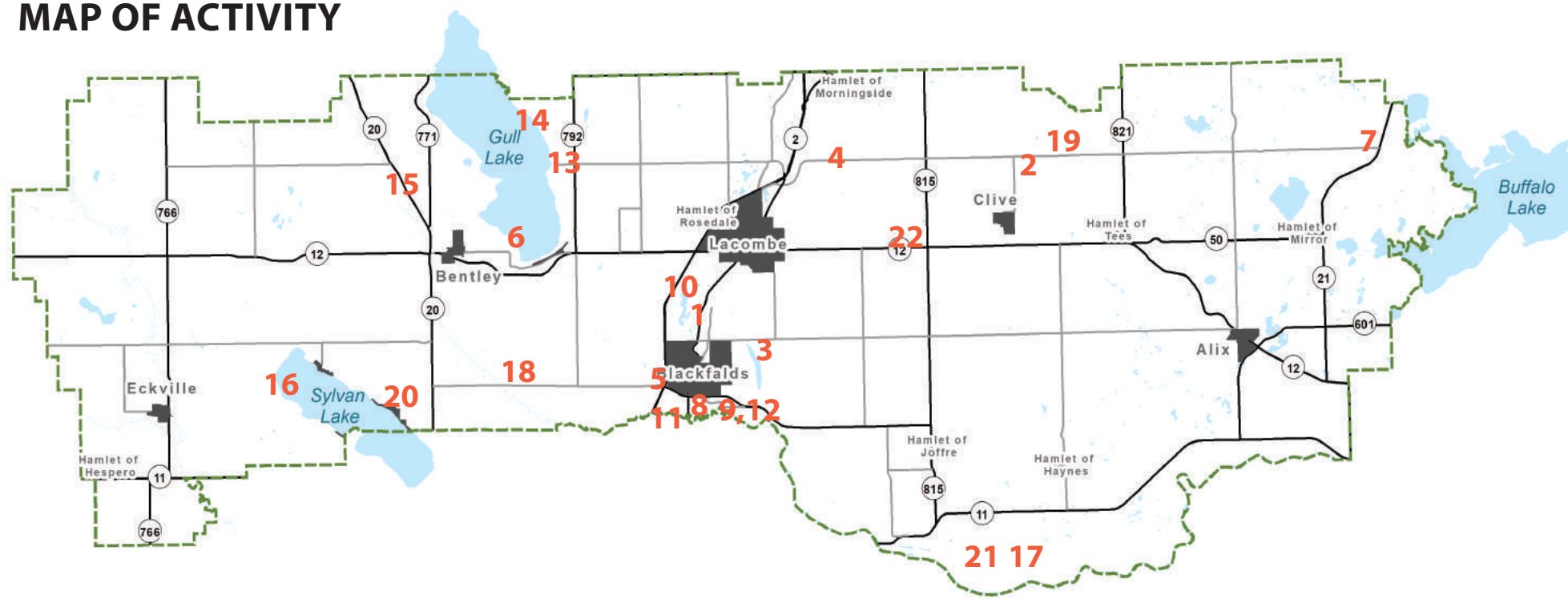
**February 1, 2023 to February 28, 2023**

### Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision (otherwise pending)
1	18/23	Edward & Antonietta Davis	Lot 2 Block 902 1104 (Lacombe Lake Estates)	Garage/workshop with suite	Approved
2	19/23	East Acre Farms Ltd.	NW 8-41-24-W4M	Dwelling w/Attached Garage	Approved
3	20/23	Kalyn Monk - Monk Carpentry	Lot 6 Block 1 Plan 782 2831 (Deer Ridge Estates)	Addition to Existing Dwelling	Approved
4	21/23	Jeff Taylor	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 032 5408 (Pt. SW 14-41-26-W4M)	Home Based Business, Major (Renewal, Repair Shop)	Approved
5	22/23	Jannine Donaldson	North Aspelund Industrial Park South Aspelund Industrial Park	Wayfinding signs for Eagle Builders buildings	Approved
6	23/23	Ben Huisman	Lot 11 Block B Plan 3575MC (Brighton Beach, Gull Lake)	Setback Relaxation	Approved
7	24/23	Jean Clarke & Barbara Northcott	SW 13-41-22-W4M	Addition to Existing Dwelling	Approved
8	25/23	Eagle Builders & Aggregate Design Studios	Lot 5 & 6 Block 1 Plan 982 4780 (Burbank Industrial Park)	Industrial Training Service (Eagle Builders Training & Assessment Center)	Approved
9	26/23	Cody & Stephanie Feenstra	Lot 7 Block 2 Plan 912 1598 (Burbank Subdivision)	Additions to Existing Dwelling & Covered Deck	Approved
10	27/23	Premium Built Structures	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 772 1897 (Pt. SE 15-40-27-W4M)	Shop	Approved
11	28/23	Rachel Lajeunesse	Lot 4 Block 1 Plan 002 0364 (Pt. NE 16-39-27-W4M)	Setback Relaxation	Approved
12	29/23	Beacon Homes Ltd.	Lot 12 Block 1 Plan 192 1146 (Burbank Heights)	Dwelling w/Attached Garage and Deck	Approved
13	30/23	Jason Veldhuisen	Lot 7 Block 1 Plan 172 0385 (Wilson Beach Estates)	Dwelling w/Attached Garage	Approved
14	31/23	Terry Hiller	Unit 118 Condo Plan 202 1689 (Degraff's RV Resort, Gull Lake)	Park Model w/Covered Deck	Approved
15	32/23	Charlie & Faye Cummins	Pt. NW 33-40-01-W5M	Home Based Business, Major (Renewal, Mini-Storage Business)	Approved
16	33/23	Cale St. Marie	Lot 2 Block 1 Plan 074 0786 (Eagle's Quay, Sylvan Lake)	Dwelling w/Attached Garage and Covered Deck	Approved



