



# County News

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Lacombe County is holding a  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
*and an online survey...*



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### We want to hear from you!

Lacombe County is considering updating regulations on the keeping of animals in residential districts, and is conducting this survey to gather the community's thoughts.

Animals include things like livestock, chickens (or other poultry) or bees, but DOES NOT include domestic pets such as dogs or cats or others that are typically kept indoors.

Understanding our community's opinions and preferences is invaluable for shaping the rules regarding animals in residential districts.


Lacombe County gathers feedback from the community to foster transparency and accountability and ensure that the community has a way to share their perspectives on matters that directly affect them. Your thoughts matter!

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

### Public Meeting:

 Thursday, November 14, 2024

 7:00 PM

 Lacombe County office,  
Council Chambers

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

### Online Survey:

The survey will remain open after the public meeting on November 14 and will close on December 1 at midnight.

learn more at

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





# Lacombe County receives Municipal Excellence Award

The Minister of Municipal Affairs, Honorable Ric McIver has awarded Lacombe County the 2024 Municipal Excellence Award in the Red Tape Reduction category.

This Award recognizes Lacombe County's annual review process of the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw as a new approach that minimizes the need for large-scale updates every few years, while ensuring the plan remains aligned with community needs and goals on an ongoing basis.

"While updating our Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw, the County saw the immense dialogue being generated on planning topics and committed to transparency and being a leader in our community," said Tim Timmons, County Manager. "Part of this commitment was the annual review process. Six years later, our approach has proven immensely successful and has become the foundation of a strong planning framework."

Each year, County Planning Services staff collect data and metrics that are used to critically evaluate whether each policy of the Municipal Development Plan is performing as originally intended. These results are published in a report available to the public. Based on the results and submissions received from the community, changes may be proposed to the Municipal Development Plan or Land Use Bylaw to address policy shortfalls. The bylaw changes are presented to the public for comment before being considered by Council for adoption.

The County's Municipal Development Plan seeks to protect large tracts of agricultural lands in the County from loss and fragmentation, while also providing opportunities for high-quality development at strategic locations. The County's Land Use Bylaw is the implementation tool of the Municipal Development Plan, which places all land in the County into land use districts, outlining various developments that can be considered in each district.

"While all municipalities in Alberta are required to have a municipal development plan and land use bylaw, Lacombe County is one of the few, if not only, municipality in Alberta that has incorporated a systematic process to review these documents every year" said Cajun Paradis, Senior Planner.

The annual review process catalyzes further engagement on hot policy top-



ics. In 2023-24, the County conducted community engagement on the topic of dwellings in the agricultural area. In late 2024, the County will be conducting engagement on animals in residential districts to better understand what the community thinks about live-stock, chickens, and bees in the County's residential areas. Engagements like this help inform important policy decisions made by the County.

"On behalf of Lacombe County, I would like to thank the Honorable Ric McIver for recognizing the hard work and dedication of our Planning Services department in developing and executing this annual review process," said Barb Shepherd, County Reeve. "We hope that the recognition of this work through the Award of Municipal Excellence in Red Tape Reduction will encourage other municipalities to explore similar approaches that keeps their plans fresh and reduce the need for large-scale and costly plan updates."

## PAST RECOGNITION

This is the second award the County has received for its annual planning review. In July 2024, the County received the Award of Planning Merit in Implementation Success from the Alberta Professional Planners Institute.

In 2018, the Alberta Professional Planners Institute and the Minister of Municipal Affairs both recognized Lacombe County for employing an innovative, inclusive, and community-driven public engagement approach



during the 2016/17 update of the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw.

"We are grateful and express our sincerest gratitude to both of these organizations for recognizing us once

again" said Dale Freitag, Director of Planning Services. "We believe this is a great milestone and a testament to the effective planning approach provided for in the County's Municipal Development Plan."

## Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING

*Bylaw No. 1420/24 for the proposed Gadsby Lake Recovery Centre*



Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING to hear your feedback on a proposed Land Use Bylaw change that would allow the County to consider a special discretionary use for a 'recovery centre' on the N 1/2 22-41-23-W4M. This request has been submitted by Dr. Ravi Chandiramani, the applicant. The property is located on the north side of Gadsby Lake, north west of the Hamlet of Mirror.

The development proposal includes a recovery centre for men and women run by Dr. Ravi Chandiramani. The existing dwellings would be converted to be used as a recovery centre for a maximum of 10 clients per building, for 20 clients total on the site. A Land Use Bylaw amendment is required prior to the applicant seeking a development permit from the County.

A transcript of the applicant's previous public meeting where community members had an opportunity to ask questions of the applicant and get more information on the proposed development is available on our website. Please visit [www.lacombecounty.com/gadsby-lake-recovery-centre](http://www.lacombecounty.com/gadsby-lake-recovery-centre) to access the transcript of the meeting.


## CONTEXT MAP



For more information contact Planning Services  
Natasha Wright, Planner/Development Officer  
403-782-8389 or [planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com)

## WHEN IS THE PUBLIC HEARING?

 **Monday, November 18, 2024**

 **7:00 pm**

## WHAT IS A PUBLIC HEARING?

A Public Hearing presents the proposed bylaw, and gives members of the public an opportunity to speak to Council about it and provide input before adoption. Your input is valued and encouraged. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed bylaw changes will have an opportunity to do so at the Public Hearing.

## HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Participate in the public hearing to voice your opinion. There are 3 ways you can provide input!

**1 Attend and speak in person**  
**Lacombe County Office, Council Chambers**

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

**2 Attend and speak virtually**  
**Join by Zoom or by Phone**

Instructions for accessing the meeting by phone or computer/laptop can be found on the County's website at [www.lacombecounty.com/virtual](http://www.lacombecounty.com/virtual)

**3 Provide written comments**

If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing but want to provide input, please send your comments to Planning Services prior to November 18, 2024. 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

*Individuals may speak for a maximum of 5-minutes.  
All submissions will be public information.*

learn more at

[www.lacombecounty.com/gadsby-lake-recovery-centre](http://www.lacombecounty.com/gadsby-lake-recovery-centre)





# Do you have outstanding 2024 taxes?

*November 30 deadline fast approaching; 10% penalty will be applied to all unpaid taxes*

An additional 10% penalty will be added on December 1 for all taxes unpaid after November 30, 2023.

The November 30 deadline and penalty are not applicable to property owners currently enrolled in the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP).

### How can I pay my taxes?

Tax payments are payable to Lacombe County and can be made using one of the following options:

- **In person** at the County Office during regular office hours (8:30am to 4:30pm). At the County Office, payments are accepted via cash, cheque or Interac debit card.
- **Deposited in the envelope mail box** located at the road entrance to the County Office.
- By bill payment through **internet banking** (available through most financial institutions. Contact our office at 403-782-6601 if yours is not currently available).
- **When choosing this option, each property you are paying taxes for must**

be paid separately and you must use the 10 Digit Tax Roll Number as the Account Number.

- **Electronically:** Through electronic payment methods, including internet banking and for businesses, electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- **By Credit Card:** visit [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com) and pay through OptionPay, a secure third-party site, to make payment by credit card. Please note that there is a fee for this service. Lacombe County does not receive any of the credit card fees.

You can pay your bills through the teller service, bank machine, internet or telephone.

### Please Note:

To ensure your payments are credited to your account, please remember to include the top "tear-away" portion of your assessment and tax notice, or provide your 10 Digit Tax Roll Number with your payment.

If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to Lacombe County.

## Cyber Security Awareness Month 2024: Generation Cyber Safe

October marks Cyber Security Awareness Month in Canada, an initiative aimed at educating the public on online safety. This year's theme, "Generation Cyber Safe: Because online security knows no age," highlights that everyone, from all generations, plays a role in protecting themselves online.

Each week in October focuses on different aspects, including securing accounts, utilizing online safety tools, and avoiding cyber threats like phishing and identity theft.

Online security affects all Canadians, regardless of when they were born — that's why every generation is part of Generation Cyber Safe. This Cyber Month we're celebrating the unique strengths every generation has when it comes to staying safe online and sharing information on how each generation can use their qualities to help others, too.

### Week 1: The most secure generation

Being part of Generation Cyber Safe means understanding the importance of securing your accounts. As a first line of defence, using strong and unique passphrases help protect you from falling victim to online threats like credential stuffing. **You can secure your accounts through multi-factor authentication (MFA), using a password manager, and limiting the information that you share online.**

### Week 2: The most resourceful generation

Every generation needs the right tools to succeed, especially when it comes to staying safe online. **Important tools that can help protect you from common online threats include: anti-virus protection, automatic computer updates, using a virtual private network (VPN) and securing your network and taking cyber security awareness training.**

### Week 3: The most social generation

Something all generations have in common is the need to stay connected. When it comes to being online however, there are threats that come with staying social. Use social media safely, and recognize phishing, social engineering, identity theft and protecting your digital identity and artificial intelligence (AI) generated content (details at [Canada.ca/disinformation](https://Canada.ca/disinformation)).

### Week 4: The most proactive generation

Being part of Generation Cyber Safe means being proactive about your online safety. Learning cyber security best practices and how to protect yourself online, as well as recovering from an attack, is important. Security practices include: back ups and storage.