MAP OF ACTIVITY



17	34/23	Chad & Emma Nixon	Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 062 8472 (Jones Creek Subdivision)	Home Based Business, major (Heavy Duty Mechanic Shop, known as Arrow Equipment Services)	Approved
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Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision (otherwise pending)
18	S-004-23	Carlyle Farms Ltd.	Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 202 1757 (Pt. SE 29-39-28-W4M)	Fragmented Parcel	Refused
19	S-005-23	Ryan Law	SW 15-41-24-W4M	Agricultural	
20	S-006-23	Bemoco Land Surveying Ltd.	SE 20-39-01-W5M	1st Parcel Out	
21	S-007-23	Richard & Judith Spenceley	SW 15-38-25-W4M	1st Parcel Out	
22	S-008-23	Nick Leshner	SW 28-40-25-W4M	1st Parcel Out	

Snow Removal Concerns



Did you know that pushing snow out of your driveway across the road is not only illegal – it can be dangerous.

Blocking all or part the road can lead to accidents because the large snow piles may obstruct visibility. In addition, the snow clearing equipment can damage the roadway by creating ridges on the surface.

Lacombe County reminds residents to refrain from this activity. If you require assistance with snow removal, please contact a contractors in the area.

Sylvan Lake RCMP Policing Survey



March 13, 2023 to March 24, 2023



# The Dangers of Tailgating and How to Avoid It

In Alberta the fine for Tailgating is \$233. No one likes to be tailgated, yet millions of people do it every day. Some do it because they are running late or impatient, while others tailgate out of spite or "road rage." Still others follow too closely out of sheer ignorance of its dangers. Tailgating is by far one of the most dangerous habits a driver can pick up. According to a study, drivers are at the highest risk of rear-ending a vehicle when they are following less than 3 seconds behind the vehicle in front of them. When drivers have to stop abruptly, tailgaters are often left with little or no time to brake. Following too closely to the vehicle in front of you is asking for trouble, but fortunately there are some ways you can avoid a tailgating accident.

**If you are guilty of tailgating:**

Keep a safe driving distance between you and the car in front of you. How do you know what a safe distance is? A way to calculate a safe driving distance is by traveling at least 3 seconds behind the vehicle in front of you. In other words, once the back of the vehicle you are following passes a marker, it should take at least 3 seconds for the front of your vehicle to reach the same marker. Double this distance during adverse driving conditions, such as fog or rain.

**If you are being tailgated:**

If you are being tailgated by an irresponsible driver,

there are some steps you can take to reduce your chance of being rear-ended. Keep in mind that most tailgaters are impatient and may simply wish to get around slower-moving traffic on the roadways. If possible, move to a different lane and allow a tailgater to

pass. If that is not possible, maintain the speed limit and leave more than enough space between you and the vehicle in front of you. You can also avoid tailgaters

This space should be **2-4 SECONDS LONG.**

Pick a fixed point on the side of the road. There should be at least two seconds between the time the car ahead of you passes it and when you pass it.

That means the faster you are driving, the bigger this space should be.



## Advanced Caregiver-Centered Care Education: Recognizing the Caregiver Role

You're invited to participate in the Caregiver-Centered Care Education.  
Free online

<https://www.caregivercare.ca/advanced-course/advanced>

**Family caregivers (care-partners, carers) have been called the invisible health workforce.**

This advanced instruction is a comprehensive look at the service that family caregivers provide and the significant role they play in our healthcare system.

**Free & High-Quality Learning**  
• Competency-based

*"Absolutely well done. Powerful messages and stories that are worth sharing."*

Continuing Competence Certificate



**KEY FACTS**

**Duration:** 45 to 60 minutes

**Prerequisites:** Foundational Caregiver-Centered Care is recommended

**For health and social care providers who work with family caregivers**

**CONTACT**

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[Jasneet.Parmar@ahs.ca](mailto:Jasneet.Parmar@ahs.ca)  
Dr. Sharon Anderson,  
[sanders@ualberta.ca](mailto:sanders@ualberta.ca)



## 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).



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## LACOMBE COUNTY SPOT *light*

### MAE'S KITCHEN

My husband Dennis and I moved here from the Strathmore-Calgary area in 2011, which was our retirement plan. I lived in Mirror for a year as a child and attended the Mirror School for Grade 6, so I was familiar with the area and eager to return here. While returning to this area was something I always looked forward to, opening a restaurant was not initially part of that dream. However, Dennis and I understood that opening a café in Mirror would benefit our local community and provide me with a job at the same time. Rather than commuting to a job outside of Mirror, pursuing this business would provide a local service and employment opportunities for friends and neighbours.

With an investment of \$800.00 and Dennis' encouragement to stay close to home, Mae's Kitchen was born. We opened on February 5, 2018. The building we selected was vacant at the time. It was previously used as a restaurant, so we approached the owners. Les and Lynda Lowe offered to rent it to us for a year with the option to purchase it after that time. With the details finalized, we were on our way.

We have been in business for five years as of February 5, 2023, and just renewed our permit for another five years. Many obstacles came our way during that time, especially through the pandemic. We were proud to make it through those years without laying off any staff, two of whom have been

with us for over four years. It required us to get creative, so we tackled projects like repainting the inside of the café and creating artwork by hanging puzzles the team built.

We enjoy being part of the business community in Mirror and have found that the community really comes together. We've given back through fundraising projects and donations for the Mirror Library and the annual Mirror Day festival. I serve on several different committees and prioritize getting involved wherever possible.

We are honoured to provide the community of Mirror - serving visitors from far away and close to home - with home cooking and a friendly environment. We invite you to take the drive out to Mirror to experience our restaurant and explore our community!

See you soon!

Annie Mae and Dennis Cummer

Follow Mae's Kitchen on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/anniemaeskitcheninmirror>





# Lacombe Regional Waste Services: Battery Recycling

The ePilot program has expanded to include all household batteries from electronics and ePilot materials. The ePilot program includes over 500 items with a power cord and/or battery. The ePilot program had previously accepted only loose power tool batteries as they were easily identifiable as an ePilot product.

As of May 1, 2022, LRWSC, at no charge, will accept all loose household single use and rechargeable batteries. These loose batteries will be included in the ePilot collection program.

**What is a Household battery?**

- All consumer single use or rechargeable batteries weighing less than 5 kg each can be recycled.
- Single use (non-rechargeable) batteries - includes lithium primary batteries and alkaline/single-use household batteries. These batteries are commonly found in watches, car remotes, TV remote controls, and calculators.

- Rechargeable batteries include Nickel cadmium batteries, Small sealed lead acid batteries, Nickel zinc batteries, Nickel metal hydride batteries, Lithium ion / lithium polymer batteries, commonly found in cellphones, digital cameras, laptop computers, cordless power tools, toy ride-on vehicles and other household appliances.

**For details on battery types, visit Call2Recycle <https://www.call2recycle.ca/batteries/>**

**Safely store, sort, and ship**

**If not handled properly, batteries can be a fire hazard.** Some best practice suggestions are:

- Taping over the ends (positive and negative terminals) of each individual lithium battery and button style batteries.
- Separate your taped lithium batteries by putting inside a Ziploc bag and sealing shut.
- Taping off the ends of your lithium and button

batteries will ensure that they cannot touch each other to prevent a fire from occurring.

**What happens to recycled batteries?**

According to Call2Recycle, when batteries are recycled at various processors, valuable metals can be recovered and used into new products such as silverware, pots and pans, new batteries, and even golf clubs.

LRWSC accepts ePilot program materials at the following sites:

- Eckville Transfer Station
- Bentley Transfer Station
- Alix/Mirror Transfer Station
- Prentiss Transfer Station

Please inform the site attendant that you have ePilot program batteries for correct placement of materials at each site. For more information, call Prentiss Transfer Station (403) 782-8970.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 23, 2023

- That the County Manager was directed to prepare a report on a year-round fire permitting program; and further, that this report be presented for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- The presentation on the minimum dwelling size requirements in Residential Districts was received for information.
- The discussion on Truth and Reconciliation be received for information; and further, that Council attends the workshop on in September 2023 regarding Truth and Reconciliation.
- That following the February 9, 2023, Council meeting lunches will no longer be catered on the first Council meeting of the month.

**YEAR-ROUND FIRE PERMITTING**

The County Manager was directed to draft a bylaw amendment to the Lacombe County Fire Bylaw No. 1337/21, to provide for the implementation of year-round fire permitting. The proposed bylaw amendment will be presented for consideration of first reading at a future Council meeting.

**2023 PAVING TENDERS**

The County Manager was authorized to award the 2023 paving tender to Central City Asphalt for the amount of \$4,598,219.63. Additional funding of \$260,019.63 will come from the Main Road Reserve, MSI Capital Grant, the Canada Community Building Fund, or a combination thereof.

**OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT POLICY REVIEW**

The following Operations Department policies were approved as amended:

- OP (3) Residential Community Gates
- OP (4) Gravel program
- OP (5) Pavement Management
- OP (9) Public Works for Community Organizations
- OP (12) Texas Gates
- OP (20) Bridge Material Sales

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NOTES**

The following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 7, 2023 received the approval of Council:

- The presentation on FOIP was received for information.
- The presentation and discussion on Lacombe County's financial reserves was received for information.
- The presentation on the overview of offsite levies be received for information.

**QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDALS**

The presentation of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee medals will take place at the April 27, 2023 Council meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.