### Week 5: The most helpful generation

One of the most fulfilling things any generation can do is pass on their knowledge. When it comes to Generation Cyber Safe, that means sharing what you know with your friends, family and colleagues so they can stay safe online, too.

Learn more at: <https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en>.



## CALLING ALL BUSINESSES

## BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Lacombe County is launching the Lacombe County Business Opportunities Network. Let your business voice be heard. Lacombe County is looking for your feedback on your businesses resiliency. Can we help your business find more success? Drop in any time during the session, introduce your business and have a great conversation. This session will be offered in 2 locations.

### SAVE THE DATE

**November 26, 2024**  
**1:30-3:30 PM**  
**Mirror Hall  
5102 50 Avenue Mirror AB**

**November 26, 2024**  
**6:00-8:00 PM**  
**Lacombe County Admin Office  
40403 RR 274 Lacombe AB**

For More Information

Kerrie Taylor, Economic Development Officer  
403-782-8389  
[economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com](mailto:economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com)



# SAFETY FIRST

## Lacombe County seeks paid-on-call firefighters

As the school year begins and with Fire Prevention Week approaching, Lacombe County is putting out a call for new paid-on-call firefighters to bolster its fire departments. The need is especially pressing in the communities of Alix, Eckville, Bentley, and Clive, where daytime coverage is essential.

Dave Bain, the Manager of Fire and Emergency Services for Lacombe County, emphasizes the importance of local involvement, noting that having a strong, community-based fire service is crucial to maintaining safety and rapid response times.

**Interested in giving back to your community, being part of a well-trained team, and taking on an exciting challenge?** Consider joining Lacombe County's fire services as a paid-on-call firefighter. This role offers a unique opportunity to make a real difference in your community while developing valuable skills and working alongside a dedicated team.

Lacombe County's fire services rely on individuals who can respond quickly to emergencies and to increase the number of trained members to meet the growing demands of the community. The County is particularly interested in recruiting people who are available during the day when many current members are unavailable due to work commitments outside their communities.

The County encourages individuals available during daytime/school hours to consider joining the fire services. This includes:

- Individuals who work from home
- Stay-at-home parents
- Freelancers
- Remote employees
- Entrepreneurs running a home-based business

Their participation could provide a valuable boost to our local fire departments.

**Requirements to become a paid-on-call firefighter include:**

- Being 18 years of age or older
- Holding a valid class 5 driver's license
- Maintaining physical fitness
- Living or working within the response areas in/around Alix, Eckville, Bentley, or Clive

In addition to these requirements, **paid-on-call firefighters are expected to attend at least 50% of the scheduled training sessions and be available to respond to 25% of the emergency calls.**

For those interested in making a difference in their community, more details and the full list of requirements and responsibilities can be found on the Lacombe County website: <https://www.lacombecounty.com/firefighters>. You can also email [lcfs@lacombe-county.com](mailto:lcfs@lacombe-county.com) to get more information or to express your interest in signing up.

## Halloween safety tips for a safe night

### Tips for parents and Caregivers

Halloween can be an exciting time for children and with the distraction of candy and costumes, safety rules can easily be forgotten. In fact, research shows that distractions can increase a child's chances of being struck by a car. Check out these simple tips to keep Halloween night a safe night for all.

1. **An adult or responsible older child should accompany younger children** since they may lack the developmental skills to cross the street on their own. This is a year-round tip that will help keep your child safe while you share good pedestrian habits and pass on a legacy of safety-minded behaviour.
2. **Teach your child to stop at the curb, look left, right and left again, and to listen for oncoming traffic.** This vital skill is especially important when children are distracted and excited. Never rely on traffic signals alone - use your eyes and ears to make sure it's safe to cross.
3. **It's unsafe to cross between parked cars or other obstacles** - always cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections. Many injuries occur when children run out between parked cars, but even at intersections it's vital that children practice tip #2.
4. **Stay on the sidewalk or path** when walking from house to house and if there is no sidewalk, walk beside the road, facing traffic so drivers can see you. From a very young age, children can be taught that roads are for cars and sidewalks are for kids. If your community has no sidewalks, walking beside the road at

night can be very dangerous - adult accompaniment and flashlights are a must, regardless of the child's age.

5. **Select costumes with bright colours** to increase your child's visibility and choose face paint instead of masks. Masks can make it hard for your child to see properly and often restrict peripheral vision, making it difficult to check for oncoming traffic before crossing a road.

### Tips for drivers

Halloween means that there will be more children out on the streets. Drivers need to take extra care.

1. **Drive slowly** in residential areas where children are more likely to be trick-or-treating. Did you know that drivers cannot accurately judge their own speed when driving? The higher the speed, the less likely you are to see a child pedestrian, and the harder it is to stop quickly.
2. **Watch out for kids**, many of whom may be wearing costumes with masks that make it difficult for them to see. With the excitement of Halloween, children may forget simple pedestrian safety rules. They have a tendency to dart out in the most unexpected places - the most common being between parked cars. Remember also that costumes can limit a child's vision and they may not be able to see your vehicle.
3. **Reduce your distractions and stay alert.** All your concentration should be on the road, not diverted by cell phones or loud music.
4. **Remember to enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.** Excited trick-or-treaters may run on sidewalks, or dart out unexpectedly. Proceed with caution, when entering or exiting the roadway.

## REMINDER: Burning in Lacombe County

***Under Lacombe County's Fire Protection policy you do NOT require a fire permit between November 1 and February 28. If you are found burning without a permit you will be required to pay for the fire department response fee.***

A fire permit is required for all outdoor fires, excluding fires used for cooking or warming purposes or burning barrels. While the use of burning barrels does not require a permit they must be covered with a metal mesh screen and the mesh holes must be no larger than half an inch in size.

It is important to be aware that although you may have a permit there are only certain materials that you are allowed to burn. The list of permissible and non-permissible materials are below.

### **Permissible materials for burning include:**

- Clean untreated wood
- Straw/hay/broken bales
- Stubble
- Grass/weeds
- Leaves/Tree pruning (yard clean up)

### **Items that you are not permitted to burn include:**

- Treated wood
- Used construction materials or any materials from construction sites
- Animal manure
- Pathological Waste (human waste)
- Tires
- Used oil
- Rubber or plastic (anything coated with rubber or plastic) including bailer twine
- Containers that held pesticides or other chemicals
- Any waste that causes dense smoke, offensive odours or releases toxic substances

Additional conditions exist such as wind speed, signage, supervision, and overall health and safety factors. For this and more information on fire permits, permissible and non-permissible burning or to obtain a fire permit please visit [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com) or contact the County at 403-782-8959.



# MIRROR CORNER



## HAMLET OF MIRROR DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT

Are you located in the Hamlet of Mirror,  
on lands zoned  
Hamlet Commercial 'C-H' District or  
Hamlet Industrial 'I-H' District?

Are you starting a business on an  
unimproved parcel of land or in a  
vacant building?



Are you expanding an  
existing business?

Do you have Development Permit  
approval for the proposed business?

**YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE  
FOR A DEVELOPMENT  
INCENTIVE GRANT!**



Schedule a meeting with one of our  
Planners to determine if you are eligible!



**Planning Services  
403-782-8389**

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## MIRROR CHRISTMAS MARKET



**November 23, 2024 (Saturday)**  
**From 10 am to 2pm**  
**At the Mirror Community Hall**



**Mirror Association for Ball  
Diamond, Campground and Skating  
Society**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Everyone Welcome :)**

**Come be a part of a great group of  
people who have huge visions for  
the Society and our community**

**Wednesday November 6 2024 7:00 PM**

**5015 51st Mirror AB (Skating Rink Building)**



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

**For More Information:  
[facebook.com/lacombefm](https://facebook.com/lacombefm)**

### 2024 Mirror Dog Tags

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror. The fee is \$15.00 for an altered dog and \$25.00 for an unaltered dog. After February 28, 2024, the cost increases to \$30 for an altered dog and \$50 for an unaltered dog. For more information, please call (403) 782-6601 or visit [www.lacombecounty.com/en/living-here/animal-control.aspx](http://www.lacombecounty.com/en/living-here/animal-control.aspx).

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

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

### Jolly Seniors

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

### Booking Mirror Community Hall

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

### Friends of the Mirror Library Society/Mirror Library

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

**Hours:** Wednesdays 1-5 PM  
2nd & 4th Saturdays 10 AM - 2 PM

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

### Mirror Royal Canadian Legion Branch 189 - 5015 50th Avenue

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

### Mirror and District Museum

Contact [mmuseum@ccewireless.ca](mailto:mmuseum@ccewireless.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.



# ENVIRONMENT



## Good Medicine

From your friends with the Medicine River Watershed Society

September 15, 2024 was a fine day for artists and other art enthusiasts to celebrate the Medicine River watershed.



Fourteen artists from Red Deer, Rocky Mountain House, Lacombe, Rimbey, Benalto, Eckville, Sylvan Lake and rural areas in Ponoka, Clearwater, Lacombe and Red Deer counties assembled at the Gilby Hall to go out and capture the beauty of the watershed at various locations nearby. The event, titled Plein Air, was sponsored by the Medicine River Watershed Society.