**RC(9) FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

Council approved the following 2023 RC(9) funding applications:

Lacombe County RC(9) Grant Program			
2023			
Community	Applicant	Event	Recommended Amount
Alix	Alix Public Library	July 1st Canada Day	\$ 500.00
Bentley	Bentley & District Ag Society	Bentley Fair and Rodeo	\$ 1,151.00
Bentley	Bentley Canada Day Committee	July 1st Canada Day	
Blackfalds	Town of Blackfalds	Blackfalds Day	\$ 8,728.00
Clive	Village of Clive	Clive Funfest	\$ 1,151.00
Eckville	Town of Eckville	Eckville Canada Day	\$ 1,151.00
Lacombe	City of Lacombe Arts Endowment Fund	Art in the Park	
Lacombe	Lacombe Days Association	Lacombe Days	\$ 10,000.00
Lacombe	Lacombe Regional Tourism	Canada Day Celebrations	
Lacombe	Echo Lacombe	Light up the Night	
Lacombe County	Mirror & District Community Develop Assoc.	May Day Event	
Lacombe County	Mirror Recreation Society	Community Dinner	\$ 750.00
Lacombe County	Mirror Recreation Society	Easter/Spring Celebration	\$ 750.00
Lacombe County	Mirror Recreation Society	Children's Halloween Party & Haunted House	\$ 750.00
Lacombe County	Mirror Recreation Society	Christmas Celebration (Santa)	\$ 750.00
Lacombe County	Mirror Association for Ball Diamonds, Campgrd	New Years and May Day Event	\$ 1,200.00
Lacombe County	Tees Agricultural Society	Spring Chilli Cook-off and Bingo	\$ 475.00
Lacombe County	Tees Agricultural Society	Christmas Concert and Carol Festival	\$ 400.00
Lacombe County	Birch Bay Community Association	Family Day, July 1st fireworks, Beach Day BBQ	\$ 1,196.00
Lacombe County	Wilson Beach Estates	Christmas Parade	
SV of Birchcliff	SV of Birchcliff	Summer Celebration	\$ 576.00
SV of Gull Lake	Gull Lake Community League	Family Day, Canada Day, Christmas Pot Luck	\$ 576.00
SV of Sunbreaker Cove	SV of Sunbreaker Cove	Sunbreaker Cove Regatta	\$ 576.00
SV of Half Moon Bay	SV of Half Moon Bay	July 1st Canada Day	\$ 576.00
			\$ 31,256.00



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March 9, 2023

## MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS!

ELLIS BIRD FARM  
APRIL 17 | 7-9PM

Take this opportunity to meet with  
Lacombe County Councillors and County Staff  
about the issues and updates that matter to YOU!



BARB SHEPHERD  
Reeve | Division 3



JOHN IRELAND  
Dep. Reeve | Division 1

## MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS!

RAINY CREEK SHOP  
APRIL 20 | 7-9 PM  
(RAINY CREEK ROAD, NEAR RGE RD 3-0)

Take this opportunity to meet with  
Lacombe County Councillors and County Staff  
about the issues and updates that matter to YOU!



ALLAN WILSON  
Division 6 Councillor



DANA KREIL  
Division 7 Councillor

## MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS!

LACOMBE & DISTRICT TRADE SHOW  
(AT THE GARY MOE SPORTSLEX)  
APRIL 21 | 5-8PM  
APRIL 22 | 10AM - 4PM

Take this opportunity to meet with  
Lacombe County Councillors and County Staff  
about the issues and updates that matter to YOU!



BRENDA KNIGHT  
Division 2 Councillor



DWAYNE WEST  
Division 4 Councillor



KEN WEENINK  
Division 5 Councillor

### BYLAW NO. 1363/22 – PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held for Bylaw No. 1363/22. Bylaw No. 1363/22 is a bylaw of Lacombe County to adopt an off-site levy for land that is to be subdivided or developed within the Palm Cove Area on Sylvan Lake.

Following the public hearing, Bylaw No. 1363/22 was given second and third reading and so passed.

### BYLAW NO. 1384/23 – PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held for Bylaw No. 1384/23. Bylaw No. 1384/23 is a bylaw of Lacombe County to adopt the South of Highway 11(East of Haynes) Area Structure Plan.

Following the public hearing, Bylaw No. 1384/23 was given second and third reading and so passed.

### CLIVE ATHLETIC AND AG. SOCIETY

Representatives of the Clive Ag. Society presented proposed upgrades to the Clive Arena's ice plant.

The Society will request funding from Lacombe County through County Policy RC(1) Capital Support of Recreation and Cultural Facilities.

### LACOMBE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Eric Burton, from Factor5 Group, provided a presentation on the proposed Lacombe County Economic Development Strategy. Following the formal endorsement of the Strategy by Council at a future meeting, the initiatives proposed in the Strategy will move forward. The County has applied for the Northern and Regional Economic Development Program Grant to assist with implementing future initiatives.

### LACOMBE COUNTY MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN & LAND USE BYLAW 5-YEAR REVIEW

A presentation regarding The Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw 5-Year Review was presented for Council's information.

### RMA SPRING CONVENTION – RESOLUTIONS

Council reviewed the proposed RMA Spring Convention resolutions to be presented at the RMA Spring Convention, scheduled for March 20 to 22, 2023.

### BYLAW NO. 1389/23

Bylaw No. 1389/23, a bylaw of Lacombe County to amend the Sylvan Lake Area Structure Plan Bylaw No. 1127/10 related to Dwelling and Residential Regulations and Requirements, received first reading and approval to hold a public hearing. A public hearing for Bylaw No. 1389/23 will be held on April 13, 2023 commencing at 9:00 a.m.



Council Highlights &  
Minutes can be found on  
our website under the  
'Council' Link on the main  
page - or scan the QR code  
(left) with your smartphone!

## 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.*



# Canadian Firearms Safety Course coming to Lacombe County



## Now being offered in Lacombe County!

April 1st, 2023, at the Lacombe County Offices – Highway 12 / RR274, just west of town, starting 9 AM.

Cost - \$140.00

Available to all 12 years and older - minors are welcome to bring a parent. Call or text Dan at 825.439.5208 to reserve your seat.

First-time license applicants must pass the Canadian Firearms Safety Course before applying for a Possession and Acquisition License. Anyone 12 years or older can take the CFSC. People 12 to 17 years old can apply for a Minor's License which allows them to borrow and use non-restricted firearms.

### Topics covered in the course include

- evolution of firearms, major parts, types and actions
- basic firearms safety practices
- ammunition
- operating firearm actions
- safe handling and carry procedures
- firing techniques and procedures
- care of non-restricted firearms
- responsibilities of the firearms owner/user
- safe storage, display, transportation, and handling of non-restricted firearms

Alberta by the Alberta Hunter Education Instructor's Association.

- Course length is nine hours including a half-hour lunch, but not including practical testing time.
- Students must bring a piece of photo ID. Bringing lunch is recommended.
- Course materials include a manual, copies of the written and practical exams, several pamphlets and an assortment of deactivated firearms and dummy ammunition. The firearms we use to demonstrate safe handling skills are incapable of being fired and are transported with discretion.
- Requirements — I'll need either access to a large TV or a projector and a blank wall and seating adequate to the size of the class. A quiet environment is appreciated but not absolutely critical.

Anyone wanting to acquire restricted firearms must also take the Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course and pass the written and practical tests.

### Other details:

- This course is designed by the RCMP and administered in

### The Instructor:

Dan Johnston has taught the CFSC since the inception of the program in 1995. He holds a Alberta Permanent Teaching Certificate, and has recently retired from NorQuest College after 27 years of teaching. His professional specialty is testing and assessment.



## Joffre Site Community Open House

### Location:

**Haynes Hall** — Travelling east on Highway 11, turn north (left) on Range Road 244 for 3.3 km to Township Road 390. Cross over 390 and take first left into parking lot of Haynes Hall.

### Agenda:

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** "Drop in to Chat"

**6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Presentation/Discussion

- CIAC verification report summary
- Get business, sustainability and facility operations updates
- Sustainability Action Team update
- Joffre Community Advisory Panel
- Upcoming community outreach events
- Discuss any topic of interest
- Provide your input and suggestions
- Fun science experiments for kids



Refreshments will be served. **We hope to see you there!**

## New Forms for Victims of Crime Assistance Program applications

Alberta Victims of Crime Assistance Program (the "Program") announced the new program July 2022 as a flexible and scalable suite of supports and services aligned with the diverse and changing needs of victims of crime. The new program was implemented September 1, 2022.

To align with the new program options, applications were designed to ensure a victim/applicant may apply easily for assistance, supports, and/or services based on their individual needs.

As the new model is designed as a flexible solution, the program may update applications periodically to ensure a victim/applicant is able to apply for any current or new options available. It is important that victims/applicants use the current applications for the Program to ensure there are no delays with accessing options available for them.

Effective April 1, 2023, the Program will no longer be able to accommodate victims/applicants applying on legacy or interim program applications as those applications do not contain the information required by the Program for all current options.

Please ensure victims/applicants are provided with a current application found on the website <https://www.alberta.ca/help-for-victims-of-crime.aspx>. These forms are being updated to a user friendly version for ease of access.

For more information on the interim Victims of Crime Assistance Program, you may call 780-427-7217 or email [victimsofcrime@gov.ab.ca](mailto:victimsofcrime@gov.ab.ca).





## Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission

Type of Waste Accepted	Prentiss Transfer Site	Alix/Mirror Transfer Site	Bentley Transfer Site	Eckville Transfer Site	Spruceville Transfer Site
<b>Disposed Items</b>					
Household Garbage (Organics, Food Waste)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Residential Dry Rubble (Fees Apply >500kg)	✓	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg
Residential Scrap Wood (Fees Apply >500kg)	✓	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg	
Yard Waste (Sod, Leaves, Grass) - 2-3 bags	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yard Waste (Sod, Leaves, Grass, Dirt) - Small loads	✓				
Commercial Rubble, Wood, Metal, and Construction Material (Minimum Charge Fees Apply)	✓				
<b>Recycled Items</b>					
Residential Scrap Metal Recycling (Metal, BBQ, Bikes, Treadmill, etc.) (Fees Apply >500kg)	✓	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg
Residential Wire Recycling (Barbed, Smooth, Page, Chainlink) (Fees Apply >500kg)	✓	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg
Residential Scrap Wood (Branches, Pallets) (Fees Apply >500kg)	✓	<500kg	<500kg	<500kg	
Residential Major Appliances (Fees Apply)	✓			Purchase stickers from Town	
Shingle Recycling (Fees Apply)	✓				
Electronics Recycling	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mattress Recycling (Commercial Fees Apply)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oil Recycling	✓				
Antifreeze Recycling	✓				
Empty Oil Jugs, Pail Lids, and Oil Filter Recycling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20L Empty Plastic Pail Recycling (No Lids)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paint and Aerosol Can Recycling	✓				
Battery Recycling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fluorescent Light Tube and Ballasts Recycling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paper/Cardboard Recycling		✓	✓	✓	
Plastic Recycling (#1, #2, #5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tire Recycling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Propane Tank Recycling (1, 20, 30, 40lbs)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Propane Tank Recycling (100lbs)	✓				
Plastic Twine Recycling (LRWSC Provides Bags)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ag Chemical Containers Recycling (Triple Rinsed & Bagged - LRWSC Provides Bags)	✓	✓		✓	
Household Hazardous Material	✓				

## Case Facilitators needed for Rural Red Deer Restorative Justice Program

Do you want to be part of an incredible movement in bringing restorative practices to rural communities in both Red Deer and Lacombe Counties? Join our team of facilitators and apply today!