"Plein Air" simply means "in the open". Artists literally took the tools of their artistic passion into the great outdoors to capture the essence of a watershed.



A watershed is not just the rainfall and snowmelt fed rivers, lakes or other bodies of water that ribbon or dot our landscapes. These wet areas make up about 2 percent of the landscape while the other 98 percent serves to feed the surface and groundwater supplies we depend on - human and otherwise.



After painting "in the open" artists returned to Gilby Hall to display their work along with previously created works. The guest artist, a tradition dating back to the first Plein Air in 2016, was Sharon Rubeling from Rocky Mountain House. Sharon's selections included water-colour, acrylic and whimsical mixed media pieces using bottle caps.



New this year, the 6th annual and first since 2020, was a children's art table where children could bring their favourite adults to create inspiring and genuine watershed art.

## NOTICE:

### RESERVE LAND INSPECTIONS

Lacombe County staff will be conducting inspections of reserve lands throughout the County in the months of September and October, **and will be conducted using drone technology.**

Inspections are completed to ensure the use and management of County reserves remains consistent with [Policy RC\(8\): Use and Management of County Reserve Lands](#).



## Billets Wanted for Local Veterinary Students

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



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



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

**INTERESTED? | Please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-8959 or email [mbates@lacombecounty.com](mailto:mbates@lacombecounty.com)**

## STAY IN THE KNOW!

<https://subscribe.lacombecounty.com/Subscribe> to receive emails on:



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Notifications  
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Individual pages of interest



**We will remember them...**  
Remembrance Day | November 11





# OPERATIONS

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



Phone: 403-782-6601  
Email: info@lacombecounty.com  
Facebook (@LacombeCounty)  
Instagram (lacombecounty)  
Twitter (@LacombeCounty)

## Notice of Road Closure and Detour for Bridge Construction

Road closures due to Bridge Construction will begin on Monday, October 7, 2024. The closure is to facilitate bridge culvert replacement that requires the demolition of the following existing bridges:

- Bridge 6612 (NW 20-41-26 W4) located on Rge Rd 26-5, 2 miles north of Milton West Branch Road (Twp Rd 41-2). The road closure will impact a section of Rge Rd 26-5, south of Twp Rd 41-4.
- Bridge 2499 (NW 29-41-26 W4) located on Twp Rd 41-4A. The road closure will impact a section of Twp Rd 41-4A, east of Rge Rd 26-5.

Please refer to the diagram below for the location and detour route. The roads will be closed until the end of November 2024 (weather permitting). Directional signage will be in place. Please watch for and obey the posted signage, and drive with caution around construction crews.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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





# AGRICULTURE

## Clubroot of Canola

### What is it?

Clubroot is a serious soil-borne disease of canola, mustard, and other crops of the cabbage family.

### Why is it of concern?

This disease is capable of significantly reducing yield, quality, and may destroy a crop if infestation is high enough.

### How can it be spread?

Infested soil can be carried field to field by farm machinery especially tillage equipment, as well as wind and water erosion.

### How long can it persist in the soil?

Resting spores are extremely long lived and may survive in soil for up to 20 years.

### Best Management Practices

- Use Clubroot resistant varieties when growing canola in areas only where the disease is established.
- Use long rotation breaks (Three years or more) between canola crops.
- Practice good sanitation of equipment and machinery to restrict the movement of potentially contaminated soil.
- Use direct seeding and other soil conservation practices to reduce soil erosion.
- Minimize vehicle and equipment traffic to and from fields.
- Scout canola fields regularly and carefully. Identify causes of wilting, stunting, yellowing, and premature ripening.



## INSPECTION NOTICE

### Lacombe County Clubroot of Canola Inspections

Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board will be conducting random Clubroot of Canola Inspections as per County Policy AG(11) Clubroot of Canola.

With the increased spread of Clubroot of Canola within Central Alberta, canola growers must remain vigilant to limit the spread and minimize the economic impacts of Clubroot of Canola.

Symptoms include patches of premature ripening plants, shrivelled unfilled seed pods, and galls present on the plant's root system.

Swathing operations provide an excellent opportunity to scout for the presence of Clubroot of Canola, as well as sclerotinia, and blackleg. If you spot patches of prematurely ripened Canola in your field, take a minute to pull some standing plants or stubble and inspect the root system.

If you have any questions or concerns contact:

Mike Bates, Manager of Agriculture & Environmental Services, [mbates@lacombecounty.com](mailto:mbates@lacombecounty.com) / 403.782.8959



## Fall soil sampling: A key to next year's success

### Tips, trends & news from Central AB Co-op Agro Lacombe

As another harvest comes to an end and the dust begins to settle, it's time to start thinking about what comes next. For some, this may be post-harvest chemical applications, while for others it may mean the beginning of fieldwork. While all these things are on a farmer's mind to end the current season, we hope a small part of their mind is starting to think about the next growing season. A great place to start would be thinking about soil sampling fields for their nutrient needs for next year's growing season. While soil sampling can also be done in the spring, it can take up valuable time. So why not get ahead and soil sample in the fall?

The large majority of farmers want to be in the field as soon as possible after the snow melts in the spring. Our springs are short enough as it is, so having to soil sample fields in the spring creates another added step, taking valuable time away from more pressing tasks. Soil sampling in the fall gives the entire winter to make nutrient management decisions and fertilizer plans for each field or crop, instead of being rushed in the spring to sample and come up with a plan right away. The fall allows for a much larger window of time to go out and take samples, while also creating a longer window of opportunity for decision-making based on the results, saving growers time and stress in the already busy spring season.

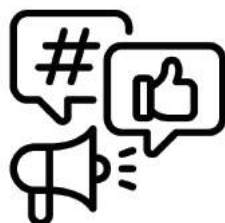
Knowing the needs of the soil ahead of the upcoming growing season can also help find the best time and pricing to buy fertilizer. When the price of inputs increases, and commodity prices are down, knowing what the crops will need and being able to buy it at the right time and price will allow for optimal cash flow planning. Align-

ing the farms fertilizer buying with its grain marketing can be a great strategy, but only if growers know what their next crop is going to need.

The fertilizer market can change at any time for any number of reasons. Many factors, such as the wars in areas where fertilizer is produced, or shortages in the supply of specific products, can cause prices to jump around. Knowing needs in advance and being able to buy when the price is right can mean the difference between breaking even or making a profit off the yield of a crop.

Not only can fall soil sampling save time in the spring and money on fertilizer, but it will allow growers to make more comprehensive agronomic decisions for the coming year. Knowing ahead of time, not only the nutrients a field is going to need can help make better agronomic decisions ahead of time. Factors such as salinity, organic matter, and micronutrient levels are just a few agronomic points that should be reviewed and addressed in fields not producing at their highest potential. Doing soil testing year after year can show the progression of the soil between growing seasons, especially when sampled at the same locations each time.

Soil sampling provides an excellent starting place to address both nutrient and soil related concerns at the field level. The soil is a lifeline for plants and crops to be able to not only survive but thrive throughout the growing season. Soil sampling is an asset to growers, whether it is done in the spring or fall. Taking the time to conduct soil samples in the fall can save time, money, and stress by the time the spring season rolls around.



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# 2024 Foodgrains Harvest wraps up for another season

The Central Alberta Foodgrains Growing Project completed its harvest of 120 acres of canola on a beautiful Saturday afternoon on October 5th.

Ten combines provided by local farmers harvested the canola in two hours. Vision Truck Lines donated two trucks/drivers to haul the canola to the Richardson Pioneer grain elevator east of Lacombe.

Prior to the combining, GEM Silage Products and Decisive Farming provided a pizza lunch to the 150 that attended the celebration. Two families provided coffee, hot chocolate and donuts.

“It was a wonderful afternoon, the weather cooperated and everyone was in great spirits,” indicates local committee member Doug Maas.

This was Year 29 for the growing project, one of the oldest in Alberta. There are over 30 growing projects

in Alberta, including ones close by in Eckville and Ponoka.

“This year we were fortunate to have the 120 acre field on the Prentiss Road, two miles south of Highway 12 and a 20 acre field, just south of Highway 12 in the Gull Lake area. We thank the landowners for making this year special, as we normally only have one field,” adds Maas.

Between the two fields, \$70,918 was raised and another \$5,875 received in cash donations at the Saturday harvest.

“The committee wants to thank all the farmers, agribusinesses, media, general public that continue to support us each year. In 29 years, the support has been phenomenal,” says Maas.

Cash donations will continue to

come in to the local committee through the fall, and cash donations of \$20.00 and over receive a charitable tax receipt. Funds will then be sent to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank in Winnipeg before the year end, and used to help alleviate hunger internationally in countries such as Cambodia, Kenya, Guatemala, Haiti as well as many others.

Some Lacombe County farmers donate to the Central Alberta Foodgrains Project, by hauling their own commodities to the elevator and designating a portion to the local group.

If you want to donate to the local committee, or seek more information about the work of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, call Doug Maas at 403-318-5733.



## Agricultural Container Recycling

In January 2022 Clean Farms announced that the <23L Agricultural pesticide and fertilizer container recycling program will transition from a municipal-based collection model to a retail-based collection model across the province of Alberta over the next three years.

Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission currently has three sites that accept the <23L containers (Eckville, Alix/Mirror, and Prentiss).

- **All three of LRWSC sites will discontinue accepting Ag containers <23L as of December 31, 2024.**
- **LRWSC does not accept Agricultural Seed & Pest. Bags, Tote Bags, and Totes & Drums.**

Retailers will transition to accepting these containers for recycling by December 31, 2024.

Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, retailers in Lacombe County that will take your Agricultural pesticide and fertilizer containers for recycling are:

- **Central AB Co-op – Lacombe** 3407-52 Ave Ph:403-782-2232 (Seed & Pest. Bags, Tote Bags, Ag Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)
- **Richardson Pioneer – East of Lacombe** on Hwy 12 and Range Road 261 Ph:403-782-3033 (Ag Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)
- **Nutrien Ag Solutions – Bentley** 4801-52 St Ph:403-748-3991 (Seed & Pest. Bags, Tote Bags, Ag Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)
- **Central AB Co-op – Eckville** 4828-50 Ave Ph:403-746-2011 (Seed and Pest. Bags, Tote Bags, Totes and Drums, Ag Containers <23L)
- **Parrish & Heimbecker – Joffre** Hwy Junction 815 & 597 Ph:403-588-7200 (Seed & Pest. Bags, Tote Bags, Ag Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)

For further information, contact your agricultural chemical retailer or LRWSC @ (403)782-8970.





# MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

## 2024 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT INSPECTIONS

Property inspections will be ongoing for the remainder of 2024. Lacombe County is aware of new construction and significant renovations due to the development and safety codes permitting processes. We would also appreciate information provided about buildings where development and/or safety code permits were not requested. We would appreciate your assistance identifying demolitions or removals of homes, garages, sheds, or any other buildings and/or changes to use of land and existing buildings.

An Assessor must verify a building has been removed prior to December 31 or it will be assessed and reflected on your 2025 Assessment and Tax Notices. If any of these changes have occurred on your property and you are unsure if the County is aware of it, please contact an Assessor. Assessors leave brightly colored 'callback' cards when visiting your property to verify property details.

## REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Over the past several months, Lacombe County has been sending requests for information related to various projects including validation of property transfers, re inspections, and vacancy/occupancy confirmation. Most recently, letters requesting information regarding potentially assessable machinery and equipment and/or new construction were mailed. If you have received one of these letters and require clarification on how to be compliant or what you are being asked to remit, please contact an Assessor – one of us will be happy help you.

## NOT GETTING YOUR MAIL?

Lacombe County regularly receives returned mail due to "address unknown". New property owners are often excited and don't think about verifying their mailing address, even when everyone else is getting notices from the County and they are not. To avoid potential penalties please ensure the County has a current mailing address issued by Canada Post to receive notifications and requests (your rural blue sign address may NOT be your mailing address). Ideally contact information is updated directly on your Certificate of Title with the Registry Office. The forms to do this can be obtained at the County Administration Office. We appreciate your cooperation.

# ATTENTION:

## Notification of Access for County Assessors

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.

# ABOUT

## Grain Bag and Twine Recycling in Lacombe County

### Grain Bag Recycling



#### Details:

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

#### Requirements:

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

### Twine Recycling



#### Details:

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

#### Requirements:

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



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

# ATTENTION

## Grain Bag and Twine Recyclers in Lacombe County

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

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

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



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





**Register to attend an "RDAR on the Road" event, on November 18, 2024, at the Lacombe Memorial Centre.**

RDAR on the Road is co-hosted by RDAR, Western Crop Innovations and ALUS to bring together agricultural leaders from across the region to:

- Discover RDAR programs and research calls available to support farmers;
- Learn about funding opportunities to improve soil fertility and farm sustainability; and
- Advise on the research priorities that would have the greatest impact in the central Alberta region.

We would be honoured to have you join us to help set the tone for a day focused on knowledge sharing and community building. Your leadership and commitment to agricultural

advancement would add significant value to the day's conversations.

RDAR on the Road will feature presentations on current soil research in the region and RDAR-facilitated discussions with producers to develop a deeper understanding the opportunities facing producers.

We believe it will be a crucial opportunity for relationship-building between producers, industry leaders, and agricultural research organizations in the region.

Register Today: [www.eventbrite.ca/e/rdar-on-the-road-lacombe-tickets-1038590160127](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/rdar-on-the-road-lacombe-tickets-1038590160127).

Event Details:

- Date: November 18th, 2024
- Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Location: Lacombe Memorial Centre

## Check your insurance to avoid invoices for fire department responses

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

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

**Specifically, the bylaw means that users of our fire department services, whether due to a struc-**

**ture fire, grass fire, etc., or a motor vehicle accident or other emergency, will be charged for such services. Typically, these charges are covered through your insurance policy, provided you have the right coverage.**

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

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

### Field to field yield to trains

Farm machinery operators need to stay alert where field and farmstead access roads cross train tracks. These farm crossings are largely passive (no warning lights, bells, gates or signs).

### Stop safely at all farm crossings

- Because of their size, trains appear to be much further away and travelling much slower than their actual speed.
- Stop no closer than 5 metres from the nearest rail.
- While stopped, look carefully in each direction for approaching trains, moving head and eyes to see around obstructions such as mirrors, windshield pillars and implements.

### Is it safe to go?

- Make sure there is enough room on the other side of the train track or tracks to fully clear without stopping.
- Make sure that any towed machinery does not become unhitched while crossing.
- Watch during the crossing that no loaded material becomes dislodged and falls onto the train tracks.

### Remember!

- Some farm machinery does not transport well across farm crossings.
- Do not attempt a crossing with low-slung machinery that can become lodged on crossings.
- Before moving new machinery over farm crossings, make sure it can be safely moved over the crossing.

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## Recycle Used Baler Twine

### Preparing twine for recycling

Pick up, free, twine collection bags from pilot collection sites and select County/MD offices.

1. Shake to remove debris, snow or ice.
2. Place loose twine in a collection bag.  
*Plastic twine only. Bags of twine mixed with netting, sisal twine, or other materials will be rejected.*
3. Return to an **Alberta Ag Plastic. Recycle It!** pilot collection site. Call ahead for unloading assistance.

### Find recycling details and a collection site near you:

- For more about **Alberta Ag Plastic. Recycle It!** – go to **AlbertaAgPlastics.ca** or scan the QR code.
- To see what other ag materials Cleanfarms recycles, go to **Cleanfarms.ca**



**Cleanfarms.ca**  
info@cleanfarms.ca @cleanfarms

**cleanfarms**

**ALBERTA AG-PLASTIC RECYCLE IT!**

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



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  
Planner / Development Officer