Restorative Justice is an approach that focuses on

addressing and repairing harms by holding the wrong doer responsible for their actions. The person(s) harmed, the wrong doer and their families meet with trained facilitators to discuss the offence and jointly develop a plan to repair the harm that has occurred. Restorative justice is an investment in community safety that supports youth between 12-25 years of age to become accountable and engaged members of their community. It repairs harm, restores relationships, and builds community.

The Rural Red Deer Restorative Justice (RRDRJ) program is seeking individuals who are interested in becoming a case facilitator. While volunteer hours are required, following training, case facilitators receive a case per-diem rate for each case facilitated.

If you pride yourself in your communication skills (oral and written) have experience with conflict resolution, feel you can treat all persons with respect and fairness and that this role might be right for you, we would love to hear from you. Previous education or work experience in any of the social support disciplines such as health care, social work, mental health or addictions, education, justice, or experience working with youth or in leadership or management roles would be an asset.

Successful applicants will receive comprehensive training, mentoring and support to feel comfortable and confident in the role. A Criminal Record Check is required as part of the application process.

To learn more about the program and the role of the facilitator and to apply today- visit our website and download the application form- Role of the RJ Facilitator – Rural Red Deer Restorative Justice Program (rrdrestorativejustice.ca). Please send applications, resumes or questions to debbie@rrdrestorativejustice.ca

Orientation of new facilitators is being planned for May/June 2023

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

**Services Offered**


- Laundry
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Lacombe Memorial Centre

Thursday, March 30th      10AM-3PM



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August 13-19, 2023  
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Application deadline May 15

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Bentley Long Term Care  
West Entrance Beside Bay Door

**Open Tues/Thurs**  
**10am-12pm 1pm-3pm**

IT ONLY COSTS A SMILE!



Contact the volunteer manager  
403.318.0270  
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Community Services  
403.748.2160

VARIETY OF ITEMS FOR ALL GENDERS, AGES AND SIZES!  
A Bentley Community Services Outreach Program



# Lacombe Arts Endowment Grant 2023 Call for Submissions

Open to Artists of all forms and mediums



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

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

Details are available online at [www.lacombe.ca](http://www.lacombe.ca) or by calling 403-782-1258. Application packages can also be picked up in person at City Hall.

**Application Deadline is March 31, 2023**



**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS  
NEEDED**

**SENIORS ASSISTED TRANSPORTATION**

**Drive Happiness Seniors Assisted Transportation Service  
Comes to Bentley!**

Drive Happiness is a non-profit organization providing assisted transportation services to seniors (65+) as well as other vulnerable individuals in need of transportation. Drivers are local volunteers willing to give their time and energy to drive those in need to various locations such as medical appointments, grocery shopping trips, or social outings.

Access to essential services for those living in rural communities is limited. Drive Happiness' ride program aims to ease this challenge by linking clients with local volunteers. This allows seniors and other vulnerable individuals increased independence, including better access to healthcare, improved food security, and decreased social isolation.

Need a ride? Clients must fill out an application form. Applications are available on Drive Happiness' web page, [drivehappiness.ca](http://drivehappiness.ca), or by calling 1-888-336-4503 to request a paper application. There is currently no waitlist or annual fee for clients in rural communities.

Want to be a driver? Volunteering for Drive Happiness is a fun and rewarding way to give back to your community. Providing transportation helps ensure the sustainability of rural communities by assisting seniors with aging at home. Becoming a volunteer is easy. Simply go to the website and fill out an application, or call the office and have a paper application mailed to you.

Drive Happiness' low-cost transportation program charges \$10 per ticket. Each ticket provides 90 minutes of drive time, or up to 40 km, whichever comes first. A portion of the funds collected goes back to the volunteer for fuel reimbursement, while the remainder is used to help pay for program costs.

Drivers are volunteers, so although the organization strives to accommodate all requests, rides are not guaranteed. Riders must provide a minimum of 3 business days' notice to request a ride. For further information, contact the office at (780) 424-5438 or 1 (888) 336-4503, or visit the website [drivehappiness.ca](http://drivehappiness.ca).