Kerrie Taylor  
Economic Development Officer

Allison Noonan  
Planning Services Administrative Assistant

Daniella Gonzalez  
Planning Services Receptionist

September 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

Development Applications Received

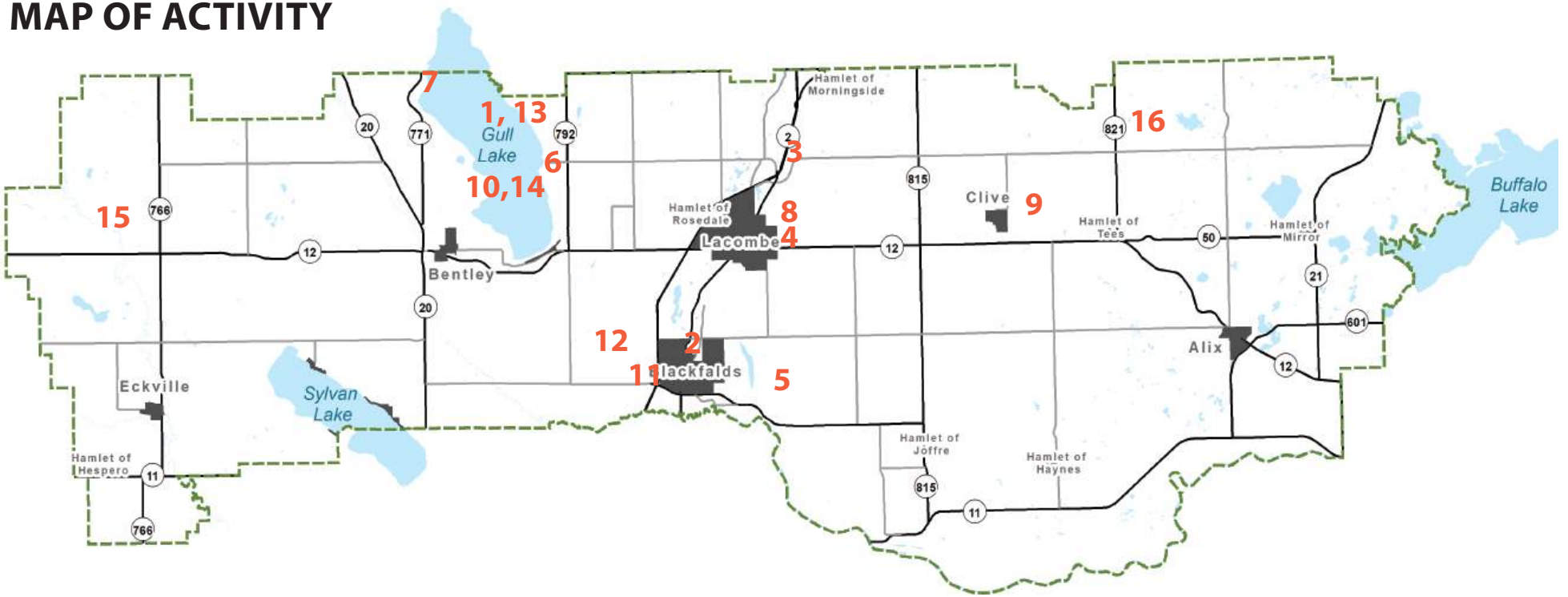
No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision
1	120/24	Gladys Stelter & Rhonda Stelter	Unit 124 Condo Plan 202 1689 (DeGrafft RV Resort, Gull Lake)	Park Model	Approved
2	121/24	Michael Talma	Lot 17 Block 2 Plan 042 4146 (Greystone Ranch)	1200ft² Canvas Shelter	Application Withdrawn
3	122/24	Trevor & Wendy Howery	Lot 4 Plan 5015TR (SW 15-41-26-W4M) (Milton Area)	Accessory Building	Pending
4	123/24	Prairie Solutions Inc.	Lot 1 Bock 1 Plan 222 2160 (SE 28-40-26-W4M)	Sign	Pending
5	124/24	Jim van Drunen	SW 27-39-26-W4M	Dwelling w/Attached Garage and Covered Deck (Replacement, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Residence)	Approved
6	125/24	Michael & Anita Booy	Lot 7 Block 1 Plan 172 0385 (Wilson's Beach Estates)	Shed	Approved
7	126/24	Paul Stallaert	Lot 15 Block 3 Plan 942 3551 (Birch Meadows, Gull Lake)	Seacan Shed w/h Wooden Siding (Existing Structure)	Approved
8	127/24	Prairie Solutions Inc.	Parcel C Plan 1632ET (Pt. SE 33-40-26-W4M)	Minor Business and Trade w/New Office Building, Addition to Shop and Sign	Pending
9	128/24	John Walker	N 1/2 of N 1/2 NE 32-40-24-W4M	Mobile Home (Second Residence)	Approved
10	129/24	Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 188 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort, Gull Lake)	Park Model w/Covered Deck	Approved
11	130/24	Alexei Oxendler	Lot 1B Block 3 Plan 172 2762 (Aspelund Industrial Park)	Chemical blending & packing business known as "Western Chemicals"	Pending
12	131/24	Donald O'Connor	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 882 2882 (NW 31-39-27-W4M)	Doc's Heavy Duty Mechanical (Renewal, No Changes)	Approved
13	132/24	Tyler & Lisa Day	Unit 150 Condo Plan 232 0356 (DeGraff's RV Resort, Gull Lake)	Park Model	Approved
14	118/24	Greg & Tilde Ehman	Unit 138 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort, Gull Lake)	Mud Room Addition	Approved
15	119/24	Dustin Klassen Angela Schickerowski (POA)	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 842 0790 (Pt. SW 32-40-03-W5M)	Dwelling, First Replacement, w/addition and covered deck	Approved

Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision
16	S-027-24	Larry & Leanne Walton	SE 20-41-23-W4M	1 <sup>st</sup> Parcel Out	Approved



## MAP OF ACTIVITY



THE ALBERTA GAZETTE, PART I, AUGUST 15, 2024

## Lacombe County

Notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Lacombe County will offer for sale, by public auction, in the County Office at 40403 Range Road 274, Lacombe, Alberta, on Friday, November 1, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., the following lands:

Lot	Block	Plan	C. of T.
3	25	7159AI	102324731
4	25	7159AI	102324731+1
5	18	7159AI	902185663
3	1	2020667	202058008+1

Pt. of Sec.	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	M.	Acres	C. of T.
OT	36	40	27	4	3.2	172221777
NE	34	40	2	5	160	982116033
NW	17	39	26	4	0.63	182170169

Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

The land is being offered for sale on an “as is, where is” basis, and Lacombe County makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the developability of the subject land for any intended use by the purchaser. No bid will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms and conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by Lacombe County.

The lands may be occupied and are offered for sale subject to the existing tenancy.

Lacombe County may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land not sold at the public auction.

Terms: Cash or bank draft. Deposit of 10% and balance due at closing.

Redemption may be effected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Lacombe, Alberta, July 29, 2024.

Tim Timmons, *County Manager.*



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## Joffre Site

## COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

**5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**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.

Join us for refreshments and take advantage of the opportunity to talk with industry representatives one on one!

**Business update presentation starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Q&A session.**

- Get business and facility operations updates
- Discuss any topic of interest
- Provide your input and suggestions
- Fun science experiments for kids



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Our commitment to sustainability.



**We hope to see you there!**



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## LACOMBE COUNTY SPOT *light*

### PHANTOM GARBAGE SERVICES

*A family business rooted in Lacombe County*

Since 2011, Phantom Garbage Services Ltd. has been a trusted name in rural and commercial waste management across Lacombe County and beyond. Owned and operated by Barton and Amanda Ten Hove, this family-run business started small but has grown steadily, earning its reputation for reliability and hard work. With five employees, most of whom are family, Phantom Garbage Services prides itself on making life easier for customers with a focus on rural, commercial, industrial, acreage, and farm garbage pickups.

"Making life a little bit easier" is more than just a slogan for Barton and Amanda; it reflects the philosophy that drives their business. Phantom Garbage offers weekly pickup services, as well as dumpster and roll-off bin services, all without requiring contracts. Their no-nonsense, honest approach has earned them the loyalty of customers who appreciate their dedication to quality service.

Phantom Garbage Services has deep family roots. The business was purchased in 2011 from Barton's uncle, Bernie Ten Hove, with Barton's parents, Herb and Julie Ten Hove, as co-owners. In 2020, Barton and Amanda bought out Barton's parents, continuing the family tradition of waste management in Lacombe County. The flexibility of running their own business allows them to balance work and family life, including keeping up with their children's busy schedules.

The business has come a long way since its humble beginnings with one truck and manual garbage collection. Today, Phantom Garbage Services operates eight trucks and has expanded into front-load and roll-off bin services. Despite the growth, the Ten Hove's remain committed to their roots, continuing to offer weekly rural pickups while servicing neighbouring counties as well.

Phantom Garbage's success is largely attributed to the strong support from local communities and the word-of-mouth recommendations from satisfied customers. Barton, who was born and raised in Lacombe County, speaks highly of the community's support, saying, "We've collected garbage in Mirror for years, and Lacombe County has always been great to work with. The County has been responsive to our needs, and we truly appreciate that."

In return, the Ten Hove's believe in supporting local businesses, a principle they hold dear. "It's not always easy being a business owner in a competitive market," Barton admits, "but it's worth it. We believe in working hard and supporting local businesses, just like our customers support us."

As with any business, Phantom Garbage faces its share of challenges. Increasing costs, supply chain disruptions, and part shortages are daily hurdles. Yet, through hard work and

family support, they've continued to thrive. Their biggest success? Growth powered by customer loyalty and minimal advertising. Barton shares, "We don't do much advertising, just our trucks on the road and stickers on our bins, but our customers are amazing. Most of our growth comes from word of mouth."

Looking ahead, Phantom Garbage Services plans to keep up with the steady demand from their loyal customers, continuing to expand while maintaining the family values and work ethic that have driven their success from the start.

For Barton and Amanda, Lacombe County is not just where they do business—it's home. And with the continued support of their community and family, Phantom Garbage Services is set to keep making life a little bit easier for many years to come.

FOLLOW PHANTOM GARBAGE SERVICES ONLINE

**Website:** <https://phantomgarbage.com/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/phantomgarbageservices>





# Eagle Builders and Lacombe County celebrate collaborative parking lot project

Lacombe County and Eagle Builders recently celebrated the grand opening of a parking lot at the entrance of the County's walking trail at the North Aspelund Industrial Park. Constructed by Eagle Builders, this parking lot symbolizes the success of our ongoing partnership. The September 26th ribbon-cutting ceremony officially marked the completion of this project which will benefit the local community and visitors alike.

In the past years, the County has seen an increasing number of visitors wishing to walk, run, or jog on the County's trail in North Aspelund Industrial Park. This trail weaves through several important ecological features including a wetland complex, parkland forest, and a stormwater pond. North Aspelund Industrial Park is unique, as it has incorporated important natural features in the design of the development, that have been preserved through the land development process. The County's trail network here is not only used by employees of the industrial park, but also the surrounding community in Lacombe County, Blackfalds, and beyond.

Seeing the increasing use of the trail, Eagle Builders approached Lacombe County with a proposal to construct the parking lot. The new parking lot will serve employees, clients, and anyone wishing to explore the trail network. The space not only enhances the functionality of the area but also showcases what can be accomplished through ongoing collaboration between local businesses and the County.

"This project demonstrates how the public and private sectors can work together



to create something that benefits the entire community," said Dennis Haan, Director at Eagle Builders. "We've enjoyed working with Lacombe County over the years, and this parking lot is a great example of what can be accomplished when we pool our resources and expertise."