In partnership with the Town of Bentley

9916 45 Ave. NW, Edmonton, Alberta T6E 5J1  
Tel: 1-888-336-4503 | [www.drivehappiness.ca](http://www.drivehappiness.ca)



**Come participate in this free 14 session program connecting you with family, community, health provider resources and activities**

**WHEN AND WHERE:**

**Starting Thursday, April 6th 5:30-7:30PM**

**Mary C. Moore Public Library Kinsmen Program Room  
5214 50 Ave Lacombe AB T4L 0B6**

**DINNER IS PROVIDED AT EACH SESSION**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL KIRSTIN AT [KBOWSEMA@PRL.AB.CA](mailto:KBOWSEMA@PRL.AB.CA)**

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# AROUND THE COUNTY

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*Feature Artist - Marg Blank*

**Friday, April 14**  
1 pm - 8 pm  
2 pm - Featured Artist Talk  
6 pm - 8 pm Sip, Savour & Shop  
6 pm - 7:30 pm Paint Off

**Saturday, April 15**  
11 am - 5 pm  
2 pm - Featured Artist Talk  
2 pm - 4:30 pm Sip & Shop  
4 pm - Art Endowment Awards

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## Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

**Need a Hand to Prepare Your Tax Return?**

**DROP OFF YOUR TAXES STARTING MARCH 6!**  
For low-income and simple tax situations.


Volunteers can help you prepare your income tax and benefit return if you have low income and a simple tax situation. Volunteers are not employees or volunteers of the Canada Revenue Agency.

Remember to include all your tax slips and forms with you.  
Call 403-782-6637



**FREE TAX RETURN SERVICE**  
Lacombe - Alix - Clive - Bentley - Lacombe County

Drop your complete tax package off at these locations:  
Lacombe FCSS #201 - 5214 50 Ave Lacombe  
Bentley Community Services 4834 - 52nd Ave, Bentley  
Alix Resource Centre 5008 50 Ave, Alix  
Clive FCSS 5107 50 Ave, Clive

 **FCSS**  
Family and Community Support Services

## YOUTH OF LACOMBE MARCH BREAK

2-7PM KINSMEN PROGRAMMING ROOM IN LMC



**MARCH 27** GROUP ART PROJECTS  
LACOMBE MUSEUM & LPAC

**MARCH 28** NAILED IT PAINT & MOVIE  
MARY C MOORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**MARCH 29** INTERACTIVE FUN  
AHS & FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

**MARCH 30** D & D AND OTHER GAMES  
BGC WOLF CREEK LACOMBE

**MARCH 31** GROUP GAMES  
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS & FCSS

PROGRAMMING PROVIDED BY YOUTH PLANNING COMMITTEE OF LACOMBE.

COME FOR ONE DAY OR COME FOR THEM ALL! REGISTRATION REQUESTED REGISTER BY QR CODE:

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FOR GRADES 7 TO 12  
DIFFERENT PROGRAMS HELD EACH DAY!  
FOOD PROVIDED!  
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## WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

### Activities & Highlights

#### Fitness Fun: It's Back!

Facilitated classes are back, FREE and open to all fitness levels. New addition... Nutrition Component. Get in touch with us if you are interested, 403-396-3369. Hosted at the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre. Every Thursday at 7PM, begins March 23.

#### NEW FRN Parenting Events-

Tool Box Talks- Being a parent is a BIG job, come join as we discuss many topics... April 6- Positive Parenting, April 13- Raising Competent & Confident Children, April 20- Raising Resilient Children, April 27- Kids Have Stress Too, May 4- Handle With Care: Effective Communication, May 11- Love Languages: How to Build a Healthy Families. Hosted at the Community Connections Activity Centre (Bay 2). Contact Carolyn, 403.896.3915 or carolyn.mclaren@mcmancentral.com

#### April is Volunteer Appreciation- More details coming Soon!

#### Alix Community Gardens-

Stop in to reserve your FREE plot... Contact us for more information.

#### Income Tax Assistance Program-

During March and April trained volunteers can help file FREE basic income tax returns. For seniors and individuals with low to modest incomes and simple tax situations. Drop off tax information during March and April. Tax returns will be filed starting April.

#### 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: Monthly Events

On April 24, it's Take and Bake Pizza making! All ages are welcome! Every month there is a new activity planned, attend on the last Monday, from 6:30PM-8:30PM. Held at the Community Connections Activity Centre (Bay 2).

### 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

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[www.alixcrc.com](http://www.alixcrc.com)



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

\*Closed all statutory holidays\*

Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

403-396-3369

 **servus credit union**

**PUBLIC LIBRARY BLACKFALDS**

Open:  
Mon. & Wed. 10am - 8pm  
Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 10am - 6pm  
Sat. 10am - 5pm  
Sun. 1pm - 5pm

We have a lot of exciting free winter programs for all from babies to adults. We have a new program just for Seniors! Check out our socials for our current program calendars and pop up events.

Memberships are free at The Blackfalds Public Library for Blackfalds and Lacombe County residents!

@BLACKFALDSLIRARY


 

Located in the Eagle Builders Centre  
5302 Broadway Avenue  
403-885-2343

## FIRE PERMIT SEASON

is March 1 - October 31

Do you have a Fire Permit?  
**SUBMIT IT ONLINE BEFORE BURNING!**

 iPhone app (myLacombeCounty)

 online Fire Permit Request

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



# AROUND THE COUNTY



**Lincoln Hall**  
Thursday April 6, 2023 at 7:00pm  
(Evening before Good Friday)

Family Night Out!  
KIDS are Welcome!

Bar will be Open!  
Let's have a Party!

**BINGO**

Prizes for each Game!  
Black out grand prize

Admission to BINGO is by Donation

Cakewalk  
Move to music, stop on a number, win a cake!  
\$2 per a cakewalk please

Potluck appetizer snacks, please bring something to share  
Contact Kathy Kamlah for any further information 403-782-4194

## 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:

- Special March Break Schedule and Lessons (Mar 27-31, 2023)
- Spring Lesson registration is open
- March, 17, 2023, is St. Patrick's Day, wear green and put your name in for a draw
- Beach Bash is April 1, 2023, from 1:30-4:30 pm tickets are available now
- Good Friday, April 7, 2023, Public Swim 1:00-5:00 pm only
  - Easter coloring contest all weekend
  - Check our website for the pool schedule
- Easter Monday, April 10, 2023, Public Swim 1:00-5:00 pm only with Easter egg hunt

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).



## Morningside Community Society

### Annual General Meeting & Pancake Supper

FRIDAY,  
**MAY 5, 2023**

Morningside Community  
Hall  
5:00pm - Doors Open  
5:30pm - Pancake Supper  
AGM to follow

**EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME!**

#### More information:

Glenna Thompson  
403-872-4254



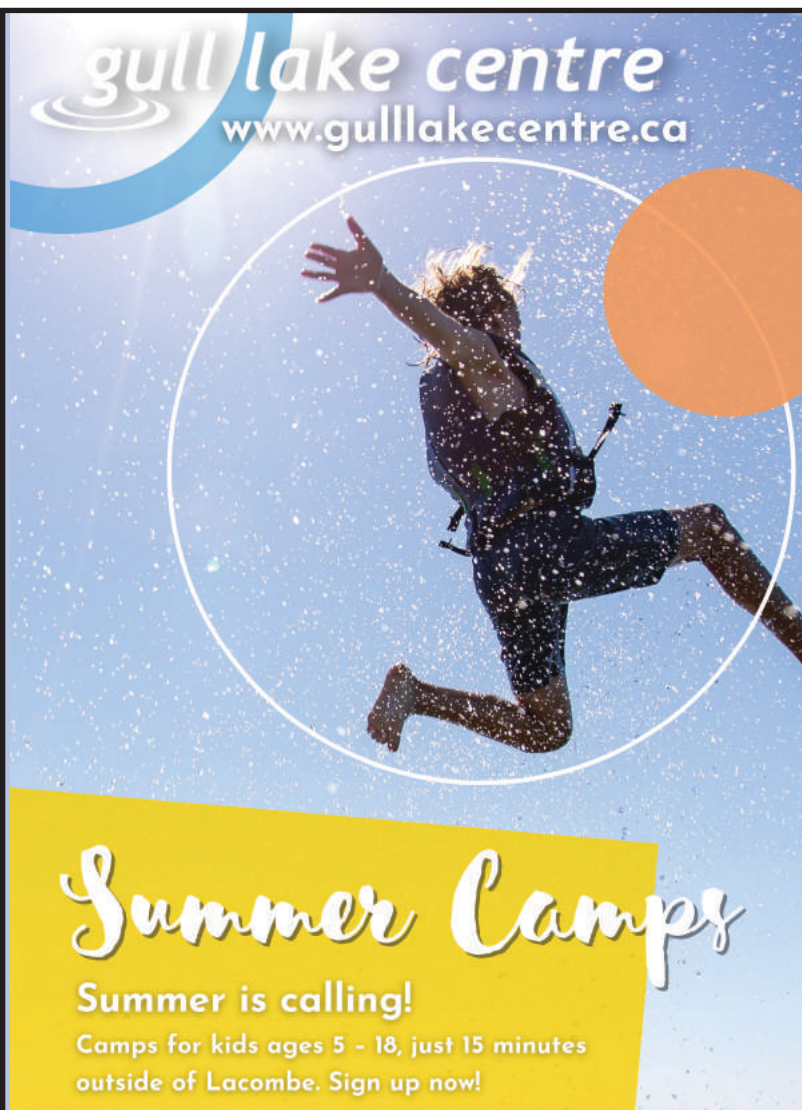
## Forshee Community Hall AGM

Sunday, March 26 | 4:00 PM

Bring a dish for the potluck (following the meeting).

### Questions?

Email [forsheehall@gmail.com](mailto:forsheehall@gmail.com) or call 403-896-2384



**gull lake centre**  
[www.gulllakecentre.ca](http://www.gulllakecentre.ca)

**Summer Camps**

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



## APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30 Spring Tune Up Event (LMC - 10am-3pm)	31	APR 1 Firearms Certification (Pg. 18)
2	3	4	5	6	7 GOOD FRIDAY (Office Closed)	8
9	10 EASTER MONDAY (Office Closed)	11	12	13 County Council 9AM	14 Submissions due for County News	15
16	17 Ratepayer Meeting (Ellis Bird Farm)	18	19	20 Ratepayer Meeting (Rainy Creek Shop)	21 Ratepayer meeting @ Lacombe Tradeshow	22 Ratepayer meeting @ Lacombe Tradeshow
23	24	25	26	27 County Council 9AM	28	29
30	MAY 1	2	3	4	5	6

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you want to see  
profiled in County  
News?

Do you have a  
photograph you want  
to share?

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

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



### FIRE PERMITS - QUICK, EASY & FREE!

You can request your fire permit for  
FREE through the new "myLacombeCounty"  
app (for iPhone users), on [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com), by  
calling us at 403.782-8959, or by  
stopping by the office.

Follow us online, and stay up-to-date  
on Lacombe County news, events  
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	Main Office - 403-782-6601
	Planning Services - 403-782-8389
	Community Services - 403-782-8959
	Operations - 403-782-8379
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### 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**

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