Lacombe County's Reeve, Barb Shepherd, emphasized the importance of partnerships like this one. "Our relationship with Eagle Builders has been a rewarding one. The development of this parking lot is a prime example of how we can collaborate with local businesses to create shared spaces that serve the public. Lacombe County is proud to have Eagle Builders within the County, and we look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with Eagle Builders and other businesses in Lacombe County for years to come."

The new parking lot also serves as a gateway for those who want to enjoy the scenic walking trails. Whether you're visiting Eagle Builders or simply looking for a place to park before a nature walk, this development offers a convenient solution. The shared use of the space exemplifies how infrastructure can serve multiple purposes, benefiting businesses, employees, and the broader community.

As Lacombe County and Eagle Builders continue to work together on various projects, this shared parking lot represents just one of many successful collaborations. The project underscores the value of strong partnerships and shared goals in fostering community development. With this new space, Lacombe County residents and visitors alike can enjoy better access to the area, and the project serves as a model for future cooperative efforts.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony highlighted not just the completion of the project but the shared vision that Lacombe County and Eagle Builders hold for the future of the region.

"We thank Eagle Builders for their innovative spirit and for approaching us with this excellent idea to make one of the County's important natural features more accessible to the public," said Tim Timmons, County Manager.

As Lacombe County and Eagle Builders celebrate this milestone, the community is invited to visit the new parking lot and take advantage of the scenic trails that it now makes more accessible.





In a world where love knows no limits, your local shelter is reaching out with a heartfelt message about the long-term rescues who have patiently awaited their forever homes. These wonderful animals, longing for a place to belong, are filled with affection and ready to share their love. Each has a unique story of resilience and hope, eagerly waiting for the chance to brighten someone's life.

If you're ready to feel the transformative power of a grateful pet, please consider opening your heart to one of these amazing animals. Together, we can help make their dreams of a forever home come true. Visit Saving Grace's website to meet long-term residents like Ella, Jake, and Guapo hundreds of others who are eager to find their families

This year, the dedicated team at the shelter has rescued an incredible 1,165 animals! You can be part of this change by volunteering, fostering, or donating to the shelter. Together, we can become every animals Saving Grace!

403-785-7427

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

Alix, Alberta





# WINTER IS COMING! | Winterizing Your Septic Systems

Did you know that a holding tank or "pumpout" septic system left unused for more than 72 hours may not have the anaerobic bioactivity to generate enough heat preventing winter freezing? If you plan on using this style of septic system during the winter months, here are some long-term steps needed to protect your system from freezing:

1. All components <2.7 meter (9 feet) deep must be insulated with spray or rigid foam to prevent freezing. This foam adds a thermal barrier between frozen ground and non-frozen ground (frost line). A rough "rule of thumb" is 1 inch of insulation equals 1 foot of ground cover. You always want a minimum of
2. 2.7 m (9 feet) of frost coverage in Alberta!
2. Don't forget to insulate the plastic lid of your holding tank. An un-insulated lid can allow heat from bioactivity to escape even if the sides and top of the holding tank is insulated. For concrete lids and tops, spray foam applied by a professional can be very effective in preventing heat loss.
3. Make sure to use electric heat trace around the any piping, check valve or shutoff valve <2.7 meter (9 foot) depth if your system is connected to a communal wastewater system. As these systems DO NOT have a drain hole to empty the pipe



between pumping cycles like rural system have. Many are <1 meter (3+ feet) from the top of the holding tank lid which is in the frost zone.

## WINTERIZING FOR EXTENDED HOLIDAYS OR WINTER MONTH ABSENCES

1. Clean your holding tank with a garden hose and spray nozzle. Pump down your tank by holding the float in the upright position with a long hook on pole. When you see the bottom of the pump, lay the float back down. This process can be done by a professional when they're performing your annual inspection of the pump, valve and check valve.
2. Add clean water back into holding tank and ensure pump is submerged in water.
3. Add potable RV antifreeze only to the water in the tank, follow manufacturers recommendations for volume and strength.
4. Manually run the pump by holding the float in the upright position for a few seconds to circulate RV antifreeze into discharge piping, check valve and service line.
5. Leave your holding tank pump active when your away DO NOT unplug! High efficiency furnaces, dehumidifiers, RO/water softener backwashes, tap/toilet leaks, or even a family member visiting forgetting to let you know can quickly fill or overflow a holding tank with an unplugged pump when you're not there.
6. Always leave your alarm system active 24/7 to notify if there's a problem! Some alarm systems have a call out and text feature so you can be immediately notified if there's a problem! Contact your local installer or phone provider to take advantage of this timely benefit.
7. Have your daily residence monitor always check for system alarms and water movement in systems not blown out for the winter.
8. **If you've closed any valves in or after the holding tank, never run a pump with valves closed on the intake or discharge side of your system, this may damage the pump and piping!**

## DID YOU KNOW | Local snowmobiling club offers trails and opportunities close to home

### DAVID THOMPSON SWAP MEET & CABARET FUNDRAISER



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FUNDRAISING EVENT WILL BE HOSTED TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER CHRIS TIMBERS AND HIS FAMILY. CHRIS HAS SUSTAINED A MAJOR INJURY AND IS UNABLE TO WORK AT THIS TIME. WE WANT TO HELP IN ANY WAY WE CAN AS HE IS A BIG PART IN OUR CLUB SUCCESS!

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for all. Their volunteers work tirelessly to ensure the trails are in great condition so you can focus on enjoying the adventure. If you're looking for a winter thrill, consider joining the club and making the most of Alberta's snowy landscape!

Learn all about their trail system, membership, events and more at <https://www.dtsnowriders.com/> or join the Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/349675595237966/>





# Planning Services

## Frequently Asked Questions



It's that spooky time of the year again – Halloween!

While Halloween decorations in your yard can definitely go a long way to scaring your neighbours in a friendly and festive way, an unsightly premise is a thousand times scarier, and is not funny or festive at all!

This article aims to share information on the County's rules on unsightliness.

### What is unsightliness?

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

### What are Lacombe County's rules when it comes to unsightliness?

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

in public view, garbage, debris, or dangerous items are prohibited in the County's residential and hamlet districts. All buildings in the County's residential areas are to be kept in a good state of maintenance and the yard site should be kept neat and clean.

### Recreational Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District

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

### Commercial and Industrial Areas

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

### Questions?

If you have any questions about the County's unsightliness policies, do not hesitate to contact Planning Services at 403-782-8389 or [planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com).

### What are some examples of an unsightly premise?

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

#### Agricultural Area

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

#### Residential Subdivisions & Hamlets

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

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## Septic Sense: Solutions for Rural Living

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Did you know the average person puts 340 liters of sewage through a private sewage system (septic system) every day? For a family of four living in a two-bedroom house, that amounts to 1,360 liters per day and just under half a million liters per year!

Rural property owners are responsible for ensuring their systems operate properly and safely. If you have a septic system on your rural property, you will benefit from attending this workshop. Presenters will teach you how to understand, assess and properly manage your septic system, enabling you to protect your investment in your property and the valuable natural assets associated with your land.

Learn what you can do to properly manage and maintain your septic system. Attend the Septic Sense workshop hosted and presented by Lacombe and Ponoka County with technical expertise provided by the Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association (AOWMA) and materials developed by Land Stewardship Centre (LSC).

During the workshop we will cover:

- What a septic system is and how it works
- Regulations
- Design and installation
- Appropriate use of your septic system
- Maintaining your septic system
- Troubleshooting

To attend the workshop, please pre-register by calling Jalene at the Lacombe County Office at:

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# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 12, 2024

## ANIMALS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

The County's 2024-2026 long-range Planning Program includes community consultation regarding animals in residential districts on the 2024 project schedule. As such, Council endorsed the Terms of Reference for community consultation and authorized staff to continue the consultation process. A public meeting to seek feedback on animals in residential districts was scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

## YUILL SUBDIVISION RENAMING REQUEST

Council approved an application to rename the Yuill subdivision to Pelican Bay. The County Manager was directed to proceed with the renaming of the subdivision.

## MINISTER'S AWARD FOR MUNICIPAL EXCELLENCE VIDEO

Council viewed the video for which Lacombe County recently received the Minister's Award for Municipal Excellence.

## AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD RESOLUTION

The County Manager was directed to submit the Veterinary Student Support resolution, as presented, to the Central Regional Agriculture Service Board Resolution Review Committee.

## 2023 MUNICIPAL INDICATORS

Council was provided with an overview of the 2023 Municipal Indicators results. In the 2023 reporting year, Lacombe County met or exceeded all indicators, with the exception of Investment and Infrastructure and Infrastructure Age. The County is deemed "not at risk" according to the performance measures as set out by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

## 2025 PAVING PROGRAM

Council approved the Five-Year Paving Program. Council authorized the County Manager to tender and award the pavement overlay (blue) and chip-seal (green) for the

following roads in 2025:

Council further authorized the County Manager to tender and award the base work and paving of Range Road 2-4 from Township Road 39-0 to Eagles Quay Subdivision.

Tees (Access)
Birch Bay (internal roads)
Eckville North Road
Eckville West Road
Sunbreaker Cove Road
Sandy Point Access Road
Prentiss Road (Lakeside - Hwy 597)
Meridian Road (Hwy 12A - 4 way stop)
Brighton Beach (Meridian east to end)
McLaurin Subdivision
Last Hill Road
Nova North Access (east portion)
34th Street

## 2025 REMAINING OPERATIONS CAPITAL PURCHASES

The County Manager was authorized to tender and award for the capital equipment purchases as presented, at an estimated cost of \$800,000 and to dispose of the existing units at an estimated trade-in or private sale value of \$175,000. The difference between the purchase of the new units and the sale of the old units, estimated at \$625,000, will be funded from the Fleet and Equipment Reserve.

## POLICE FUNDING MODEL SURVEY

Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) is seeking municipal input through member survey to gauge how members have been impacted by the Police Funding Model (PFM) Agreement that is set to expire in 2025. Council provided responses to the survey for submission to the RMA.

## UNREGISTERED APPROVED ROAD CLOSURE PLAN

The matter of the unregistered and approved road closure Plan 4359 EO was deferred to a future Council meeting.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS

Council will request to meet with Minister Dreesen during the 2024 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall Convention November 4 – 7, 2024.

## MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

At the request of the office of the MLA Jason Nixon, MLA for Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre, Lacombe County provided a list of priority transportation projects, which was endorsed by Council.

## ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT – GULL LAKE REGIONAL MASTER DRAINAGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Lacombe County will participate in the Alberta Community Partnership Grant application with the Summer Village of Gull Lake, the Summer Village of Parkland Beach, and Ponoka County for the development of a regional master drainage feasibility study for Gull Lake and furthermore, agree that Ponoka County be designated as the managing partner for this project, subject to Ponoka County agreeing to participate in this project as the managing partner.

## FOOD CYCLER MUNICIPAL SOLUTIONS

The Food Cycler Municipal Solutions Presentation be received for information. The County Manager was directed to prepare a report and recommendation regarding Food Cycler Municipal Solutions for consideration at a future Council meeting.

## LACOMBE DISCOVER AVIATION EVENT

The invitation for Council to attend the Discover Aviation event on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Lacombe Regional Airport was received for information.

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## 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.*



Council Highlights & Minutes can be found on our website at [www.lacombecounty.com/council](http://www.lacombecounty.com/council)



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 26, 2024

## FIVE-YEAR RECREATION CAPITAL PLAN

Council approved the 2025 – 2029 Five-Year Recreation Capital Plan as follows:

- 2025 - Sandy Point Beach playground expansion
- 2026 - Gull Lake Trail
- 2027 - Kuhn Park boardwalk construction
- 2028 - Trans Canada Trail Phase III construction
- 2029 - No proposed projects

These projects are subject to Council budget approval.

## FIVE-YEAR BRIDGE PROGRAM

Council approved the Five-Year Bridge Program, including the 2025 capital bridge projects. The proposed replacement projects for 2025 are as follows:

- 364 – Range Road 27-1 south of Milton West Branch Road
- 1758 – intersection of the Westling Road and Township Road 41-0
- 6989 – Township Road 41-5.5 east of Spruceville Road
- 1759 – Clive North Access south of Milton Road

Additionally, there is a major repair to Bridge 81262 on Milton Road west of Highway 821 scheduled for 2025.

## 2025 UTILITY SERVICES CAPITAL PURCHASES

Council approved the 2025 Utility Services capital equipment purchase of two half-ton trucks utilized by

the County's utility operators. The County Manager was authorized to tender and award the capital purchases and dispose of/transfer the used equipment.

## REMOTE SHOP SOLAR SYSTEM EXPANSION

\$120,000 will be included in the 2024 Lacombe County budget to fund the expansion of the solar arrays at the Rainy Creek and Tees remote shops. The County Manager was authorized to pursue grant funding through the Municipal Electricity Generation program.

## MUNICIPAL FOOD WASTE DIVERSION PILOT PROGRAM

Lacombe County will participate as a partner municipality in the Municipal Food Waste Diversion Pilot Program (MFWDPP) which will allow County residents to purchase FoodCycler counter compost units at a subsidized price.

## RURAL MUNICIPALITIES OF ALBERTA (RMA) 2024 FALL CONVENTION

All Councillors will attend the upcoming Rural Municipalities of Alberta Fall Convention and Trade Show will take place November 4 – 7, 2024 at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

## MEETING WITH RCMP AT RMA 2024 FALL CONVENTION

The invitation for Council to meet with members of the RCMP during the RMA 2024 Fall Convention was received for information.

## COUNCIL CANDIDATE ORIENTATION

To encourage public interest in running for municipal office in the next election, and provided that there is sufficient interest from the parties involved, Lacombe County, in partnership with the City of Lacombe, and the towns and villages within the County (with the exception of the Summer Villages), will offer a Regional Council Candidate Orientation session in late summer or early fall 2025.

## ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT – VILLAGE OF ALIX INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PLAN

Lacombe County will participate in the Alberta Community Partnership Grant application with the Village of Alix for the purpose of completing an Infrastructure Master plan. The Village of Alix will be designated as the managing partner for this project.

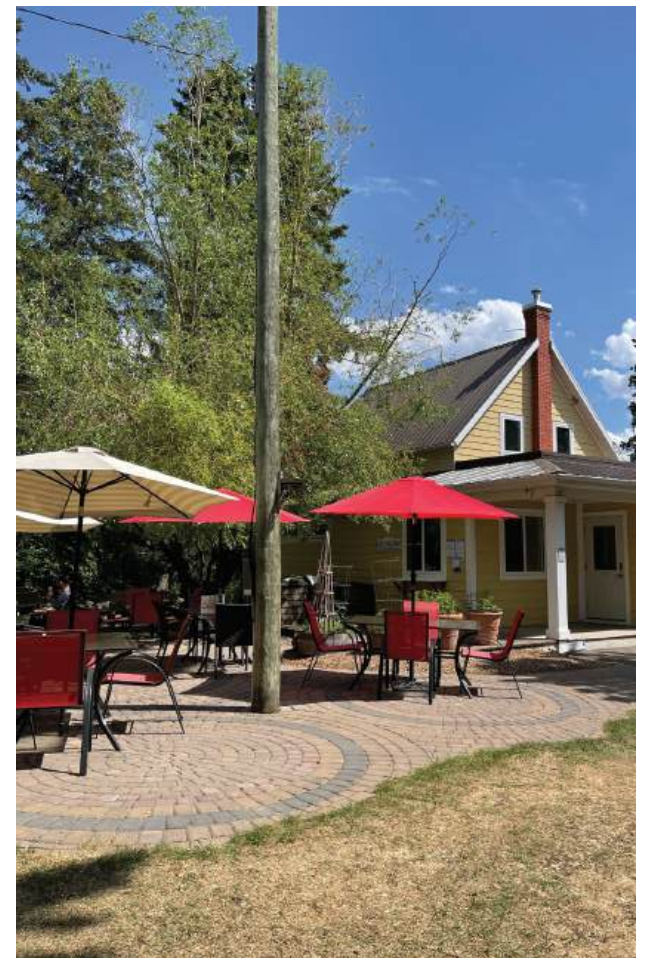
## BASHAW RURAL PRIMARY CARE HEALTH MODEL

Christine Buelow and Jackie Northy of Bashaw and District Support Services provided Council with a presentation regarding the Bashaw Rural Primary Health Care Model. The County Manager was directed to prepare a report and recommendation regarding The Bashaw Rural Primary Care Health Model, for consideration at a future Council meeting.

# Ellis Nature Centre | 2025 Season planning underway

We want to extend a sincere thanks to everyone who visited us in our 2024 season! We welcomed thousands of visitors from May-October, all who got to enjoy our walking trails, new programs, modular agriculture classrooms, and more. We truly would not be able to do the work we do and continue the legacy of Charlie & Winnie Ellis without the support of our visitors. You can visit us again when we reopen on May 19, 2025 or by becoming a Friend of Ellis, which allows you to visit us in the off-season. Head to [www.ellisnaturecentre.ca/friend-of-ellis/](http://www.ellisnaturecentre.ca/friend-of-ellis/) to learn more & sign up.

After three years of dedicated service, our chef Sheraz Khan has also decided that she will not be returning to run the cafe next year. As such, we are looking for a new operator to take over the lease beginning in 2025! The successful candidate is a self-motivated person with successful operations experience in food service management. A Letter Of Interest should be submitted by email by the application deadline of November 1st, 2024. Interested Contractors will be invited to an information meeting to view and discuss the Café Lease opportunity. The Letter of Interest should detail your experience, qualifications, and your interest in this opportunity. Include your ideas for the café, menu and goals for the Ellis Café. Please submit the Letter Of Interest to Carolyn Ross at [manager@ellisnaturecentre.ca](mailto:manager@ellisnaturecentre.ca). Full details can be found on our website at [www.ellisnaturecentre.ca/home-2/cafe/](http://www.ellisnaturecentre.ca/home-2/cafe/).





# November 1-7 is Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week

Carbon monoxide is colourless, odourless and deadly. You can beat this silent killer by taking a few simple steps to keep your family safe. Your first step is to install a carbon monoxide alarm.

## What is carbon monoxide?

- Carbon monoxide (CO) is known as the silent killer because it is an invisible, tasteless and odourless gas that can be deadly.
- CO is produced when fuels such as propane, gasoline, natural gas, heating oil or wood do not burn completely in fuel-burning appliances and devices such as furnaces, fireplaces, hot water heaters, stoves, barbecues, portable heaters and generators or vehicles.

## What to do if the CO alarm sounds

- Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea and dizziness, as well as confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness and death.
- If your CO alarm sounds and you or other occupants suffer from symptoms of CO poisoning, get everyone out of the home immediately. Then call 9-1-1 or your local emergency services number from outside the building.
- If your CO alarm sounds and no one is suffering from symptoms of CO poisoning, check to see if the battery needs replacing, or the alarm has reached its "end-of-life" before calling 9-1-1.

## How to prevent the build-up of CO in your home

- Ensure fuel-burning appliances, chimneys and vents are cleaned and inspected by professionals

every year before cold weather sets in.

- Ensure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, fireplace and other fuel-burning appliances are always be clear of snow and other debris.
- Gas and charcoal barbecues must be used outside, away from all doors, windows, vents, and other building openings. Never use barbecues inside garages, even if the garage doors are open.
- Portable fuel-burning generators must be used outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from windows, doors, vents and other building openings.
- Ensure all portable fuel-burning heaters are vented properly, according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Never use the stove or oven to heat your home.
- Open the flu for adequate ventilation before using a fireplace.
- Never run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor inside a garage, even if the garage doors are open. Always remove a vehicle from the garage immediately after starting it.

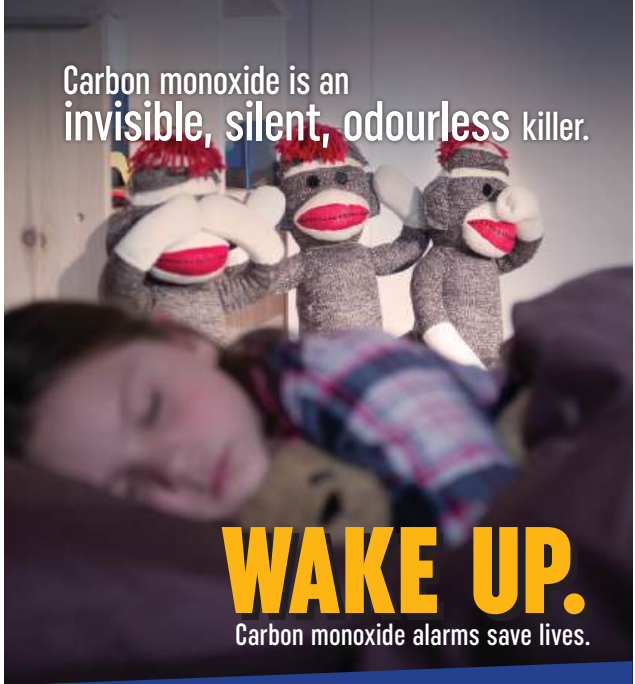
## Testing and replacing CO alarms

- Test CO alarms every month by pressing the test button.
- Replace batteries every year. Replace CO alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions.

## Know the sound of the CO alarm

- Your CO alarm sounds different than your smoke alarm. Test both alarms monthly and make sure everyone in your home knows the difference between the two alarm sounds.
- Know the difference between the CO alarm's

low-battery warning, end-of-life warning and an emergency alarm – consult the CO alarm manufacturer's instructions.



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## Frozen Meals on Wheels

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DO NOT PASS  
WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASHING

**STOP**

**Alberta**

## WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

### Volunteer Highlights

Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society and Bashaw and District Support Services wish to thank our valuable volunteers for supporting us with fundraising shifts, during a busy season at major events this past summer. We Can't Say it Enough... Thank You!

Event:	# of Volunteers:	# of Shifts:
Ponoka Stampede	46	85
Big Valley Jamboree	25	48
World Chuckwagon Finals	23	50

... We also recognize the dedication of those who give their time to continuously support our efforts & offerings ...

**# of Volunteers:**  
Meals on Wheels: 6, Youth: 5, Program and Events: 10, Board: 6, Meat Draw: 8

### ONLINE FACEBOOK AUCTION - FOR A CAUSE

Are you interested in donating an auction item or a monetary donation towards a package, for the upcoming online auction? November 12-18, 2024.

**We are looking for:**  
Services, Gift Certificates, Experiences.

(For example- spa package, ski passes, sporting events, bowling passes, dinner + movie, etc.)

**Something to help keep your spirits up in the cold months!**

Proceeds support programs for all ages. To be a part of this fundraiser, get in touch by November 4. Contact Jill, 403-588-5199.

### We Rely on Your Support...

This time of year we look forward to our annual giving campaign, an opportunity to give back to your community through individual/ corporate donations or participating in the 50/50 raffle, online auction and pop-up events. Follow along as we work towards our goal, from October to December. Watch for more details and plan to join in the fun, all in support of what we do!

**2024 Giving Campaign Coming Soon!**

### Services Available

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

### NAV CORNER Did you know?

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

**Save the Date: Sunday, Jan 26 2025 Health & Wellness Fair**

Let us know if you have a service/product you would like to share with Alix and Area. NO table fee!

Contact Jill, 403-588-5199.

@AlixandAreaCommunity ResourceCentre  
[www.alixarc.com](http://www.alixarc.com)



Bay 1 & 2, 5008 50 Ave  
Alix, AB

For complete details on all upcoming events and programs visit online or contact us.  
403-396-3369 [alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com](mailto:alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com)



ST. STEPHEN PARISH



# Fall of Ham Supper

**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 27, 2024**

**Two Sitzings @ 4:30 & 6:30**

**At: St. Stephens Parish Hall**  
**5128 - 53 Street | Lacombe, AB**

**COST: \$25.00 PER TICKET**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM**

**MARILYN RON PARISH OFFICE**  
**403-318-2869 403-782-5576 403-782-3514**

**SILENT AUCTION - WINE & BEER AVAILABLE**  
**MEMBERS & INVITED GUESTS ONLY - NO SALES AT THE DOOR**

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Haynes Christmas Market**

**Saturday November 16, 2024**  
**Haynes Hall 10am - 4 pm**

*Local vendors, Concession courtesy of the Haynes Hall Board*



*Come out for a fun Saturday of shopping, refreshments and reconnecting with your neighbors and friends!!*

**Contact Debbie: 403-598-0180 or 403-784-3834**

*We would love to see you!*

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**LINCOLN HALL**

# Christmas MARKET

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**FREE ENTRY**

Please join us for a

## HALLOWEEN KIDS PARTY

**WEAR YOUR COSTUME! FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES**

**26 OCTOBER | 10 AM-NOON**

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**FREE! PARENTS MUST ATTEND WITH CHILDREN**

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# Christmas Parties!

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**LINCOLNHALL.CA**  
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**fcss**  
 Lacombe & District Family and Community Support Services

**Kin Canada**  
 Lacombe Kinsmen Club

## Santa's Anonymous

Donate or Apply online or at any of these partner agencies:  
 Lacombe & District FCSS, Clive FCSS, Bentley Community Services & the Alix Resource Centre.

**Opens November 4, 2024**  
[www.lacombefcss.net](http://www.lacombefcss.net)

**fcss**  
 Clive Family and Community Support Services

**Tuesdays:** Fresh vegetables are available from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Thank you to Pik-N-Pak for your donations & to our volunteers for ensuring we can continue this program.

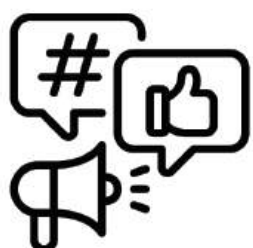
**Connecting Keen-agers:** Clive FCSS & Clive Public Library want to keep you connected! Those aged 55+ can borrow an IPAD from the Library using your library card. Get access to Senior's information, links & fun brain games.

**Home Support Services:** Reliable & affordable Light Housekeeping available for Seniors. Trained & Screened providers. Available in Lacombe, Clive and Lacombe County. Call Lacombe FCSS: (403) 782-6637 or Clive FCSS: (403) 784-2020 (Tues & Thurs).

**Seniors Home Visitor:** if you or someone you love, is a senior who lives alone & would like a visitor to share a cup of tea with, call Clive FCSS for more information.

**Coats for Kids:** Qualifying families can apply for a new winter coat for your children. Deadline for applications is November 15th. Contact us for more information.

**Frozen Meals on Wheels:** Affordable, Healthy & delicious meals prepared & frozen at a certified kitchen. Picked up once a week and delivered directly to your home in the Village of Clive. County residents can make arrangements to pick up in Lacombe or Clive. Call us to day for more information.



**Find Lacombe County online**



**Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
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# NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	NOV 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY (Office Closed)	12	13	14 County Council 9AM PUBLIC MEETING Animals 7PM	15 County News Submission Deadline	16
17	18 PUBLIC HEARING 7PM   Gadsby Lake Recovery Centre (Pg. 2)	19	20	21	22  County News Published	23
24	25	26 Business Engagement Sessions (Pg. 3)	27	28  County Council 9AM	29  Budget Meeting 9AM	30

**Upcoming Events:** December 3: Committee of the Whole, December 12: Council Meeting,  
December 25-27: Office Closed (Christmas)

# Help us promote YOU!



Do you know a **business, person, place or volunteer** 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!**



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